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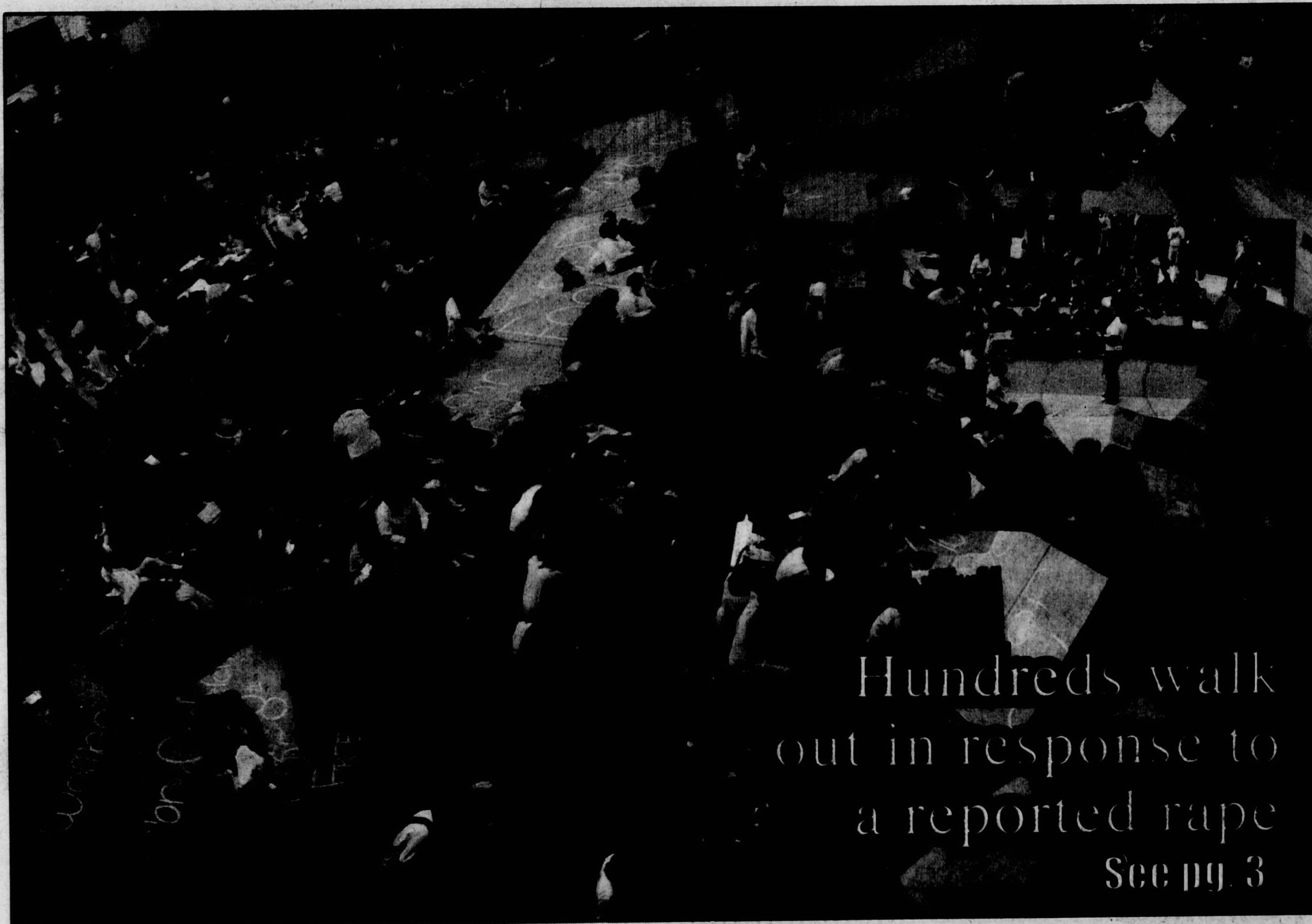
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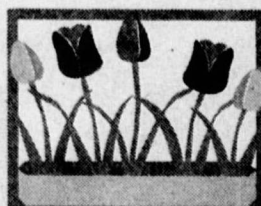
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- Sign Apprentice, Expo Art
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## Assault sparks campus walkout



Displaying solidarity with each other, Erin Renshaw, interdisciplinary studies sophomore, and Kendra Ross, women's studies senior, joined hundreds of other HSU students in a walkout at noon last Thursday in response to a rape on campus.

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Two days after an HSU student reported a sexual assault, hundreds of students staged a walkout on the Quad to show solidarity with victims of sexual violence.

The band Somewhere North had already booked the Quad, but the musicians agreed to share it for what they called an "emergency."

Students and faculty took turns at the microphone to express their experiences and concerns about sexual violence, HSU's Counseling Center, and what needs to be done to make a difference.

The crowd listened as HSU freshman Jennifer Ruiz gave details of her encounter with her high school boyfriend, who she said was given six months probation after repeatedly raping her. Her main concern was the Counseling Center, which she said turned her away when she sought help last September.

Ruiz said they turned her away for being "too sick," because they don't deal with long-term psychological problems. However, throughout the walkout, organizers announced that the Counseling Center was offering services for those who needed help.

"Why did it take for another person to get fucked up for the rest of their lives to realize that maybe they shouldn't be turning people away?" she asked the crowd in tears.

"You want to know how to make a change? Start with legislation and bureaucracy like

the one over there," she said, pointing at the Health Center.

The Counseling Center wasn't able to comment by deadline.

While some focused on lack of resources for victims, others talked about prevention and change.

HSU Sociology Professor Jennifer Eichstedt said change starts with open dialogue about what it takes to be a man.

"This band is great," she said about Somewhere North. "But I don't want to hear fucking music. I am pissed off. I was a part of 'Take Back the Night,' back in the '80s — Jesus Christ! It's not getting any better!"

Ricardo Agredano, psychology junior and member of the "Take Back the Night" men's group, said it's a shame there isn't better communication between the sexes, but that some people may not feel comfortable talking about rape in front of the opposite sex.

"We need a more focused idea of how one gender views the other," he said. "We want to deconstruct gender stereotypes and roles and reconstruct how we view men and women."

He added that open dialogue between the sexes requires a comfortable atmosphere for men and women to express themselves without feeling like they are being attacked.

Other students suggested removing the Pleasure Center's ad from The Lumberjack,

saying that people aren't aware of what sexual images do to men psychologically and what they do to women subconsciously.

Willa Damon, a women's studies junior and one of the organizers of the walkout and "Take Back the Night" march and rally, asked students to talk about rape and their experiences in order to find a solution.

"Tell your neighbor why you're here, why you love them, why you love this community or hate it, and what needs to be changed," Damon said. "I am almost in tears over the fact that so many of you showed up for this. This is the most beautiful thing I've seen in a long time."

The "Take Back the Night" march and rally will take place this Friday at the HSU Quad at 6 p.m. The men's group will also have activities held at Nelson Hall East, such as a Children's Theater, workshops to reverse violence, and a video facilitation on male masculinity and privilege titled "Tough Guise." The women's group will be holding a "Safe Space" room that will offer counseling services.

Event participants will meet at Founders Hall room 118 if it rains and there will also be disability accommodations. Contact Rosemary Georgeson, volunteer outreach coordinator, at 826-4216 for more information.

### Student reports rape

A student who reported a rape last week was probably the victim of a crime of opportunity rather than the target of a planned attack, police say.

At this point, in the investigation, University Police Chief Tom Dewey said it's safe to assume that the attack was impulsive.

The assault of the 19-year-old HSU student reportedly occurred around 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, near the Library parking lot. The suspect is a White male around 6 feet tall who police guess is between 30 and 35 years old.

The woman told university officials that the suspect approached her from behind while she was retrieving items from her car near the west end of Laurel Drive. The suspect reportedly had a knife, forced the woman into her car and raped her, then fled on foot.

The woman drove herself to the Mad River Community Hospital before being transported to St. Joseph's, which is better equipped to treat victims of sexual assault and provides access to rape crisis counselors.

"To our knowledge, she was not struck or cut," Dewey said.

The suspect reportedly spoke to the woman during the attack, but Dewey declined to give any further details.

By last Thursday, police officials had interviewed 25 people in hopes of uncovering new information. University police also posted officers by the staircase to LK Wood Boulevard to question people who may have passed by the site of the reported attack.

"There might be somebody out there who knows something that could help us in this investigation," Dewey said.

This is the third reported sexual assault by a stranger in the six years Dewey has been at HSU. The most recent one occurred on Halloween night in 2004, when a student reported an attempted rape in Redwood Bowl.

"Our goal is to have zero stranger attacks and zero acquaintance rapes," Dewey said. "But we have a long way to go until that point."

Information compiled by Kimberly A. Thorpe



## Attention!

### College of Natural Resources and Sciences Students:

Do you want to know where your lab fees are going?

Lab Fee Committee members, CNRS Representatives, and faculty will be present on April 18th to explain how your money is spent.

Your Representatives will also be available to answer any questions and/or concerns that you may have about the College of Natural Resources and Sciences.

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# Meet the candidates

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Tony Snow says he has the drive to be Associated Students President.

"I follow everything through to the end," he said.

While a student at Arcata High, Snow and his mother moved to south Eureka. Instead of enrolling at a local school, Snow rode his bike to and from Arcata High while continuing sports practice and a janitorial job. Eventually he was able to find housing in Arcata until he graduated.

As a political science and history junior, Snow, 20, still has the same determination. After the destruction of Hurricane Katrina, Snow and other students organized the Books Building Bridges Club to help.

Within a few months the group raised \$10,000 and 500 pounds of books that they delivered to a school library in Louisiana that was destroyed in the storm. Unplanned, the club also helped with the clean-up effort and communication among government agencies.

Snow is proud of the club's quick accomplishments as well as his self-motivation. "We had an idea. We figured out a plan. We did it," Snow said.

He talks with energy. His right-foot twitches as he sits and his hands pull his fingers. It seems to be a release valve to let him sit down instead and talk instead

of always trying to do something.

"We need to be the change we want to see," he said. As president, he wants to facilitate more discussion on campus.

"I've had problems voicing my opinion," he said. Recently, with A.S. Legislative Vice President David Backues, he tried to get A.S. to approve the resolution against the immigration bill that recently passed in the House of Representatives. However, he said A.S. has tabled the discussions for the past two meetings.

Snow wants HSU policies to be more aligned with the student mentality. He wants the Depot to stop using disposable products to serve food and supply plates and encourage students to bring their own. As president, he wants to reduce waste and encourage environmental solutions.

He wants to work with students, the administration and faculty to find solutions for the school.

"I'm not for solving problems with problems," Snow said. He cites the Athletic Priority Registration resolution that failed recently in the Academic Senate. The intent was to assist student athletes in scheduling their classes. "The problem was



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a lack of classes," Snow said, "not that athletes couldn't register for classes."

He sees himself as a conduit for creating student involvement. The role of the A.S. president, he said, is to help find solutions.

Wanting to help out with HSU's enrollment problem, Snow helped potential students and parents by holding a campus map and created the sign: "Can I help you?"

He's certain that the HSU campus become a vibrant place for positive activism. "Every problem is solved by students standing up and making the choice to work together," he said. "The only way for things to change is by all working together."

## Janitors struggle to keep rooms clean

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HSU's classrooms, offices and facilities may not be looking as clean lately because there are only 26 custodians for 113 buildings on campus. The University is 1.2 million gross square feet and custodial services clean all buildings but the University Center and other privately managed facilities.

Custodian George Green said when they can clean is another problem.

"We are all jammed up the first four hours of our shifts. We have to get classrooms done," he said.

The custodians shift is from 3:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. "You can imagine coming on at 3:30 a.m. How can you really do justice to the job of cleaning in those hours which we were put on out of concern for the extra money they would have to pay us for our old shift?" Green said.

Their previous custodian shift was from 5:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. and required a shift differential to be paid that was roughly \$2,600 per custodian each year.

Custodians are concerned because almost all of their work has to be done in the first four hours of their shift, before the students begin using the classrooms.

"The last four hours, you do what you can, but it's not efficient," Green said. "The cleaning of tabletops is a concern."

Rebecca Stauffer, director of the HSU Health Center, said the spreading of germs has recently gotten worse.

"In the fall of 2004, we saw quite an increase in MRSA, a *Staphylococcus* bacteria resistant to common types of antibiotics," she said. "The increase I saw two years ago was not an increase in numbers but that the bacteria was resistant that concerned me."

Green said bacterial infections worry him because there is not time or personnel to clean all counter-tops and equipment properly.

"There is a significant OSHA concern," he said.

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# for A.S. president

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Associated Students presidential candidate Rob Christensen plans on doing a lot if elected into office, but fighting for the students is first on his list.

"The day I find out the election results I have to travel to Fresno to work on passing CSSA's [California State Student Association] budget for next year," he said in an interview last Thursday.

In an average week, Christensen devotes 20 hours outside of his personal schoolwork to student-related issues.

Not only is he the current CSSA representative for HSU, he also sits on nine committees, seven here on campus and two at the statewide level.

"I want our programs to flourish — but I won't advocate for an A.S. fee increase after we had one this year," he said. "Decisions about student fees need to be made in committees that involve students."

Filling and funding committees are two issues Christensen plans to focus on while in office. As the lack of diversity on campus is the main issue he said HSU faces today, two committees in particular he will focus on are the Diversity Program Funding Board and Diversity Action Plan Committee.

"I'm going to make sure those appointments are done within the first week of school," Christensen said. "I am going to advocate for more funds to go to the

Multicultural Center."

Following diversity, Christensen said, the two other main issues HSU faces are transportation and shared governance.

Christensen said prioritizing and delegating would be the most difficult task for anyone filling the position. "It's not a one-man show — every student is a member of A.S.," he said. "I'm not superman — nobody is. I think I have the tools to help other people empower their tools. This is about empowerment."

Christensen doesn't feel the position of A.S. president is that of a dictator, instead, he said, he feels the role of the president is someone who embodies the students of HSU and everything they do, and can effectively represent them to the school, administration, lawmakers and community.

"I have no problem organizing students," Christensen said. "I will use that to let them know they have power."

For Christensen, there is no such thing as an average HSU student. "That's what's amazing about HSU," he said. "[Students] come from everywhere and are interested in everything. They have a strong commitment to environmental and social justice



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— they are critical thinkers."

In the past Christensen worked on projects such as \$500,000 budgets, student fees and youth sexual health organizations.

The 23-year-old social science secondary education major and El Toro native came to HSU because he wanted a campus-involved community and, as a gay student, somewhere he knew he'd be safe.

"I'm willing to work with the administration, but I'm also going to hold them accountable," he said. "This school needs to be for everyone."

For profiles for other A.S. positions, see pages 16 and 17.

## CUSTODIANS:

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Stauffer said the increase in *Staphylococcus*, a common bacterium, occurs at HSU as well as throughout the community. "Athletic equipment such as wrestling mats, are a common place to get a *Staphylococcus* infection," she said. "What really makes a difference is people washing their hands."

Kevin Creed, the environmental health and safety director at HSU, said the university is committed to the safety of its employees and students.

"The University strives to have a safe and healthful workplace. Occupational safety is always a concern," Creed said. "Sanitation is a general concern. The athletic areas don't pose any more concern than the rest of the campus."

Creed said neither the new shift the custodians are working, nor the number of custodians on campus, pose any occupational health risks.

"The rate of occupational injuries at HSU has actually declined over the last several years," Creed

said.

The frequency and thoroughness of cleaning is affecting classrooms and other facilities.

"I try to clean the classrooms every day to some extent," Green said. "The first four hours we have to make priorities. Classrooms are my first priority. It's a frantic race. You can't clean everything."

Green has other concerns about the shift he and his fellow custodians work.

"The utility bills have increased from having all of the lights on at those times," he said. He added that the possibility of vandalism and theft increases when buildings are open in the early morning hours.

Bob Schulz, vice president of facilities management at HSU, said it's possible that more custodians will be hired in the near future. "We have a budget request in at the campus budget committee for three full-time custodians," he said. "If all goes well, we will have them hired by the start of school this fall."

"Classrooms are my first priority. It's a frantic race: You can't clean everything."

George Green  
HSU custodian

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5 FREE FILM  
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Sci B 135 HSU  
7 PM  
Discussion After

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7 OPEN MIC  
Poetry, Music,  
Spoken word, etc.  
Redwood Peace &  
Justice Center  
6-9 pm

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10 FREE FILM  
"The Date Rape Backlash" @ MCC  
House 55 12-2 PM  
HSU  
FREE WORKSHOP  
"Post Traumatic Stress Disorder & How You Can Help" Presented by Dr. Paige Alisen @ MCC House 55 HSU 7 PM

11 FREE FILM  
"War Zone" Documentary about Sexual harassment on the streets @ MCC HSU 12-2 PM Discussion After  
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12 CR TBTN  
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13 FREE WORKSHOP  
"Clothesline Project" T-Shirt Making with North Coast Rape Crisis Team @ MCC HSU 12-2 PM  
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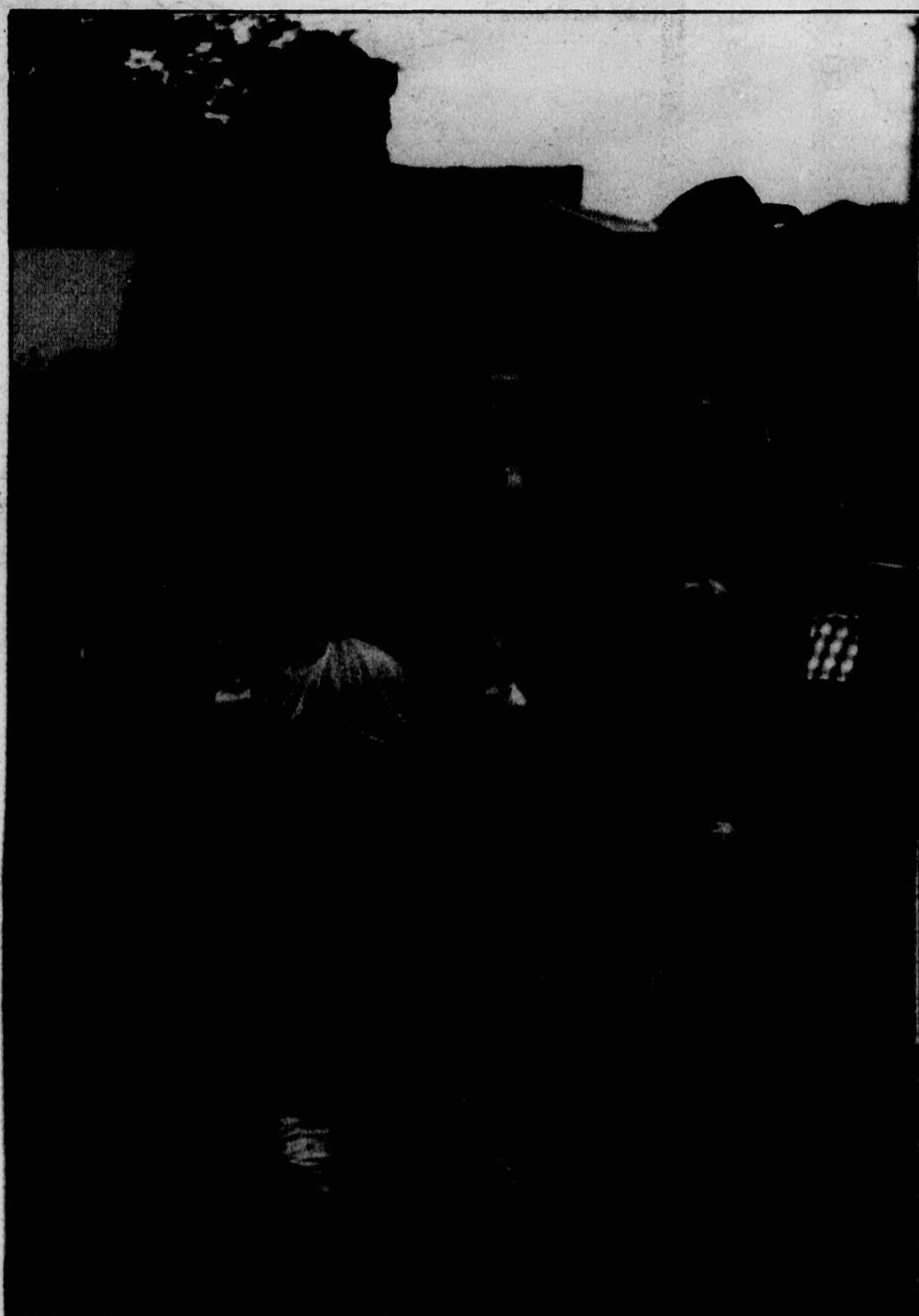
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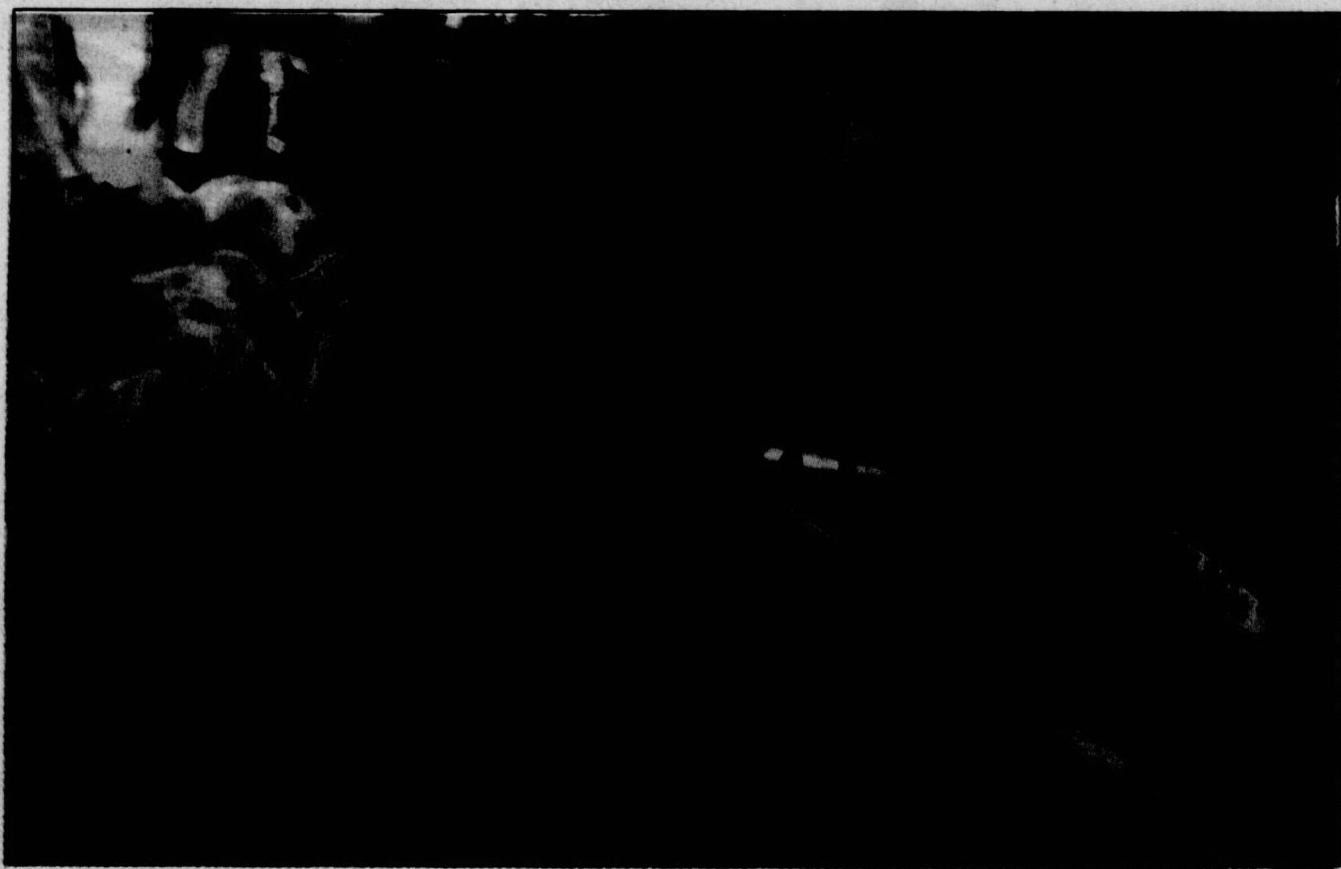
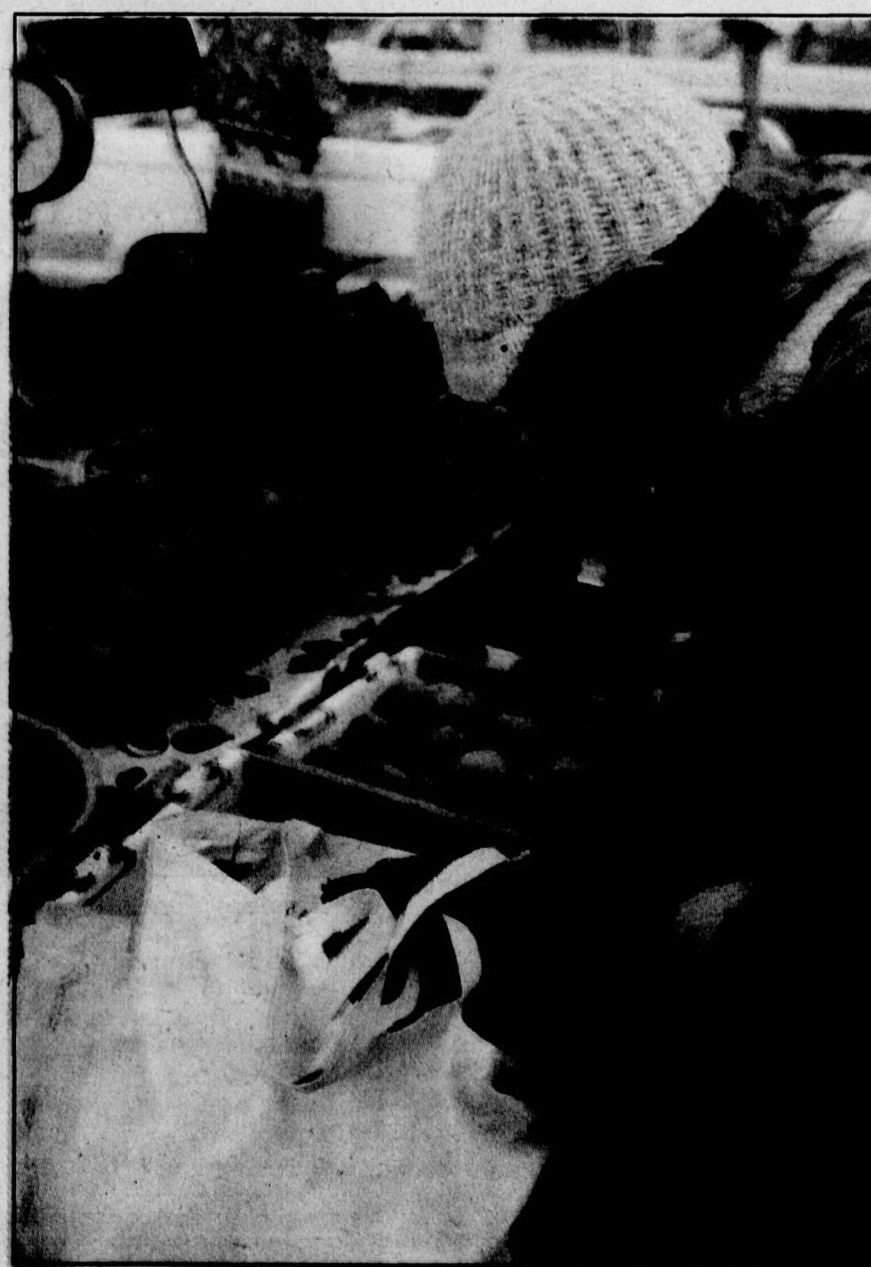
## The Farmers' Market is back in town

April 8 marked the start of the 2006 Farmers' Market on The Plaza in Arcata.



New friends and old customers gathered on The Plaza Saturday for the weekly celebration of fresh organic produce and community. Robin Donald of Arcata and his grandchildren, Emory and Rhys, danced to the swing music of the Bayou Swamis. HSU grad student Stephen Kullman helped his newborn daughter Leela soak in the ambience. Portland, Ore. native, Missy Penn, stopped by for fresh local goodies on her way through town. The salad greens at John Severn's Little River Farm stand drew a constant crowd to the colorful gathering, punctuated with the brilliance of rainbow chard.

Photos by Steve Spain





# Protecting the Dungeness crab

## California lawmakers renew conservation measures for crabs



Steve Spain

At Sunday twilight on Dock C at Woodley Island Marina; K.W. Ward and Dan Hamel, both of Burnt Ranch, fasten the docklines of the *Ashley L* after a long day at sea with nothing to show for it. "We're about done for the year," Hamel said, "There's nothing [in the traps] when we pull them."

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Crab fishermen dealing with heavy out-of-state competition can look forward to exclusive territory rights thanks to recently passed legislation.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Assembly Bill 601 into law on March 31, a few hours before several important fishing regulations were set to expire. The state Senate and Assembly approved the legislation a day earlier.

AB 601 is designed to help crab fishermen in four California water districts that extend from the southern tip of Mendocino County to Del Norte County and the Oregon border.

The local salmon population has been a source of concern as well. Last week the Pacific Fishery Management Council voted to limit the amount of fishing done in the upcoming salmon season. The council considered

prohibiting all fishing, but decided to allow some commercial fishing. The restrictions are a move to help restore the Klamath River Chinook salmon.

State Senator Wesley Chesbro, D-Arcata, said in a press release this relief for crab fishermen helps avoid a second potential problem for the fishing industry. "(Local fishers) are already facing a complete loss of salmon this season due to a dramatic loss of Klamath River salmon," Chesbro said in the press release.

The law prevents fishing vessels from neighboring states like Oregon, Washington and Alaska from removing for Dungeness crabs from California waters. If the bill had not been signed anyone with a commercial fishing license could have trapped Dungeness crabs, including in-state fishermen.

State Assemblywoman Patty

Berg, D-Eureka, authored the bill. In a press release statement, she said the legislation is a way to benefit not only the fishermen but the entire North Coast region as well.

"This is a great example of a bill that protects our environment, our economy, and our fishing fleets," Berg said in the press release.

The bill comes at a time when fishermen are facing a tough outlook. L. Ryan Broddrick, the director of the California Department of Fish and Game, delayed the opening of the 2005-2006 crab season several times when preliminary tests indicated that the crabs were not ready to be harvested. Oregon and Washington postponed their crab seasons as well.

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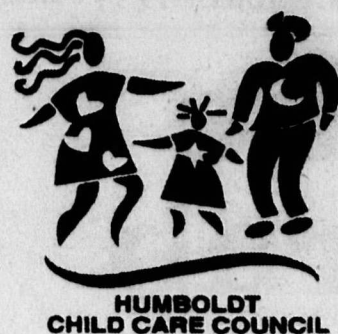
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## Farmers' Market begins

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Oysters, fruit trees, and scarves, oh my! The Arcata Farmers' Market has begun and will run until November, complete with vegetables and flowers for sale by local growers.

Located on The Plaza, the market is open for business from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and on Tuesdays at Wildberries.

Day one was full of hustle and bustle despite the gray sky overhead.

All around there were interesting tables, people, sounds, and things to buy. Such as leek the size of a fist, an Eco-Gardener, oysters, eggs from a "wild chick farm," and Bayou Swamis playing in the center of the Plaza, with a woman playing the washboard.

One stand sold handmade gourmet dog biscuits. Denise Payne, who sells these biscuits,

developed recipes with a partner several years ago and has been selling them at the Farmers' Markets for two years. She even gets her beets from Norton Creek, a seller whose table was only a few yards away.

Catherine Peterson, an HSU graduate, has been selling oysters she raises herself at the Farmers' Market for 20 years.

"I started with some friends who also graduated from HSU," Peterson said. "It was always interesting to me, especially since all the guys said girls couldn't do it."

While the tradition and history with the Farmer's Market keeps people coming, there are also plans for the future. Boyd Smith, the Eco-Gardener, has been trying to adopt a no-GMO stance for future markets.

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## CRAB: Conserving our environment

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The crab season, which normally begins on Dec. 1, can be delayed for up to a month and a half. The director of the Department of Fish and Game has the power to delay the opening of crab season until Jan. 15 if preliminary tests indicate that the crabs have soft shells, a sign of low quality.

Ed Roberts, a marine biologist at the Department of Fish and Game in Eureka, said the limited entry measures included in the bill are critical to preventing over fishing of the Dungeness crab population.

"It's about maintaining status quo, which is good for the fishermen and the industry," he said. "(The crab fishermen) deliver a presentable quality and it's also good for the resource."

Roberts, who graduated from HSU in 1997, said in 2004, commercial crab fishermen were paid \$40 million for the crabs brought in.

Ports in Northern California account for a large majority of the state's total crab intake. In the 2002-2003 crab season, 70 percent of California's total crab intake came through ports in Fort



Steve Spain

Dan Hamel of Burnt Ranch secures the stern dockline of the *Ashley L* at dock C of the Woodley Island Marina.

Bragg, Eureka and Crescent City.

AB 601 also states that any vessel transporting salmon in any of the four water districts must have a commercial fishing stamp issued by the California Department of Fish and Game. All revenue generated from the stamps, which cost \$222 each, will be used to restore salmon populations.



# Pedestrian safety

## Even in Arcata one should look both ways before crossing the road

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Downtown Arcata is designed to be pedestrian friendly, Harmony Groves, a city council member said, but not everyone thinks Arcata is the safest place for pedestrians and bicyclists.

"I think we are better than average because we don't have a lot of the things that you might have in San Francisco, where you have multiple sources of traffic, street level businesses, parking issues," said Sgt. David Brown of the Arcata Police Department.

A hazardous location is the intersection on G and 13th streets, outside Wildberries Market, where a Kia Sedan hit two HSU students.

A possible reason behind these dodgy spots is "the lack of crosswalks and stop signs," Kevin Obermark, an anthropology/geology junior without a car, said.

A second possibility is that cars park along the streets and many corners become blind turns.

If someone were to drive up and down G and H streets, there are several points where one could not see people or the intersection. "There are a lot of places all along G and H Street where you have to run to get from one side of the street to the other," Obermark said. This is because it is difficult to see pedestrians and cars on the corner.

Raechel Koepke, an employee of Willow and Rags on The Plaza, witnessed an accident near Wildberries a few weeks ago, but was not sure if it was the same accident.

Koepke said she has to watch for pedestrians and other cars while driving in Arcata. A tip she offered for pedestrians and drivers

is to "use crosswalks, which is important for pedestrians so they can be seen, but it's also important that drivers realize that not all people use them." Sgt. Brown said it is just as important to watch for one-way streets.

"The classic accident involves a bicyclist going down the wrong way on a one-way street," Brown said. He also said that the worst accident he has ever seen involved two bicyclists that ended with serious injuries.

At the intersection of L.K. Wood and Sunset, the heavy traffic makes it risky. "I think it's (L.K. Wood and Sunset intersection) pretty bad since it's such a heavy traffic area for commuters, students, and pedestrians," Obermark said.

One thing that is not a problem in that area is the number of signs to direct traffic at that intersection.

Signage in the rest of town is also good, except for speed limit signs. There are only three speed limit signs on G or H streets between 6th Street and Sunset.

The number of speed limit signs in that area has not been addressed by the city council as a method to make the roads safer, Groves said.

The city council does have plans for this year to change the roadways of Arcata. The major plans right now are the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan.

Also, the "I drive 25 while in Arcata campaign," put on by the Transportation and Safety Committee, advertises with bumper stickers.

There is also a plan in the works, called the Samoa Gateway Project to widen the sidewalks of Samoa and create one-way traffic between

the freeway and greater signage.

On HSU's campus, there are also traffic problems. From September to November 2005, six accidents were reported to the University Police Department - half of them were vehicle on vehicle. The others were vehicle on pedestrian, bicyclist or skateboarder. Only one of them ended with no injuries.

Brown said that the number one piece of advice for pedestrians to be safe is "pay attention to cars and bikes, and look both ways before you cross the street. Your mom would say that for a reason."

Another suggestion to keep in mind is when "drivers and anyone else uses the roads, to obey the laws that are out there. When you put signs out there, it puts the info out there. If people take that step to obey the law, it's safer for everyone," he said.

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# The consummate athlete

Uncanny control of her pitches and passion for the game makes HSU softball pitcher Lizzy Prescott a dangerous adversary to opposing teams

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Whether she's the all-tournament pitcher or whistling show tunes while shagging balls in the outfield, Lizzy Prescott is driven to the field by pure love of the game and competition.

Prescott has been playing softball for the past 13 years and seriously pitching for about eight of those years, and that's what she lives for now—the mound.

Being competitive through athletics is her life.

"If I'm not an athlete, then I'm not anything," Prescott said.

She loves the thrill of knowing she can put strikes past the hitters and beat them one-on-one through her secret weapon: absolute control of the ball with a calm mound presence.

Through the trying transition of being the "little darling," as Coach Frank Cheek puts it, on her Bay Area high school team to a collegiate team with about 20 good athletes, Prescott developed a good work ethic.

Coming from a winning team at Moreau Catholic High School and being named

MVP of the Hayward Area Athletic League, it's taxing to be thrown into a team as a freshman at the bottom of the roster.

Prescott soon realized that college softball wasn't all fun and games anymore. She had to adjust to the demanding schedule that Cheek expects his team to follow.

"If I'm not an athlete, then I'm not anything."

**Lizzy Prescott**  
HSU sophomore and softball pitcher

She knew she was going to get hurt, and she did.

"After about two weeks I was ready to send her home," Cheek said.

Prescott struggled through her first experience on the team, starting the year off with a forearm injury.

Though the beginning was bumpy, she pulled through and came out on top. She was a starting pitcher in her first season

at HSU in the spring of 2005, with a team record of 60-6 throughout the whole season.

"Most pitchers have a go-to pitch, well she's got two," Cheek said. "The change up because she throws 60-plus mph, and the rise ball because it jumps."

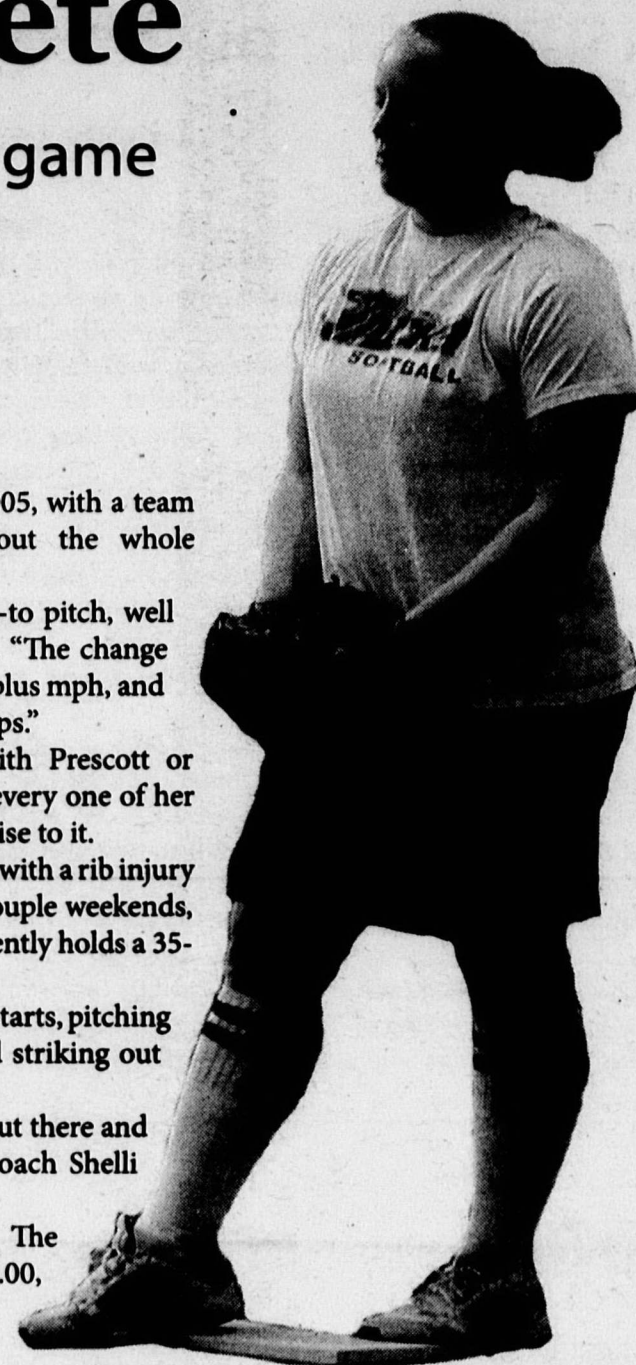
Anyone who's played with Prescott or watched her pitch knows every one of her pitches has at least a little rise to it.

She started this season off with a rib injury which kept her out for a couple weekends, but this year the team currently holds a 35-3 record.

Prescott is 14-1 when she starts, pitching a total of 99.2 innings and striking out 155 hitters.

"She's a gamer. She goes out there and does her job," Assistant Coach Shelli Maher-Sarchett said.

Her current ERA is .49. The last tournament's was 0.00, earning her the title of all-tournament-pitcher



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Lizzy Prescott.

Jo Bundros

## With age comes wisdom

Alumni beat students at first annual game

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UPD Police Officer Rodney Dickerson stands at 6 feet, 3 inches and weighs 235 pounds. Fittingly, he is nicknamed "Big Rodney," but he didn't have to use his size to get it done for the alumni basketball team last Sunday.

In a game that featured little defense and plenty of offense, the alumni team firmly defeated the student team 111-87 in the first annual HSU student/alumni game held in the East Gym.

Despite the alumni team's height and size advantage, they settled for outside jump shots, connecting time and time again from the three-point arc. The alumni

"We tried to finesse our way into the paint and when you do that you don't convert. We just sunk like the Titanic."

**Keion Morgan**  
HSU admission adviser

opened the game on a 12-2 run, which forced student team coach Jon Marshall to call timeout with 5:56 remaining in the first quarter. He replaced the entire starting five, but received the same results.

The alumni had six players score in double figures, but Dickerson led the way. He scored 15 of his game high 22 points from outside. After the timeout called by the student team, he blew the game open

with three consecutive three pointers to put the alumni team up 21-2 with 3:37 left in the first. They led 37-9 at the end

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## Countdown to kickoff

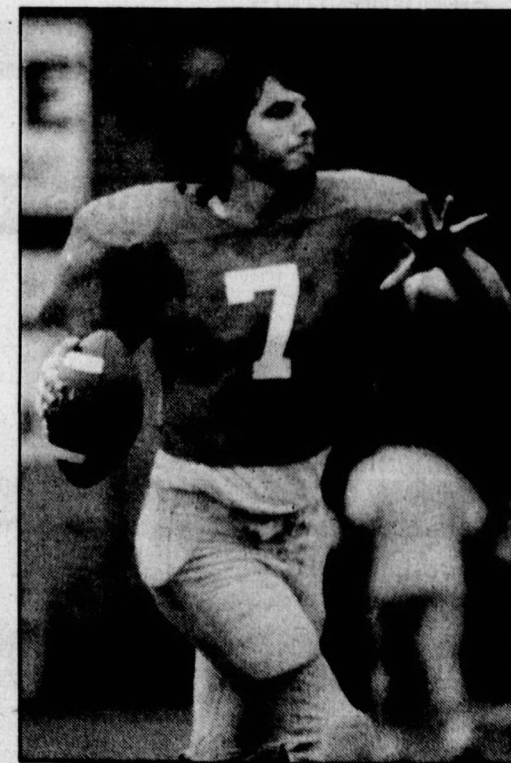
Football team starts spring training

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Imagine waking up four times a week to go weightlifting at 6:30 in the morning. It's cold, often raining, and you will spend at least an hour sweating while many of your friends are tucked away in a deep sleep and won't wake up until five minutes before class. Now add in balancing class, work, and other obligations on top of making team meetings on the same day at 3 p.m.

Since February this has been the typical schedule for members of the HSU football team. After going 5-6 in the 2005 season, the team is ready to get back on the field and prove that they are better than their record indicates.

The 2006 season kicks off on Aug. 31 when the 'Jacks face off against Western Washington in the Redwood Bowl. However, the upcoming season actually began shortly after the last one ended.



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Eric Hedstrom



**PRESCOTT:**

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in Turlock April 2. She shut out two of the top-10 ranked teams in NCAA Division II, ending Bakersfield's 17-game winning streak.

Between helping with study habits and offering an open door to his office, it's no doubt that Cheek has a great relationship with Prescott, among the other players.

"I like being around her because she's got a good sense of humor," Cheek said.

Prescott's success is no surprise with all the support she receives from her parents, who have followed her everywhere in softball from day one.

"They never forced me into anything, they just drove me to practice," Prescott said.

Her parents wanted to support her in anything Prescott was happy doing, an example being her 10 years of soccer, which she quit after high school to focus on softball.

When she wasn't throwing with her pitching coach, her dad was always there to take her to the field and catch with her.

"She's always been a diamond rat," said Prescott's father, Tony Prescott.

Constantly watching her sisters, Shannon and Jill, who are also athletes, was inspiration for her to make softball her sport.

Prescott is continuing to improve through her softball career.

"Thing I like about her is she's only a sophomore," Cheek said.

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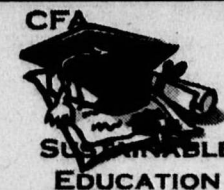
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**ALUMNI: Defensive problems**

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of the quarter.

"[The Student team] wasn't playing any defense outside," Dickerson said, "I'm too old to be banging inside. It was nice to stay outside and shoot. I definitely had the hot hand for a second," Dickerson said, referring to his three three-pointers in a row that drew cheers and applause from the crowd.

Trevor Grant paced the student team in scoring with 20 points. He explained why the student team stumbled out of the gates.

"We weren't ready for them from the outside. We expected them to go inside with all their size," Grant said. "We weren't playing any defense. People were losing their man in transition. And we got mixed up on defense. People didn't know who they were supposed to be guarding."

Down by 30 points at halftime, the student team seemed sluggish. But a halftime talk among the players rejuvenated the team and they played a

much more solid second half.

"We had a good talk at halftime; everybody listened, and learned their roles," Grant said. But it was too little too late for the student team; the deficit they had dug themselves into was too large to overcome.

Keion Morgan, adviser to Brothers United, HSU admissions counselor, and current graduate student, played for the student team.

"We tried to finesse our way into the paint, and when you do that you don't convert. We just sunk like the Titanic," he said.

"Over all though, it was a great game and I had a lot of fun," Morgan said. "With the help of Brothers United, Queens of Distinction, R.W. Hicks, the Western Association of College Admissions Counseling, the intramurals office, Eureka Dance Team All-Stars, and E.O.P., we were able to put on a very successful event."

**FOOTBALL: Weightlifting and running key**

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Football, like other sports at the collegiate level, takes a large dedication from its players. The amount of time spent conditioning and preparing in the off-season determines how well the team does once the games begin.

However, playing football takes more time to prepare for than other sports and requires an intricate balance of physical and mental toughness. The level of competition has increased dramatically in recent years and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has imposed strict guidelines on what teams can do in the off-season to protect players from over-conditioning.

These measures include setting certain dates on when coaches can begin to require mandatory conditioning sessions and limiting the amount of hours players can be involved in football-related activities per week.

Players were already in the weight room trying to improve their bodies days after the team defeated Southern Oregon 19-7 in the season finale. The sessions were voluntary, but players know that what they do in the off-season will translate into how they do in the regular season.

In February the team started to condition. The focus was still on weightlifting, but running was added in preparation for spring football.

These sessions, which began last Thursday, allow the team to get familiar with the playbook and each other. This focus of spring football will be on developing the team's plays and building the mental toughness necessary to compete in an 11-game season.

Head Coach Doug Adkins, who joined the team for the first time since the end of the season, says the spring practices will get the team working on the fundamentals.

"We'll get the offense in place, get the defense sets in," Adkins said. "A lot of it is the usual work, but I expect we'll be able to get a lot accomplished."

The team will work on spring football over the next two weeks. Two scrimmages will be included, one on April 15 and the other on April 21. The team will face off against an alumni team on April 29 to conclude the spring session.

"Overall we're looking a lot better than last year," said freshman defensive end Lucius Mills. "We're looking more intense."

Two weeks before the fall semester starts, players will arrive for mandatory summer conditioning. Players will meet for practice three times a day six days a week. The sessions are designed to get players physically ready for the upcoming season.

"Your legs don't have any time to recuperate," said senior wide receiver Milton White. "We jump right into it."

Although the season won't begin for another four months, many are optimistic about the team's chances.

"The quarterback is looking a lot better and the receiving core is good," White said. "We won't know (for sure) because we have new recruits coming in who will help us."

The off-season program may seem excessive, but ask any player and he'll tell you it will pay off once the season begins. Football at the collegiate level is nothing like high school and requires more than just a few months to prepare for.

"It's a lot faster," freshman wide receiver Edwin Henry said. "They expect more out of you and you're supposed to know it."

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  - 2) What do you think the biggest challenge you will face will be? How will you overcome that challenge?
  - 3) If voters could only know one thing about you besides your name, what would it be?
  - 4) What was the last musician or song you listened to?
  - 5) What do you want to be when you grow up?

## Important information:

- ✓ There are two presidential candidates, their profiles are on pages 4 and 5.
- ✓ The elections will be online. You can vote April 18, 20 through Web Registration. The Web Reg link is on the HSU home page.
- ✓ There are several incoming candidate forums. There will be one Friday at noon on the UC Quad for college representatives. There will be two on Thursday, April 14. One at noon on the UC Quad for the president and vice presidents, and there will be a live television broadcast on Channel 12 at 7:00 p.m. for the presidential candidates and their campaigns.

## Vice President of Administrative

This position is on the executive council, which means that there is no voting power. The general duties required of this position are to chair the Board of Finance, to be the chief fiscal advisor to the president and the council, to assume the duties of the president in his or her absence, to sit on the executive committee and to appoint people to committees and boards as directed.

Candidate name: Crystal Chaney  
Year/Major: junior/philosophy

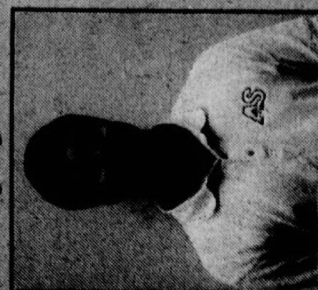


- 1) I want to work toward getting proper technology with unallocated funds. A lot of our computers are six or seven years old. They're just not up to date.
- 2) People who don't read their budgets on council. Because council has such a big voice, when they don't do their research beforehand it really affects what the outcome can be. We have two retreats and I think a lot more focus can be put on the budget process.
- 3) I truly care about the position and what it accomplishes.
- 4) Whatever my boyfriend was singing before I left the house. I have no idea what it was though.
- 5) A lawyer

## Vice President of Legislative Affairs

This position is on the executive council, which means that there is no voting power. The general duties required of this position are to facilitate A.S. council meetings, to be responsible for receiving information from A.S. committee appointments, to be responsible for the maintenance and adherence to the A.S. code, to sit on the executive committee and to appoint people to committees and boards as directed, to assume the duties of the president in his or her absence, to sit on the Executive Committee and to appoint people to committees and boards as directed.

Candidate name: Dave Backus  
Year/Major: junior/ biology and political science



- 1) Equal representation, and more shared governance. HSU is very good at this, but not nearly as good as it can be. A good example is the priority registration issue that was brought to the faculty and administration. It could have been brought to the students (A.S.). I'm also pro-carpooling. I want to see the carpools increase. They could take a whole parking lot and (dedicate it to those driving) with two or more people. Also, alternative transportation is an issue. If we don't add another bus route, increasing the amount of times a bus goes to each stop may help to alleviate crowding.
- 2) The biggest challenge will be making sure you are on the same wavelength with the council. You have to make sure they know exactly what they are talking about. When you're the chair, resolutions are highly scrutinized. I'm still working on (how to overcome it). The easiest way to resolve those problems is communication.
- 3) I'm honest, sometimes to the point of being brutally honest.
- 4) "Dirt" by Red Hot Chili Peppers.
- 5) I think I'd have to say I want to go into politics, probably at the state level so I can maintain my soul.

Candidate name: Fred Robinson  
Year/Major: senior/ social sciences and secondary education



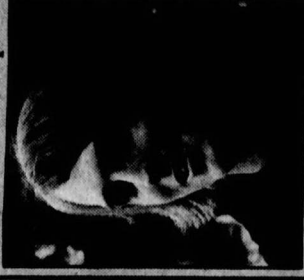
- 1) I would like to make sure that A.S. is run efficiently and that it fights battles
- 2) The biggest challenge will be to make sure that council works together to get things accomplished. I will overcome this by being fair

## College Representatives

These positions consist of the legislative branch of A.S., they have the voting power. There are three college specific representatives from each college, two all university representatives, one graduate student representative and one Residence Hall Association representative. Currently there are vacancies in the College of Professional Studies, All University representatives, and the Graduate Student representative. Anyone who wishes to fill one of these positions can apply and be voted in by the council next semester.

## College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences representative

Candidate name: Alan Chesbro  
Year/Major: freshman/ political science



- 1) More interaction between the students and the faculty about how things are run. As a college representative I would go to meetings and I will tell people from the person to come to. I'll bring their concerns to A.S.
- 2) Personally I'm kind of out there. Being a freshman, I have a lot of ideas, but I want to see if I can make a difference.
- 3) I'm a very open person. I want to see if I can make a difference.
- 4) Bob Dylan
- 5) I kind of want to be a politician. Textbook costs is another thing I'd love to get involved in.

Candidate name: Saqib Keval  
Year/Major: freshman/political science and theater arts



- 1) I want to see more representation for our Arts Humanities and Social Sciences majors. HSU is most known for our College of Natural Resources because it's the biggest, but since we have the second and third largest majors we should have more representation. In past years representatives have not been as involved with the college itself and its inner workings. I'm looking to remedy that.
- 2) It's going to be pretty hard for us as freshmen to get involved in the college. I think the challenge is to get involved in the college itself and its inner workings, and getting involved in the college itself and its inner workings.
- 3) That I really care about the college and its inner workings.
- 4) "Hairs" by the Village People
- 5) I want to see if I can make a difference.

## College of Natural Resources and Sciences representative

Candidate name: Graham Becherer-Bailey  
Year/Major: junior biology



- 1) I would like to see more student involvement. Fundamentally it just has to start with a very open relationship between students and faculty.
- 2) I think the biggest challenge will be overcoming the precedence of what people have done in the past. People fall into the role of the people that came before them, but I'd like to see more change.

Candidate name: Tara Holloway  
Year/Major: junior psychology



- 1) I'd like to see more representation for social justice and environmental communities on campus.
- 2) I think it would help us progress and help with retention of these communities. I want to add a voice or a report system or a committee to represent (social justice and environmental sustainability). I'd like to give people a better knowledge of the CNRS lab fee. I'd like to give students information about their lab fees and what that money is going to. I am for the psychology club, I'll be vice president next semester and I've been working with people in (other science clubs). I'd like to do flyer campaigns or publicly meetings. I'd like to help students learn how to enact change. A.S. is the best.

Candidate name: Jena Miyata  
Year/Major: sophomore biology



- 1) Basically I just want to see more students have their voices heard and have them represented a little better. I would try to interact with people within my college so I can personally do a better job of representing them.
- 2) It would be a lot larger of a



driving) with two or more people. Also, alternative

soul.

**Candidate name:** Fred Robinson  
**Year/Major:** senior/ social sciences and secondary education

1) I would like to make sure that A.S. is run efficiently and that it fights battles that it is actually able to affect. I think we fight a lot of battles that we have no power over. I want to ensure that A.S. is run according to code, and I want to voice my opinion that A.S. should take on things that really matter, that they can change.

2) The biggest challenge will be to make sure that council works together to get things accomplished. I will overcome this by being fair and open to everyone, and by keeping an open agenda. I will make sure the council is heard.

3) I will challenge anyone to disk golf.

4) "Megalomaniac" by Incubus.

5) I want to be a husband and a father.



### Vice President of Student Affairs

This position is on the executive council, which means that there is no voting power. The general duties required of this position are to chair the Student Affairs Committee, to sit on the University Center Board of Directors, to sit on the Student Affairs Directors Committee, to sit on the Executive Committee, and to make appointments to committees and boards as directed.

**Candidate name:** John T. Carter  
**Year/Major:** senior/ computer science

1) There definitely needs to be an increase in communication between the residence halls and campus. There is a distancing gap between the two. RHA represents almost 1,400 students. That is a big portion of students. I also want the student voice to be heard. Students aren't informed. I want to have a weekly broadcast in the form of a pod-cast from my Web site. In order to get information from students I want to hold a weekly town hall-like meeting. I'm also a large proponent of self-sustainability for the campus.

2) I know there are going to be a lot of challenges. My often-standoffish position on matters may make it hard to work with administration. Usually I'm very uncompromising for what I feel. I think I'll overcome it by keeping it in mind. I will be more open minded toward my opponents and work with that person so we can come to a compromise that we can agree with.

3) I'm applying for this position because of my continuing dedication to Student Affairs. This is a drive to make students lives easier.

4) I was up in Creekview and I think it was the "Wicked Games" cover by HIM.

5) Happy.



**Candidate name:** Noelle Perimutter  
**Year/Major:** junior/ social work

1) I know a lot of clubs are doing a great job, but I'd like to see more of a coalition between clubs. There's a clubs coalition, and I'd like to see that grow. I know this is a loaded statement, but I'd also like to help foster diversity on campus. That's where my heart really is. I really want to ask the students what they want to see change.

2) I think it would be coming up against something that goes against my faith. I'm a voice for the students, and I would have to lay aside my own personal convictions or I would have to get someone else to represent that issue.

3) That I will do the best job that I can. I work really hard to achieve my goals.

4) I was listening to Third Day, it's a Christian band.

5) I want to be everything that I can be.



**Candidate name:** Colleen Roberts  
**Year/Major:** junior/ journalism science

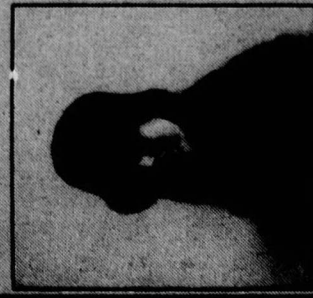
1) I would like the administration to pay more attention to student issues, mainly class availability, parking alternatives and non-traditional classes to help our non-traditional students, which make up about 40 percent of our student body. We need the opportunity to have it all.

2) The challenge would be that I don't have childcare, I'm a single mom, and I'll be taking a full course load of classes along with being the Student Affairs Vice President. Of course I will give up one of my three part-time jobs. I rely on my family and friends to help me out and I multi-task. My biggest trick is to combine things as much as I can, like doing my homework at work.

3) If I don't win I'm going to start my own burlesque fire-eating troop.

4) Ani DiFranco and Jackie Chan doing a cover of "Unforgettable" by Nat King Cole.

5) I am grown up, and I'm doing what I want to do.



have them represented a little better. I would try to interact with people within my college so I can personally do a better job of representing them.

2) It would be a lot larger of a group to represent. To overcome

**Candidate name:** Sarah Wood  
**Year/Major:** freshman biology

1) I would like to see students be more of their ability to affect change at the university and help prove the school they go to can act as a strong liaison between students and the administration, and give students the opportunity to be heard and pass on their suggestions.

In the face of budget cuts I believe there's innovative solutions. If we all work together we can find these solutions. We need to make sure the money we do have is very well spent. We need budget transparency as



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### College of Natural Resources and Sciences representative

**Candidate name:** Brandon Hemenway  
**Year/Major:** senior/ business administration

1) I don't feel A.S. has a very transparent process for what an A.S. program is supposed to do. We also need much more effective representation of students. We need more effective clubs and programs, and more effective strategic enrollment to get a better sense of what students want. I'm implementing a survey program. Anecdotal evidence is one thing. It's a totally different thing to get data that is significantly representative of your constituents.



**Candidate name:** Stephanie Riddle  
**Year/Major:** senior/ recreation administration

1) I know the athletes were not represented properly. I want to the senate meeting (in which priority registration for athletes was on the agenda). They talked to me and told me what the real issue is. I want to have their voices heard.

I want people to know they can say things. I want to shake things up a little, and I want people to realize they have a voice.



**Candidate name:** Auondah Saide  
**Year/Major:** sophomore/ business

1) I want to see more open dialogue between administration and students. I feel like there is a breakdown and they don't take us seriously.

There also needs to be more approachability with governing bodies on campus and open communication. I'm very action oriented. I want things done.

2) Adjusting in the beginning and finding ways to effectively communicate with my peers in





## Being in Good Company

Local band not what you would expect



courtesy of Good Company

Good Company, as shown on the band's first album, "Cup of Tea." From left to right: Bob Stockwell, Ann Marie Woolley, Janet Finney-Krull and Sam McNeill.

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Flames burned brightly in the fireplace as people sat playing cards, chatting and listening to the gentle sounds of Celtic band Good Company on a rainy Saturday night in Arcata.

Energetic Irish reels, slow lilting waltzes, acappella numbers, and some lively drinking tunes filled the two-hour set on March 31 at Café Mokka in Arcata. Ann Marie Woolley kept the rhythm for the group on guitar and also sang. Sam McNeill played the lead fiddle and accordion and sang. Bob Stockwell played the mandolin and back-up vocals and Janet Finney-Krull played percussion and flutes and sang back-up.

During the Café Mokka performance, Finney-Krull ran the instrumental gamut, from playing traditional Irish drum (bodhran) to a tin whistle to panpipes. Finney-Krull, when not keeping the beat for Good Company, works for HSU Plant Operations.

Woolley and McNeill founded the band along with friend and fellow musician Bob Stockwell about 11 years ago

after a jam session. A few years after the band's creation, Finney-Krull joined, and the four band members have been playing ever since.

McNeill's passion for music extends beyond his playing with Good Company. He teaches music at Blue Lake School and also gives private lessons. McNeill has been playing the fiddle for 31 years. He and Stockwell were both music students at HSU and played chamber music together.

Good Company plays at Café Mokka in Arcata once a month and also performs at other local venues.

Jodie Pixley, a four-year employee at the coffeehouse, said she enjoys hearing the band's music as she works the counter. "[It's] one of my favorites," she said, adding that the band draws the most people.

Currently, Good Company is preparing to play at the Saturday Arcata Farmers' Market as they have done in previous years. For Stockwell, this is one of his favorite places to play. The first show is June 3.

For an Irish band like Good Company, digging up

traditional songs to play is a key part of building a song base. McNeill is the group's musicologist. He does a lot of the research finding traditional Irish arrangements for the band to play. "We take traditional tunes and come up with our own arrangements," Stockwell said.

And Good Company has quite a repertoire of their own arrangements—around 50, which equates into about six hours of music. Usually, Café Mokka sets run about two hours.

Good Company has recently released its second CD called "Rose in the Heather." The band's first CD, "A Cup Of Tea," was released in 2000. The next Café Mokka show is May 5.

Despite its Celtic sound, not all Good Company's songs are note-for-note traditionals. "We get our music from all over," McNeill said. "We kind of like to take a song and put our own artistic process on it."

## Former Lumberjack adviser dies

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Howard Seemann.

Former journalism professor Howard Seemann died last week at his home in Eureka at the age of 73.

On Saturday, family, professors, former students and friends gathered in Founder's Hall for a memorial service. Many speakers focused on reoccurring themes: Seemann's bad jokes, flatulence, laughter and his love for newspapers.

Former Lumberjack editors traveled for the memorial service. Phyllis Kirkman, formerly Phyllis Quakenbush, editor in 1988, said, "He was an old fart, but we loved him. He made me feel like I could do and be anything."

For 28 years, Seemann was the faculty advisor to The Lumberjack. He championed new technology for the newspaper. Fellow journalism professor Maelyn McClary said Seemann was instrumental in bringing computers to The Lumberjack when they were rare in the industry. "He lobbied Gannett until they donated computers," McClary said.

Dedicated to First Amendment rights, Seemann fought hard for his students, never censoring material for the newspaper, but critiqued the paper with passion.

Kirkman remembers well. "What was wrong with you?" he'd say. "Why did you do it that

way?" she said.

He was dedicated to the The Lumberjack, said McClary, who retired last semester and started teaching at HSU a couple of years before Seeman. "He made tremendous contributions to journalism education," McClary said.

Mitch Waldow, a 1976 graduate who lives in Los Angeles and works for KTTV and KCOR, remembered fondly how Seeman prepared his students. "He gave his students real opportunities to see what this business is all about," Waldow said. "I got exactly what he told me and I was fine. He was one of those unforgettable people here."



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9. Perfect weekend plans ...  
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8. It's friggin' Arcata in April.  
How can you not be?

7. You don't bother checking  
the weather report anymore.  
Nothing ever changes.

6. Skin in constant state of  
"pruning."

5. You  
now have a  
collection  
of  
umbrellas  
to match  
all of your  
outfits.



4. Those May flowers had better  
be worth it...

3. You built a raft in your  
woodworking class — JUST in  
case.

2. Your significant other catches  
you staring out the window at  
the rain. They think you are a  
lost romantic, dreaming about  
poetry. In all reality, you are  
figuring out if it's possible to  
dodge the drops.

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Proficiency Exam, when asking  
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# HSU's television culture

## Is too much TV leading to a society of doh's and donuts?

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How many hours of television do you watch during a normal week? This question was given to a random sample of 80 HSU students on the quad—with ages ranging from 18 to 34—for the purposes of discovering how much television

the average HSU student watches in a week, which gender watches more and what programs are watched the most.

So how much time does the average HSU student spend in front of the "boob tube?" Apparently not very much. The average

student spends just three hours watching television per week, according to this survey.

Female students alone averaged slightly more than three and a half hours per week, compared to the male average of slightly less than two hours. However, a few individuals watched a large amount of television compared to everyone else in the poll. One female said that she watches 30 hours of television per week. Throwing out every answer that was 10 hours or more, the averages for each gender become closer, with the male average for time spent in front of the television still smaller, but not as drastically. The women watch slightly less than two hours per week and the men watch slightly more than an hour and a half.

What is more of a surprise is the number of individuals who don't watch television at all.

Almost half of the surveyed students

said they didn't watch television, and for only 10 of them their reason was that they didn't own a television set.

"It's distracting," said Chris Rodriguez, echoing the same response given by a handful of other students.

Another reason to avoid TV programs: "A whole lot of television isn't intelligent," Nate Herbert said.

Many students who did report watching a fair amount of television said that they mostly watched the History Channel, the news, or the Weather Channel. Zack Schultz, who watches between 15 and 20 hours of television per week, said he rarely watches new fictional programs.

"It's not as good as the older stuff from when we were kids," Schultz said. "I don't watch much of the new stuff, [except] maybe 'Simpsons.'"

A wide assortment of programs were named as favorites, but of the fictional programs watched by

HSU students, close to 40 percent named "The Simpsons" the best show on television.

"The Simpsons, that's my one big regret about not owning a TV anymore," said Steve Cunningham. "There's never been a show better than the 'Simpsons.'"

The FOX Network's most successful show to date, "The Simpsons" has been on the air since 1989 and is the longest-running animated series in primetime network television. One might ask why this half-hour cartoon has gained such a strong following?

"The Simpsons' is a great show because it's about a family that everyone can identify with," Max Tiberi said. "And they deal with real-world issues, but in a wacky way that makes it lighthearted and good entertainment."

For the record, the numbers of males and females who named "The Simpsons" as their favorite show were almost equal, with only two more women watching than men.

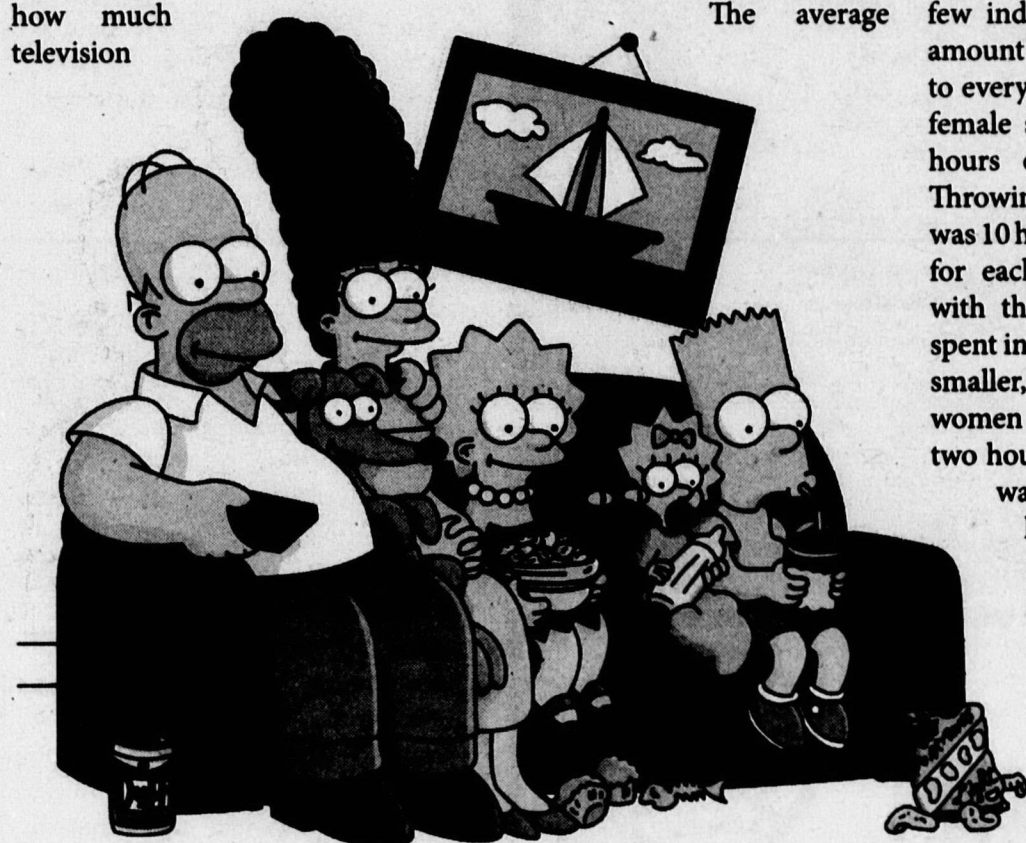


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# Local glam rockers have a colorful history

## Everything you need to know about The Buffy Swayze

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"Buffy Swayze in the bar, now you're coming home grandpa, Buffy Swayze in the jar, shrinking in the devil's spa." This anthem for the Buffy Swayze makes just as much sense as everything else about this crazy four-piece glam rock band. The Buffy Swayze have been playing Humboldt for about five years now, a long time in a county where bands move away or break up in a matter of months.

...Pearson had duct taped a vacuum cleaner to a microphone and was playing guitar in a musical experiment...

Jesse Pearson and John McManus founded the band in 2001. Either out of sheer boredom or sheer silliness or maybe a touch of musical eccentricity, Pearson had duct taped a vacuum cleaner to a microphone and was playing guitar in a musical experiment when McManus walk in on him and busted up laughing. Thus Buffy Swayze was born. After that McManus brought over his

keyboard and they began writing songs.

The name Buffy Swayze came from

a ridiculous '80s movie the band has long since forgotten the name of, but one of the characters looked like a buff version of Patrick Swayze. The name was going to be Buff Swayze, but McManus said, "No, that's too manly for us, let's be the Buffy Swayze," and that was that.

Shortly after the formation of the Buffy Swayze, the founding members admitted long-time friend James Forbes to play bass for them. Forbes had met McManus at College of the Redwoods 25 years earlier and they formed the band Subdogma. Forbes lost his eyesight a few months before he joined the Buffy Swayze, but he never misses a note and rocks every show.

Over the last five years the Buffy Swayze have played more than 100 shows. "I'm kinda anal retentive so I have a list [of shows]," Forbes said. "Spread over five years that's 20 shows a year, that's 1.5 shows a month... That's nothing!" They've released one album, "Karate Pop," available in the local record stores. The Buffy Swayze plan to record a new album this summer and hope to get it picked up by an underground label so they don't have to



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Jesse Pearson of The Buffy Swayze.





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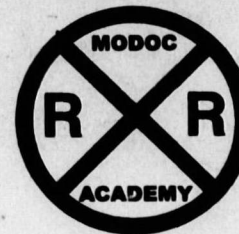
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## BUFFY SWAYZE

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distribute it themselves. "We'll put together a little pack with the CD and pictures and send it to a 100 places and if no one picks us up... well that would be depressing," Forbes said. "But I wouldn't do it if I didn't think it would work." With rather big dreams for the future, the Buffy Swayze also have to focus on the present and providing for their families, since all of them have children to support and being rock stars comes second.

"We all have a lot of responsibilities here and won't get in a van to tour for months on end," Pearson said.

The Buffy Swayze used to categorize themselves as "karaoke rock for the sexually ambiguous," but after adding drummer Ray Johnson, the karaoke has been taken out of the equation. They also don't have a keyboard player now, so it's more just "rock for the sexually ambiguous." Johnson was in the Cutters, Trash and Roll, and just recently on tour with the Lowlights. After the Lowlights tour Johnson wasn't doing anything and the Buffy Swayze needed a drummer, so they joined forces. "He brings in the chicks," Pearson said. "We're pretty homely, we need him. He's a lady killer."

McManus and Pearson write the songs together. "Jesse writes all the words, it's all his demented brain," Forbes said. "And I mean that in a totally good way." The lyrics seldom make logical sense yet somehow suspend one's disbelief long enough to accept them. This is the magic of the Buffy Swayze. Pearson's crazy facial expressions and the overall rock 'n' roll of one of their live shows will move you to shake and shuffle and laugh.

"They're just rock stars!" said Amy Liu, an international studies major at HSU. "That's why I like them."

It's a common sentiment across Humboldt rock venues. Derick Mendez, the concert promoter for Sacred Grounds, said, "I'm a big fan of glam rock, so that makes them my favorite band in this area... and Jesse's red hair is hot!"

If you go out to a Buffy Swayze show you will probably see Monica Topping, the voice of the KSLG Festivities guide. "I love the Buffy Swayze, and it's been so great to have been around long enough to see them grow," Topping said. "When I first saw them they had a drum machine!"

The next Buffy Swayze show is July 22 at the Alibi in Arcata.



## Sculpture Walk The Bronze Age in 2006

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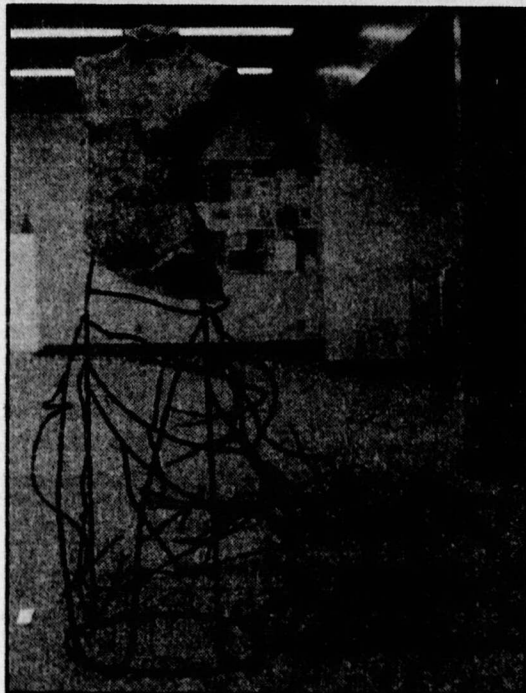
The roughly humanoid sculpture is just one of more than 20 creations of bronze, steel and other mixed mediums currently displayed around campus.

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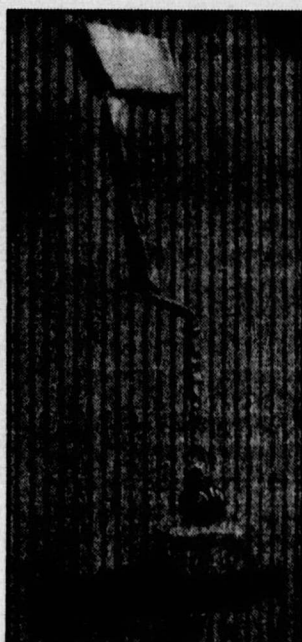
the work of both teachers and student artists.

The opening reception took place last Friday, but the display itself runs through May 13.

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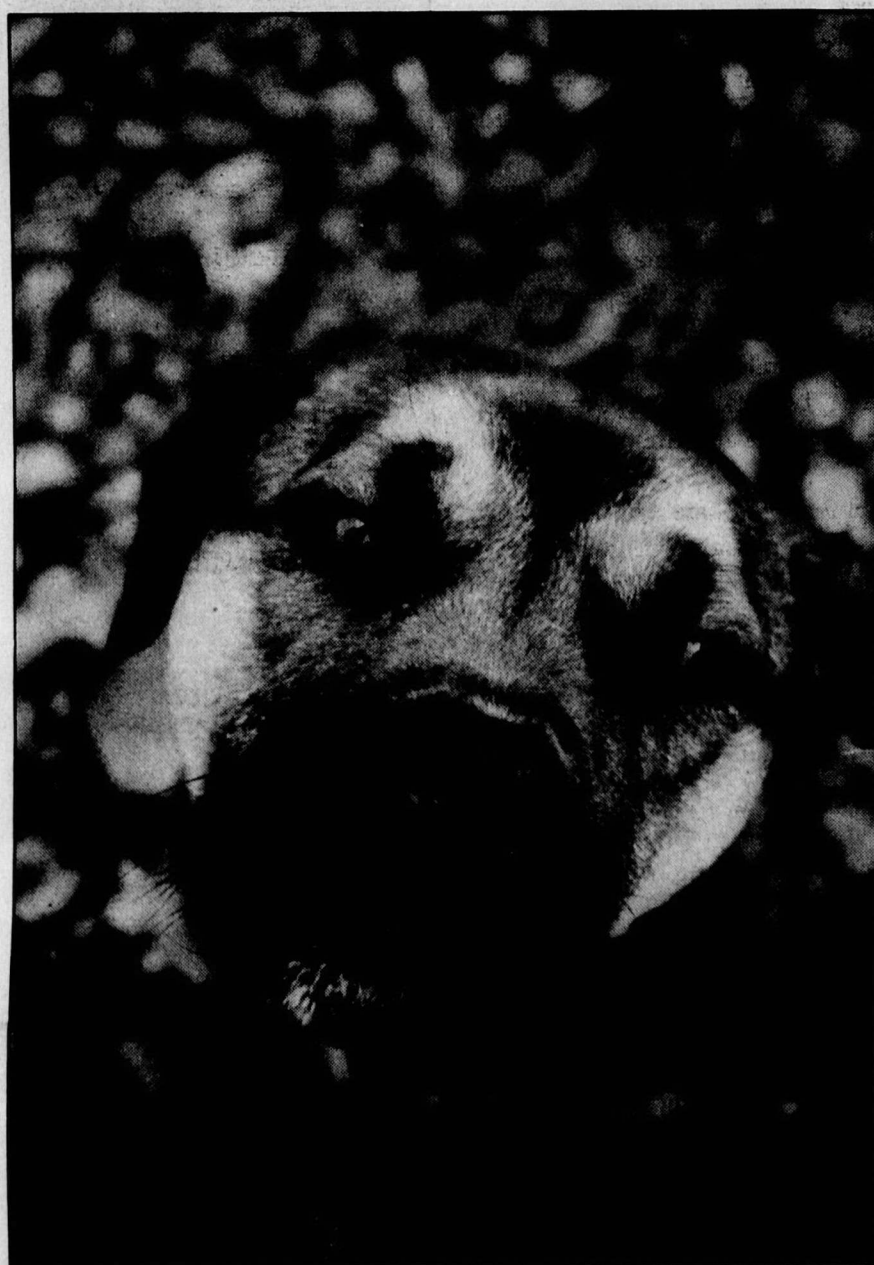
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# No dogs allowed

## Dog ban may restrict canines to Big Lagoon parking lot



Steve Spain

Dog owners will be prevented from taking their furry friends on walks along the beach at Big Lagoon.



Emily Wilson

Big Lagoon may soon be off limits to dogs in order to protect wildlife such as the snowy plover, which nests in the sand.

Emily Wilson

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Beach-goers may find themselves facing citations if caught walking their dogs along the 7-mile-long stretch of sand that makes up Patrick's Point State Park and Big Lagoon.

Concern over the right to recreate arose with a recent survey conducted to define the line between state and county property, because a blanket law restricts dogs on all state beaches. All dogs will have to remain within county boundaries, which end at a 400-foot triangle of sand and the parking lot.

The State Parks Department considered the idea of enforcing the dog ban since 2001.

The decision to take action stems from the law mandating the Department of State Parks to protect wildlife. Big Lagoon is a critical habitat for the Western snowy plover, a species of bird that nests on shore in the summer. Jim Baird is the Supervising Ranger for the Trinidad area parks.

"Areas that are designated as habitat need a little more attention," Baird said. "Some places are suitable for birds to nest and some are not."

Dogs threaten the survival of plover hatchlings by digging up nests, eating eggs and chasing adults off. Plover population numbers are low and the birds need help maintaining their delicate habitat. In the summer of 2005 two nests were recorded, but neither produced surviving offspring.

Baird said his job to protect wildlife, natural resources, culture and recreation is "a balancing act." He understands that the dog ban is a big issue that affects the way people live, but to the State Parks

System protecting the birds is more important.

"It is clear and it's mandated that this bird is going to be given protection when its numbers are low in this area," he said.

Kathleen Kistler lives in Trinidad and has been walking her dog at Big Lagoon every day for a year and a half. She rarely sees more than one other dog at the beach and can't understand why policing is needed.

"Up here, we're so rural it's never been an issue," she said. The sand spit is four miles long and it's the safest spot for her dog to run free under her voice command and hand signals.

She would like to see the beach be one of the exemptions of the statewide beach ban on dogs.

"It seems like such a ridiculous thing. Frankly I don't want to be a law breaker," she said. She wishes for "reasonable laws to educate,

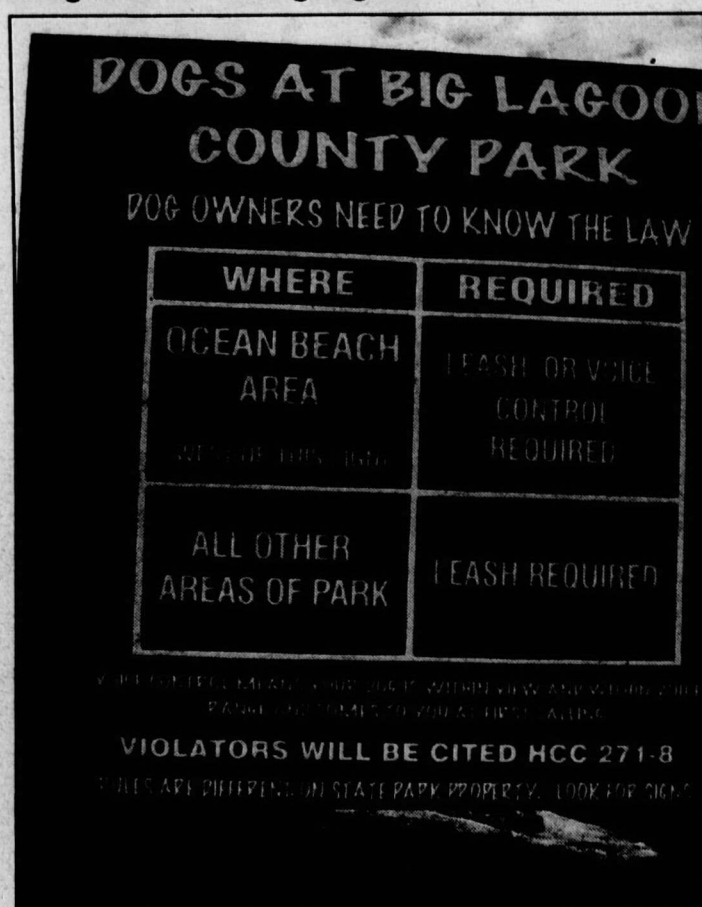
rather than make us into criminals," she said.

Maintaining the plover's nesting grounds is one major cause for increased enforcement against dogs. In recent years fence enclosures and signs have served to educate the public about the birds.

Marine mammals are also defenseless against dogs when on shore for various reasons from birthing to shedding skin.

The harbor seal pupping season began March 14. HSU zoology senior Heather Misener volunteers full time with the Northcoast Marine Mammal Center and is busy caring for 12 abandoned seal pups

see DOG BAN, next page



Emily Wilson

Dogs are allowed on the county-owned portion of Big Lagoon as long as they are on a leash or will come when first called.



## DOG BAN: Dog owners outraged over possible ban at Big Lagoon

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rescued so far this season. Misener said seal pups are the most vulnerable to dog attacks because of their size, ranging from 12 to 20 pounds at seven to 11 days old.

The mammal center monitors and reports all shore activity of mammals in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. In the last three weeks there have been four incidents with dogs causing stress to pups, but no injuries. All of the dogs were unleashed.

"I wouldn't oppose new legislation to prohibit dogs during the pupping season," Misener said.

Only once in more than a year has a leashed dog caused an incident with a seal pup. Overall, Misener sees no problem in the seal pup population due to dogs, though it appears they induce psychological stress.

In the next two months many juvenile elephant seals will wash up to shed their skin, a process that cannot be protected by fencing like the birds, because these mammals need water access.

Misener believes that fewer incidents would occur if leash laws were enforced.

Merrie Fidler, like Kistler, frequents the Big Lagoon beach near her home to exercise her dog.

"It's not a very populated beach," she said.

Fidler said educational awareness through signs and fences are more interactive and fun for the public rather than alienating, like a

complete dog ban would be.

Fidler has taken her dog to Big Lagoon twice a day for the past three years. On an average day she shares the beach with no more than two or three dogs, and often, none at all.

She walks one mile in each direction of the parking lot and has never seen any seals, but says she may just not go far enough to reach them if they are there.

**"It's absolute total discrimination. It is so hard to find places for animals to run and be free."**

**Renee Rawski**  
dog owner

"I've never had any problems with dogs not being under control or friendly," she said. She believes people are sensible, keeping their dog leashed if it doesn't respond to commands.

Professional animal communicator Linda Wahlund goes to people's homes to help them foster better relationships with their pets. She and friend Renee Rawski were walking their dogs at Big Lagoon and shared their concerns about the dog ban prospect.

"It's absolute total discrimination," Rawski said. "It is so hard to find places for animals to

run and be free."

Wahlund said animals become unhealthy from lack of exercise.

"It's really a shame in my mind that they want to restrict us from nurturing the health of our animals," she said.

Ken Steves has been the camp host at the Big Lagoon County Park for nine years. He sees many people walking their dogs and joined before his dog became too old.


"For a long time this is one of the places people have come to bring a dog. That's the problem," he said. He thinks the ban will be difficult to enforce because of the popularity of bringing dogs to the area.

"I think people should have a place they can run their dog, but it's like anything else, it should have a certain amount of control," Steves said.

Superintendent for the State Park, Marilyn Murphey's job is to enforce the California Code of Regulation 312, which says dogs are not allowed in state parks.


Eventually signs will be posted, but "it'll be the same as always," Murphy said. "Park Rangers have a lot to do already." She said the rules have always existed, but they have just never been enforced.

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## Lumberjack Editorial

### Being informed leads to better decisions

Associated Student Elections are rapidly approaching ... do you know who is running for office? If not, this is the time you want to set aside in your schedule to find out more information about the people who could represent HSU in the next academic year.

Elections are April 18-20 and you can vote online at [www.humboldt.edu/~hsuas](http://www.humboldt.edu/~hsuas).

Considering that both presidential candidates have two separate platforms and are two separate individuals, they stand for two separate things.

If students don't find out where each candidate stands on the issues, how will they know whom to elect and if it was the right choice?

During the next few days until the election, there will be different forums for the two presidential candidates.

There is a forum today with college representatives and tomorrow with the president and vice president.

Also, The Humboldt Report, airing on Channel 12, will feature a debate between the two presidential candidates tomorrow. The show will also have a call-in portion where students can call and ask questions about election issues. The show will be aired at 4 p.m., then rebroadcast at 7, 8 and 11 p.m.

It's important to know who will lead our campus and how they feel about a topic.

If students don't take the time to find out about candidates and don't vote, then the right candidate won't win, only the most popular one will, and we will only have ourselves to blame when resolutions we don't want pass.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Walkout was a waste of time

Dear Editor,

Let me begin by saying that there is no doubt in my mind that rape is one of the most vile, detestable acts one human being can do to another. It's a tragedy that something so loathsome happened on our campus and the victim has my deepest sympathy. However, this doesn't change the fact that the "walkout" staged last Thursday, which encouraged students and professors alike to throw away an hour of class, was completely void of any meaning or purpose.

Admittedly, I didn't stick around for the entire hour or so that people were gathered around the Quad; I happened to be passing through at one point and listened to some of what was said. What I heard, however, was misplaced outrage and preaching to the crowd. Is anyone out there who isn't a complete psychopath pro-rape? I've surely never met anyone who encourages rape, or even feels apathetic toward rape. Everyone I know is quite aware of it and strongly

opposed to it. Was a potential rapist standing out there in the audience thinking, "Gee, I never knew so many people were opposed to rape. Maybe I'll rethink my actions next time I'm contemplating raping someone?"

Not likely.

My point is that rape, like murder or any other violent crime, is going to happen. You can increase your personal safety to hopefully prevent it, and you can punish the scumbags who get caught, but there is no need to stage a time-wasting "protest" against something everyone is already against. I realize that when something bad happens, most people have some sort of strange need to go over the top in vocalizing their own indignation, but believe me, we all get it.

Alex Souza  
political science major

### Flirting with fascism

Dear Editor,

"Kill all White people" is a joke because it is not for "white people," or for the people who actively ignore the realities of racism. The problem is that "white" people fail to see the systems that benefit them economically, politically and socially in America and by casting it aside, claiming that racism is over, "white people" are able to live without guilt while still changing nothing. Racism remains invisible to those who benefit from it and a constant drain for those who continually suffer from it. "Kill all white people" is funny because it mocks what "white people" have done for centuries, one cultural's success through extermination, exploitation and oppression of others.

As the predictable ignorance of "white people" grows, I'd like to offer a suggestion to the "martyrs" of whiteness: why don't you go "home" instead?

For those individuals who cannot compromise, work to remove those systems of white privilege, or work to build a society truly based on America's own rhetoric of equality and justice, they should return to the shithole their ancestors migrated from, or, perhaps, just go somewhere isolated and cold so as not to encourage their participation or propagation in humanity. Leave the country for the rest of us who actually want to work beyond the static ignorance of the past. Instead of reacting like stupid "white people," try listening to what is actually being said and see the greater implications before beginning to flirt with fascism.

Michael Fredericksen  
English major

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## Stripped of their respect

Dear Editor,

This campus recently hosted, not for the first time, the Sex Workers Art Show, which was an enormous hit with lines stretching from the Van Duzer doors around the music building. The Lumberjack itself published how-to articles not long ago on fellatio and cunnilingus. Melinda Myers' Human Sexuality class is highly renowned, the Queer Student Union provides a positive forum for every sexuality and HSU itself has long been associated with a free-thinking liberalism that draws many students to the school.

Imagine my surprise then, upon reading The Lumberjack, in which this liberal, sexuality-friendly school and publication blatantly discriminated against strippers in the "Vi's Top Ten" article, in which working at the Tip Top Club was presented as a negative and shameful occupation.

I am only one of several Tip Top dancers currently attending HSU, and to pick up our own college paper, the alleged voice of the students, and see ourselves so defamed was heartbreaking, especially at a school that claims to be so liberal. For strippers, there is no equivalent to the National Organization of Women, the Black Panthers, the JACL or any other civil rights group. All we have is each other, and our own voices and I use mine now to protest this portrayal of our profession.

What we do is an honest living and is not to be placed equivalent to prostitution. Had the writer of the piece done any research whatsoever, such as attending the club, she would have known how very thick the line between prostitution and

stripping is, and perhaps she would have gained some insight on the fact that we are just college students, trying to make a living like everyone else.

We are students, community leaders, coaches, mothers, daughters and members of the HSU community and we insist on our right to be treated fairly and without discrimination.

Not so long ago, actresses were treated with the same disrespect that strippers are now, and one day a career on the pole will be considered as respectable as a career "on the boards," as acting was once called.

Until then, we fight small battles every day so that our highly specialized profession will be respected as it deserves to be. Your article is an example of the small-minded, Philistine attitude that we struggle against, and this letter represents one of those everyday battles that will continue to be fought until people like your "Vi" think before they judge. Please consider our voices in future publication.

Glory Daze  
Of the Tip Top Club and HSU

*Editor's note: The Lumberjack's policy for letters to the editor requires writers to include their names with their submissions. In this case, the author's legal name was withheld for safety reasons.*

## Lumberjack lacks a global touch

Dear Editor,

As a political science and sociology major at HSU, I am disappointed in the lack of global and national news reported in The Lumberjack in past and previous years. I understand that the campus newspaper is intended to concentrate on local and university issues, but to pretend that we as individuals and as a community are not affected by the outside world is an issue of ignorance, or at least apathy among Lumberjack staff.

Although I am grateful for the local amenities and general ideology our community is blessed with, it is often difficult to deal with the limited resources that connect students outside of the Redwood Curtain, especially for those of us who were previously city dwellers. If the University wants to retain its students, it needs to provide us with the resources to excel in our areas AND relate how our work is significant and relevant to the outside world. To do this, it needs to start with improving The Lumberjack and follow with restoring funds to the library.

As a student, it especially frustrates me every time I am forced to use the Internet as a primary resource in order to find current and pertinent articles, when it should be readily available to me at a university that claims to be progressive and to generate awareness on important social issues. The lack of emphasis The Lumberjack projects onto the world stage is an unfortunate and poor reflection upon what we as a campus community view to be important.

The Lumberjack should take it upon itself as part of its social responsibility to inform students on issues regarding war, injustices, and policies that are being implemented daily and affect our everyday realities. Although I am a stark supporter of freedom of speech, The Lumberjack should consider limiting submissions of random and miniscule topics and address the underlying progressive issues we as a university claim to endorse.

Michelle Woo  
political science and sociology major

## Somersaults for equality

Kelly Galli  
Guest columnist

This is in response to a reader's response called "Reverse Racism." I agree reverse racism is horribly destructive. But it is not because white Americans have "bent over backwards in order to encourage minority achievement," as the writer put it.

Reverse racism is the result of much too much time mainstream society (meaning the U.S. government and, sadly, its culture) has spent repressing any group of people who are not white and preferably male. Reverse racism means the oppressed have given up, are too bitter to try, and would prefer to adopt white ways of gaining power, because that is what has made them so successful so far.

The person who laughingly responded to a newspaper question by encouraging "kill all the white people" probably did not want to kill anyone, but definitely wanted to give white audiences a bitter taste of their own medicine. RACISM IS SADLY NOT DEAD.

If white America has been bending over backwards to ensure equal treatment in all spectrums for all races, I definitely want to see some somersaults. The dangerous thing about racism today is that it is covert and has been institutionalized. Why are there such high percentages of minorities, in comparison to how they make up the nation's population, on the welfare rolls, in prison, poor, and in service jobs instead of colleges? We are not lazy and we are not simple-minded. Truth is, this system we live in needs a lower class in order to function and it is easier to keep non-white people in that lower class because racism still exists

among many of the government's heads of power.

As politics go, the country's two most prevalent parties each have their strategies concerning race when trying to get their nominee in office and it is hard to trust either party because of this. As Robert Kuttner put it in "Having It Both Ways on Race," the Republican electoral design has been "based on locking up the white South while playing to the white backlash in the North ... If racism were not still pervasive, poor white Mississippi voters would be voting their pocketbook interests rather than their perceived racial interests."

It is important to remember that the key to getting white mainstream culture to stop its racist practices is to appeal to them by trying to understand their views.

It may be presumptuous to assume, but as Edward Sankowski put it in "Racism, Human Rights, and Universities," "In principle, all humans are expected to take human rights claims seriously, presumably because of a broad consensus on the importance of protecting certain basic human interests." One of these basic human rights claims is the right for all to be treated equally and fairly in education, by government, by employers, as a voter, and by

educational systems, health care, legal systems and others.

So tell me, what have you done to reverse thousands of years of racism? To those who wish to abolish racism from American society, it is important to remember that the key to getting white mainstream culture to stop its racist practices is to appeal to them by trying to understand their views. People are racist because they haven't yet woken up; they don't know the power of white privilege.

Why aren't people waking up? Sankowski offers one explanation: "The acknowledgment of what has been and continues to be done ... would imply the delegitimizing of some major American institutions, and this implication is psychologically unacceptable to many. The oppressive history and contemporary practice of violating human rights give us grounds for disallowing a right to rule through 'mainstream' institutions, including the legal system, and for asserting a right to disobey, under present circumstances."

I encourage the writer to challenge his comfort zone and take classes that unearth the racist truth about the government and law, language and culture, and other parts of American society. Challenging your own racist mindset can be as simple as making a new friend. As Kuttner put it, "the transformation of the legacy of racism precisely takes leadership ... it takes leaders willing to take political risks on behalf of principles."

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## The facts about sexual assault

**Mira Mazur**  
Guest columnist

Sexually violent crimes are perpetuated against individuals regardless of gender, race or ethnicity, sexual orientation (actual or perceived) or physical abilities. However, the fact of the matter is that men commit the majority of sexually violent crimes against women.

### Sexual Violence Against Women

Among acts of sexual violence committed against women since the age of 18, 100 percent of rapes, 92 percent of physical assaults and 97 percent of stalking acts were perpetrated by men. Sexual violence against men is also mainly male violence; 70 percent of rapes, 86 percent of physical assaults and 65 percent of stalking acts were perpetrated by men. (Tjaden P, Thoennes N. Full report of the prevalence, incidence, and consequences of violence against women: findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey. Washington: National Institute of Justice; 2000. Report NCJ 183781.)

Women are 10 times more likely than men to be victims of sexual assault (National Crime Victimization Survey, 1997). A study among college women has shown that one out of every five college-age women reports being forced to have sexual intercourse (1995 National College Health Risk Behavior Survey).

All men can play a vital role in ending sexual violence by challenging socially conditioned attitudes and behaviors that support rape and by raising awareness about the damaging impact of sexual violence. Every time a man's voice joins women, and men, in speaking out against rape, the world becomes safer for us all. Many men are supporting each other and taking a stand to end sexual violence. ([www.mencanstoprape.org](http://www.mencanstoprape.org))

Following are various activities and behaviors all people can utilize to help stop rape.

- Read articles, essays and books about the social construction of masculinity, gender inequality and the root causes of sexual violence.
- Understand how your own attitudes and actions perpetuate sexism and violence, and become responsible for them.
- Confront sexist, racist, homophobic and all other bigoted remarks or jokes.
- Commit yourself to ending oppression in all its forms.

### Consent!

Consent cannot be given if someone

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- A prior sexual, romantic or marital relationship.
- An existing sexual, romantic or marital relationship.

California penal code 261-269 states that the decision to have sex must be reached by both partners free of coercion and in full consciousness. Both partners must say yes!

### Additional statistics ...

In eight out of 10 rape cases, the victim knows the perpetrator (Tjaden and Thoennes 2000). A national survey found that 34 percent of women were victims of sexual coercion by a husband or intimate partner in their lifetime (Basile 2002).

Of people who report sexual violence, 64 percent of women and 16 percent of men were raped, physically

assaulted or stalked by an intimate partner. This includes a current or former spouse, cohabitating partner, boyfriend/girlfriend, or date (Tjaden and Thoennes 2000).

Rapes/sexual assaults committed by strangers are more likely to be reported to the police than rapes/sexual assaults committed by "nonstrangers," including intimate partners, other relatives and friends or acquaintances.

Between 1992 and 2000, 41 percent of the rapes/sexual assaults committed by strangers were reported to the police. During the same time period, 24 percent of the rapes/sexual assaults committed by an intimate were reported (Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report, "Reporting Crime to the Police," 1992-2000, March 2003).

### Resources

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North Coast Rape Crisis (Eureka, CA)  
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## Jesus, not DeLay, was a victim of religious prosecution

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Guest columnist

On March 31, 2006, Tony Rudy, former deputy chief of staff to Republican Representative Tom DeLay from Texas, pled guilty to conspiring to bribe public officials and agreed to cooperate with federal prosecutors in their expanding criminal corruption probe of Republican wrongdoing in Washington, D.C. According to the Justice Department, "The purpose of the conspiracy was for defendant Rudy and his co-conspirators to unjustly enrich themselves."

Previously, Tom DeLay's press secretary and communications director both turned state's evidence as well. And facing his own upcoming trial in Texas for money laundering, in addition to the impending federal indictments to be issued against the disgraced former House Majority Leader, Republican Tom DeLay bitterly announced his resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives on April 4, 2006.

"As difficult as this decision has been for me, it's not going to be a great day for liberal Democrats either," DeLay insisted. I wholeheartedly disagree. Regressive Republican Tom DeLay's forced resignation is a great day for all patriotic Americans!

In denial and cluelessly defiant to the end, Tom DeLay even accepted a plane from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco to fly to his arraignment: "There's nothing wrong with it ... They had a plane available ... You can't prove to me one thing I have done for my own personal gain ... Yes, I play golf. I'm

very proud of the fact I play golf. It's the one thing that I do for myself ... I'm not ashamed of anything I've ever done. I've never done anything in my political career for my own personal gain."

Sorry, Mr. DeLay, but there are witnesses, bank transactions and e-mails piled high that prove otherwise. The "I am not a crook" public relations strategy did not work for Richard Nixon either. Time to get real, Republicans - your leader is a crook!

To date, this current Republican corruption scandal (just one of many) has primarily centered on the conservative former chairman of the College Republicans National Committee lobbyist Jack Abramoff, whom the indicted DeLay once called "one of my closest and dearest friends." Of course, if you had been the corrupt recipient of as much illegal largesse as DeLay has, courtesy of Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff, you might feel friendly too: free all-expenses-paid luxury trips to Russia, Saipan, South Korea, London, Scotland, etc.; free box seats for Washington Redskins football games; and \$65,000 in corrupt congressional cash that we know of (with probably millions more given illegally, if the recent sordid bribery conviction of former Republican Representative from California Randy "Duke" Cunningham is the parallel).

"I said a little prayer before I actually did the fingerprint thing," said the delusional DeLay after he was booked on

campaign finance fraud and money laundering charges. Some of DeLay's paranoid Republican apologists have resorted to unhinged hysterics by playing the Christian card, erroneously claiming that DeLay the Baptist is the subject of religious prosecution! No, Republicans, like usual, you are wrong. Jesus of Nazareth was a victim of religious prosecution. DeLay, however, is nothing more than a Pharisee. DeLay gives the word "Christian" a bad name.

Do these hypothetical, self-righteous Republican moneychangers in the temple own the same Bible as the rest of us, or instead do they all read some strange right-wing Washington Times Moonie version of the good book? Sorry, Republicans, but I must have missed the verses in the New Testament where Jesus advocated the Republican Party's favorite activities: bribery, graft, gay-bashing and holy wars for Halliburton.

But Jesus did say the following (Matthew Chapter 19, Verses 23 and 24): "Verily I say unto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again, I say unto you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." Wake up, Republicans! Greed is not good.

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# CALENDAR

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## 12 Wednesday

**Fundraiser.** The Wildland Soils/Rangeland Club is selling waffles in the Forestry Building. Get some grub, support our club. 8:45 - 11 a.m.

**Career Center on the Quad.** Resume ready for summer? Come out and get a review by Career Center staff. Of interest to all majors. UC Quad. 11 a.m.

**AS Elections Candidate Forum.** 2006-07 Associated Students candidate forum. UC Quad. Noon.

**Club Meeting.** HSU Geographic Society. Founder's Hall 126. "The Harper Room." Noon.

**Club Meeting.** Black Student Union. Multicultural Center. House 55. 5 p.m.

**Club Meeting.** Asian Pacific American Student Alliance. Multicultural Center. House 55. 5 p.m.

**Club Meeting.** Oceanography Society. Marine science education, beach clean-ups, whales, turtles, aquariums, marine technology, science projects, volunteering and all things marine. Natural Resources building 205. 5 p.m.

**Take Back The Night.** College of the Redwoods Take Back the Night Rally. Lakeview Room, Eureka Campus. 5 p.m.

**Club Meeting.** Child Development Association. Nelson Hall East 115. 5:30 p.m.

**Celebración Latina.** Culture Regeneration. Movie: "The Motorcycle Diaries." Founder's Hall. 5:30 p.m.

**Take Back The Night.** Men's Group meets to discuss issues of violence against women and what they can do to help stop it. UC South Lounge. 6:30 p.m.

**Sacred Grounds.** Que La Chinga & Rademacher. The lords of fogtown, Que la Chinga, perform an all-ages show with Fresno's finest, Rademacher. 686 F St., Arcata. \$5. 7:30 p.m.

**Humbrews.** Deep Groove Society. 856 10th St., Arcata. 10 p.m.

## 13 Thursday

**AS Elections Candidate Forum.** 2006-07 Associated Students candidate forum. UC Quad. Noon.

**Take Back The Night.** Clothesline project T-shirt making workshop with North Coast Rape Crisis Team. Multicultural Center. Noon.

**Club Meeting.** Women's Center General Meeting. Provide information and space in order to dismantle systems of privilege and oppression and empower all people. Multicultural Center. House 55. 5 p.m.

**Club Meeting.** Humboldt Circus. Come learn circus skills. Forbes Complex 201. 5 - 7 p.m.

**Celebración Latina.** Culture Regeneration. Lecture. Afro-Latinos in the Americas, with Juan Flores and Miriam Jimenez. Wildlife Fisheries Building 258. 6 - 8 p.m.

**Take Back The Night.** Workshop, "What is Rape?" Presented by the North Coast Rape Crisis Team and the HSU Women's Resource Center. Nelson Hall East 115. 6:30 p.m.

**Club Meeting.** MEChA meeting for all. Nelson Hall East 106. 6:30 p.m.

**Celebración Latina.** Special keynote speaker: Elizabeth "Betita" Martinez. Kate Buchanan Room. 7 p.m.

**Club Meeting.** Queer Student Union. Multicultural Center. House 55. 7 p.m.

**Theatre.** HSU Department of Theatre, Film and Dance present "Hangman." \$6 general, \$2 seniors, HSU students free. Event runs through Saturday. Studio Theatre. 8 p.m.

**Center Arts.** National Public Radio's, "Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!" Carl Kasell serves as judge, scorekeeper and straight man. Host Peter Sagal leads a group of regular panelists through a series of games designed to test both their knowledge of the week's news and their wit. Be a part of this live taping, which will be broadcast nationally on NPR. Adults, \$45. Community, \$45. HSU Students, \$35. 8 p.m.

## 14 Friday

**Take Back The Night.** Marie De Santis of the Women's Justice Center in Santa Rosa is presenting a workshop. Nelson Hall East 116. 1 - 3 p.m.

**Celebración Latina.** Culture Regeneration. Cooking demonstration presented by Latinos Unidos de HSU. Nelson Hall 113. 3 p.m.

**Celebración Latina.** Culture Regeneration. Mitote/community gathering. Veterans Memorial Building. 6 - 11 p.m.

**Take Back The Night.** Rally, march and open mic. Sponsored by: The Women's Resource Center, North Coast Rape Crisis Team, and Associated Students. Persons who wish to request disability-related accommodations including sign-language interpreters should contact 826-4216. HSU Quad, if rain then Founder's Hall 118. 6 - 12 p.m.

**Arts! Arcata.** A monthly celebration of visual and performing arts. More than 35 participating locations throughout downtown Arcata. 6 - 9 p.m.

**Humboldt Folkdancers.** Presbyterian Church. Open to all, dances will be taught. 11th and G St., Arcata. 7:30 - 11 p.m.

**Cafe Mokka.** Chubritza (Eastern European). 5th & J St., Arcata. Free. 8 p.m.

## Friday

## 15 Saturday

**Disability Awareness Day.** Cultural event conference. Promote social justice, advocacy, rights & responsibilities for people with disabilities. Free. Kate Buchanan Room. All day.

**Arcata Farmers Market.** Ripe fruits and vegetables, sweet honey, fresh oysters, trees, flowers, herbs, cheese and more. Arcata Plaza. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Take Back The Night.** Speaker Sonali Kolhatkar of Afghan Women's Mission. Founder's Hall 118. 7 p.m.

**Bayside Grange.** Sustainable Nations Benefit. An evening of progressive indigenous music, art and food. 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd., Bayside. \$10. 7 p.m.

**Pearl Lounge.** Miles Davis tribute band, Miles Ahead. 507 2nd St., Eureka. \$5. 9 p.m.

**Humbrews.** Breeze (folk). 856 10th St., Arcata. 10 p.m.

**Mazzotti's Arcata.** Jackie Greene. 773 8th St., Arcata. \$20. 10 p.m.

## 16 Sunday

**Club Meeting.** Lindy Hop Club. Forbes Complex 126. 3 - 5 p.m.

**Humbrews.** Club Confessions, featuring Deep Groove Society. 856 10th St., Arcata. 9 p.m.

## 17 Monday

**Associated Students Council Meeting.** UC South Lounge. 2 - 5 p.m.

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

**Take Back The Night.** Clothesline project T-shirt making workshop with North Coast Rape Crisis Team. Multicultural Center. 6:30 p.m.

**Club Meeting.** Chess Club. Nelson Hall East 116. 7 p.m.

## 18 Tuesday

**AS Student Government Online Elections.** General elections for 2006 - 07 Associated Students. HSU Campus. All day.

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

**Club Meeting.** Natural Resources Club. Natural Resources 203. 5:30 p.m.

**Online Videoconference.** The politics, justice and the language of social change, with Noam Chomsky. [www.humboldt.edu/~msj2/activism.shtml](http://www.humboldt.edu/~msj2/activism.shtml) Free. 11 a.m. - noon.

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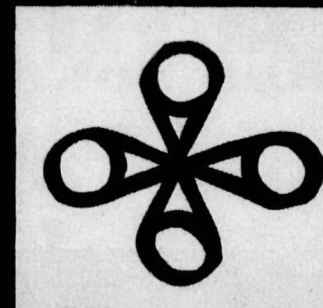
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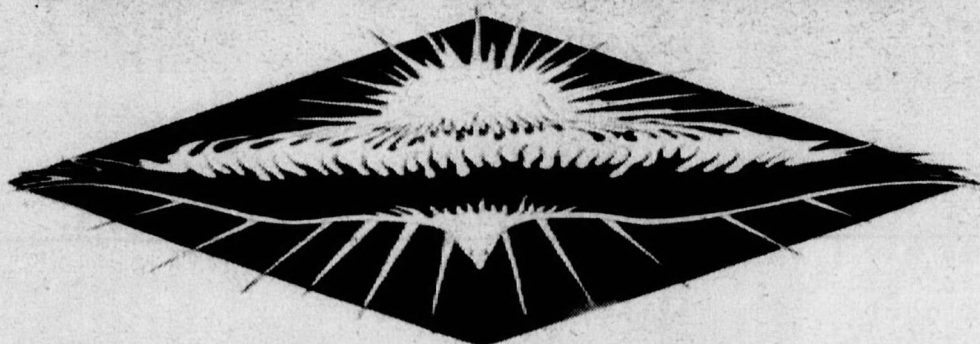


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