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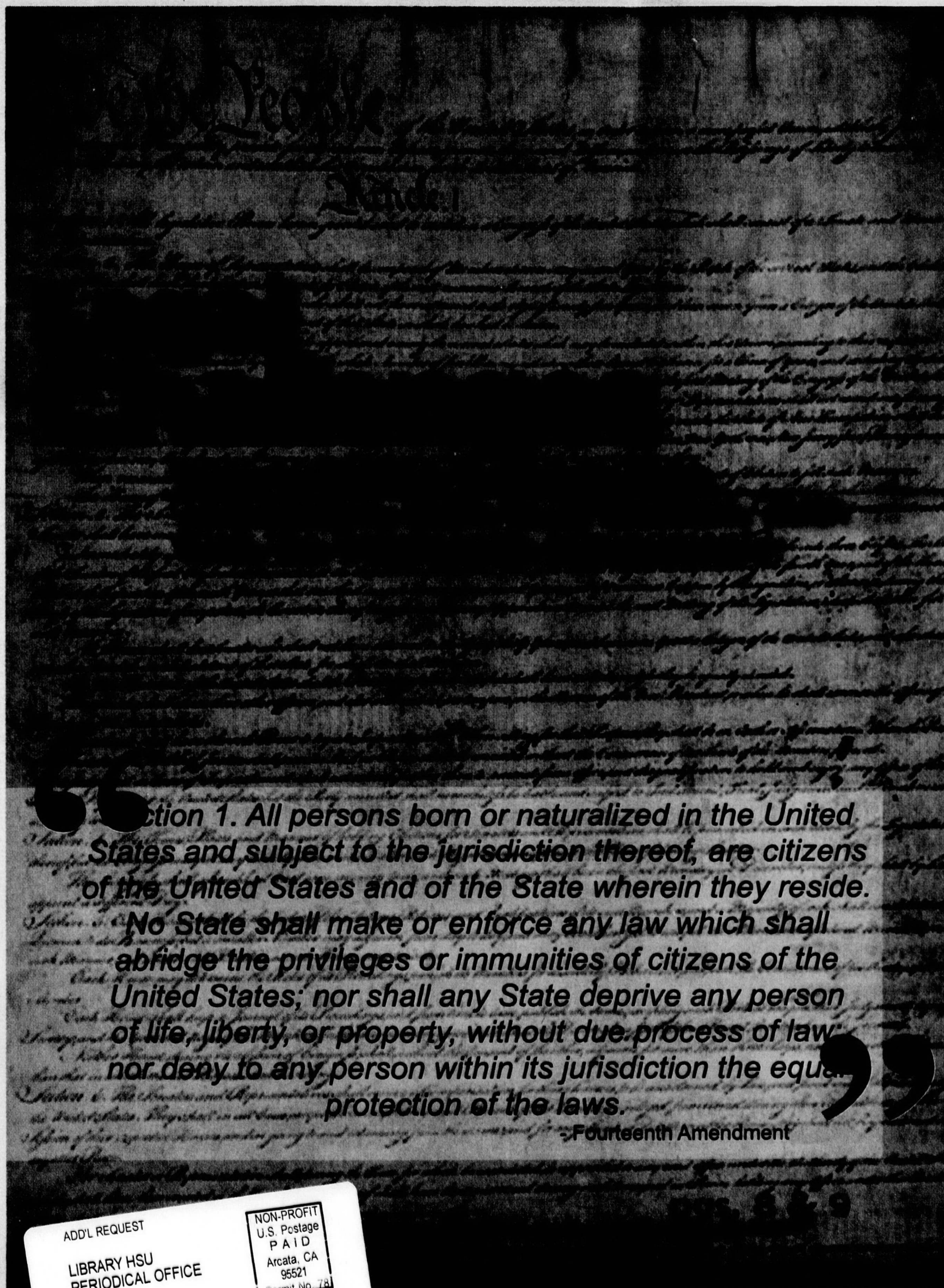
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Priority registration at HSU

If resolution passes, athletes and club members may get first choice of classes, while seniors and others must wait their turn

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At the last Academic Senate meeting, Professor Jeff Borgeld said in a presentation that student athletes should be given priority registration, resurfacing a debate about which students, if any, deserve priority registration.

Tom Wood, the HSU men's basketball head coach, doesn't think priority registration is giving athletes any special privileges. "Our athletes spend a lot of time to play sports. I'd like to see the people who think we're giving athletes special treatment to follow the athletes around a semester to see how much time they put into their sport."

Jen Gordon, the AS representative for the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, did not like the idea for giving priority registration to athletes. "All of us make this University look good," she said at the general AS meeting on Monday.

Next fall, HSU moves into the California Collegiate Athletic Association. Dan

Collen, HSU's athletic director, said HSU is in the minority of schools that don't allow athletes to register early. "Out of the 10 schools in the CCAA, nine have priority registration," he said.

Each school has different guidelines about who gets priority registration. Some also give priority registration to students who serve on Associated Students. "There's

not one model that fits all in the CSUs," he said.

At least half of the schools that HSU plays in the current league, the Great Northwest Athletic Conference,

have priority registration for their athletes, Collen said.

Although priority registration may be a helpful recruiting tool to prospective student athletes, Wood said maybe one in 10 prospective students or their parents inquire about priority registration. Rarely will the students go to another school because of it.

It's too soon to tell which students will

be eligible for priority registration.

The purpose of the resolution is to help student athletes form their school schedules around their practice and games by letting them sign up for classes earlier than other students.

Nearly two years ago, a draft of the resolution moved from the Student Affairs

Committee to the Senate floor, but was pushed back to committee, said Cindy Moyer, the chair of the Student Affairs Committee, and because of other more pressing issues, it has lain in wait until Borgeld brought back the idea in the Senate meeting.

The resolution from 2004 was open to any student "whose time away from campus for officially recognized University activities equals or exceeds 20 percent of their total on-campus time for a semester."

According to the March 9, 2004, Senate's minutes, members concluded,

"The resolution cannot be supported as it is currently written." Members questioned the 20 percent threshold for priority registration. For a student taking 15 units, only three units of university activities would qualify a student for priority registration.

Moyer said they don't have an official

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Tom Wood
HSU men's basketball coach

resolution at the moment, or even a working resolution, and is not sure if one will ever be passed. "It's possible it will die in the committee," she said. There is only one remaining member on the committee who was there when the committee first drafted the resolution and the committee has since gone through two different chairs.

Moyer said the committee would like campus clubs to help gather student

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Student aid takes a hit

Bill to reduce federal debt will also borrow from Medicare, pension plans

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The House of Representatives recently passed a bill that will remove \$12.7 billion from student financial aid.

Passed on Feb. 1, the Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 2005, also known as the Budget Reconciliation Bill, is a measure to reduce federal spending.

The \$12.7 billion is coming out of federal programs. The money is intended to help decrease the national deficit.

Along with student financial aid, funds experiencing cuts include Medicare, Medicaid, employee pensions and agriculture.

For students, the availability of financial aid will be cut dramatically. Only those in the neediest group will still be granted federal financial aid, but what income level constitutes the neediest group has yet to be disclosed. Other students currently on financial aid may have more trouble getting

student loans in the future.

HSU sophomore Lindsay Liebe, who receives financial aid, said, "They already cut a lot from us, why take this away? I don't think I'm a part of the neediest group."

The point of the bill is to reduce federal spending and, indirectly, the national debt. If all goes as planned, approximately \$71 billion will be saved.

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After rough start, CCAT excited about its move

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The construction of the Behavioral and Social Sciences building made it necessary for the Campus Center for Appropriate Technology to find a new location, after 26 years in the same place.

"We weren't very excited about the move at first, but now everyone has realized that a whole new generation of students get to design the house and are involved with the environmental engineering. More folks get to learn this way and we're very excited about that," said Megan Naseman, a volunteer at the CCAT House. Naseman worked as a summer intern at the CCAT house, and is spending this

semester as a volunteer.

The temporary location of the CCAT House is Jenkins House 99. Naseman said CCAT's original home, the Buck House, will be moved downhill. After that, CCAT will move back into the Buck House and demolish Jenkins House to make room for a new greenhouse.

Moving CCAT became necessary because the original location planned for the Behavioral and Social Sciences building became unsuitable. "Community members sued the University about the Behavioral

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The Statement of Administration Policy released by President Bush said, "With the unanticipated costs associated with Hurricane Katrina, it is important to achieve additional savings." According to the statement, this will happen through "the reduction of excess subsidies in the guaranteed student loan programs."

Project Vote Smart, a nonprofit, non-partisan research group, explained on its Web site the steps to change student aid loans as they are for students currently using them.

Luke Swarthout, a higher education adviser to the non-profit State Public Interest Research Groups, said the bill will not reduce the deficit, but will only be a down payment to tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. This bill was coupled with another to increase tax breaks, which eliminates the savings that come with the Reduction Bill.

Congress initiated the bill as a part of the financial process last year. After a federal budget is proposed, the bills undergo revision.

The House of Representatives and the Senate draft different versions.

If the two versions are different, they go to a Conference Committee

comprised of members of the House and the Senate. The committee comes up with a compromise called a Conference Report, which goes through the House and the Senate. This is the version that gets voted upon and finalized. The Senate passed this version in December.

Congressman Mike Thompson

"They already cut a lot from us, why take this away? I don't think I'm a part of the neediest group."

Lindsay Liebe
HSU sophomore

will actually add to it. Cutting student aid is just one of the many issues he has with this bill."

Some HSU employees have expressed concern about this bill. Kim Coughlin-Lamphear, the interim director of the Financial Aid Office, said, "This bill wrongly places a financial burden on this generation. Those from low-income families and students coming from out of state might be thinking twice before coming to a university. I don't think it will have a dramatic impact on enrollment though."

"The Pell Grant is not being reduced, so a good percentage of aid will be coming from there," Coughlin-Lamphear said.

opposed the bill. Thompson's Press

Secretary Matt Gerien said, "Congressman Thompson is all about fiscal responsibility, and this bill is suppose to reduce the debt, but it

Camping violations at HSU

Vagrants often found in buildings, but crime numbers down in general

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Since the beginning of January, UPD has responded to 10 camping, trespassing and related violations on or around the HSU campus. Several of these incidents have resulted in the individuals' arrest or citation.

Though these types of problems occur rather frequently, Interim

Police Chief Thomas Dewey said overall crime at the university, including camping and trespassing violations, has declined recently. Overall camping violations decreased from 76 in 2004 to 47 in 2005. Citations and arrests for trespassing decreased from 15 to six, and disruption violations fell from 10 to five. He theorized that the drop in such incidents may be in part attributable to the newly installed lighting and signage along LK Wood Boulevard.

"I think that the gates have established a clearer boundary for the campus and have consequentially created an expectation of higher regulation," Dewey said.

UPD officer John Packer said a camping violation is defined as an individual setting up bedding or other equipment and sleeping in an inappropriate area.

"Usually [our response to camping violations] is a call-generated activity," Packer said. "A student or faculty member will enter a building in the morning and find someone asleep."

He said camping violations usually involve individuals sneaking into campus buildings before they are locked at night and spending the night in inconspicuous areas like bathrooms or under stairways.

Though in most cases the subjects are cooperative and leave the premises with a warning, some repeat offenders have been

arrested. One was first arrested in Gist Hall on Jan. 12 after defying police orders to stay off the grounds. He was soon released but returned to the campus the next day, where he was arrested again in the Kate Buchanan Room.

Arrests can be made for

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John Packer

UPD officer

these types of violations under two sections of the California penal code. The first type of violation, trespassing, is defined as "entering and occupying real property or structures of any kind without the consent of the owner, the owner's agent or the person in lawful possession." Though HSU is public property, and members of the public can legally enter the campus, certain areas and activities, such as camping, are prohibited by law when the subject is not a student or has no legitimate legal reason to be there.

"When people are tired, they need to sleep. When they are really tired, they will sleep wherever their head lands."

Nicole Alvarado

AS president

The second violation, and the one for which recent arrests have been made, is defined by the penal code as "a disruption of a college or university campus." This includes a subject entering a classroom, harassing students or otherwise interfering with the educational process or environment. In most cases, subjects committing such

violations will first be warned, advised of the law by UPD officers and asked to leave. However, a repeated offense within seven days can be grounds for arrest.

Andrew Mart, who works for HSU's Homelessness Network, a branch of Youth Educational Services, said the campus may see

so many homeless people because it provides a safer alternative to the streets of the surrounding communities when other resources are unavailable to them.

"Often there is a long wait to get into transitional homes," Mart said, referring to transitional housing programs based in Eureka.

The Homelessness Network helps facilitate the operation of these programs to get people off of the street and help them become self-supporting.

Packer said resources are scarce and most of the subjects UPD deals with are male, possibly indicating that a higher level of service is allocated to helping women, especially single mothers, while not sufficiently aiding other demographics.

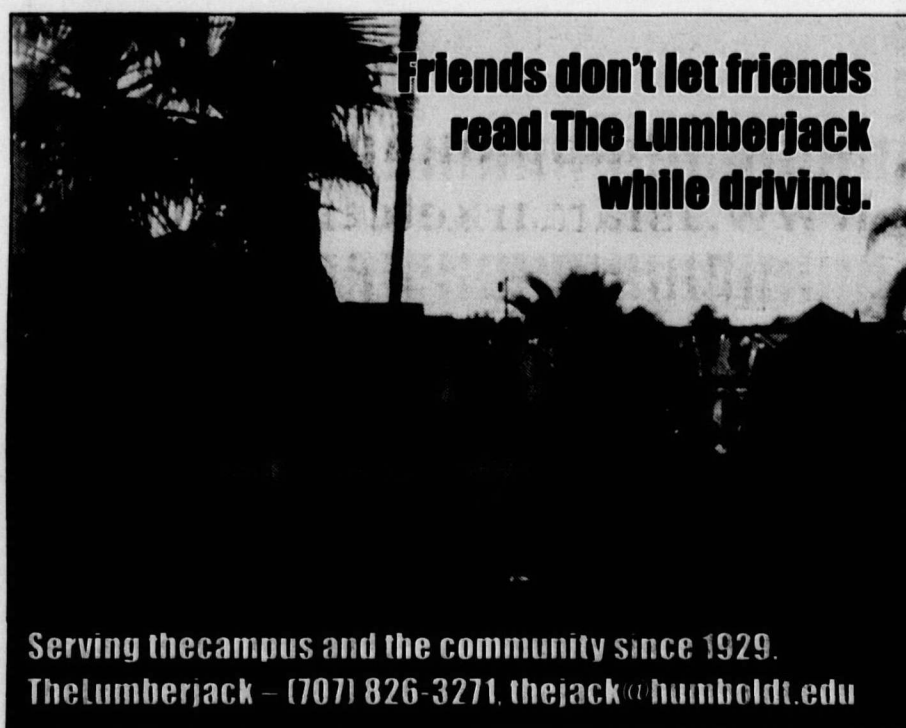
AS President Nicole Alvarado, who last year served on Arcata's Homeless Services Task Force, said enforcement of camping

and trespassing regulations alone is not sufficient and that there are larger and more important issues at hand.

"When people are tired, they need to sleep," Alvarado said.

"When they are really tired, they will sleep

wherever their head lands. To say that the gates keep the homeless from sleeping on the campus is negating our responsibility as citizens and members of this community to become participatory in constructing a collaborative solution to an ongoing societal issue."



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HSU Student Health Center gives students a lot for a little



Steve Spain

In addition to tuition and living expenses, the cost of health insurance, which ranges from \$64 to \$123 a month (or \$768 to \$1,476 a year), pushes most budgets to the limit and may leave students scrounging for change by the end of the month.

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Locating affordable health care services can be a difficult task for students. Fortunately, there are numerous options available to HSU students without even leaving campus.

The Student Health Center offers a wide array of health services for students, either free of charge or at lowered rates. For HSU students with no insurance or insufficient coverage, Associated Students offers a Student Injury and Sickness

Insurance Plan. This year's plan has been broadened due to the assistance of the Fairmont Premier Insurance Company. This company has

made it possible for individuals under this plan to have access to the California Foundation for Medical Care hospital network, a Preferred Provider Organization, which reduces individual expenses for medical care.

Full-time HSU students taking 12 or more units are eligible for many free health services provided by the Student Health Center, due to the health care portion of HSU tuition. Health insurance, although highly recommended, is not necessary to receive these services. Services

include counseling, personal appointments, health education, pregnancy, HIV testing, annual exams, immunizations and discounted prices on many pharmaceuticals and contraceptives.

The Student Health Center also has an urgent care unit that takes walk-in medical emergencies, still free of charge. Students may be charged a lab fee for X-rays and other procedures but

"I walked in without an appointment and was seen within half an hour. The staff was helpful, and I didn't owe any money at the end of the appointment."

Amy Rooker

broadcast journalism junior

are informed of this cost prior to their appointment.

Amy Rooker, an HSU junior majoring in broadcast journalism, found the service in the Health Center impressive. "I walked in without an appointment and was seen within half an hour," Rooker said. "The staff was helpful, and I didn't owe any money at the end of the appointment."

Extended Education students are also eligible for services, as long as they are taking at least six units, but will be charged a small fee per visit. Students in the "Over

60" program are not covered by the Health Center, neither are the faculty and staff.

Marsha Osborne of the Health Center said it is important "just being here for students" considering the high cost of off-campus health care.

Six Rivers Planned Parenthood, a reproductive health care group based in Eureka, comes to the Health Center on Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Planned

Parenthood offers services such as birth control, chlamydia testing and no-blood HIV testing. Planned Parenthood also deals with Family Pact, a program offered through the Office of Family

Planning that offers assistance to people who are underinsured or ineligible to receive family planning services.

The Family Pact Card, also known as the "teal card," enables bearers to receive services such as pap smears, birth control and STD testing for both men and women. This card can be used at most family planning clinics in California, and qualifying individuals can inquire about the teal card on Tuesdays when

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Saturday, February 17th

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+ The Eureka Garbage Company
(local indie pop)

\$5

CCAT

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and Social Sciences building because it would have been a six-story building on the edge of Union Street," said Bob Schulz, associate vice president of facilities management at HSU.

CCAT co-director Zachary Mermel found the move difficult. "It was a chaotic, mad scramble taking down 26 years of infrastructure that we all love so much. It all had to come down in two or three weeks. The initial move was made during finals week of 2004," he said.

CCAT has three program co-directors who change every year. The current co-directors are Noelle Melchizedek, Zachary Mermel and Patrick McAuley.

The University tried to make CCAT's move as painless as possible. "The way they chose to minimize the impact on CCAT was to move the building down the hillside," Schulz said. "We offered to build them a whole new facility, but they wanted to be relocated and have the building moved."

The funding for moving CCAT came from the funds allocated for the Behavioral and Social Sciences building. "Moving CCAT is a slow process because there are more restrictions involved in spending state money," said Kristi Janowski, assistant project manager for the Behavioral and Social Sciences Building.

Representatives of CCAT were very involved in the decision-making process of finding a new location for their building, Schulz said. The CCAT house is scheduled to move into its new location this fall.

"I have come away with a different experience in building a

new home for us," said CCAT co-director Melchizedek. "Working with an architect and facilities management is an amazing experience and I've learned so much."

Melchizedek also had to negotiate with facilities management to get equal ground space for CCAT. "Now we're part of the Campus Master Plan and we're established at the university," she said.

The staff, employees and volunteers of CCAT believe having their house close to the new Behavioral and Social Sciences Building will be an enhancement to the CCAT program.

"This will bring everyone together and we'll have a lot of exposure to a wider variety of students," Melchizedek said. "A whole new generation of students will be able to get their hands dirty and it will be really great."

A new program called the CCAT design team will be offered next fall to give students and community members input on the design of the CCAT facility.

"We're refraining from using the word course because it implies that it is for students only. We're asking people to commit to an entire semester and it is up to students and facilitators what they want to discuss on a weekly basis," Mermel said. Students will be offered one unit of HSU credit for participating in the CCAT design team.

CCAT will be able to continue its mission of sustainable living at its new location. "Our mission is that living lightly upon the earth is both practical and rewarding," Melchizedek said.

Academic Senate: committee looking for student input

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feedback on a possible resolution.

Winning the support from Associated Students on the possible resolution may prove difficult.

"The AS hasn't taken a formal position yet, but has in the past taken a position against this type of resolution," David Backues, the AS Legislative Vice President said.

Chris Weingarten is a junior on the football team. He went to a community college in Long Beach that had priority

registration, so getting a schedule that worked with his sports wasn't that difficult. He said some general education courses at HSU fill up quickly. "If you don't get in on the first day, you usually don't get in," he said.

Moyer said the Student Affairs Committee is looking for student input.

"We're hoping for clarity from the students, but we're not too hopeful," Moyer said. "We suspect they'll be as equally divided as we are."

HEALTH

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Planned Parenthood is at the Health Center. Mira Mazur, health educator for the Health Center, said it is important that the Health Center provides information about safer sex practices, STD testing and birth control.

Other free services, including counseling and psychological services, are available in the Health Center. Individual, couples and group counseling can be scheduled on a short-term basis, and psychologists are also available for emergency counseling, still free of charge. The Health Center also provides a health education program, as well as the

opportunity to meet with an alcohol and other drug specialist. The Health Center has its own pharmacy as well, which offers prescription and non-prescription products at reduced rates for HSU students.

The Student Injury and Sickness Insurance Plan, offered by Associated Students, gives students access to the California Foundation for Medical Care hospital network. Due to involvement in this network, individuals on this plan who are treated by network providers will be covered for 80 percent of the charges. If individuals are treated

by a non-network provider, they will still be covered for 60 percent of medical charges. This plan provides a \$50,000 maximum lifetime benefit. Graduate students, and all undergraduate students currently taking six or more units, are eligible for this insurance plan. Students can also choose to insure eligible dependents, such as a legally married spouse residing with the student, a registered domestic partner, or a child who is dependent on that student.

“(It is important) just being here for the students, and how inexpensive it is here versus outside, off-campus health care.”

Marsha Osborne

Student Health Center front office/medical records person

Students can choose to obtain coverage at an annual fee, or can purchase coverage per semester. The cost for annual coverage for a student without dependents who is 24 years

old or younger is \$782, and if that same individual instead purchased coverage from now until Aug. 20, it would cost \$471.

The annual coverage for a student without dependents, who is 25 or older, costs \$1,196, and that same individual would pay \$719 if he or she chose to purchase coverage from now until Aug. 20.

This plan is available through Associated Students. Other than emergencies, students need to obtain referrals from the Health Center to see other doctors under the plan. The insurance plans are available at the Health Center.

UPD Clips

Wednesday, Jan. 25

10:21 a.m.

The Health Center requested a code 2 ambulance to transport a female student to the hospital.

1:34 a.m.

A parking permit was reported stolen on E. Laurel Drive.

4 p.m.

An unattended backpack was reported stolen from the third floor of the Library.

Thursday, Jan. 26

1:12 a.m.

A camping violation was reported at the Natural History Museum.

8:36 a.m.

A vehicle was immobilized with a boot in the tennis court lot for more than five unpaid parking citations.

11:31 a.m.

The victim of a seizure in the Art Building was transported to Mad River Community Hospital in an ambulance.

Friday, Jan. 27

8:46 a.m.

Suspicious circumstances -- three people who were standing under the University Center overhang were questioned by officers. They were determined to be students attempting to stay

out of the rain.

10:30 a.m.

Another vehicle was immobilized with a boot in the art lot.

3:18 p.m.

Report taken for a wallet stolen from the men's locker room.

5:29 p.m.

Report of a van parked in a university lot all day, apparently with people living out of it. Subjects were contacted and sent on their way.

11:30 p.m.

At Juniper Hall there were reports of an underage subject inside a resident's room where drinking was occurring. Subject was warned for drinking, and the incident was referred to housing.

Saturday, Jan. 28

1:08 a.m.

Report taken of the smell of marijuana behind Juniper Hall. Officers were unable to locate the source.

3:08 a.m.

UPD assisted APD with a fight at G 16th Streets.

6:30 p.m.

Two subjects in Sunset Hall were cited for possession of cannabis.

Sunday, Jan. 29

12:08 a.m.

UPD assisted APD with a traffic accident at the St. Louis overpass.

12:23 and 12:46 a.m.

UPD assisted APD with fights in front of Sidelines Bar.

1:22 a.m.

Report taken of the smell of marijuana near Juniper Hall. Officers contacted a resident but could not detect any odor.

2:02 a.m.

A person reported that while driving past the Granite Avenue extension, five or six subjects ran out and attempted to jump on her car. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate subjects.

2:06 a.m.

A resident in Cypress reported threats from another student heard through a third party.

2:18 a.m.

Officers stood by while a Living Group Advisor entered a room to turn down loud music in response to a complaint in Willow Hall. The resident was not home.

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Jan. 23, 2006: The Arcata Green Party decides to oppose what it calls a "fatally flawed" measure that would ban out-of-town corporations from donating to local political races.

Jan. 26, 2006: Three Arcata City Council members say they have no intention of supporting the measure, which the Arcata Green Party has introduced.

Agree to disagree

Green Party finds an alternative to withstand legal challenge with a contribution limitation

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Some Green Party members are concerned the Humboldt County Ordinance to Protect Voters' Rights gives labor unions more control than corporations over local elections.

The heart of the controversy is that any corporation within the county is considered non-local if they have just one share of stock or one employee outside of the county.

Meanwhile, labor unions can be considered local if they have just one employee within the county, said Greg Allen, attorney and Eureka Green Party member.

This means many large labor unions from out of state are in a position to control elections better than anybody in the county, Allen said.

"Under the U.S. Constitution, in the Fourteenth Amendment, Article 1, section 7b, you have equal protection and you cannot create separate classes of persons," he said.

He also said that he's in favor of the ordinance, but that there needs to be an initiative at the state level. "You can't do it from here, which is the basic problem. State law has preempted local law. There's nothing you can do locally to change that — It's not doable literally."

Allen said he personally went to talk to the drafters of the bill in August and pointed out the defects. "I was told by people who aren't attorneys that I didn't know what I was talking about," he said.

If the ordinance does pass, the county would be responsible for any legal fees, said Heidi Colton, chair of the Eureka Green Party. "If we don't vote at the state level, there are going to be some

frivolous lawsuits because it goes against federal law."

As an alternative, Colton said most Eureka Green Party members would like to see an initiative that would limit the amount contributed to \$500, regardless of the source. "Arcata has a law that limits to \$150, which has held up to any lawsuits and hasn't had any problems," she said.

Anyone with \$185 can bring a law suit, said Green Party member David Cobb. "It's disingenuous — we have the most control over our elections and elected officials at the local level. We support local control, not corporate rights," he said.

Internal disagreements over the validity of the ordinance,

coupled with personal attacks on the radio, make it appear that the entire Green Party is divided on the issue — but that's not the case, said Heidi Colton, chair of the Eureka Green Party.

Eureka Greens has taken no stance because there was no agreement, and Arcata Greens voted to oppose it because there were questions about its legality.

Colton said Cobb legally analyzed the ordinance and said it was airtight. "The way it was explained at first sounded like a good idea to me, but the more research I did, the more problems I found," she said. "Not only did the Green Party find legal problems, so did the

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Disregarding numerous high surf advisories Saturday Feb. 4, a mother and child walk along the harbor entrance on the north jetty of the Humboldt Bay.

Steve Spain

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Republicans, Democrats and various newspapers."

David Giarrizzo, legal delegate and Eureka Committee member, said this is a law that affects dozens of communities. He also said that Cobb estranged him by not inviting Green members to meetings and organizing rallies and meetings on the day or close to the days of Green's groups and rallies.

"Kaitlin is a recent arrival in this county and has made inappropriate personal attacks," he said. "She came to one of our meetings and made all kinds of inquiries and then never came back to our meetings again."

He also added that Cobb doesn't qualify to speak as an attorney. "David Cobb was a practicing attorney in Texas and didn't renew his license. We started our Green meetings last summer and they never showed up to any of them. They're trying

to go against the Fourteenth Amendment. They don't give a damn about the Green Party or the common person."

Cobb said he never made the claim to analyze the ordinance as a lawyer and that he participated in drafting it as an ordinary citizen.

"I'm astounded that this was ever part of the issue," he said. "I did practice law in Texas and voluntarily suspended my license because I don't live there anymore."

Colton said it is upsetting that both Sopoci-Belknap and Cobb spoke on behalf of the Green Party when they weren't active in any of the Green Party meetings.

Sopoci-Belknap said she and Cobb used to attend the meetings. "Now, no one attends their meetings because these folks have created an environment of distrust and dysfunction," she said.

Allen said the personal attack made on the radio by Sopoci-Belknap on KMUD News on Monday, Jan. 30, is evidence that they don't go by the merits and facts of the issue.

"Some folks called in and made personal attacks," Sopoci-Belknap said. "I can't control what people say when they call into a radio program."

"Basically as a person and a Green Party member who's for peace and community activity — to turn this into an ugly mean battle is inappropriate. I would like us to work together and look what the problem is and find a solution," she said.

"The limitation is not an attack on any group or any individual. Eureka having a no-stance position just means that we're not going to endorse this until some changes are made."

Challenging corporate rights

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In an effort to minimize political corruption and protect the rights of the community, the Humboldt Coalition for Community Rights (HCCR) has spearheaded a campaign to ban non-local corporate political contributions in Humboldt politics, by producing the Humboldt County Ordinance to Protect Our Rights to Fair Elections.

The initiative — which needs at least 4,400 signatures to be referred to the Board of Supervisors — obtained 6,688. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, in their meeting yesterday, accepted the initiative without alteration, and it will be sent to the voters on June 6. The initiative, if passed, will ban all corporate political contributions unless defined as a local corporation in which all employees and shareholders reside within the county. Non-local corporations will have to pay to the county 10 times the amount contributed if caught, while contributions exceeding \$25,000 in any election, referendum or initiative, will be faced with a lawsuit in which their charter, or Certificate of Authority to do Business in California, may be revoked. Furthermore, citizens would have the ability to sue corporations that violate the law if the District Attorney fails to

take action.

The initiative addresses the issue of corporate rights — specifically the ability of corporations to make campaign contributions and initiate political campaigns. Most Humboldt county residents agree that corporate contributions increase the likelihood of corruption and agree that there should be regulation. However, there is a debate over whether the initiative is too biased and whether an alternative should be sought.

The HCCR, a coalition of activist and watchdog organizations — including Democracy Unlimited — began their campaign almost two years ago in response to the recall effort against Humboldt District Attorney Paul Gallegos in 2003, where Maxxam, parent company of Pacific Lumber Co., contributed around \$300,000 in the effort, the most expensive political campaign in Humboldt history.

The tactics used during the campaign, such as the paid petitioners sent out to collect signatures endorsing the recall, cast a shadow of doubt about corporate influence in local politics is due to. Another example of this is from 1999, when Wal-Mart initiated a campaign to change zoning code along a 30-acre stretch of the

Eureka waterfront in order to build a store — in which \$235,000 was invested.

After a costly victory defeating the recall effort, the HCCR decided that corporate contributions in Humboldt elections needed to be regulated. "Today we have less people participating in elections," said Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap, campaign manager for HCCR. She added that the recall campaign hurt the confidence of Humboldt residents in the electoral and initiative process.

"This initiative will give the voters the opportunity to decide which is more important — our community's right to local control of elections, or the idea that corporations should have rights," she said. "Meaningful community rights and citizen rights are impossible if corporations are granted constitutional rights."

What she is referring to is the controversial concept known as corporate personhood, which is basically a set of legal precedents in which the US Constitution has been interpreted to extend constitutional rights to corporations. As a result, corporations can, among other things, contribute money in political campaigns like any individual, as well as lobby Congress and other politicians

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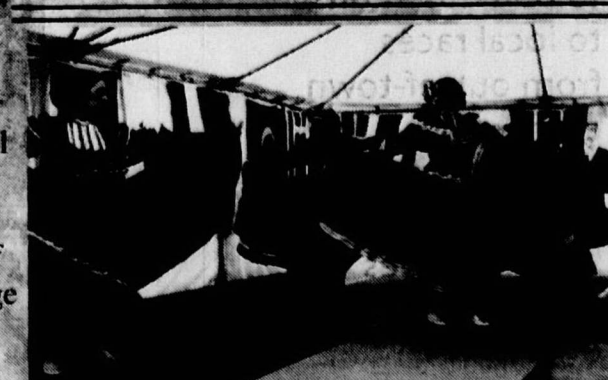
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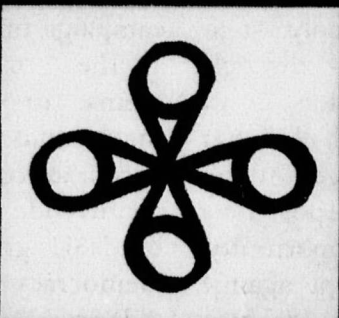
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Within the next 60 days, many PG&E customers should get a check in the mail. The series of storms that hit Humboldt County around New Year's resulted in 70,000 customers being without power, in some cases for up to four days. This prompted PG&E to start issuing \$25 to \$100 payments to customers who may have been inconvenienced by the amount of time it took to have their power restored.

"In certain areas, customers were very upset with our response time," said PG&E spokesman Lloyd Coker.

Through the Safety Net Program, residential customers who go without power for more than 48 hours are slated for a refund. However, those who were without power in areas that were

not accessible to PG&E during the storm might not receive a refund. Coker said that would be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

PG&E customers also have the option of filing a claim if PG&E is responsible for any losses due to negligence on their behalf. PG&E will investigate a claim by customers who lost food, revenue, and wages, or received personal injuries and property damage during a power outage.

The customers will be required to show proper documentation proving they have lost something for which PG&E is at fault. PG&E will take approximately 30 days to process the claim, though this does not guarantee that PG&E will pay for damages.

PG&E began mailing out storm inconvenience payments

in January. Some residents were unaware that they could be receiving a refund.

"I was across country when it [the storm] happened," said Arcata resident John Stone, who was not sure how long his power had been out.

"We haven't gotten a check," said Sunnybrae resident Colin Ritter.

Arcata resident Mary Stewart said she heard customers who experienced damages may be eligible for a refund.

"We didn't really have any damage," she said.

Customers who do not receive a refund by March should call the outage hotline at 1-888-PGE-4PGE.

How to file a claim

✓ File a claims form within the applicable time limit

✓ Customers may also file the claim with their insurance company

Documentation required for PG&E when making a claim:

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- Detailed repair estimates and/or invoices or purchase records

For Lost Wages

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- Payroll stubs showing your hourly or daily pay rate

For Lost Revenues

- Tax records and/or bank statements

- Payroll records

- Revenue and expense statements

- Sales receipts

For Miscellaneous Losses

- Hotel and restaurant receipts

- Car rental receipts

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2. A half-full freezer will usually keep food frozen about one day.

3. In the refrigerator, food will usually keep cold up to four hours if the door remains unopened.

Note:

It is not necessary to file a claim to receive storm inconvenience checks, which should be mailed out to customers automatically.

Filing a claim does not guarantee reimbursement.

Salvation Army lacks funding in Humboldt

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By the end of March, every Salvation Army in Humboldt County will close indefinitely. The Arcata and Fortuna stores will be closing even earlier. The Fortuna store will close Feb. 18, and the Arcata store will close on Feb. 28. The Eureka and McKinleyville stores will each close on March 31.

It is costing more money to run the store than they are making through sales. Between rent and garbage, it is costing too much to operate. Tammy Coreley, manager of the Eureka store for the last nine years said, "It's costing too much money to run the store, we need to save money for the programs we sponsor."

The Salvation Army sponsors programs such as food and utility assistance, Christmas and Thanksgiving assistance (through toy and food drives), teen outreach programs, music and youth programs, and motel vouchers.

Captain Ramon O'Canó, the Corps Officer in charge of the Salvation Army, said that those who work with the Salvation Army community centers are the "hands and feet of Jesus."

"God wants us to be out there helping people," O'Canó said, "when the Church first started, we wanted to serve mankind, and that is what we do. We are actually out there helping people."

He also explained how this help is done without the stores. One of the branches of the Church is an advisory board, which raises awareness

and organizes fundraisers. The fundraisers pay for the programs.

They also have bell-ringers, the people who stand out in front of stores with red buckets. "Last year, the bell ringers alone raised \$98,000," O'Canó said.

The Salvation Army has two goals. The first serving goal is to serve the needy through selling clothing, furniture, books, and home and office supplies at low prices. They can do this by only selling those items that are donated to them.

The second goal is, according to their mission statement, is to preach the word of God. "The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination."

Those who work for the Salvation Army know that it has a big impact on the community, both on its people and the places and events in the past.

"When the video store out here burned down, we were right there helping the fire department making sure they were hydrated," said Arlene Sousa, store manager of the McKinleyville store. "We know we're helping people." She continued to explain her worry for those who depend on the Army. "I don't know what some of the homeless people in this area will do."

Catherine Tomczuk, a former Arcata resident, now living in

Canada, has similar concerns. She was trying on jackets at the Arcata store, where books are 10 for \$1.00.

"For some people, this is the only way they can clothe their families," she continued with talking about her loyalty. "I'm on my way to Mexico, but I always stop by this store because it's such a great place. It's a shame that it's closing for good."

The central office decided to make the closures because over the last 10 years, the stores have not been turning over the money needed to support the programs. Since the Church is nonprofit and have no source of income, they cannot be spending more money than they make.

O'Canó said the stores are an important part of the community, but they are losing money every year, and the programs that help those in need are their focus.

"Hopefully we'll be able to open a store just like the Salvation Army in the same place when this one closes," Claudia Morris, manager of the Arcata store, said. "We're working with College of the Redwoods to get this started, and we're hoping to employ those in Foster families."

If you don't want to go to Arcata for a store like the Salvation Army, Fortuna store manager Tommie Holik has a few suggestions. "There are several thrift stores all through Humboldt County, such as St. Vincent de Paul's, the various missions, the Hospice, and Tailwaggers."

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— as these rights are guaranteed under the First Amendment as free speech. A huge debate exists as to whether corporate rights were legally obtained.

Dan Faulk, a political science lecturer at Humboldt State University, said the initiative process began in California with Hiram Johnson, a progressive Republican and reformer seeking to check the power of the California legislature dominated by railroad interests in 1911.

To do this, he ran for governor, promising to bring three reforms to California politics: the recall, the referendum, and the initiative. He did this because he felt that the population needed to have an advantage against the powerful corporate lobby.

Because of those reforms, today we are the only state to have the ability — through community organization — to get initiatives on the ballot that are popularly supported. At the same time though, corporations have that same equal opportunity, with the recall attempt against Paul Gallegos led by Maxxam representing a local example.

The HCCR initiative follows a legacy of popular challenge in the face of increasingly dominating corporate interests in politics, which often conflict with community interests.

"These so-called corporate rights are used to overturn democratically elected laws or to try to sway the voters by making financial contributions that serve their bottom line," Sopoci-Belknap said. "That's not what free speech or democracy is supposed to be about."

However, it is important to understand that this initiative does face opposition in the

community. The Humboldt Business Council, an organization of local businesses, criticizes the language of the ordinance, especially when defining local corporations, nonprofits, and labor unions.

According to the text, whereas a local corporation needs all its employees and shareholders inside the community, local nonprofits and labor unions need only one member.

"The reason that voters rejected Prop 75 in the last election was that it was patently unfair to ask unions to stop donating in political campaigns while businesses and individuals were unrestrained," said Chris Crawford, chair of the Council. He added that the initiative doesn't tackle the real problem, which is campaign finance reform.

The overall community seems to support measures that would specifically address corporate contributions. A 2004 countywide telephone survey by HSU graduate student and Democracy Unlimited member Adrian Chevrax-Fitzhugh, concluded that 78 percent of residents feel that the likelihood of corruption increases when corporations contribute to politics, and 72 percent feel that corporations should not have the right to finance local elections.

Whatever the fate of the initiative — come the local elections on June 6 — this is a demonstration of the power of popular democracy and the ability to organize and take action. "Popular democracy is a beautiful thing, because it's an opportunity to take responsibility for your actions," Faulk said.

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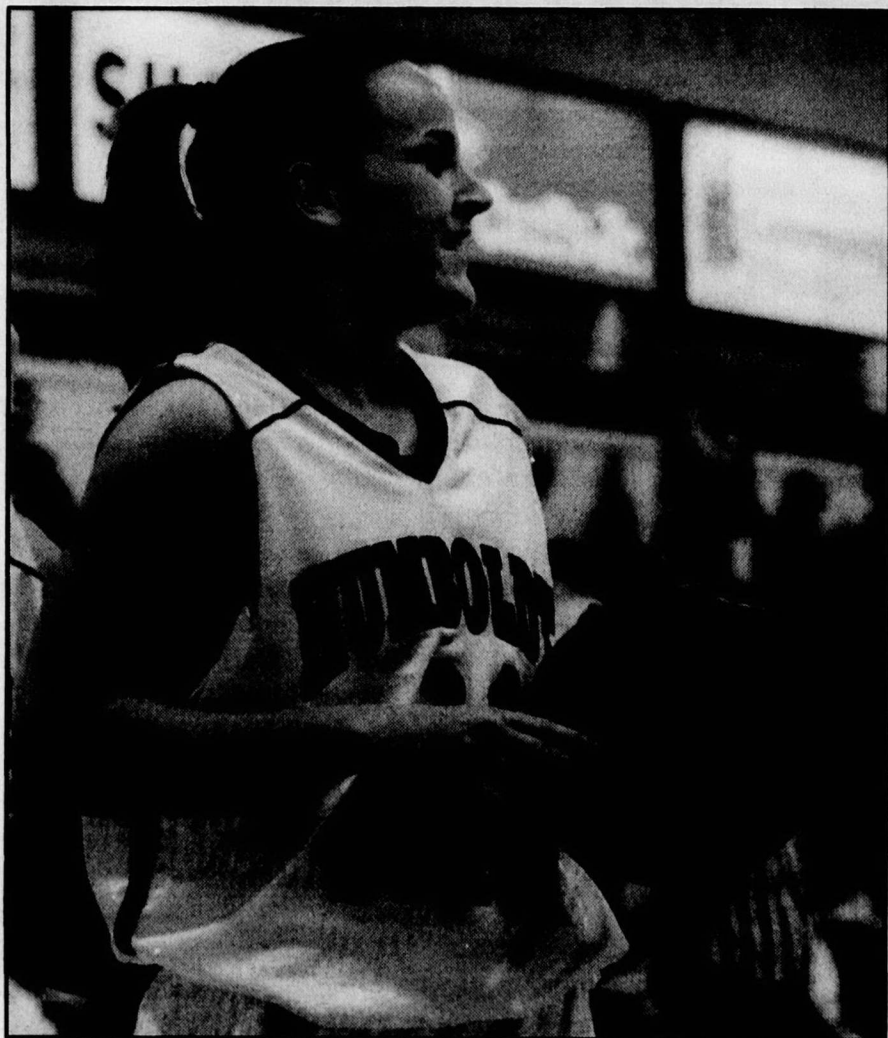
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Katie Wilder, a transfer from Santa Rosa, gets the offense going by dishing the ball out to open teammates for points.



Kelly Fay, a co-captain, is averaging 12.3 points per game and has a team-high 37 steals this season.

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Triple threat

Fay, Washington and Wilder catalysts for women's basketball team

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Scouting reports usually focus on a team's top player — the one individual who must be stopped in order to achieve victory.

When a team has three such players, however, that task becomes more difficult.

Opponents of the HSU women's basketball team have been forced to deal with the trio of Jenna Washington, Kelly Fay and Katie Wilder. The group has combined for 61.3 percent of HSU's total points this season and each player leads the team in at least one statistical category. However, it has never been about the personal glory.

"They want the team to do well," Head Coach Joddie Gleason said. "They could care less about how they do as individuals. They're not worried about stats."

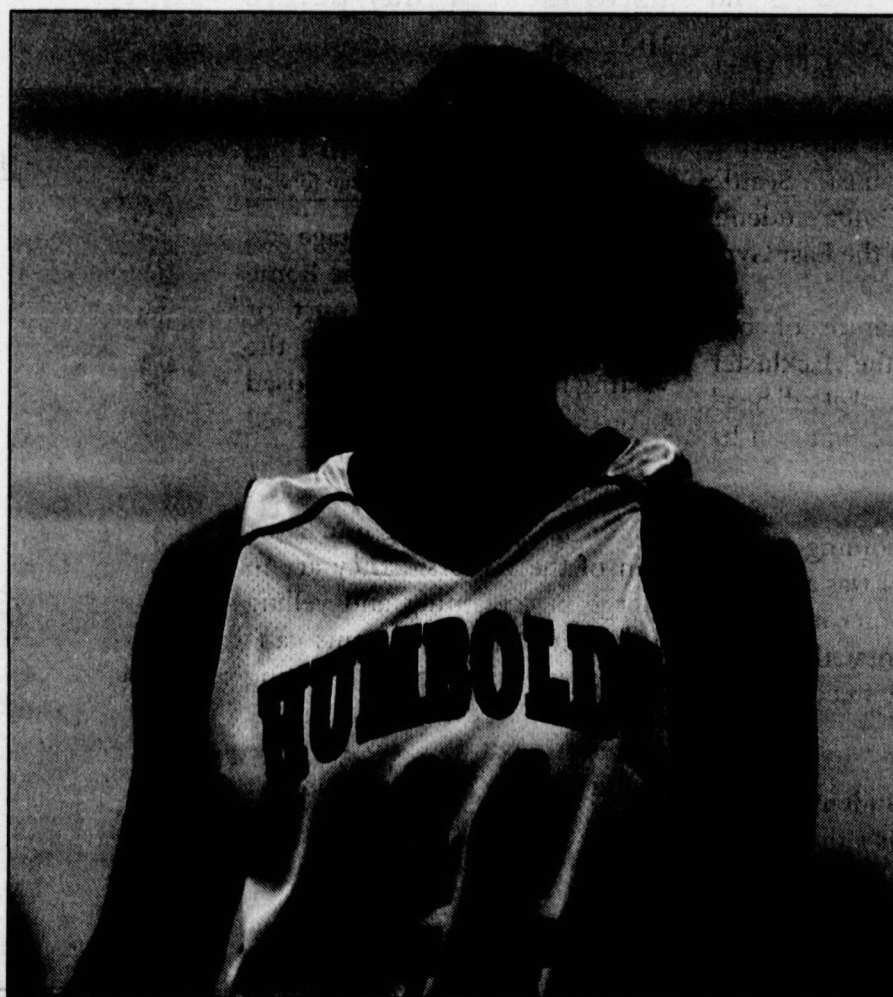
That attitude has helped the team post an 11-9 record and put the 'Jacks in position to make their first postseason appearance in over a decade. Their ability to work together has positively affected the team, whether it is during practice or at a critical moment in a big game. Their individual contributions have not gone unnoticed either.

Washington returned for her senior season after a junior year in which she averaged 13.4 points per game and was honored as the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year.

"I wanted to give it everything I had and be a leader," she said.

So far she has lived up to those goals.

Through 20 games the co-captain is averaging 19.1



Jenna Washington, a co-captain along with Kelly Fay, is averaging 19.1 points and 8.2 rebounds. With Katie Wilder and Fay, the trio has combined for 61.3 percent of the team's points this year.

points, 8.2 rebounds and 2.5 blocks. She is guarded by up to three players on a consistent basis, but that doesn't slow her down.

Washington has been equally as dominant on defense. In the team's 58-66 loss to Central Washington on Saturday, she recorded a season-high six blocks and led the team with nine defensive rebounds.

Her presence has made opponents commit costly turnovers and take bad shots. Although she consistently has big games, she doesn't believe she has to post big numbers since helping the team win is always the top priority.

Fay is no stranger to the co-captain position. Before the season began, Gleason said the team would look to the senior guard for leadership. Fay was more than comfortable with the role.

"I knew I had to lead by example," Fay said. I planned to do that anyway."

That example includes 12.3 points per game and 46 three-point baskets, two shy of her total from last season. Her team-high 37 steals have generated many scoring opportunities and improved the 'Jacks' ability to transition from defense to offense. Her ability to excel on both ends of the court has helped her become more of an all-around player, which was one of her goals heading into this season.

"Jenna (Washington) and Kelly (Fay) are very positive with their teammates. They work extremely

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The Press Box: Josh Tobin on men's basketball



Steve Spain

The stands were full when the HSU men's basketball team played Western Washington University Jan. 26. The team hopes to have the gym full of cheering and screaming fans on a consistent basis.

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The scene at most HSU men's basketball games consistently lacks one key ingredient — students. Home games are dominated by an older, more subdued crowd, comprised mostly of community members who come out to show their support for the team.

Will Baumgardner, a HSU senior, and his friends come to games looking to bring the youthful student intensity missing from the East Gym.

Since the beginning of the season this collection of 'Jacks fans have been attending games wearing yellow wigs and coated from the waist up in yellow and green paint.

They stand, yell, cheer and heckle for the entire game.

"If I were a college student and lived on campus, or close to it, and I knew there was a basketball game going on I'd try to get out there and check it out."

Tom Wood
men's basketball head coach

"I would always like for there to be more student support," Baumgardner said. "We do feel like something of a minority."

The lack of student involvement with athletics at HSU is no secret. Dan Pambianco, Sports Information director for HSU, said the only basketball game to sell out this season was during winter break against Seattle Pacific. Obviously 1,400 students weren't packed into the East Gym that night.

Perhaps the culture of our campus dictates the lackluster attendance. Men's basketball head coach Tom Wood is confused by the weak student presence.

"I don't know what they're doing instead of coming to the games," he said. "If I was a college student and I lived on campus, or close to it, and I knew there was a basketball game going on I'd try to get out there and check it out."

Wood continued, "Do I wish there were more students at our games? Yes. I wish there were more community members too. But I have no complaints with our crowd. They are super. They are the best crowd in the conference, not the largest, but there is nothing wrong with their energy."

In all sports, home court is

"Our crowd is mostly a lot of older people... They just sit there waiting for us to make a play before they cheer."

Devin Peal
men's basketball team forward

perceived as a huge advantage. It's not just the familiarity the home team has with its own court, or the fatigue from travel that the visiting team suffers, it's supposed to be the fans. They are supposed to make the difference.

The fans are the ones responsible for getting under the skin of the visitors. They are in charge of screaming and yelling so loud that the opponents can't even hear what play is being called. They are used to keep the other team out of rhythm. Some would say that our crowd doesn't give the 'Jacks that edge.

Devin Peal, a sophomore forward for the basketball team, has a different take on the home crowd than Wood.

"Our crowd is mostly a lot of older people," he said. "They just

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hard. It forces everyone else to do the same," Gleason said.

Wilder transferred to HSU after playing the last two seasons at Santa Rosa Junior College. Last year she guided Santa Rosa to a 26-5 record, which earned them the number one ranking in Northern California.

"It was interesting coming into a new program. Everyone welcomed me and it just felt right here," Wilder said.

Gleason said Wilder's knowledge of the game and all-around skills are a valuable addition to the team.

"It's tough coming in as a transfer," Gleason said. "Katie came in and it didn't take her very long to adjust. She's very intelligent."

Wilder leads HSU's offense in a variety of ways. When she has possession she looks to get her

teammates the ball through effective passes. If nobody is open Wilder will look to create an opportunity by drawing opposing players to her, which usually results in a teammate getting an open shot. If that doesn't work, she can shoot the ball as well. Whether it is driving to the hoop for a layup or shooting the three-point basket, either works for her.

With only seven games remaining, including tomorrow's game against St. Martin's in the East Gym at 7 p.m., the team is making a final push toward the postseason.

From day one, the trio has focused on leading the team to success.

No matter what they do from this point on, their leadership and dedication will be felt long after their careers at HSU have ended.

Game Time

Upcoming HSU sports events and standings

Men's basketball

Feb. 11
Western Oregon 7 p.m.

Feb. 16
Alaska Fairbanks 7 p.m.

Feb. 18
Alaska Anchorage 7 p.m.

Bold indicates home games



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GNAC standings:

Top 5 teams

STANDINGS	W-L	Pct	PF	PA	W-L	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle Pacific	10-1	.909	94.0	83.9	18-2	.900	86.4	78.3
Western Washington	9-1	.900	92.0	84.3	17-2	.895	95.2	82.0
Alaska Fairbanks	7-4	.636	82.0	78.9	14-6	.700	80.9	76.1
Humboldt State	6-5	.545	89.8	87.7	12-7	.632	86.2	78.4
Alaska Anchorage	5-6	.455	81.6	74.9	14-9	.609	81.7	69.6

Women's basketball

Feb. 9
Saint Martin's 7 p.m.

Feb. 11
Seattle 7 p.m.

Feb. 16
Northwest Nazarene



GNAC standings:

Top 5 teams

STANDINGS	W-L	Pct	PF	PA	W-L	Pct	PF	PA
Western Washington	11-0	1.000	77.4	54.2	19-1	.950	80.4	57.3
Seattle Pacific	10-1	.909	76.7	57.7	16-4	.800	77.6	62.2
Northwest Nazarene	8-3	.727	66.6	65.0	12-6	.667	67.5	64.0
Central Washington	6-5	.545	68.8	61.7	11-7	.611	70.4	64.3
Humboldt State	6-5	.545	70.6	68.4	11-9	.550	69.8	64.6

SUPPORT: Advertising key to attendance

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sit there waiting for us to make a play before they cheer," he said. "It bothers [me], because other teams can come in here and play well — there's not much noise. It takes away from our home court advantage."

It is not uncommon for people cheering and standing at HSU games to be told by others in the stands to be quiet or sit down. Some individuals want to come to the game to sit back and relax. They don't want people stationed in front of them, blocking their view.

Some fans, particularly the younger more rambunctious ones, want to yell and jaw at the opposing team. They want to stand and scream at the referee over a bad call. And they should be able to.

Baumgardner believes some minor changes could bring loud raucous behavior back into the walls of the East Gym.

"I have wished for a while that they would give [students] a designated section," he said. "It seems like there are quite a few students out there who would like to yell or cheer but might feel awkward or intimidated because they would be the only ones in their section doing it."

He added, "If there was a place where people could expect to be around a lot of cheering, wild, boisterous fans then maybe some folks would find their way out of the woodwork and start being more vocal."

The home crowd at the East Gym may not be as crazy as the

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Will Baumgardner
HSU senior and basketball fan

players or students would like, but that lack of intensity from the crowd has not affected the team. The Lumberjacks are a solid 8-2 at home this season.

"You can take a look at our record over the years," Wood said. "We've lost some games at home. You could blame it on our crowd, but I'd say the teams [we played] had a little more to do with it."

Records aside, a packed gym is something players like Peal want to see.

"As a player you need that sixth man behind you. When we travel to other schools their crowd is jumping, screaming and yelling the whole game. And when their team gets down they don't stop," Peal said.

The root of the problem may be the amount of space the East Gym has to offer. Tom Trepik, associate athletic director for HSU, said the gym is simply too small to meet the needs of a substantial audience.

Some students aren't interested in coming to games because they are forced to squeeze into the crowd among older, more casual fans who don't want someone screaming and hollering next to them.

Peal agreed. "It's definitely a smaller gym, but making more seats available just for students would help bring them in," he said.

Another gym is in the works and set to replace the East Gym as the new home for the 'Jacks.

"It will be complete in 2009, and it's going to have an additional 600 seats. They'll be nicer chair-back seats and chair-back benches too," Trepik said.

Creating a new gym and providing more seating is a good step toward attracting students to the games. But more needs to be done on campus to inform students of sports events.

Three hundred student tickets are set aside and made available in the ticket office of the HSU Bookstore for every home game.

They are free of charge and available for pickup with a

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Devin Peal
men's basketball forward

current student ID. But a lot of students don't even know about this offer. In addition, 170 tickets are available at the door of every game. They are handed out on a first come, first serve basis.

"We need to educate our students," Trepik said. "When we have sell outs, that's an educational lesson. Students get to the door and are told it's sold out and they say to themselves 'Oh you mean I could have reserved tickets?'"

Aggressive publicity needs to be put to use as well. There is little to no mention of sports events anywhere on campus outside of the Forbes Complex, which is home to the majority of our teams.

Places like the Depot, Founders Hall and the Student Business Services building need to be utilized as advertising locations.

When asked what would be a good way to attract more students to the games, Peal, Wood, and Trepik all had a one-word answer — advertising.

Implementing a student-only section, as mentioned by Baumgardner earlier, would also help bring students to the games and create that rowdy crowd that players like Peal want to see.

Hopefully, with a little more promotion, the 'Jacks can start making sell outs a consistent event again. Men's basketball is one of the most consistently successful sports programs at HSU.

It's about time that this team gets the credit and support they deserve, particularly from their peers.

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Camelot comes to life

A 4-H riding trail in Trinidad helps disabled children and provides volunteer opportunities



Tara Apperson

Aviv Gazit, a philosophy freshman, learns how to safely walk a horse during her first day of volunteering at Camelot.

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Camelot isn't a fantasy world for Reuben Mayes, a 14-year-old with cerebral palsy.

During the year he lives in Sacramento, but he spends his summers in Trinidad with his mom Victoria Mayes-Webb.

It is there that Mayes gets to spend his Saturdays ride horses along a quiet wooded trail on the edge of the ocean, with the help of volunteers.

The program is provided through a local 4-H trail organization. The leaders of the program administer "hippotherapy" to individuals with disabilities. This form of therapy helps improve balance, coordination and self-esteem by letting individuals with disabilities ride horses with the guidance of volunteers.

The program allows Mayes to be mobile without a wheelchair and feel the steady rhythm of his horse beneath him. "It calms his body down," Mayes-Webb said.

This place Mays-Webb found is called Camelot, a safe environment where disabled individuals, or clients, ride horses with the help of volunteers.

Doug Jager founded the program in 1985 and has since helped hundreds of Humboldt County clients.

A former forestry and watershed management professor at HSU, he runs the program with his daughter, Sally Friedley.

Each year the program serves about 100 clients with 25 clients enrolled at one time.

The program is so popular, there is a waiting list.

There are no restrictions on who can ride. "Anybody [can] as long as it's safe for them," Jager said. Clients fall between the ages of eight and 60.

Some of these volunteers are HSU students enrolled in Philosophy 392, a course designed to make students realize the effect community service has on a community and its

members. Volunteers come to Camelot to help guide and care for the horses as well as support the riders.

Katie Mazie first got involved in the program four years ago. She graduated from HSU last spring and is now working toward her special education credential. "I've gained experience working with the special needs population," Mazie said. "And I've seen kids grow into their ability."

HSU Philosophy Professor Mary Bockover started the class, called "4-H Riding Therapy: Serving the Disabled," in 2000.

Volunteers and clients of the program come on Saturday mornings, although they are not required to attend every weekend. On "care days" there are no riders and volunteers clean the stalls, water the troughs and do any necessary maintenance. The horses are also looked over and some

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Flower power?

The question about echinacea

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Purple coneflower, also known as echinacea, is well known for its anti-bacterial and anti-viral properties, but it may not be as effective in preventing illness as people may think.

In the early 1990s, "natural" medicine experienced an upswing in popularity and since then, echinacea has become one of the most purchased herbal remedies on the market.

According to the marketing research company The Hartman Group Inc., in 1999 alone, \$193 million was spent on echinacea in the form of pills, drops and lozenges. Users say the herb has anti-bacterial, anti-fungal and even anti-viral properties.

Jane Bothwell, an herbalist at Dandelion Herbal Center in Kneeland, said echinacea is extremely helpful in boosting immune functions.

"Echinacea contains a polysaccharide that when ingested acts as an invading body which stimulates our immune system into action," she said.

However, Bothwell, who has practiced herbal medicine for 25 years, does not recommend taking echinacea on a long-term daily basis, as it will lose its effectiveness over extended use. "It's best to use echinacea at the first sign of illness and for the duration of the illness," she said.

Many scientific studies have been performed on the medicinal properties of echinacea since the early 1900s.

A study in 1991 took place in Berkeley which was described by Jeffery Roesler and his team in the International Journal of Immunopharmacology. Lab mice were exposed to *Listeria* (a rod-shaped bacteria that can cause a lethal swelling of the brain) and *Candida* (a fungus that can cause yeast infections).

Some of the infected mice were immediately administered a purified polysaccharide from *Echinacea purpurea* plants. An overwhelming proportion of echinacea-treated mice survived what

should have been a fatal dosage of *Listeria* and *Candida*.

Traditionally, echinacea is used to boost your immune system at the onset of sickness, such as a cold or flu, by taking about two milliliters three times daily for seven to 10 days. There are other claimed medicinal purposes and methods of use for this plant. In the book "The Complete Natural Medicine Guide to the 50 Most Common Medical Herbs," authors say an echinacea tincture (a mixture of the herb in alcohol and water and then taken orally) or powdered echinacea capsules can be effective in boosting your entire immune system, fighting off urinary tract infections, sore throats and skin infections, as well as relieving some symptoms of chemotherapy-induced illness.

A skin wash, gargle or dusting powder can also be produced for these uses.

A 1999 study involving 3,396 participants showed only minimal evidence that echinacea was more beneficial in fighting colds than a placebo. Herbalists say the lack of supporting evidence is due to the fact that echinacea used medicinally is combined with other, non-active ingredients, or that the wrong part of the plant

is used, lessening its effectiveness.

Herbalists also say traditionally the root is considered the part of the plant containing the medicinal chemicals, but often the flower petals, leaves and stalks are all combined to provide a less pure, less effective herbal remedy.

Currently there are studies being performed to try to find out if echinacea works.

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine is currently recruiting for a study to further explore the possible healing powers of echinacea. You can go the Web site, clinicaltrials.gov to find out more about this study.

Of course, before anyone uses any kind of medicine, herbal or otherwise, it is always imperative to speak with your health provider before attempting any new treatment.

When buying echinacea, skip the major commercial brands — more often than not these brands contain many more ingredients than just the herb you're looking for. You can buy organic, farm-raised herbs and extracts like Moonrise Herbs on the Arcata plaza or The Arcata Co-Op.



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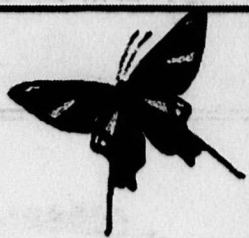
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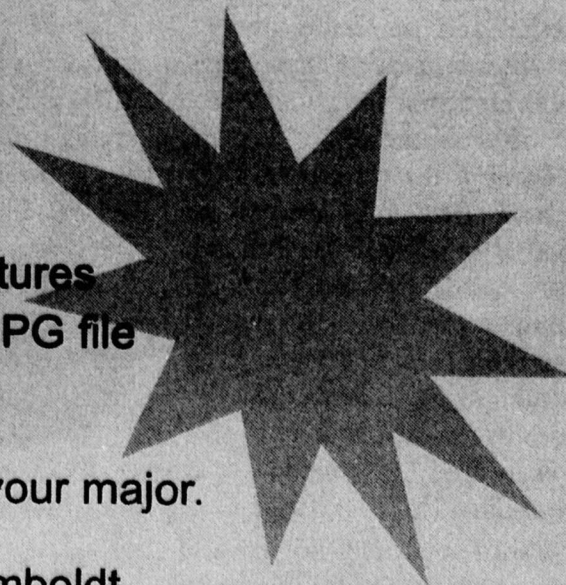
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The traditional Valentine's Day: not embraced by all

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A day of love and affection, an overhyped corporate creation, a normal day like any other or an execution long forgotten. Everyone has different perceptions about what Valentine's Day means, so much so that one has to wonder why Feb. 14 invokes the feelings it does in certain people.

It's a day where you send anonymous love notes to others, take someone special out for a good night, or exchange gifts - chocolate, flowers, poetry, wine - whatever the moment calls for.

Gifts seem to be a major backbone of the holiday for most, especially those in relationships. Valentine's Day brings with it expectations, and if your significant other doesn't reciprocate, a day of love turns into day of woe.

"You expect to have a good time -- to buy presents, flowers, and candy," Meghan Garrison, a journalism junior said. "It crushes you if the other person has no effort." The pressure can be staggering, with expectations creating worries of messing up and ruining the day.

There are also others that perceive the holiday in a different light, one of needless consumption, mass rushes to buy hallmark cards, and corporate profits, and as another hyped holiday where companies are attempting to make money.

"It's a stupid holiday created by card companies and chocolate makers," says Devon Orgee, a junior studying international business.

Although some people may view Valentine's Day as just a day of commercialism, many still enjoy it for what it is, a day to share gifts and love. Geoff Gaebe, a junior studying wildlife, said of Valentine's Day that it's a "corporate-sponsored holiday where you buy a bunch of garbage for your significant other - but I like it." Despite his view, he would do the classic Valentine's Day routine for that special someone: buy a stuffed animal, flowers and candy, and have a good night out.

Yet the question should be asked, do you have to buy gifts on Valentine's Day to show your

affection? Are there alternatives? Jonathan Gordon, an Arcata resident, says the most meaningful gifts are the ones you create yourself. "You don't need to buy anything, just grab a pencil, some paper, and write down how you feel. No matter what you write, your loved one will be touched."

Gifts from the heart leave a lasting mark, and many would rather share their feelings through art on Valentine's Day rather than spend money supporting the holiday. When asked whether he would do something special on Valentine's Day, Jorge Sanchez, a biology/geography junior, said, "I would hate to spend a dime on Valentine's Day, but I would spend a \$1,000 on the day before or after."

With all this talk about love, gift sharing, and corporate marketing ploys, does anybody even know where this holiday came from? When asked about what Valentine's Day meant to Asa Spade, a senior studying environmental science/landscape resources, he replied, "When I hear the world Valentine's, I think of slaughter."

What he is referring to is the traditional story about the origin of Valentine's Day. Although the exact origins are shrouded in mystery, according to Wikipedia the accepted story brings you back to third century Rome, where St. Valentine was martyred after he refused to give up Christianity at the threats of Roman soldiers. The Catholic Church recognizes at least three saints named St. Valentine. To honor martyrs killed on that day, a day of fasting was created. As the years passed, the meaning of the holiday shifted, depending on when and where you are. Today, the meaning of the holiday holds vastly different meaning to every person you talk to. Regardless of how people felt about Valentine's Day, a general consensus was that you didn't need a specific day of the year to share your love with others ... you can do that everyday.

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Philosophy: allowing students to help the less fortunate

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volunteer training may be done. "Trail days" usually start at about 11:30 a.m. The horses are prepared by the volunteers and the riders come later.

The riders will do some exercises, games, stretching and then the actual riding.

For those in a wheelchair, a wheelchair-accessible ramp lets them mount the horse easily. Each rider has a "head walker" who leads the horse and "side walkers" who engage the rider.

When needed, a "back rider" sits on the horse with the client in order to provide some physical support. The roles of the "walkers" are intentionally appointed.

"We assign people roles based on their experience and their training," said Jager.

"The reason I created this (class) is to show how community service and ethics go hand in hand," Bockover said. "That's something that people don't always realize."

Bockover has a deep interest in making the world a better place and involved HSU in the program

to help students understand why community service is so important. "It offers a good, and students are asked to think about that good," she said. "I think it helps make better citizens."

The class is open to all students and is not a major requirement for philosophy majors.

It is offered every semester and students can earn one to two units. A "broad spectrum" of HSU students enroll in the course, Jager said.

Some students don't complete the minimum number of hours, some just make the minimum and some go way beyond. Students need to put in 12 hours or more for one unit or 22 hours or more for two units.

Sally Upatirringa, 62, has been a client for about five years. She learned to ride after she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. "I love to be on a horse," she said. "I always feel better and stronger."

The program offers physical and emotional therapy to the clients. For Mayes, feeling the warmth of

the horse beneath him can have a tremendous calming effect.

Mayes-Webb said her son feels connected to his horse while riding and gains self esteem by knowing that he has the ability and strength to ride. "There's nothing I can think of that wouldn't be positive," she said.

But enrolling in the course does not require any experience.

"A lot of volunteers come to us because they want to gain experience," he said.

You don't have to be enrolled in the class to attend though and people of all ages are invited.

However, no specific number of people are accepted since clients are assigned to horses based on their and the horse's condition.

If an available horse is not right for the first person on the list, another person may be accepted.

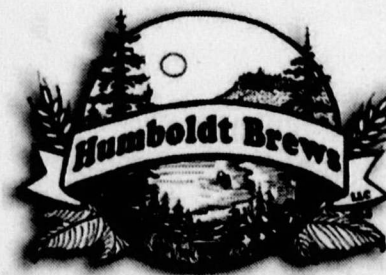
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Tue, Feb 14	FREE	Accurate Productions (hip hop)	10:00pm

Violent Femmes return to Humboldt

26 years of music, and all I got was this platinum album

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The Violent Femmes is an oxymoron, Femmes being Milwaukee slang for "wimp." Even if you haven't heard of the Femmes, there's someone close to you who loves them, and you've probably heard their songs on the radio without knowing it.

The Violent Femmes are the only band in the history of Billboard magazine to have an album go platinum without ever being in the top 200. Their fans range from punks to folksters to indie hipsters to parents. They've played everywhere from Carnegie Hall to HSU—twice.

The progressive rock trio rocked the Van Duzer and all its inhabitants last Sunday. Some people there could remember when they played at HSU more than 15 years ago, like bassist James Forbes of the local rock band The Buffy Swayze and his wife Patty. "We saw them play here 20 years ago," Forbes said. "I've been a fan since I got their first record. I guess they have influenced us (The Buffy Swayze)."

HSU freshman Arnold King said, "They are always there to cheer you up. They have a unique

sound, it's unrefined and raw. Raw is good — like sushi."

The Femmes draw a more varied crowd than most HSU performers. For example, the Forbes have a kid in junior high and King is a college freshman, and they both love the Femmes.

Aimee Taylor, drummer for the local band Monster Women, said, "They are one of the few bands your parents listened to that's OK for you to listen to." It was evident in the Van Duzer that night. "I think a lot of bands wouldn't

"They have a unique sound, it's unrefined and raw. Raw is good — like sushi."

Arnold King
freshman

sound like they do without the Violent Femmes," Taylor said.

Her husband Bandon Taylor, drummer for local band The Ravens, said, "They helped define the term college rock."

Not only did this crowd span generations — high school seniors to rockin' older folks — but it spanned music scenes. When you go to an indie show, you are around indie hipsters with their dyed black hair, tight jeans and

vintage shirts. If you go to a punk rock show, be prepared for spikes. If you go to a country show... well, you get the point. With the Violent Femmes, everyone was there. It didn't matter what scene you subscribed to, if any scene at all... they are above all that and it's about the music.

"The Violent Femmes did a lot of progressive rock music," forestry major Mike Scott said. "Not only does their genre cross many boundaries, but they cross many age groups and scenes of music."

After 26 years of making music and not caring what people think about it, the Violent Femmes have given us a true example of not selling out.

The Violent Femmes have played in all 50 states and even though they've been a band since 1980, they are still packing venues around the world. Their legendary self-titled first album was released in 1982, and they actually had to borrow money to make it — the record eventually went platinum.

Bassist Brian Ritchie, founder of the Violent Femmes, played everything from an acoustic bass to a strange stick instrument

with strings on it. Gordon Gano played guitar and sang those whiney rock vocals that have influenced Kurt Cobain, The Barenaked Ladies and Ben Kweller, along with countless others. The New York Times called Gano "The elder statesmen of teen angst." That sounds kind of funny now since he looks like your average John Doe. But the angst is still there.

The percussion consisted of a snare drum, a floor tom, a cymbal and the genius of Victor De Lorenzo. The Violent Femmes have turned minimalism into an art form.

"The fusion of genres they created are very influential to the three man dynamic we have right now," said Steven Paul of local band A Pity Present. "The Violent Femmes fused Southern county

rock with straight-up rock. By having a three piece alone they aren't cluttering it up. There's such raw imagery and vitality—they work off each other."

The simplicity and pure rock made this show unique from others. The Violent Femmes have achieved extreme longevity and a solid fan base and never had a hit in the top 200.

That's an accomplishment.



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A local battle

This year's SLAMfest promises to entertain and teach

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The HSU SLAMfest is going to be a little different this year.

"We wanted to step things up," said co-director Kevin Sorensen, who described two ways in which the organizers of the SLAMfest intend to do that.

Most significant is the battle of the bands.

Live music has consistently been a part of the SLAMfest in

years past, but Sorensen said for this year "we wanted more of the community to come out and we felt the best way to do that was to find some of the best local bands in the area. And so we're going to be throwing a battle of the bands."

This year will be the 11th Sustainable Living, Arts and Music Festival at HSU. "We call

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Cowboys and Tomcats

Do you have the chops to be a local DJ?

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Playing music is rarely ever hard work. However to play music successfully as a DJ requires a skill and passion for music and its listeners that only a few truly have.

Local artists Dan Giannotta (aka Dub Cowboy and DJ Receiver) and Tom Helm (aka DJ Tomcat), believe Humboldt County is where one can be a DJ and still receive an audience. Humboldt County has an audience for DJ

music, whether it is over the radio, at a bar, club or house party.

Giannotta has lived in Humboldt County for the last seven years. Being a veteran of the Santa Barbara rave scene, Giannotta has since diversified his sound in Humboldt County. Playing across different genres of music, from electronica to hip hop and reggae, he has expressed an eclectic taste in music, showing that DJs do not have to be pigeonholed into

playing a single genre of music in order to be popular.

"I play everything from hip hop to reggae as Dub Cowboy, with the occasional mash-up song that crosses genres," Giannotta said. "For instance, I have one song that crosses Jimi Hendrix and Snoop Dog on the same record."

Giannotta has succeeded playing with both club and radio environments, however each give the DJ a separate role. This is true

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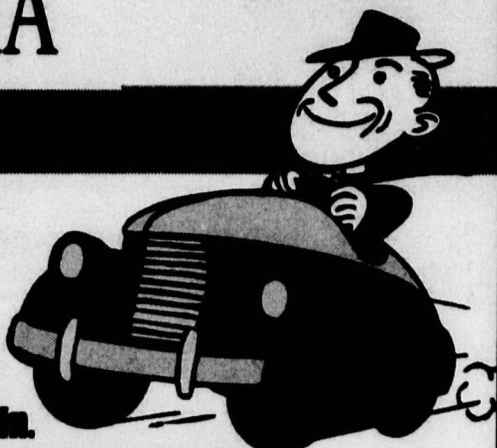
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it the SLAMfest because it's easier than saying that big mouthful of words all the time," Sorensen said.

Sponsored by local radio stations KHUM and KSLG, eight bands will compete at the beginning of April to play at this year's SLAMfest. A panel of judges will choose one winner, while HSU students will choose the other.

"We're gonna give them a major boost, publicity wise," Sorensen said. KHUM and KSLG will both broadcast the entire festival live on the radio. "They're pretty much contributing \$2,000 worth of air time to us, which is phenomenal," Sorensen said. "We're looking for bands that are gonna keep people dancing. We want people to have a good time."

Sorensen said he hopes that, because of the battle of the bands, this year's SLAMfest will have more of a local feel to it. "Additionally, what we would like

to do this year is we'd like to bring in a more multi-cultural aspect," Sorensen said. "We want to bring out more of the folks that normally wouldn't come to something like this because it has, like, that stigma of being something that hippies go to."

He said the idea of sustainable living and renewable energy tends to give certain people the impression "that it only pertains to those people that are really interested in it."

Sorensen described how the SLAMfest has been looking for more minority speakers to address the community and discuss the importance of sustainable living.

The festival will take place on Earth Day, April 22, and will have the usual food vendors and educational classes on sustainable living but will feature the additions of a second stage and interactive artwork, in which festival attendees will have the

chance to create their own art.

"I always have a good time," said HSU student Ryan Graves, who has attended two festivals in the past. Graves said he mostly goes for the music, but he acknowledged the importance of the purpose behind the festival. "We need to be moving toward renewable energy in the future," Graves said.

HSU student Jeff Miles said, "I think it's really cool that we have something like this."

Sorensen said awareness of sustainable living is important because "it's the way of tomorrow. I mean, we can't go on living like we did in the '50s and the '60s and the '70s, consuming so much and not thinking about where all that goes."

"I think at a fundamental level it's about being responsible for yourself and being responsible for your community," said Sorensen.

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especially in Humboldt, where the music culture is separated from that of mainstream society. In terms of club and bar dates, Giannotta usually plays Sidelines in Arcata, the Indigo Club in Eureka and HumBrews in Arcata every other week. Whether on the air or in a club or a bar, Giannotta knows the DJ's primary goal is simple. "The club DJ's job is to keep people dancing while the radio DJ's job is to keep people listening," he said.

Another DJ who has been pushing his music in Humboldt County is Tom Helm aka DJ Tomcat. His show on KHSU 90.5 is called "Real Hip Hop Radio" and runs from midnight to 3 a.m. on Monday morning. Since he's

not a club DJ, Helm focuses on radio production and spreading the word of underground hip hop.

KHSU broadcasts from Humboldt through Del Norte County, giving Helm a wide range of listeners, who he satisfies by playing a wide variety

of hip hop. In terms of music, Helm's emphasis is primarily on underground hip hop from all across the United States. Artists like KRS-1, Nas, Dr. Dre and Easy E are on his playlist. However, "I cater more to the West Coast

promo spots on other people's radio shows and taking shifts monitoring the soundboard while others were on the air. He did all this for a year before taking up his own show. Helm said this allowed him to get used

to his radio voice and overall, "this allowed me to get used to being on the air." On the air, Helm plays vinyl records, CDs and mp3s. At the station he has a booth for interviews as well as one for live recording, with lots of microphones stationed throughout both.

"Real Hip Hop Radio" has received call-in requests from prisoners at Pelican Bay Prison in Crescent City. Due to the popularity of his show there, Helm and certain inmates at Pelican Bay have created the "Hip Hop Lockdown," where HSU hip hop fans and

inmates can write to each other in a pen pal correspondence.

Overall the Humboldt club and radio DJ scene is thriving. If you want to experience the scene, make sure to listen in on local radio and get out to the events where local DJs are playing.

underground sound, since it is what I've been exposed to the most in the past," Helm said.

Being a sixth-year senior at HSU, Helm has had his show on the air for little more than a year.

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Tribes hope to restore historic salmon run

Klamath River dams have provided irrigation and electricity since the early 1900s, but have also resulted in dwindling salmon numbers

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Four years after thousands of adult salmon washed up dead along the Klamath River, balancing the needs of the tribal communities that rely on the river for sustenance and the hundreds of thousands of people who gain their electricity from the Klamath is still under debate.

On one side are tribal groups vying for the removal of the dams they insist are responsible for the declining salmon populations and, as a result, the loss of their traditional way of life. On the other side are the customers and shareholders of PacifiCorp who depend on the river's dams for electricity and irrigation.

In September 2002, 34,000 salmon and steelhead were killed. According to the United States Department of Fish and Wildlife, low water levels were partially responsible for the massive loss of fish.

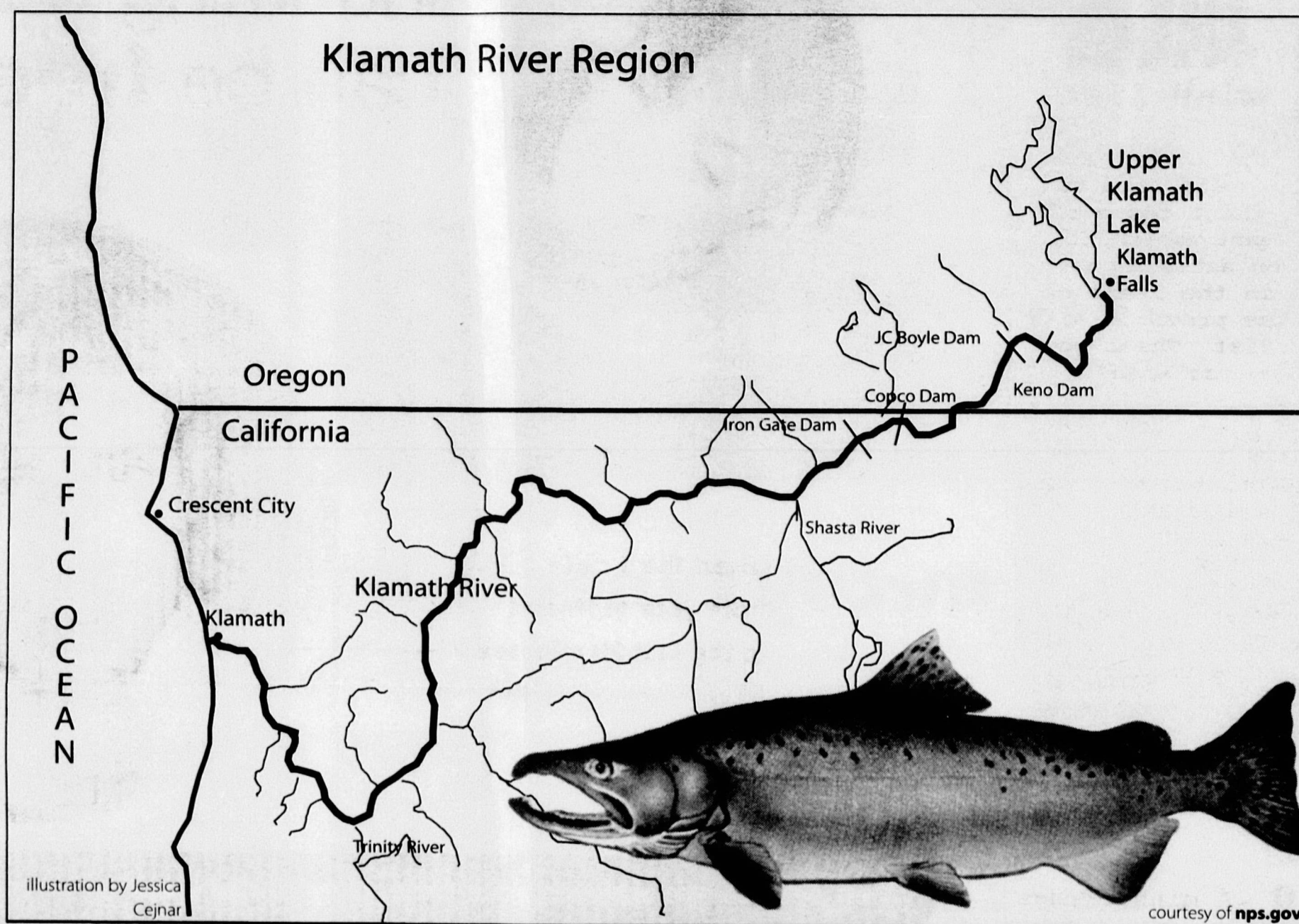
The first dam along the Klamath was built in the early 1900s, PacifiCorp spokesman Dave Kvamme said. The newest dam was built in the 1950s. The hydroelectric dams have a combined energy capacity of 161 megawatts (that's enough energy to serve about 10,200 customers per day), powering homes and businesses in the northernmost parts of California and Southern Oregon.

These dams provide electricity for 42,000 people in Northern California and 550,000 in Oregon, including people in Crescent City, Yreka, Mount Shasta, Medford, Grants Pass and Klamath Falls.

Other communities rely on the Klamath River, but not for electricity. Craig Tucker, who works with Klamath Campaign, a group that is trying to get four out of the six dams removed, said Klamath River salmon are a mainstay for the Hoopa, Klamath, Karuk and Yurok tribes.

"Our community used to have the wealth of a healthy fishery," said Stormy Staats of Klamath Salmon Media, another tribal group that recently organized a multimedia event in Arcata in order to gain support for dam removal. "Now the majority of us live below the poverty line," he said.

According to WaterWatch, a river conservation organization based in



The Klamath River Basin is home to the Yurok, Karuk, Klamath and Hoopa tribes, all of which depend on the river for salmon, the mainstay of their diet. But the Klamath also provides power for approximately 592,000 people living in Northern California and Southern Oregon.

Oregon, the Klamath River was once the third-largest salmon run in the United States after the Columbia and Sacramento Rivers.

In the 1950s (when the last PacifiCorp dam was constructed) 125,000 Coho salmon ran up the river. The Coho salmon was listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in the 1990s and in 2005 was considered endangered in California.

"In the scale of our 10,000-year human history, the damage from the dams happened overnight, before the consequences could be understood," said Ron Reed, a cultural biologist for the Karuk tribe.

Kvamme said PacifiCorp is willing to work with local communities to make their dams friendlier to endangered species. PacifiCorp is currently undergoing settlement negotiations right now with federal and state agencies, local communities and tribes, and commercial fisheries in order to obtain a new license.

Under the new license, PacifiCorp proposes to remove the Link River Dam, a small dam on the east and west side of the Link River, which connects Upper

Klamath Lake (the Klamath River's source) to Lake Ewauna near the city of Klamath Falls. The reason for this, Kvamme said, is to make things eco-friendly for two species of endangered suckerfish.

"We went to a lot of trouble to make the project more friendly to the species," he said. Because building a facility with the suckerfish in mind was cost prohibitive, PacifiCorp found it was cheaper to simply remove the dam, which amounted to less than a 5 percent loss in electricity generation.

Since the 2002 mass fish kill, salmon numbers have remained low. According to WaterWatch, because of low salmon numbers in 2005, state and federal fishery agencies expect a \$100 million loss in fishing incomes and markets due to widespread ocean troll fishery closures.

The dams may be increasing the water temperature in the river. Reservoirs of shallow water, created by the dams in Oregon, can reach temperatures of 70 degrees Fahrenheit, deadly heat levels for salmon, reports the California Department of Fish and Game.

When it comes to the salmon, Kvamme said PacifiCorp is instituting a method known as trap and haul. That is, the company would design a facility that physically traps the fish and moves them over the dams. PacifiCorp would collaborate with state and federal agencies to do this.

Other settlement negotiations in the areas PacifiCorp serve, which extend north to Washington and east to Utah and Idaho, have also resulted in dam removals. But, Kvamme said, it's important for parties to be willing to negotiate.

"From our perspective, we have a need to protect our customers and shareholders," Kvamme said. A tremendous amount of water goes toward irrigation for agricultural needs as well as electricity, he said.

Finding a balance is important. Reed hopes that with a more in-depth look, a compromise will be reached.

"Everything has a right to life," he said.

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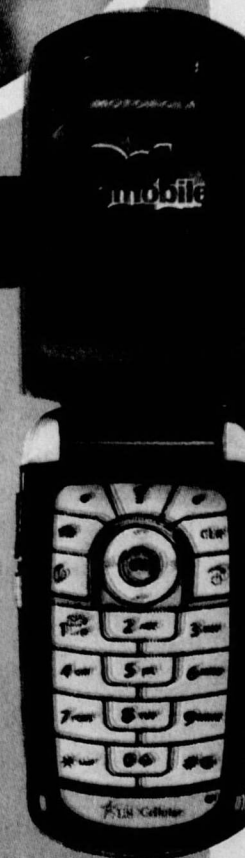
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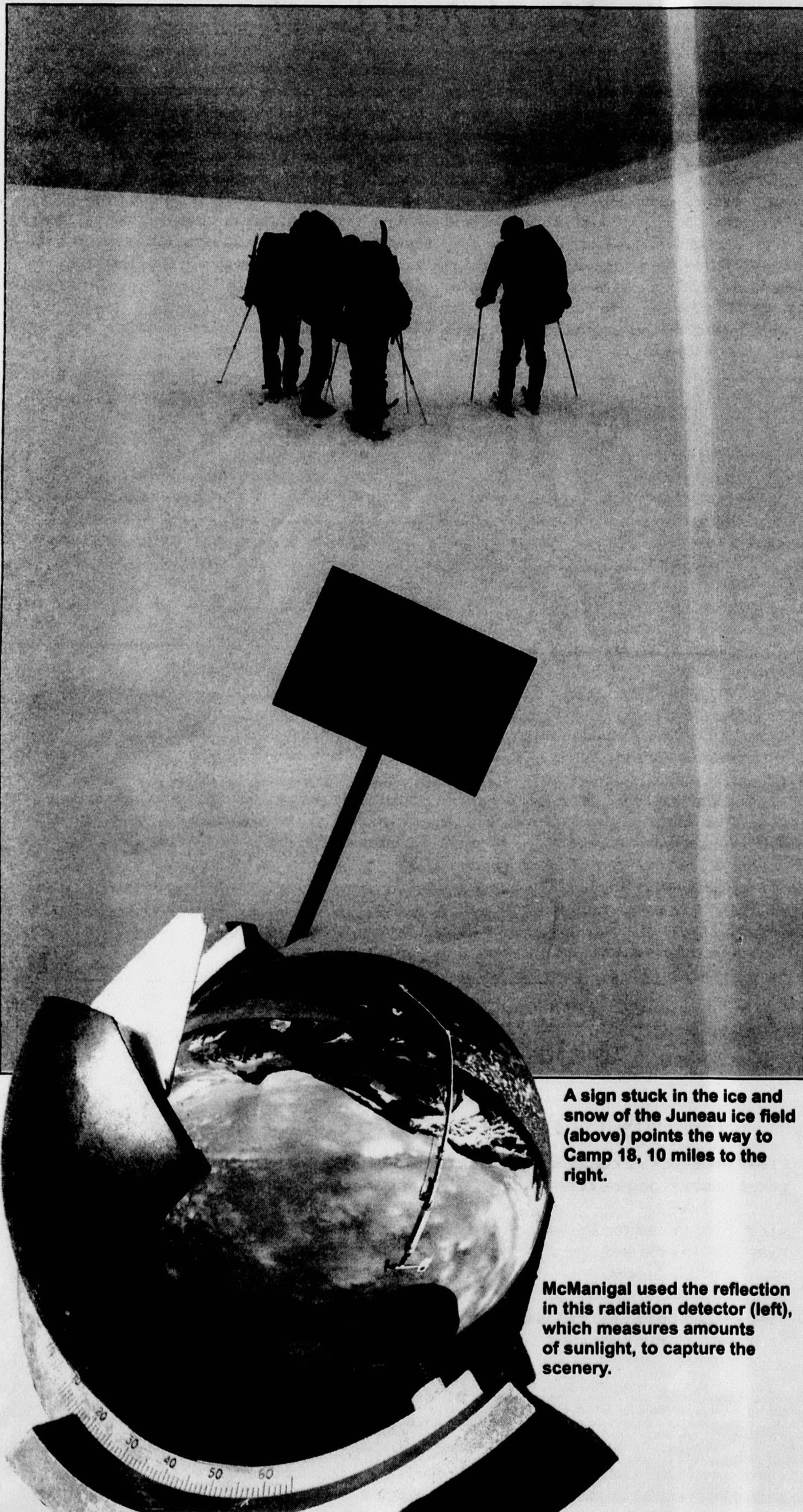


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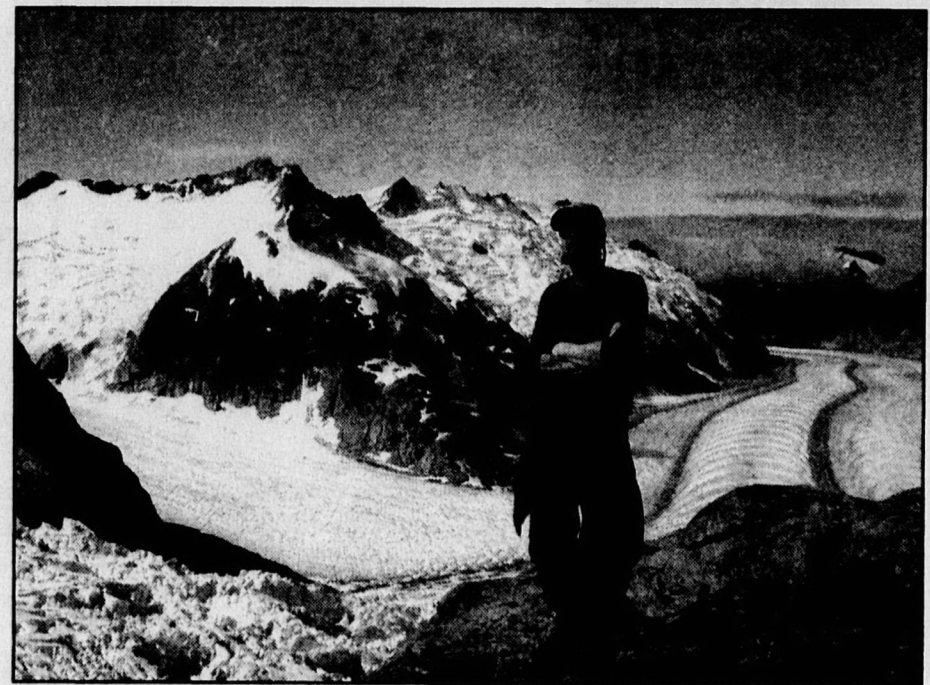
Two months on ice

A photo essay by Kevin McManigal



A sign stuck in the ice and snow of the Juneau ice field (above) points the way to Camp 18, 10 miles to the right.

McManigal used the reflection in this radiation detector (left), which measures amounts of sunlight, to capture the scenery.



Last summer geography senior Kevin McManigal spent two months hiking 180 miles from Juneau, Alaska, to Atlin, British Columbia, across the Juneau ice field.



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Lumberjack Editorial Special privileges for none

Being an athlete is not a privilege — it is a choice. Some, by luck of the draw, excel at sports, and that carries them to higher education. We can appreciate that, but what we don't understand is why athletes deserve special privileges like priority registration.

Yes, they are an important part of the university. Some bring in revenue, publicity and entertainment. But they are not more important than the rest of us. Many people at HSU bring something useful to the university; how can we decide who is special and who isn't?

The athletics department has presented a resolution that they would like to be put on the Academic Senate agenda. They say that because of the need for practice times that everyone can be at, and because of all the work and travel athletes put in, that they should get the classes they want before everyone else.

So what's the cut-off point? How can a decision be made on who puts in the most time and energy to the university, and who gets rewarded for it? Fairness needs to be explored here. If athletes get priority registration, then shouldn't parents who are attending school? What about students with full-time jobs, or students with research grants, or students who commute?

We all choose how much time we put into this university, but we can't all be rewarded. Why should students with 95 units under their belts, who are getting ready to graduate, have to give up their seats to a freshman basketball player because it fits around his or her practice schedule?

The athletics department needs to be realistic. If the problem is that they are telling athletes it won't be a problem to get classes, and the athletes are finding otherwise, then tell them the truth.

We all have to work hard to get what we want. If we can't get in a class that we need to graduate, there are ways around the problem. Sometimes you have to do more work to get a class than just plugging in numbers on a computer screen. You have to ask personally to be let into a class. You have to show up to the first few classes without knowing if you'll actually get in.

To be clear, we like and need our athletes. We appreciate what they bring to this university and how much time and energy they spend trying to make us look good. But we also appreciate the club that traveled to Mississippi to help hurricane victims, and the students who sit on campus committees, who work full time so they can stay in school, who volunteer to collect our recycling, and who run the Bicycle Learning Center. Need we say more?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mind your beef

Dear Editor,

I want to mention that the article written in your Feb. 1, 2006, edition, "Sysco" by Jennifer Gordon, was a wake-up call for food consumers. Great job Ms. Gordon.

As an ex-HSU student, a Humboldt resident and a current restaurant manager, I am conscientious about our environment, our local businesses and about what our community consumes.

Several years ago (while I was student at HSU), I met Carmela, who owns Carmela's Mexican restaurant in Eureka and McKinleyville, and I became a regular customer because of her conscientiousness in regards to what she was feeding her customers.

Besides enjoying so much of her cooking throughout the months that I was her regular customer, I learned that she (Carmela) buys produce from local farmers and that everything that she cooked was basically made by her hands in her restaurant's kitchen.

By no means, I am not trying to advertise her restaurant, but just like Ms. Gordon's support for better food, Carmela's is also contributing in this community by serving Mexican dishes mostly made from ingredients bought locally. Good job again, Ms. Gordon.

Wilson J. Martinez
Humboldt County resident

What did Bush know?

Dear Editor,

There is no example Bush apologists can point to when the Supreme Court has ever upheld warrantless wiretapping within the United States. By law, the National Security Agency is prohibited from spying on American citizens, permanent residents and American corporations.

Since its creation by Congress in 1978, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act court has rejected a grand total of five warrant requests. The FISA court is the equivalent of a rubber stamp for the executive branch. There are no legal or tactical imperatives whatsoever that would justify the Bush Administration's voluminous violations of U.S. law by illegally circumventing FISA.

George W. Bush claims he first authorized the NSA's clandestine domestic spying operation in the year 2002. This assertion by Bush is an outrageous lie, irrefutably contradicted not only by numerous whistleblowers inside the NSA, but by declassified materials obtained by www.truthout.org that prove domestic spying was initiated by the NSA shortly after George W. Bush assumed the presidency in

January of 2001 — many months prior to 9/11.

United States Air Force General Michael Hayden, who headed Bush's NSA until he became Director of National Intelligence John Negroponte's principal deputy in April of 2005, said the following on Jan. 22, 2006: "We're not violating the law ... Had this program been in effect prior to 9/11, it is my professional judgment that we would have detected some of the al-Qaida operatives in the United States."

And on Jan. 6, 2006, Vice President Dick Cheney said: "If we'd been able to do this before 9/11, we might have been able to pick up on two hijackers who subsequently flew a jet into the Pentagon."

Well, in fact, these liars were overseeing widespread illegal domestic spying well before 9/11! So, the question remains: What did they know, and when did they know it? And why did the Bush Administration fail to take action to protect the American people?

Jake Pickering
Arcata resident

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Gov't & Politics at HSU

Dear Editor,

In response to Mr. Jemmali's letter to the editor (The Lumberjack, Feb. 1), I would like to invite your readers to visit the Web site Department of Government & Politics Web site at www.humboldt.edu/~hsupsci. The content and format of this website is the result of the joint effort of every member of the department.

On our homepage we begin with a "Welcome" and then we note that "The Department of Government & Politics is known for its leadership role in studying and doing politics at Humboldt State University." Click on "Department News" to find out about current political activities at HSU and by HSU faculty and students. This week we announce in our Department News that HSU alumnus and 2005 Man of the Year Manolo Platin will be on campus Friday, Feb. 3, to discuss the Capital Fellowships program.

At this informational session, we'll also talk about the Panetta Internship and the David Kalb Award. If you are a student interested in doing politics in Sacramento or Washington, D.C. or are already involved in student politics here on campus, come see what we have to offer. Also this week on our Department News link, we brag about department faculty and students who were involved in the Books Building Bridges project that The Lumberjack covered on its front page in the Jan. 18, 2006 issue.

Finally, we advertise a one-unit course that we are sponsoring this semester on how the California Coastal Commission works. If you want to take effective and constructive action in regard to the current "Balloon Track" controversy, then this is the course for you.

Later this year, we'll advertise the third annual Victor T. Schaub Memorial Lecture on Local Politics, to be given in early September in honor of one of Arcata's most respected activists.

The Department of Government & Politics faculty believes that in order to engage in political advocacy, you need to understand existing political institutions and processes, whether those institutions and processes are at the local, national or global level.

If you want to change HSU for the better, you need to know, for example, that curriculum changes, reforms, course approvals and eliminations are not the purview of the department chair but rather are subjected to university, college and departmental policies and review committees.

Let me end with a more personal invitation to those Lumberjack readers who are interested in social change and political activism: make sure your facts are right, act in a professional and respectful manner and don't engage in ad hominem attacks.

Sam Sonntag
Department Chair

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Losing sight in the terrorism fight

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What I'm about to say may be considered unpatriotic and pessimistic, but I'm going to say it anyway: morally, the Bush Administration has lost the War on Terrorism. The war was lost the moment this administration adopted the policies practiced by the enemies they adamantly declared war on. Not that this administration has been the first to commit human rights violations, but it has been so adamantly open about its violations that I sometimes wonder what the hell happened to this country.

Any student of U.S. history, especially modern, will no doubt understand the extent to which past administrations have equipped and trained paramilitary death squads globally, supported authoritarian regimes with horrible results for the people of those countries, and the use of brutal tactics, such as re-concentration, used by the military in past conflicts like Vietnam and the Philippines. Those past mistakes in policy, as they have often been cited, are but a shadow to the offenses charged against this administration today.

Let me first justify my conclusion that Bush has lost this war. In 2002, after being a member of the UN Human Rights Commission since 1947, the United States failed to be re-elected, with such cited examples for this being the terrible voting record of the United States on issues such as the availability of AIDS drugs worldwide and the resistance to ban landmines globally. Critics at the time attacked the Commission's appointment of Libya as the new head, citing the State Department's 2001 report entitled, "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices," which states several areas of human rights abuses for the country.

These violations include the suppression of domestic opposition through the courts, the use of torture for punishment

and interrogation, arbitrarily arresting and detaining citizens for years, and, finally, refusing prisoners the right to a fair trial. I don't know about you, but those violations mentioned seem hauntingly familiar to policies this administration has endorsed for the past five years. Does it make you feel good that the beacon of democracy in the world has a comparable human rights record with Libya?

Oh no, it gets better.

A recently published report by Human Rights Watch attacks the United States for countless violations of human rights. The report gives a rundown of this administration's abuses, of which there are, unfortunately, many. The report has been attacked by the White House as politically motivated ... well of course it is, it's attacking your policies.

According to the report, there are several areas of concern. One naturally refers to the indefinite detention of suspected terrorists at Guantanamo Bay, which the report states currently number about 505. The prisoners, whether guilty or not, have been refused legal representation, presumed guilty before even being tried, and have been refused access to evidence justifying their detention. The Bush administration justifies its decision by stating that the detainees are "enemy combatants" and, as such, the Geneva Convention doesn't apply to them. The Convention states that a "proper" combatant is one where there is an identifiable sign of state allegiance, a uniform and one who engages in "conventional" warfare. Bush is the first person in history to attempt to legally sanctify that detainees have no prisoner rights if deemed "enemy combatants."

To date, according to the report, all but 38 prisoners have been deemed "enemy combatants" and only nine have been charged with any crimes. Furthermore, reports

of prisoner abuses from Iraq, Afghanistan, Guantanamo Bay and other secret prisons worldwide have been accumulating fast. Abu Ghraib is one of the most notorious and publicized of all these abuses, which frighteningly brought no murmurs from the general American public. The administration in general has been fairly unwilling to investigate these incidents of abuse, and only 40 such incidents have indeed been brought to trial.

I think the most shocking and blatant violation of human rights is the administration's resolve to maintain that torture not be banned. Can you believe this?! There's debate over whether torture should be banned; why is there any debate on the issue? It's torture! There is something wrong when a democracy is debating such issues. The Senate passed a 90-9 law banning torture by the CIA and the military in December, but has yet to be brought to the House. President Bush still insists that he does not condone or use torture.

Unfortunately, there are many more examples provided by the report, and by human rights groups throughout the world, that attack the human rights record of the United States. What has become of our democracy, our core values? This war has twisted not only the leadership's perception on what are humanly acceptable practices, but also the public's tolerance of what must be done to win this war. I fear for the consequences to our nation's youth, being brought up in this environment where the ends justify the inhumane means.

"So much torture, bloodshed, deceit. You cannot make your young people practice torture 24 hours a day and not expect to pay a price for it." — Jean Paul-Sartre

Here is the Web site for the full report by Human Rights Watch: www.yubanet.com/artman/publish/article_30510.html.

Sports without any sportsmanship

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It seems like in today's youth sports there is a lack of sportsmanship that used to be around in the late 1990s.

Epiphanny Prince, basketball player for Murry Bergtraum High School in N.Y., scored 113 points in a defeat against fellow high school Brandeis, breaking the previous record high of 105 points scored in a game.

Cheryl Miller, former record holder, was quoted in Friday's USA Today on the controversy. Miller said, "My coach, Floyd Evans, took the same when he left me in. That's what this game's all about, special moments in special situations. Instead of people getting their feelings hurt, they should pat her on the back."

Miller set the previous record on Jan. 26, 1982, for Riverside Poly in California.

Having played basketball for four years in high school and having watched the game for my whole life, I can understand Miller's quote about the game being about special moments and situations. However, I do not agree with her logic in this case. As great as it is that Prince scored 113 points in a game, I feel sorry for the Brandeis High School girls' basketball team, which had already been pounded

by Bergtraum 115-22 on Dec. 12. From now on they're going to be remembered as the team that was humiliated by Bergtraum not once but twice, with Prince's 113 points adding only insult to injury.

It's obvious by Bergtraum's No. 2 USA Today National Ranking among high school basketball teams that they were supremely more talented than Brandeis, but it does not mean they were right to do what they did. In two games between the two teams the difference in scoring was 99 points. Bergtraum has outscored all of its opponents by 61 points per game and two of the four games when the team has scored more than 100 points have been against, you guessed it, Brandeis.

I tend to agree with Brandeis coach Vera Springer, who compared Prince's 113-point game to someone "picking on a handicapped person," because that's what it seems like. Obviously Brandeis is not a great team, but does that give Bergtraum's coach the right to set his star loose for the entire game just to break some record, especially since Prince was set to break the record, Brandeis had essentially given up and stopped playing defense?

Bergtraum's coach told USA Today that he was not "second-guessing it. My first obligation is to my players, and this happened in the context of the game." However, a coach of any sport doesn't just have obligations to his players but also, as my dad Martin Deane, a former coach, said, "Coaches have an obligation to the integrity of the sport." With the game being as out of control as this game obviously was, by the time Prince broke the record, her coach should have pulled her and began rotating in and out the players on his bench that normally see little playing time.

If those players pile on the points then so be it, but the coach could also take other steps by slowing down the game, not running fast break opportunities or not taking a shot until the shot clock was about to run out. Record or not, you don't go about demoralizing a bad team, it just makes them feel worse and also in those cases you see players quit and never come back again.

That Brandeis team will now have to go on the road and face the humiliation of being known as the team that was beaten by an average of 99 points by the No. 2 team in the nation, and their opponents are going to feed on

that for the rest of the season. It leaves a disgusting taste in my mouth, and also in the mouths of my friends who read the article, that the adults in power didn't show some sportsmanship and stop this humiliation from happening. However, it appears that is what youth sports has come down to — records and demoralizing your opponents, especially the weaker ones without mercy.

In college and even in professional sports there is still some sportsmanship. Our own women's basketball team, when winning a game by a large margin, used its bench players for most of the rest of the game, which I applaud. I don't applaud the actions of Bergtraum's coach or anyone who condones his decision.

Special moments and situations can be a great part of sports, but only when the game is still competitive. Even Kobe Bryant's 81-point performance was in a game that was within reach until the end, and he showed some sportsmanship by sitting out of his 62-point performance when the game against the Mavericks was out of reach, when he could have scored more.



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Heard something humorous, shocking or just plain weird? Send it, along with the circumstances under which you heard it, to ols1@humboldt.edu. Help The Lumberjack spread the funny.

CALENDAR

8 Wednesday

HSU Geographic Society will be showing the movie 'Amandala! A revolution in four part harmony' (about the struggle against apartheid in South Africa) Founders Hall 118. Free. 7:30 p.m.

American Red Cross Classes. Shelter Operations. Working as a team to meet the needs of people displaced by a disaster. Contact 443-4521 or come by 406 11th Street, Eureka. 6 - 9:30 p.m.

Humboldt Brews. Brian DeMarco (folk & Blues) 856 10th Street, Arcata. 8:30 p.m.

9 Thursday

Grand Opening of Rosa Parks Resource Room. MultiCultural Center - House 55. Free. 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Lecture: Economic Fuel-Entrepreneurial Thursday. The Effective Executive Summary and Elevator Pitch. Founder's Hall 118. Free. 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Lecture: Jews and their Messiahs. Rabbi Les Scharnberg of Havurah Shir Hadash, the Jewish temple in Arcata, will present this two-part lecture. Please call Reeve at 839-7978 to sign up. 7 p.m.

A Voice Before Death. Spoken presentation that illustrates the inequality of racism, sexism and classism. Siemens Hall 108. 7 - 10 p.m.

Club Meeting. Women's Center General Meeting. House 55 (Multi-Cultural Center) 5 - 6 p.m.

Club Meeting: Religious Studies. NHE 116. 5-6 p.m.

Club Meeting: MEChA meeting for all. NHE 106. 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Humboldt Brews. Compost Mountain Boys 856 10th Street, Arcata. 8:30 p.m.

Sexland. Safer sex, sex positive lifestyles, sexual communication, plus special performances. Van Duzer Theatre. Free. 6 - 9 p.m.

10 Friday

Cooking Demo with Mama Cam. Nelson Hall East 113. Free. 12 - 3 p.m.

CCAT Volunteer Day. Come Volunteer to work on a variety of projects. All welcome, no experience necessary. 10 a.m. - dark.

Center Arts presents: Hawaii's premier musical group, HAPA. Van Duzer Theatre. \$35 general, \$33 seniors/children and \$25 HSU students. 8 p.m.

Come play your favorite games: "Cops and Robbers," and "Capture the Flag." UC Quad. 8 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Trinidad School's annual Spaghetti Feed. Carb-up for the

Clam Beach Run. 300 Trinity Street, Trinidad. Prices range from \$3-\$7. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

First Friday Folkdance Party. Dance to live music by Club Band and Chubritza. Presbyterian Church, 11th and G, Arcata. \$3. 8 - 11 p.m.

Arabic Concert of Music & Dance. Featuring the Georges Lammam Ensemble of San Francisco. Bayside Grange 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd, Bayside. \$15 adv / \$20 at door. 8 p.m.

Dell'Arte presents an adventurous evening of vocal and instrumental music by Jodi Gilbert and Friends on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10-11 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8. For reservations or to purchase tickets, call 668-5663 Ext. 20.

An evening of Cabaret at Star Garden Theatre. 1251 9th St, Arcata (the Old Creamery bldg). Doors open at 7 pm. Family cabaret from 7:30 - 9 p.m. with a late evening cabaret for mature audiences 9:30 - 11 p.m. Silent auction & delicious treats in our cafe. Tickets \$6 at The Metro, \$8 at door, \$4 kids 12 & under, under 4 free.

Cafe Mokka. Joe & Me (Greek & Turkish). 5th & J St Arcata. 822-2228. Free. 7:30 p.m.

Humboldt Brews. Ripple Effect. 856 10th Street Arcata. \$3. 10 p.m.

Pearl Lounge. Moo Got 2. 507 2nd Street, Eureka. 9:30 p.m.

Sacred Grounds. Panda & Angels (Indie-Rockers) 686 F Street, Arcata. Free for all ages. 5 p.m.

Blue Lake Casino. The Wailers. 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake. \$18 Advance/ \$23 Door. 8 p.m.

11 Saturday

HSU Music Department concert. "Colloquy, a Contemporary Chamber Music Ensemble." Fulkerson Recital Hall. \$8 general, \$3 students and seniors. 8 p.m.

Center Arts presents: Luis Bravo's Forever Tango. Van Duzer Theatre. Tickets are available by calling 826-3928 or at the HSU Ticket Office. 8 p.m.

Two Feathers Native American Family Services. Brunch and auction to benefit, Cher-Ae Heights Casino. \$25. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Contra Dance. Arcata Veterans Hall, contra dance with calling and live music. 1425 J Street, Arcata. \$7. 8 p.m.

Northcoast Dance. "Argentine Tango Workshops." Dancing with Musicality. 426 F Street, Eureka. Call 445-2655. 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Club Risqué presents Luscious, a pansexual event. 21 and over with ID, advance tickets only. Location available to ticket holders day of event. Tickets available at The Metro, The Pleasure Center, and The Works. 9 p.m.

The Red Raddish. Anti-Valentine's Day Ball featuring The Rubberneckers w/ Bucky Walters. Come dressed to impress. 140 H Street, Blue Lake. All ages. \$5. 8 p.m.

Coalition of Political Organizers. Town hall meeting. Veterans Memorial Building. 1425 J Street. 2 p.m.

Cafe Mokka. Scatter the Mud (Celtic) 5th & J St Arcata. 822-2228. Free. 8 p.m.

Humboldt Brews. Jacumba (Reggae). 856 10th Street Arcata.

The Alibi. Que la chinga. Tavern Row, Arcata. \$3. 10 p.m.

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12 Sunday

Arcata Marsh is featuring the scenic photography of Michael Harris. Interpretive Center on South G Street. Free. Reception from 2:30 - 5 p.m.

The Alibi. The Transmissions w/ The Signals. Tavern Row, Arcata. \$3. 9 p.m.

Indigo Nightclub. Indigo Lounge. 535 5th Street, Eureka. Free. 5 p.m.

13 Monday

Movies in the "J." Malcolm X. Bottom Floor of the Jolly Giant Commons (Housing). 7 p.m.

CCAT. Green Building and Design Course. Help to create the new master site plan! 5 - 6 p.m.

The Raven Project. Art Workshop for youth ages, 10-21. 523 T Street, Eureka. 2 - 4 p.m.

14 Tuesday

Club Meeting. Natural Resources Club. NR room 203. 5:30 p.m.

Club Meeting. Books Building Bridges helps hurricane victims! UC South Lounge. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Club Meeting. Humboldt Circus. Forbes Complex 201. 5 - 7 p.m.

CCAT. Lost Arts of Living: Fire Making. Learn how to make fire without the use of matches. 1 - 4 p.m.

CCAT. Organic Gardening. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Humboldt Brews. Accurate Productions hip-hop. 856 10th Street Arcata.

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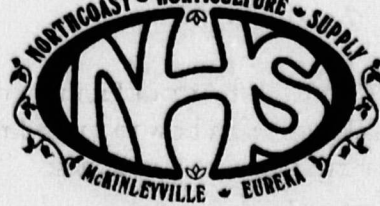
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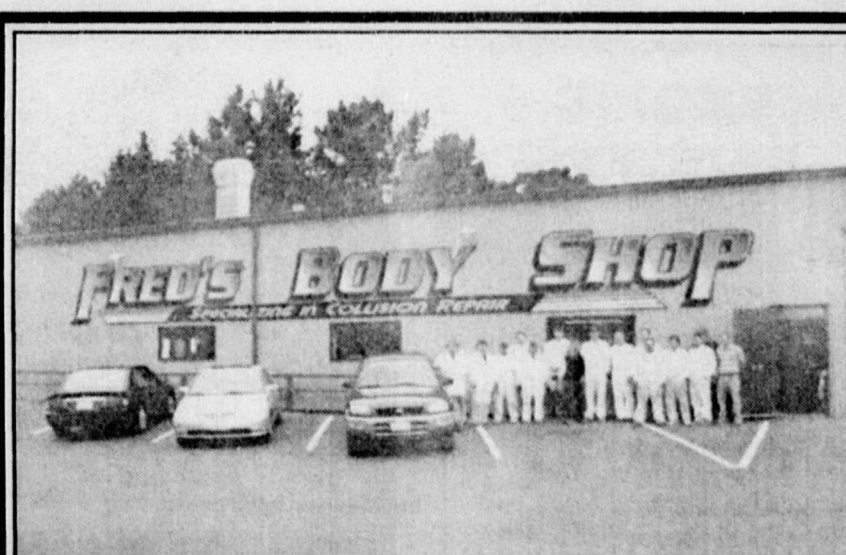


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