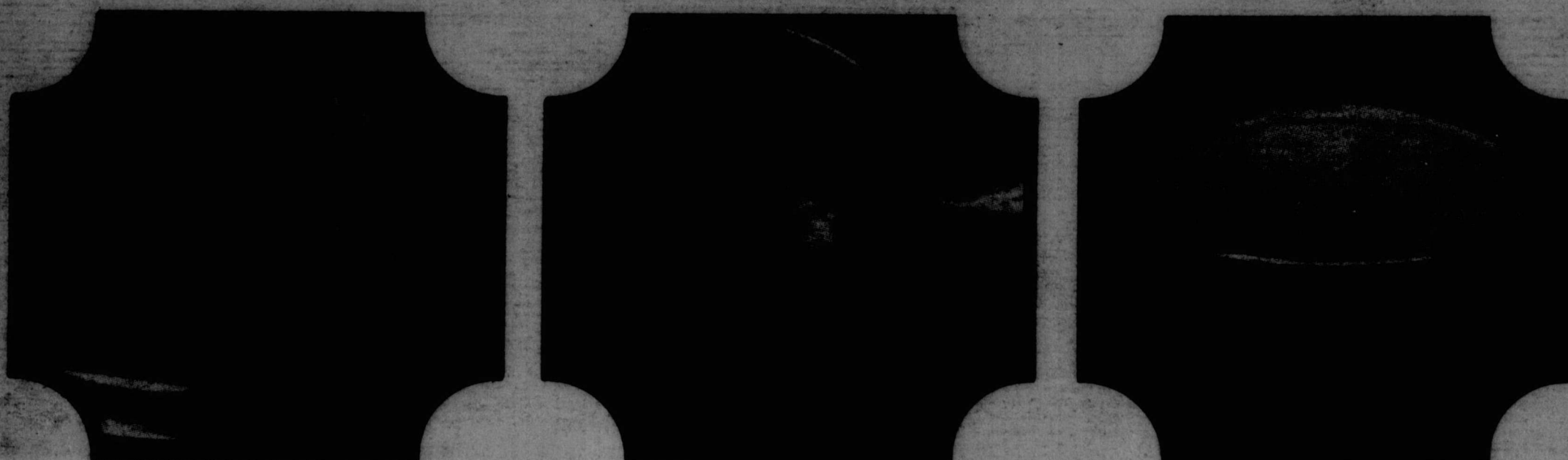


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Editors' Note:

The *Lumberjack* ran a review of three Arcata restaurants on January 21, 2004 and now wishes it hadn't run at least one of them. The regret is not founded in the poor review of Blue Max Pizza, but the reviewer's lack of journalistic integrity.

The reviewer, Mariko Amekodommo, did not disclose to anyone her former employment with the subject of her review. It isn't just this conflict of interest that is troubling, but also the contentious details surrounding her visit to the pizza place.

The owner, Jim Williams, is contesting that the review was a libelous fabrication and that she never actually went to the restaurant.

Since the review was published Williams has been in constant contact with the editor, demanding a retraction and arguing for Amekodommo to be as embarrassed as he is.

The day the review ran, Amekodommo was approached with this dilemma over the phone. She said she never worked for Williams. But within five minutes, she called back and admitted to working for him.

She couldn't say for sure whether she had visited the place on a Friday or Saturday, and doesn't possess a receipt.

In an effort to convince *The Lumberjack* of Amekodommo's error, Williams offered what he said are the receipts from either of the days Amekodommo says she was there. He provided no receipt identical to the order Amekodommo published in her review.

She has consistently maintained that her review was factual and based on real experiences. In the review she said the food was horrible and made her sick.

A friend of Amekodommo, Gabrielle DeNevyn, says she was with her at the time of the visit and maintains that everything in the review is true.

Currently, *The Lumberjack* is working under the guidance of a lawyer with the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

Since the issue arose, *The Lumberjack* has changed its policy regarding food reviews. It will now keep receipts, visit each place twice and will always go unannounced.

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The *Lumberjack* explores the world of home beer-brewing, and in the process creates a tasty raspberry wheat brew. See story on page 21. Cover design by Erik Fraser. Cover photos by Michael Schnalzer.

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Spring break:

Learning Center sponsors trip to Visalia to volunteer

► **Katie Denbo**
Lumberjack Staff Writer

Students yearning to do something different this spring break can now get academic credit for it.

Participants of Alternative Spring Break, a program sponsored by the Service Learning Center, will be traveling to Visalia, Calif. this March, volunteering to assist the American Friends Service Committee helping migrant farm workers. Students can earn one unit of credit for the trip through Leadership Studies 255, Issues In Community Volunteering.

"The purpose of Alternative Spring Break," said Heather Sanderson, a social science, environment and community graduate student and co-coordinator of Alternative Spring Break, "is to provide student participants with an opportunity to perform meaningful service, learn about important community, national and global issues and foster personal development through reflection and interaction with others."

The AFSC, founded by Quakers in 1917, carries out service, development, social justice and peace programs throughout the world, according to its Web site, www.afsc.org. While activities on the agenda aren't set in stone, Sanderson said, there are many possibilities as far as what the group will be working with.

"They have given us some ideas of what we will be doing," she said. "Like tutoring English,

advocacy for farm workers, and water quality sampling."

In addition, Sanderson said, they could be working with the McFarland Cancer Clusters and the Dream Act, which helps undocumented students attain residency in the United States.

"We want to be doing what's most needed once we get down there," Sanderson said. "We're pretty excited."

Because of various fundraisers that Alternative Spring Break has held, organizers are projecting the cost of the trip to be between \$20 and \$30 per person.

Three spring break trips have occurred from HSU in the past, with students traveling to Tijuana, Mexico, to work in an orphanage; Saguaro National Park in Arizona to learn about desert ecology and to perform environmental restoration; and Portland, Ore., to work with Habitat for Humanity.

"There are lots of schools nationwide that are doing volunteering programs over spring break," said Erin Wheelis, an anthropology senior and co-coordinator of the trip. "Seventeen people from HSU went to Portland last year, and we had a great time."

Sanderson said the program is very rewarding, as it is not only a great way to learn about oneself, but about other people and cultures as well.

"Alternative Spring Break is more than a week off of school," she said. "It's about service, personal growth and change, education and fun. We hope to use our knowledge and talents to be a positive presence in the world."

Students who are interested in the trip are encouraged to get a magic number from instructor Anya McDavitt and register for LEAD 255. Other forms needed for the trip are available in the YES House, located in House 91. Required meetings to learn about farm labor and housing, as well as a personal interview, are both prerequisites for the trip.

For more information about Alternative Spring Break, visit the Service Learning Center in Nelson Hall East 139 or reach them by phone at 826-4964.

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Becca Piper

Psychology graduate student Amber Morton counsels a client in the Davis House Clinic.

'Professionals in training'

Trainees learn interviewing and therapy skills

► **Sayaka Rifu**
Lumberjack Staff Writer

The Davis House Psychology Clinic is a training facility for psychology graduate students administered by the psychology department at HSU.

"We are one of the well-kept secrets on campus," Davis House director Maureen Welsh said.

Davis House trainees see individuals, couples, families, adolescents and children to learn interviewing and therapy skills.

There are five therapy and interview rooms, a waiting room, videotape equipment and playback rooms and office space for the director and several faculty members from the psychology department.

The California Board of Behavioral Science (BSS) requires counselor trainees to take field practicum classes with licensed supervision. Graduate students at HSU are required to take at least six units of classes and 150 hours of face-to-face counseling in the program.

HSU is one of the institutions that is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. This means that degree programs completed at HSU are recognized by other state licensing boards.

Students are accepted in the psychology master's degree program based on "academic record, human services experience, match with program goals and objectives, and the potential for becoming effective and ethi-

cal counselors," according to the psychology department Web site, www.humboldt.edu/~psych/grad.

"I think they (the students) are one of the best in state," said James Dupree, the associate professor and chair of the counseling committee and the program coordinator.

In the current academic year, 11 students were admitted.

"They don't just come from HSU, they come from all over the United States," Welsh said. "Now it's a well-known program."

Graduate students start taking clients during their second semester. Each first-year student has an individual supervisor. Second-year students are supervised by David House director.

Elijah Gildea, a third-year psychology graduate student, said he has learned how to work with people from the experience at the Davis House therapy program. "I learned a lot about myself," he said. "I also learned a lot about the field."

The program gave him opportunities to learn what he could use in an actual working environment.

"It's an experience I really enjoy," he said.

"Davis House provides a really nice professional opportunity [for the students]," Welsh said. "They come in and they do their work. They are professionals - in training."

Sometimes student counselors

Counseling services at HSU

Lt. Thomas Dewey said the UPD receives several "Welfare Checks" every week. Some, like the one on Jan. 27., involve checking on possibly suicidal students.

"It is part of our job to see if they are doing okay," Dewey said. Welfare checks include checking in on a sick student not answering the phone, and responding to a request from concerned roommates. Mentally unstable students are reported by other students, parents, faculty members and housing staffs.

After receiving a call, an officer will try to talk to the student in person.

Students will be taken into custody if they are:

- A danger to themselves
- Writing suicidal notes
- A danger to others
- Gravely disabled or unable to fulfill daily needs
- Influenced by drugs

The HSU Counseling Center sees approximately 800 students a year, or about 50 to 60 students each week.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"The state is the altar of political freedom and, like the religious altar, it is maintained for the purpose of human sacrifice."

Emma Goldman,
Political activist

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Fees aren't the main problem

Housing costs, not tuition, are barriers to education

► **Katie Denbo**
Lumberjack Staff Writer

Despite the possibility of rising student fees, the California State University system will still remain one of the most inexpensive educational institutions in the United States.

According to the new edition of U.S. News and World Report's Ultimate College Directory, San Diego State University, a member of the CSU system, topped the list of America's most inexpensive public four-year colleges for state residents. SDSU's 2002-03 fees, which were used in the directory, amounted to \$1,870 per year.

CSU fees now range between \$2,180 and \$3,460 per year, according to the CSU Web site, www.calstate.edu. The highest fee belongs to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where students pay nearly \$1,414 annually in campus fees alone. Humboldt State University ranks 16th on the list of the 23 CSU schools, paying \$2,539 in tuition and fees annually.

As of 2000, the College Board's annual survey of colleges stated that 52.2 percent of students nationwide attend a four-year university that costs between \$4,000 and \$7,999 annually. Nearly 15.7 percent of students, including the 409,000 within the CSU system, attend schools that cost less than that, and 32.1 percent at-

tend schools that cost more.

Caitlin Gill, vice chair of internal affairs for the California State Student Association and an Associated Students representative, said that even though on paper the CSU looks comparatively inexpensive, in reality it is one of the most costly.

"There are no comparison institutions for the CSU," she said. "We are the biggest in the world, and we have a unique mission to

sities is only true on the surface, because many of the CSUs are in some of the most expensive cities in the country, such as San Francisco and Los Angeles. Housing costs, the site said, are barriers to education.

Amber Heman, a wildlife and fisheries sophomore, said the cost of housing was one of the reasons she chose to come to HSU.

"The living expenses are much cheaper here than Southern California," she said. "I would have gone to school out of state but tuition is too high. In Humboldt County it doesn't feel like you are in California, and the combination of school and housing is more reasonably

priced compared to other CSUs in bigger cities."

Other schools in the top five of the list include Texas Southern University, Florida State University, University of Southern Florida, and the University of Texas at El Paso, all ranging between \$2,078 and \$2,556 per year in 2002-03, respectively.

The average CSU fee in 2002-03 was \$2,005, and in 2003-04, 17 of the 23 schools in the CSU system cost less to attend than number five on the directory's list.

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HSU costs rank 16th out of the 23 CSU schools, with students paying \$2,539 in tuition and fees annually.

serve."

It is not the cost of tuition or student fees to draw comparison with, Gill said, it is the total cost of education, which factors in things like housing, transportation and food, not just tuition and fees.

"This comparison reveals," she said, "that our education is not, in fact, comparatively inexpensive, but quite costly, even in the CSU."

According to the California State Students Association Web site, www.csustudents.org, the argument that student fees in California are low in comparison to other comparable univer-

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videotape therapy sessions with each client's permission to critique the counseling process. After it has been critiqued, every tape is destroyed.

Counseling fees range from \$5 to \$25 per session, determined by financial need.

"If that person is unable to pay the minimum price, we will consider lower prices," Welsh said. "We don't turn anyone away."

These counseling fees are used to buy new equipment for Davis House.

Diane Hunt, the clerical assistant and receptionist of the Davis House Counseling Clinic, talks to every client and considers the complication level of each

case for the safety and best care for every client.

"If the client is deemed not appropriate for the clinical level of the Davis House counselors, then we'd be very careful to give referral of someplace else,"

"[We are] first and foremost a training facility."

Maureen Welsh
Davis House director

Welsh said.

Davis House is not only a facility used by students, but by the community. However, because it is "first and foremost a training facility," Welsh said, its counseling service is not a year-round proposition. It is closed during holidays and breaks when HSU is not in regular session.

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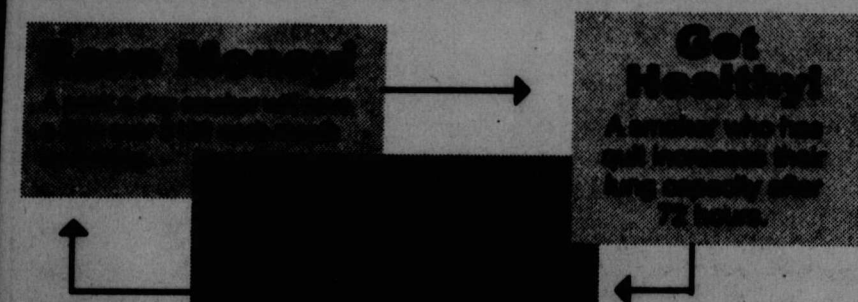
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University notices and word of mouth contribute to the advertisement, as well as letters sent out to medical communities and other local organizations.

Davis House is 37 years old and has been used for the graduate program for all those years.

"I myself took this program 16 years ago. I was thrilled to be a director of the program I was in," Welsh, who is finishing her third and last year as a director, said. "It's a pretty amazing experience to go full circle."

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Nearly \$1 million math and science grant to HSU, schools

Three HSU faculty members and their local school partners have received a three-year, \$909,659 federal grant to recruit, prepare and retain qualified secondary math and science teachers in the five-county redwood region.

The project is one of 17 funded statewide this year. It will serve the professional development needs in the north coast region and help to alleviate the statewide shortage of teachers in math and science.

Campus-wide budget summit Feb. 20

The HSU community is invited to a campus-wide budget summit this Friday in Goodwin Forum from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

President Rollin Richmond and budget director Carol Terry will present overviews of their respective budget projections.

The summit will also provide information on the education bond propositions on the March 2 ballot.

Proposition 55

HSU's department of government and politics has organized a political discussion this Tuesday on the education bond that will appear on the March 2 ballot. It will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Eating disorder alert this month

A series of local workshops, films and an art exhibit will be presented at HSU to mark national Eating Disorder Awareness Week Feb. 22 to Feb. 29.

This Monday at 7 p.m., HSU will host a session at the Jolly Giant Commons called "Simply Helping: Basic Skills in Helping a Person with an Eating Disorder."

An art exhibit will circulate at various locations at HSU, including in the Health Center.

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Saturday, Feb. 7

1:31 p.m. A report was taken of a sexual assault in Redwood Hall.

2:10 p.m. Four subjects were contacted at the soccer field for drug and alcohol violations. The subjects were cited for possessing marijuana and an open container of alcohol.

2:31 p.m. A subject contacted at the soccer field was cited for possessing an open container of alcohol. A pipe containing burned marijuana residue was confiscated.

9:19 p.m. Two subjects scaling the wall of the Wildlife and Fisheries Building were reported. The subjects were warned for rockclimbing on the building.

Sunday, Feb. 8

5:17 p.m. Three subjects placed a dead stingray on the hood of a vehicle as a joke in the Sunset lot. They were counseled and asked to dispose of the stingray.

8:21 a.m. Officers responded to an electrical fire in the Green and Gold Room of Founder's Hall. The fire was extinguished prior to officer's arrival.

Monday Feb. 9

10:12 p.m. A subject furnish-

ing narcotics to a minor in the residence hall was reported. An investigation is pending.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

10:37 a.m. A staff permit was stolen from a vehicle in the Gist Hall lot.

11:47 a.m. A subject walked out without paying their lunch bill at Window's Cafe.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

1:36 p.m. Two subjects were involved in a physical fight on Granite Avenue. The subjects were contacted and a report was taken.

Thursday, Feb. 12

11:04 a.m. Suspicious property left in front of a dorm room in Sunset Hall was reported.

9:12 p.m. Subject went to UPD with a delayed report of vehicle damage that occurred after 6 p.m. Feb. 10. The vehicle was parked on Sunset Court.

9:31 p.m. During a room inspection in Redwood Manor, marijuana was confiscated and brought to UPD for destruction.

11:10 p.m. An officer contacted six subjects in Chinquapin Hall. The subjects were warned for noise, odor of marijuana and alcohol.

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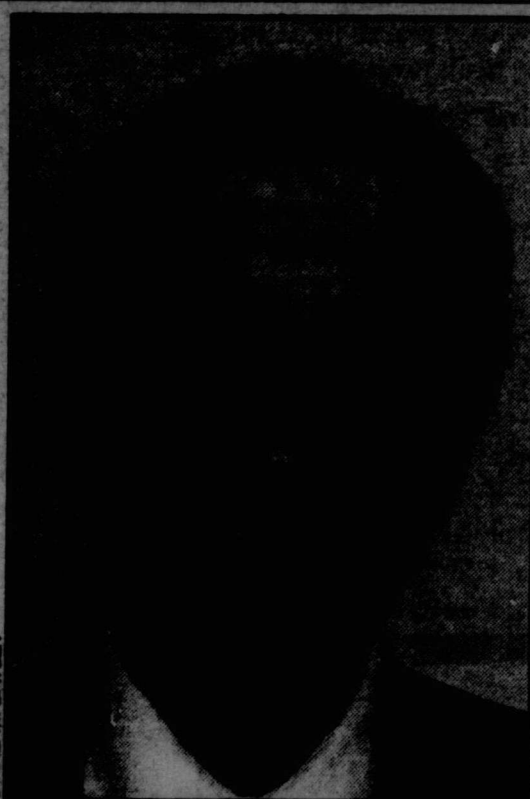
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Candidates vying for DA position answer questions from the 'Jack

► Diane M. Batley, Aimee Clizbe and Sam Lacey
Community Editor and
Lumberjack Staff Writers

The 'Jack editorial board decided to ask the three district attorney recall candidates the same questions to see how their responses stack up against each other. Here are their varied responses as to why they should replace District Attorney Paul Gallegos if he is recalled.

'Jack: What's your opinion of the District Attorney recall election? Do you support it?

Albin Sheets: "Yes. I think there should be a recall. There are many reasons. I will start with soft on crime. Pedro Hernandez Martinez, was sentenced to 16 years in State Prison, of which he will serve 85 percent, for continuously sexually assaulting his own daughter from the time she was 5 until she was 12-years-old, practically daily. Paul Gallegos charged it as one offense, so that the most time this person could spend in state prison would be 16 years. Had he charged it correctly, he could have charged 28 counts. It makes me sick to talk about it."

Dikeman: "Well I did not support the effort to put the recall on the ballot but the fact of the matter is that it's there and I think that indicates that there are a substantial number of people in the community who are dissatisfied with the job that the incumbent is doing."

Schectman: "Well, okay, the recall concept has been on the books for just under 100 years in California, and it's been very

seldom used up until now. So, it has been a self-regulated process by the citizenry up until now, but it's now on the verge of becoming a Pandora's Box that could subvert our democracy, and the best example is the election going on here. It's unheard of in the annals of U.S. history that a defendant in a case pending in a district attorney's office could fund and cause a recall to be happening of that district attorney for, among other things, that very defendant saying they're not tough on crime, when the defendant themselves, Pacific Lumber, wants the district attorney to be soft on them."

'Jack: What were your motivations for entering the recall election?

Albin Sheets: "I want to be the district attorney. I don't want to see any more child rapists out on the streets. And the case I just told you about is one of many."

Dikeman: "Well my assessment of it was that I think that there is a substantial possibility that the recall will be successful. I had hoped that nobody was gonna run. And then if the recall succeeded we'd go through a selection process with the Board of Supervisors and I would have applied, because I think I am imminently well qualified for the job. But Mr. Schectman threw his hat in the ring and I think that Mr. Schectman is unacceptable. I don't think that he would do a good job as district attorney and I don't think that he would benefit the citizens of Humboldt County. That being the case I was more or less compelled to file."

Schectman: "Well, because

it's for the district attorney's office, the pool of potential candidates is, of necessity, only limited to those who are members of the bar. In Humboldt County there are less than 130 members of the bar, and most would have nothing to do with it. Given my unique background and history with Pacific Lumber as well as my training and experience, I decided that it was the right thing for me to do. My wife and I discussed it and we determined it was the right thing to do."

'Jack: Why do you feel you are qualified for the job, and perhaps a better candidate than the current District Attorney Paul Gallegos?

Albin Sheets: "For one thing I know the law, and for another I know how to delegate, and I certainly would not have given a file such as the Martinez Hernandez case to somebody who has never prosecuted a child abuse case in their life—such as Paul Gallegos. He's not representing the defendants anymore, he's supposed to be representing the people. I have a good report with law enforcement; I have a good report with members of the community. I am accessible, and I am always willing to talk to someone who has a problem with a case or who would like a second opinion on a case. I am very concerned about the community. And I have many years of experience in the legal profession. I also have no special-interest supporters."

Dikeman: "I am I think imminently well qualified. I've been a prosecutor for over 26 years, first down in Contra Costa County and then up here for the last

19 years. I've had just about every major assignment one can have in a district attorney's office. I've been a charging deputy. I've been a misdemeanor deputy. I've been a felony deputy. I've been a dope deputy. I ran law in motion. I've been in the sexual assault unit. I've been in the homicide unit. I have very good report with local law enforcement. I have been endorsed by every major law enforcement unit here in Humboldt County. I have a very good, I think, relationship and reputation in courts. I am, I think, the right person for this job, because I think the recall has divided Humboldt County in a lot of ways. And I think that what they want or what the people want if the recall is successful is somebody who is neutral. Somebody who is effective as a prosecutor and as a leader."

Schectman: "I'm not running, unlike the other two candidates, because I want to see Gallegos recalled and want the job. But, when you compare me to the other two candidates running, Ms. Sheets and Mr. Dikeman, it's clear that I'm the only one willing to speak the truth. I am the only one that has enough sense of self respect and a sense of what's right to do, that's willing to stand up and say what's right. Ms. Sheets I don't think is even a factor. No one really takes her seriously because of how she presents herself, but Mr. Dikeman is another story. He has a lot of experience, and he clearly has more experience than I in being a prosecutor in criminal cases. I have a greater, I believe, ability to lead, to be forceful and have

the courage of my convictions. He's (Dikeman) not supporting the office; he's hurting the office. The recall wasn't caused by Paul; it wasn't caused by law enforcement. It was caused by Pacific Lumber because they were a defendant in a lawsuit, because they're used to being the top political and social entity in the county. And, if he was true to his words, if he really did care about the office, he'd be more vocal, than I in explaining why it's bad."

'Jack: What's your opinion of the job Gallegos has done since he was elected?

Albin Sheets: "It seems that he started out botching everything he touched, and it doesn't seem that he has learned much from his mistakes."

Dikeman: "Well once again I'm not running against Paul and my campaign has been one that emphasizes my talents, my skills, my experience. And I'm not joining the fray to criticize or to praise Paul's performance. I think that is something that is up to the citizenry."

Schectman: "Well, first I would say that you need to have a little bit more time of Paul in office to be able to fully answer that from a knowledgeable point of view. The recall happened within 90 days of him being elected. The law only allows a recall to occur after 90 days; that's the earliest you can bring it. To say that in that short of a period of time that he's done anything that would merit a recall is unwarranted and not based on fact or

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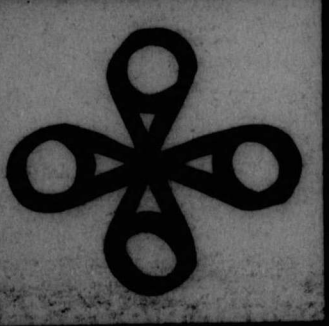
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a reasonable expectation of time. Paul is doing a good job. He has been placed in an incredibly difficult position and he is handling it as well as can be expected given the circumstances. I fully expect that, when the recall is defeated, he will be able to prove to the people his worth to the community.

Jack: What do you see as the largest problem in Humboldt County from a district attorney's standpoint?

Albin Sheets: "Drugs. I think methamphetamines are creating an awful lot of the crime in Humboldt County. I think the trafficking issue of all kinds of drugs is creating problems in Humboldt. And I understand that at least four of the murders in Humboldt County last year were marijuana-trafficking related. I have great concerns about that."

Dikeman: "Well the most significant problem of course is violent crime. That's something that I think we all kind of agree on. I think that there is a lot of violence associated with the commercial distribution of controlled substances. And I include in that marijuana. We have in the paper the other day, we've got two people in southern Humboldt who are missing and presumed dead, both of whom are suspected of being involved in the commercial distribution of marijuana. Got a young boy of 18 who was shot and killed at Alder Point during a botched sale. We've had an increase in the number of home invasions robberies where people are looking for marijuana in all parts of the county. And I think that's a real problem."

Schectman: "The biggest problem I see in Humboldt County from the district attorney's standpoint is to try to separate fiction from fact, to separate fear from what is really happening. There is no crime wave, there is no jeopardy the public has been put in because of Paul's winning the election. Consequently, what needs to be done is to assure people that there is no cause for panic."

Jack: Do you agree with Gallegos' assessment that the production and use of methamphetamines pose a greater threat to this county than the production and use of marijuana?

Albin Sheets: "I'm not sure which one is more dangerous. There were four marijuana-trafficking-related murders and there were no methamphetamine-related murders last year."

Dikeman: "Well they're different drugs. They're different drugs and I think that anytime we're talking about the commercial distribution of a controlled substance it's motivated by money and it's perpetrated or

it's committed by people who've made a volitional decision to get involved in drug trafficking. And drug trafficking is a dangerous game. When I came up here, I came from Contra Costa County and we used to have young people down there who killed each other over a \$5 bag of marijuana. Up here where it kind of goes in the stream of commerce, the courts and certainly the defense bar took a different view of it than I did. I'm not into reefer madness or anything like that, but I think that it is dangerous. And methamphetamine is a different kind of drug. Certainly people who use methamphetamine and abuse methamphetamine are greater threats than people who are stoned all the time, because it does significantly alter your personality. But you get more bizarre behavior, you get more violent people who are using methamphetamine. And so to that degree I would agree that methamphetamine could cause social problems, but I think the commercial distribution of any drug is a bad deal."

Schectman: "Clearly methamphetamines are a much greater threat to the law and order of our community than marijuana. When we talk about marijuana, we have to distinguish between the legitimate medical use of marijuana and the black market use of marijuana. But, even if you take the two black market uses, that of marijuana and that of methamphetamines, while none should be condoned, methamphetamines are much more destructive to one's ability to act rationally, and there are many, many studies that show that the use and abuse of methamphetamines is much more likely to result in all sorts of intended social costs."

Jack: Considering that the war on drugs has largely been a failure and billions of dollars have been made and spent on the effort; and recognizing that the production, sale and use of drugs is a crime, would you feel justified in prosecuting those crimes?

Albin Sheets: "I think that my view of a district attorney differs in one way with Paul Gallegos in that I don't believe that the district attorney's office is a branch of government that is supposed to be making law. What you promise in the oath that you take when elected as district attorney is that you will uphold the law. I don't know what the answer is with drugs, but I don't believe that it is the job of a district attorney to pick and choose which laws to enforce."

Dikeman: "Oh yeah. I don't have any problem going after drug-related criminal activity or possession of drugs. I'm a member of the executive branch.

I don't make the law. I enforce it. And I may have personal opinions about the war on drugs that differ significantly from what political people might feel. For instance, a lot of people think that some of the drugs—marijuana's right up there—should be decriminalized and taxed. I happen to be one of those people, but I don't make the laws. I enforce them."

Schectman: "Well, certainly, if it was of the magnitude that made it imperative for the district attorney's office to prosecute them. If I were the district attorney I would use the prosecutorial discretion that comes with that office to ensure the crimes that most impact the well-being of the community are first prosecuted."

Jack: Do you view tree sitting as a legitimate form of civil disobedience or a crime?

Albin Sheets: "Obviously it's a crime by trespass, but civil disobedience is breaking the law and then being willing to accept the consequences of breaking the law. Often what has been happening with the tree issue is that the lawbreakers are not willing to take their consequences. Gallegos has been assisting them in their effort by only charging a treesitter a \$10 fine for basically placing the life of a climber in jeopardy. I think that people who want to save the trees should buy the trees."

Dikeman: "Well I think it's a crime. Civil disobedience in and of itself usually involves some form of criminal activity. And people who feel strongly about certain issues are in essence putting their liberty where their mouth is. They are willing to go to jail as a symbol of the sincerity of their belief. And civil disobedience has a lengthy history here in this country. I don't know that tree sitting is an effective form of civil disobedience. I don't know that it gets you what you want to the degree that the sit-ins in the south and the freedom riders and the marchers during the Vietnam war brought change. I'm not sure that's gonna do it. But I'm not an expert on what forms of civil disobedience work and don't work. But it is a crime. It's trespassing and it does entail the use of significant resources to stop it. It is a dangerous activity. You'll read from time to time about somebody who has fallen out of a tree and been seriously injured or killed. And that is a concern."

Schectman: "Tree sitting is a form of civil disobedience, and most people who engage in civil disobedience do so knowing that there is a tradeoff. In order to engage in their form of protest they realize that they are a consequence generally. The consequence, if you treesit, is to be subject to the penalties of the

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laws for trespassing. And, they should be subject to the penalties of laws for trespass, and I would vigorously enforce that. I would always want to keep the balance between free speech and the rights of property owners. However, it's a fine line. Right now the fines are \$10 and that is what should be done.

Jack: Given that Pacific Lumber has financially backed 93 percent of the recall effort, even by compensating signature-gatherers under controversial methods, why did you choose to enter the race?

Albin Sheets: "I was in favor of recalling Gallegos within a month after he took office. I was excited that somebody came forward with the funds to get it on the ballot. I think that it's very significant that the friends of Paul Gallegos have tried so hard to make this about Pacific Lumber, when it's not about Pacific Lumber at all. I think it's about him botching one [court] case after another, and it's about him making the district attorney's office appear on the front page for yet another circus act."

Dikeman: "Well, because the recall was a done deal. In other words, I may not have supported the recall that people were trying to qualify for the ballot. But it did qualify and I know that there's been a lot of criticism of PALCO and PALCO's decision to contribute to the recall effort. I think that to a certain degree that's a troublesome issue. But PALCO is a corporation and corporations don't sign petitions and corporations don't go to the polls. And I think that there has been an influx of money on the other side from what's called the anti-PALCO group that's just as significant. Mr. Salzman, who is Paul's campaign manager, estimated that Paul was gonna spend \$250,000 in the recall. And that's not chump change. That's big money. And that big money represents its own special interests. But I think that from either side all that money does is allow the proponents of one side or the other to get the message out and then it's gonna be up to the people to decide what they want or what they believe."

Schectman: The 93 percent comes from forms that each candidate files so that the public will know who is financially supporting what, and when the last period was reported, in that period of time I think there was \$82,000 reported and of that Pacific Lumber was responsible for \$76,000.

Jack: If elected do you plan to continue with the district attorney's case against Pacific Lumber? Why or why not?

Albin Sheets: "That lawsuit is

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currently pending before a judge and if that judge says that it's a valid complaint then we will definitely look at it, and if there is sufficient evidence then go ahead with it."

Dikeman: "Well the answer is yes. And I'll tell you why, because we shouldn't file a complaint against anybody, be it an individual or a corporation, unless we think that we can prove it when we go to court. I think it would do a disservice to this office. It would be a disservice to the citizens of Humboldt and a disservice to PALCO if that case were to be resolved in the back rooms and dismissed. So I think that case should be litigated in court. And the sooner the better as far as I'm concerned."

Schectman: "Yes, of course I would and I think that I am probably one of the few people in the country that possesses the kind of understanding I have of how Maxxam works and how the finances that were imposed on Maxxam resulted in Maxxam's committing fraud in negotiating with the government in order to get a higher rate of cut than they would have gotten in the Headwater deal. That was all because they had mortgaged the future and sold every value they had of timber by saying, 'All the trees we have, we'll use as collateral for bonds.' They sold about a billion dollars worth of bonds in 1998, and then two months later they negotiated the Headwater deal. In negotiating the Headwater deal they had already committed a certain amount of harvest to get the billion dollars for 30 years out, so when the government said, 'We'll let you have about 135 million board feet a year,' if you would agree to that the people that bought the bond would sue them. 'You can't do that,' they'd say 'you already told us that you were going to give us 178 million board feet a year.' So he says, 'well, what are we going to do?' So, he talks to his people and he says, 'well how about coming up with this report that says that landslides really don't happen where you've clearcut, they only happen where you have never logged before.' Even though it is kind of counterintuitive, they did it, and the government said, 'well gee, if that's the case then you can get another 40 million board feet a year.' They said 'great' and that is what this lawsuit's all about, making them accountable for this obvious fraud."

'Jack: Lastly, if you discovered that a highly influential and major employer in Humboldt County was suspected of involvement in fraudulent activity would you prosecute that company?

Albin Sheets: "If I received a

report from a law enforcement agency that set out exactly what they are suspected of and what sort of evidence and information they had that made them believe that, and I thought that there was sufficient information, I would prosecute that company."

Dikeman: "The answer's yes. A corporation legally is a person and a person not only has certain benefits, but certain responsibilities, so the fact that it's a corporation wouldn't affect the decision. On the other hand, I wouldn't be prone to prosecuting just because they're a corporation as opposed to an individual. Each case is decided on its own merits. And there are a whole bunch of factors that go into the equation as to decide whether or not to file charges. And you usually file charges if you believe that the person committed the crime. There's enough admissible evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the person committed the crime and there's no alternative to prosecution or no, lets say moral reason why you shouldn't proceed."

Schectman: "If there was sufficient evidence, certainly. That is what you're supposed to do."

Candidates bio

Gloria Albin Sheets is a former deputy district attorney of Humboldt County. She served for eight and a half years from 1995 to 2003. She is a county local and a 1963 Arcata High School graduate. She is self-educated. She passed the BAR exam in 1977 with no formal training or undergraduate degree. Sheets has since earned a law degree from Empire School of Law in Santa Rosa, and boasts years of professional experience and expertise in law.

Worth Dikeman is a 58 year old deputy district attorney. He graduated from Contra Costa College in 1971, from Chico State University in 1973, from University of California Hastings College of the Law in 1976. He was employed by the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office beginning in May of 1977. He left in January of 1985 to come to Humboldt County and has been here since. He has an AA degree, a B.A. degree cum laude, and a juris doctorate.

Steve Schectman has been a lawyer since being admitted in 1981. He grew up in the Chicago area. He came to California in 1975, and has been here ever since. He started off law school at New College in San Francisco. While there he learned as an apprentice for a California criminal lawyer named Glen Holt. Schectman considers himself a lawyer who tries to use law as a vehicle by which to attain social justice. He moved to Humboldt County in 1999 to see if he could use his skills to try to change the balance of power here with Pacific Lumber's CEO Charles Hurwitz.

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Weekly Communique

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There is much to be said about the poor excuse for a voting system that Americans participate in. The most glaring failure of the political process is that our voices and opinions are limited to election days.

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The powers against us are great and can only be attacked on local, grassroots levels. If we take it head on with the established order, we will only become disillusioned like our jaded, burned-out parents.

Mark Rudd, an apologetic former member of a violent anti-war organization called the Weather Underground, spoke at HSU last week about the obstacles we face in our struggle for a more humane society.

"We vastly underestimated what it would take to destroy imperialism," he said. "I don't think imperialism is going to be overthrown in our lifetime or our children's lifetime. It's 500 years going now — it's much bigger than us."

What we can do, however, is organize and collect our motivations toward goals that most of us can agree on. We can fight against unwarranted recall elections aimed at progressive politicians and stand up to the greedy corporations and special interests that fund such measures.

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We must fight the recall of District Attorney Paul Gallegos. It is clear from the candidates' responses to our questions (see story on page 7) that Gallegos has a better understanding of corporate crime and the compound effects of environmental degradation than either Gloria Albin Sheets or Worth Dikeman.

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Letters to the editor

Cuts take from students while director gets a pay raise

Dear Editor,

Athletic Director Dan Collen failed to mention one major area where athletics cuts can be made. Last year's cuts were placed almost exclusively on sports programs (the sprint and field teams were completely cut along with the assistant track coach—breaching his contract). Collen admitted in the article that these measures did not work (even the programs with the least cuts are having difficulties getting the necessary work done). Collen, himself, took no

pay cut and even received a raise, while simultaneously disenfranchising dozens of students. This time around, there is a proposal to suspend the Athletic Director and Assistant Athletic Director positions — a move that would not directly affect the students and would leave HSU athletics with still one AD. Administrative salaries should be placed on the chopping block before any more students are robbed of their opportunities. Is HSU a university that fosters the development of its students or is HSU merely a

bureaucracy that will keep the Administrators long after there are no sports left to administer? It is far easier to reinstate two job positions than an entire sports program(s). Bottom line: students should come first. The Lumberjack Mission Statement (<http://www.hsujacks.com/mission.html>) does not mention the need to supply jobs for administrators.

Timothy W. Miller
HSU Graduate Student, Alumnus

Never held the job

Dear Editor,

At the KEET District Attorney debate on February 5 Lindsey McWilliams displayed a portion of the March 2 ballot in which Steven Schectman identifies himself as a "prosecuting attorney." Schectman may be a lawyer, a trial lawyer, an attorney, a plaintiff's attorney or a civil litigator, but he is not, and never has been, a prosecuting attorney. Under California Penal Code Section 691(d), a prosecuting attorney is the same as a district attorney and is defined as "any lawyer...having by law the right or duty to prosecute, on behalf of the people, any charge of a public offense." All of the attorneys in the district attorney's office are prosecuting attorneys. Schectman has never worked in the district attorney's office.

Schectman's blatant effort to cloak himself with the authority of an office he's never held speaks volumes about his character. His willingness to lie to the voters of this community demonstrates once again why he is unfit for the position for which he has applied.

Allison Jackson,
Eureka resident

The 'Jack should cover real issues

Dear Editor,

As I transfer student with experience at both a state college and a junior college with progressive politics, I felt compelled to write to your publication. I was surprised and to find so many articles dedicated to the spectacle known as the Super-bowl and its sexual accompaniments. I was happy to see Kim Thorpe address the MoveOn commercial, however I thought the whole situation could have been addressed in one thought-provoking article instead of four thrown together articles with little substance.

This area is known for its progressive, liberal politics and actions. This college is boiling over with students that want to "change the world", with its track record of Peace Corps volunteers, activists, and thinkers. Why not publish something that exposes Nalgene's record of animal cruelty? It seems that every third or fourth student carries a Nalgene bottle, yet Nalgene proudly manufactures restraining devices for rabbits in labs. Why not publish something about the Petco

(a business famous for its animal cruelty and killing) that is coming into Bayshore Mall; kicking out our local business, Jabberwocky? Why not dedicate an article to the developmentally disabled children that are locked away in Russian institutions; children that are not allowed to play, be educated, and are pretty much confined to hospital beds because they are not thought of as contributing members of society? Both Calpine and the Gallegos recall received minimal coverage, even though these two life-altering events are looming and becoming quite real.

These are the issues your talented journalists should be writing about. Please give them the opportunity to write about things that need our attention, locally, nationally, and internationally. Humboldt State University's students are ready for real news and we would like to depend on our paper to have faith in our ability to change the world.

Anna Kanouse
Social Work and Women's Studies junior

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'Itsy bitsy short, short man'

Small penis goes limp when condom comes in play



Melinda Myers
Guest Columnist

I have a new boyfriend, and he is very sweet to me on both emotional and sexual levels. He loves to please me by giving me oral sex — I get dozens of orgasms; he's really good at it. However, his penis is very small and it seems as if I cannot tell if it is hard or not sometimes — even when he does seem to get hard, when he puts on a condom he says that he gets limp. Of course, I tell him that if he wants to have intercourse with me then he has to wear a condom — so, we haven't been able to have intercourse yet. I think that he has some sort of sexual dysfunction. Do you think that it may be a psychological or physical problem, or a combination of both?

Maybe it's as simple as condom shyness. As I've said in a number of earlier columns, many men are unable to maintain erections when faced with a latex requirement. If that's all it is, then Viagra, Levitra or Cialis should resolve the issue, and that would allow you both to get used to intercourse if that's what you want to do. It might only take a couple of

Melinda Myers is one of Humboldt's highly regarded lecturers and has been teaching at HSU for 10 years. A fifth-generation native of Humboldt County, she brings to her profession a neighborly and ultimately straightforward approach to teaching sexuality. She lives in the community with her two teenaged sons to whom she lectures frequently about choices and consequences.

times of using chemical assistance to help him re-learn to use condoms.

You could also decide to delay intercourse for some time. Condom shyness isn't always just related to the latex. It's sometimes because people try to be sexually intimate before their hearts, belief systems and bodies are aligned. I see this with men, because when all the parts aren't with the program the penis usually refuses to cooperate and that is pretty obvious. It happens certainly with women, too, but they can fake it if they want to. I think I also hear about it more with men because they seem to think they're immune to needing things just so for sex to be good. They're sometimes surprised and concerned when they can't just be sexual in any situation. I can't count the number of young (and older) men who lose erections when engaging in more casual encounters. Their penises are trying

to tell them something. There are also people, both men and women, who enjoy sex without strings, but there are far more people, also both men and women, who really need there to be some kind of intimate connection prior to sex for all systems to function normally.

Another factor in your situation is penis size. How small is small? The vast majority (upwards of 80 percent of men have erect penises between 4.5 and 6.5 inches long. If his penis is really small (say 2 inches erect), you may have trouble finding condoms that fit. Transsexual men (that used to be women) and have taken hormones often have penises (that used to be clitori) in that size range. Biological men may also have penises in that range, but it's pretty rare. If that's the case, there are support groups that can help you both adjust, and find condoms that fit, among other things.

As I'm sure you're well aware, penis size doesn't have a lot to do with partner satisfaction, and it sounds like you keep pleasuring each other when his penis isn't cooperating. That's the best thing to do. If it's the latex, time and a little pharmacological assistance should solve the problem.

Children from hell



Rants of a Moron
Luis Molina
Forum Editor

During this winter break my sister, Nena, had her first-born kid. It was a great feeling to hold her in my hands. I was also glad that the wait was over and that the nurse cleaned Maia off before I held her.

It's strange how attached I felt to this 6-pound bald, wrinkly piece of flesh I had never met. I am also pretty sure she knows she has about 11 years of more crying, "Mama give me this, give me that" to live through before she becomes a teenager. That is when the fun starts. Then it becomes "Mama, I am going out with Chepe to see a Janet concert and do drugs." For right now, the only things she does are cry, sleep, eat and defecate and watch Barney. Oh the humanity. I do not love Barney.

To make matters worse my younger cousin, Remy, had a baby, Marlee, about a year and a half ago — my first semester at Humboldt State University — so they will become partners in crime. This baby is already a menace to society. Before her first birthday she was already picking fights with 5-year-olds. When she is not throwing down or being jumped into a gang of

babies, Marlee uses our house like a training course on her way to becoming public enemy number one. She runs up and down the hallways, climbing on anything stable. This past December she ran up to her mom, dropped and quietly crawled up to her. Bam. Remy didn't know what hit her. Marlee was long gone and had hid the weapon — her bottle — before Remy figured out why she had a lump on her forehead.

Something tells me these two girls will try to burn down my family's duplex — if they did, they would take after their uncle.

Until they get to the age where they figure out how to play with fire, the most danger they can do is lose a \$450 Mini-Disc player. It will be a while before the new addition to my family will lose or own anything. One of my 10,000 male cousins, Edgar, had his first baby on Thursday. Caesar David was born during our Thursday's meeting of The Lumberjack. I was so elated when I was told I had a male baby to corrupt. The phone call was also an excuse to not pay attention. I am going to teach him how to play soccer and baseball and how to ride a bike. Eventually I will teach him how to drink and how to say: "Come mierda."

If he is like his dad (Edgar), his cussing will be innate. I was told he is a lot like his dad. He even has crazy toes like him. One thing I will not teach this kid is how to stick his head in the microwave. My older cousin, Cindy, didn't appreciate it when I taught Eric, my other nephew, how to do that.

Even though I made these kids seem bad, I love my nieces and nephews and this column is dedicated to them.

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HEARING HUMBOLDT

What do you think?

Do you have any confidence at all in the media?



Matthew Baker
Biology freshman
"The obvious answer is no because the media is full of shit."



Elyce Petker
English senior
"No only because I am educated and in school. The media shoots for the most common denominator."



Samuel Thompson
social studies/second HSU senior
"I'll trust them to report whatever is going to sell and what they are given. Only problem is they are not given all the information."



Barbie Cardenas
marine biology junior
"Of course. Half of it is right and the other half they embellish.."

Dikeman's name 'Worth' office



I Hate Sean Borhman

Sean Borhman
Scene Editor

I generally don't care about elections. Sure, I was gung ho for Arnold to take over the state, but that was just because we had the chance to put an action movie star in the governor's chair and we had to take it. And thanks solely to the support of the readers of this column we did just that. Now, if you would have asked me about the DA recall a week ago I would have told you that I didn't give a fuck about it. Someone actually came up to

me with a video camera to get my reflections on the recall as I was walking by the debate last week and they asked me how I felt about Gallegos wasting money. I told them he can waste as much money as he wants, it doesn't affect me so I don't care. That was my stance on the recall, but not any more.

As I was driving down Wash Street in Eureka, the day following my run-in with the video camera, I saw a large sign displayed on someone's front lawn that said something to the effect of "Worth Dikeman: Candidate for the People." I can't really recall the exact words, as I was driving rather fast, but three syllables stuck with me. Worth Dikeman. What a great fucking name, I thought. I said it out loud a couple times and my happiness only increased. This man needs to be our next district attorney. Now, for the record I know nothing about Mr. Dikeman or his stances and I don't really care. He could be taking little babies and throwing them on top of a big burning pile of puppies, but with a name like Worth Dikeman you can do things like

that and still be cool in my book. I mean, who named you Dikeman? Where did they come up with Worth? Your parents' names were probably John and Jane and they were like "God we hate our stupid ordinary names, we need to create a being that will travel the world unknowingly spreading the joy of the funny names we never had."

Worth Dikeman, if you're reading this, let me just give you a big heads up and let you know that if I were a registered voter I would totally make a checkmark the size of North Dakota right next to your name on the ballot. You and your name deserve the position of district attorney about a billion times more than Paul Gallegos, Gloria Albin Sheets and Steve Schectman put together. Their names are so inferior to yours that it's like comparing Jesus Christ to a dead rotting apple in the gutter that's been stepped on one too many times. And Worth, if you ever need a place to crash, I've got a couch with your wonderful name on it.

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Dear Journey,

See, I have this girlfriend, and she's really cool and everything, but sometimes I totally just get this urge to have sex with other girls. And it's not just attractive girls; I'm talking every girl that I see. Is there something wrong with me? Do I just need to get laid?

-Blue Balled In Boston

Dear Blue Balled in Boston,

We know exactly where you're coming from. The Konocti Harbor Resort circuit attracts women of all shapes and sizes and we've balled them all. When the lights go down in the city, anyone is fair game. So all we have to say to you is, man, any way you want it, that's the way you need it. Any way you want it. All night, every night.

Dear Journey,

I want to fuck everyone I see in Ireland this summer because Irish boys are hot and I never get ass, but I'm worried that I will feel slutty and ruin my trip because I've never really been a slut before. I don't want to remember Ireland as being super trashy, but I think I will regret it if I don't. Honestly, how often do you get to bang hot guys with Irish accents?

-Sex 'n Shamrocks

Dear Sex n' Shamrocks,

We're all about lovin', touchin', and squeezin' regardless of the country. In fact when it comes to lovin', touchin', and squeezin' we're completely indiscriminant. We think that you and that cat from Boston should get together. He's in Boston and there are a lot of Irish guys in Boston, right? We might have an Journey love connection here...oohh baby Na Na Na...Yeaah!

Dear Journey,

When I look up into the sky at night I wonder if anyone is looking back at me. Then I wonder what the people in the sky look like, but then I remember the probe. Why do the people in the sky probe me?

- Probed Ponderer

Dear Probed Ponderer,

That wheel in the sky keeps on turnin'. There's nothing anyone can do about that. But if it's probing you we suggest that when the lights go down in the city you get into the house. We don't like to swear...but Fuck?! We can't believe you had to ask...oohh baby yeah.

Next Week

As we're sure you all know, Eddie Money will be in town tomorrow night. Your dedicated "Ask the Band" staff has two tickets to paradise and will be attending the performance with the sole purpose of cornering Mr. Money back stage to get answers to all your questions. So be sure to e-mail your questions, lickity-split, to jackedadvice@hotmail.com.

Don't sue me for this



Now Hear This!

Erik Fraser
Layout Editor

Sometimes even sports headlines can tell us much about the world we live in. But you often have to read between the lines to hear what they are saying.

Last week, on ESPN.com, I saw the headline, "Paralyzed prep star's parents don't plan suit." No big deal, right? That seems like a good thing. But then I thought more about it and I began to wonder, what kind of culture do we live in where the emphasis in the headline on is fact that someone *doesn't* plan to sue?

First, some background: Joe Kay, an Arizona high school basketball player, had just made a dunk to punctuate his team's 62-54 victory over a rival when fans rushed the court.

Caught at the bottom of a dog-pile, Kay tore his carotid artery and was partially paralyzed. He may never play sports again, putting his volleyball scholarship to Stanford in jeopardy. (To their credit, Stanford officials have said they plan on honoring the scholarship whether or not he can play again.)

Few would have been surprised if Kay and his parents had decided to sue. But for once, someone actually used common sense and realized that these things just happen. Suing those "responsible" would only have ruined more lives.

But in America today, this is sadly the exception, not the norm. It seems to me that frivolous lawsuits are a result of two aspects of our culture. First, we are all trying to find easy paths to money. Second, and more significantly, we have been taught to blame everyone but ourselves for our problems.

Here are a few of the most outrageous lawsuits filed by those who think nothing is their own fault, most

of which were found at www.power-of-attorneys.com/StupidLawsuits.htm:

■ Two high school baton twirlers in Connecticut sued their coach, athletic director, and principal after they were cut from the team, saying they were not treated fairly. The coach said they were just not good enough.

■ A high school basketball player in the Bay Area sued after being cut from the team, saying it damaged his chances of making millions in the NBA. (Someone should tell him that Michael Jordan was cut from his team his freshman year.)

■ A baseball coach in Ohio was sued by a player's father for "bad coaching" after the team went 0-15, supposedly costing the team a trip to Florida for a tournament.

■ A man sued the Las Vegas Hilton and Mandalay Bay casinos for "allowing" him to gamble away \$1 million while he was intoxicated.

■ Several lawsuits have recently been filed against fast-food chains by people who blamed McDonald's, Burger King, and the like for making them obese.

Frivolous lawsuits do nothing but harm to society. No one considering volunteering to coach a sports team should need to worry about potential lawsuits when the team loses or if he cuts a player from the team when that player is, in his or her judgment, not good enough.

We also get super-dummy-proof everything. When I was a kid, we had playgrounds with sand or tanbark, and crazy jungle-gyms made from metal, wood, and old tires. Today's new playgrounds are dull, generic pieces of plastic on padded carpet. None of my favorite childhood playgrounds would pass muster today. People are too afraid of being sued.

Besides, most of the money awarded in lawsuits goes straight to the lawyers. An extreme example from a class-action suit in Texas resulted in each plaintiff getting \$5.50 from an insurance company, and the lawyers took home \$8 million.

The answer, of course, is to sue all those psychiatrists, self-help book publishers, and everyone else who taught us to blame everyone but ourselves. Or maybe not.

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Political space cadets

Bob Todd
Guest Columnist

Politicians must be from another planet because they all seem to think it's a great idea to go to other planets. Why do our leaders want to go into space? Just think what we could do here on earth with that energy.

For one, there would be no more ghettos because who would want any alien to come to our planet and see how we treat the poor? It might make them think we are insensitive to our own kind. I could search the Internet and find just how much money we spend on the space program and then compare that to how much we spend on making sure our people have all their basic needs met, and I would not include all the salaries for the administration of poverty programs, because 90 percent of all money spent on the poor goes to administration.

Secondly, there would be no war because people are, and always have been, fighting over the earth that allows us to produce our food, shelter, clothes and medicine, and if we truly cared about the poor we would share the earth equally with everyone. And you thought wars were over religion.

Lastly, there would be no religion but one. And that religion would be called love. Yes the religion and politics of love. Like the way families are suppose to

treat each other. Because aren't all these religions just a cover for control and greed? Yes the leaders grab our fathers, wives, and children by indoctrinating them into a belief, not into the truth, but a reality they can not even logically prove exists, so they can gain power, land and wealth by controlling the lives of generations.

Yes, there is a God, because logic dictates His existence, but from all the evidence produced for the past 6,000 years in the history books, He is not too happy with religious leaders or politicians. Just take a look at the hypocrisy of our culture.

We Christians profess to base our beliefs on the Old and New Testaments in the Holy Bible, but our public policies are in direct contradiction with the Commandments of God and the Testimony of Jesus. Jesus did not say kill your enemies before they get you. God said vengeance is mine. But our leaders are taking over God's job and killing scores of innocent people in an attempt to execute vengeance for 9/11/01. Self-defense, yes! vengeance no!

So why do politicians want to go to Mars? Because there is money there, well not really there, but here in our pockets and that's the problem. The money, or what's left is in our pockets and not in their pockets. So, going to Mars is just an elaborate way to tax the people more. And the money is not really anywhere, but we are the money, in the form of labor

and the goods our labor produces, which gets transformed into legal or illegal tender and transferred into the religious and political leader's pockets.

That's why we are always told not to talk about religion or politics, because if we talk about those things, we will eventually come to the same conclusions together, that our leaders are lying thieves, and are responsible for a lot of death and destruction worldwide for thousands of years. But are the people smart enough to figure that out? Sure they are and that's why so many people don't vote, because they realize that those who control the money also control the election process, from beginning to end, and they will not allow anyone to jeopardize the gravy train of public extortion. So what are the poor people on earth to do?

Boycott. Yes! Boycott and boycott some more. We don't have to buy 70 percent of the things we buy. We could set up a parallel voting system that is run solely by the people with simple paper ballots, which are verifiable and just symbolic. We could elect a symbolic president and have appointed Supreme Court justices, elect a senate and congress, and all our state and local governments, and have them make symbolic laws.

What kind of symbolic government would the people vote in? A bit different from the one we have, I'd think.

Ball game, no competition



Staff Column
Stephen Dorman
Sports Writer

This is not a column about George W. Bush, natural gas or the recall election. That's already been covered. No, this is about something much less significant than all of that. What I'm talking about is pain. Boston Red Sox type pain. As in the pain of knowing no matter what you do or how hard you try you'll always be second best. Basically I'm talking about being a baseball fan anywhere other than New York City.

When the "Evil Empire" recently swooped in with its big bag of Benjies and bought the best baseball player on the planet - Alex Rodriguez - it emphatically emphasized the problem with Major League Baseball today; playoff positions are typically locked up before the first pitch of spring training. Competitive balance has helped the NFL become the most popular sport in America. Just the opposite can be said of MLB. Baseball fans in places like Pittsburgh, San Diego, Detroit, those in Canada or Puerto Rico - hell even down in Miami

where the current champs reside - all have no real shot to compete with the big spenders year in and year out. Of course the reason they still play the games is because of teams like the Florida Marlins who came out of nowhere to win the World Series. But that team was somewhat of an aberration, and its success cannot hide the fact that George Steinbrenner and his operation are ruining baseball. His Yankees currently have a payroll of about \$190 million with the addition of A-Hole - or approximately \$130 million more than the Oakland A's. By comparison, imagine if HSU basketball had to compete in the PAC 10 but still received the same funding as they do in the GNAC. They'd be lucky to win five games a season, just like the Tampa Bay Devil Rays will be lucky not to finish last in its division for the seventh year in a row. The bottom line here is that the current situation sucks. Fans have already put up with juicing, strikes, lockouts, corked bats, arrests, ridiculous prices and all the rest of that garbage.

It's time for the players union to concede to a salary cap for the betterment of our national pastime. Meanwhile owners must implement a minimum cap as well to insure that money is put into personnel and not their bank accounts. Or if they wanted to get real daft they could lower beer prices to under \$10. Either way these millionaires and billionaires need to make MLB a game for everyone and every team again and not just for those who play or root in the Bronx.
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Trip to Sri Lanka becomes a 'universal awakening'

Rees Hughes
Guest Columnist

There is a great deal about Sri Lanka that seems almost eerie in its familiarity. Walking along a Colombo street I round the corner to come face to face with an immense billboard featuring Pierce Brosnan. Or there is the sign declaring "Your tax rupees at work."

Our local grocery store carries pasta from Italy, butter from Australia, and peanut butter from California. CNN and BBC, the Internet, and the global economy have truly shrunk the world.

But, there is much we should be importing from Sri Lanka. I am really not talking about tea, clothing, or rubber. I am really talking about ideas. My wife, Amy, and I recently met with the founder and inspiration behind the Sarvodaya movement followed by a tour of the Sarvodaya headquarters. We were both enthralled by what we saw and heard. Begun in 1958 by Dr. Ari Ariyaratne, Sarvodaya (which means 'universal awakening') has grown so much that one in four villages throughout this island nation is involved, a total of 15,000 communities. The process begins with a multi-day work camp (Shramadana or literally "sharing the gift of labor") where members

of the community tackle a village problem together. As Ariyaratne has written, these camps have "proven to be the most effective means of destroying the inertia of any moribund village community and of evoking appreciation of its own inherent strength and directing it towards the objective of improving its own conditions." Out of the Shramadana Camps the village forms work groups to tackle other prioritized needs within the community. If they generate income, the village will share it with other villages nearby. I am sure that these same principles would rejuvenate the spirit of community if applied at HSU, in Humboldt County or California.

Sarvodaya has applied Buddhist values and commitment to social change to other difficult issues. For example, Sarvodaya has worked to assist in the recovery of communities devastated by the civil war that has persisted for the past twenty years between Sri Lankan Sinhalese and Tamils. Sarvodaya instituted an exchange program whereby groups of 100 Sinhalese from villages in the south stay with 100 villagers from the north and east (Tamil settled areas). They share homes, food, and activities for 4 to 5 days. In return, the host families visit the guests in their homes. Dr. Ari Yaratne characterized the

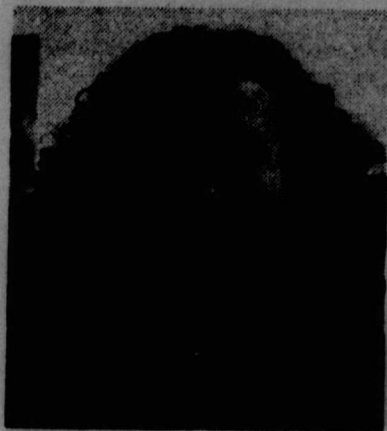
experience as a "heart-to-heart exchange." Not surprisingly, this has proven to be a powerful way to break down cultural barriers, mistrust and suspicion.

We visited a workshop where handicapped girls were learning to sew. Sarvodaya has a program to work with unwed mothers who have been raped by family members. There are a huge number of domestic servants abroad, who leave home and work abroad for several years to send money home to their families. In their absences, the daughters often suffer abuse at the hands of their fathers and brothers. Sarvodaya gives them a safe place to stay, and offers schooling, training and counseling as well.

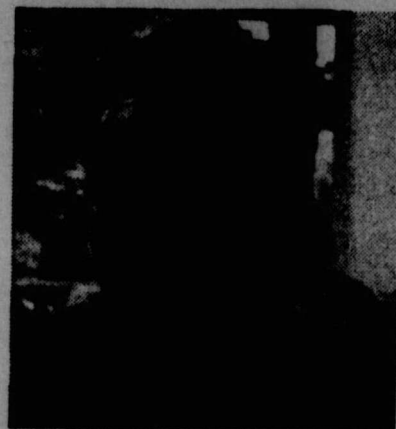
I know that Sarvodaya is an alternative that Humboldt students would find as compelling as Amy and I did. The organization takes on as many as 10 students annually who volunteer as interns, many from Sweden, Japan, Germany...why not, Arcata? If you want to know more, take a look at their Web site: www.sarvodaya.org or e-mail Sarvodaya at ssmplan@sri.lanka.net or contact me at hughes@humboldt.edu. Rees Hughes, Director of Student Life at HSU, and his family are in Sri Lanka through June, 2004 under the auspices of the Fulbright Program.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY

Q ▶ What's your favorite venue?



CHELSEA WOLF
anthropology junior
A: The Van Duzer Theatre



SCOTT WILLINGHAM
env. science ethics junior
A: The Arcata Theatre



CHRISTIANNA TYLER
communications senior
A: Six Rivers McKinleyville



MEGAN JOHNDREAU
french / german junior
A: Crest Theatre

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The Haggard Life of Merle

▶ **Cat Sieh**
Lumberjack Staff Writer

Merle Haggard doesn't live up to his name. He's a true-to-his roots, genuine country legend who's been making music for longer than you've been alive, but you better believe he isn't worn out, exhausted, haggard. With nearly 70 albums, 39 No. 1 country hits and various Grammy, Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music awards, the 66-year-old honkey-tonker shows no sign of slowing down. This Friday at 8 p.m. Haggard and his band the Strangers will play bona fide country music at the Eureka Theater.

"[Merle Haggard] is still holding on to the tradition of country music," said Mort Scott, Humboldt State University sculpture professor and a fan for 30 years. "And he's not giving up. I think that's what a true artist is. He's not out to please anybody. He holds on to the traditions."

"Ol' Hag" may have been making patriotic, flag-waving music for the last 40 years, but he can still learn new tricks. His latest release in September 2003, "Haggard Like Never Before," outraged the country music community with the leftist lyrics of the first single "That's The News." "Suddenly the cost of war is out of sight. Lost a lot of heroes in the fight. Politicians do all the talking. Soldiers pay the dues. Suddenly the war is over, that's the news"

While Darryl Worley's "Have You Forgotten?" and Toby Keith's "Courtesy of the

Red, White & Blue (The Angry American)" proudly blared a pro-American message from country radio stations across the nation, Haggard's provocative criticism of the U.S. government and media's coverage of the war in Iraq was causing a ruckus in the country music community.

But this isn't the first time Haggard has been in the political spotlight. 1970's "The Fightin' Side of Me" generated similar media attention, but for very different reasons. The pro-American anthem was widely played at the height of the Vietnam War: "Runnin' down the way of life our fightin' men have fought and died to keep. If you don't love it, leave it: Let this song I'm singin' be a warnin'. If you're runnin' down my country, man, you're walkin' on the fightin' side of me."

Similarly, in the infamous classic "Okie from Muskogee," Haggard condemned anti-war protesters and in turn, received a full pardon in 1972 from then-California Governor Ronald Reagan for a handful of minor crimes he served time for as a youth. In 1994, when Haggard became the only California-born artist to be inducted into the

Country Music Hall of Fame, the pardon went on permanent display.

Born in 1937, Haggard lived a self-described Beverly Hillbillies lifestyle with his parents James and Flossie in a converted Santa Fe Railroad boxcar. Once a musician with a hillbilly band in Oklahoma, his father (then a carpenter for the railroad) died suddenly when Haggard was just nine. Dev-

astated, Haggard became restless and rebellious. Despite his mother's efforts to keep him in school, he was consistently truant. By the age of 13 he had run away from home, taking manual labor jobs and stealing cars to survive. By the time he was 16 he had served jail time for various crimes, ranging from

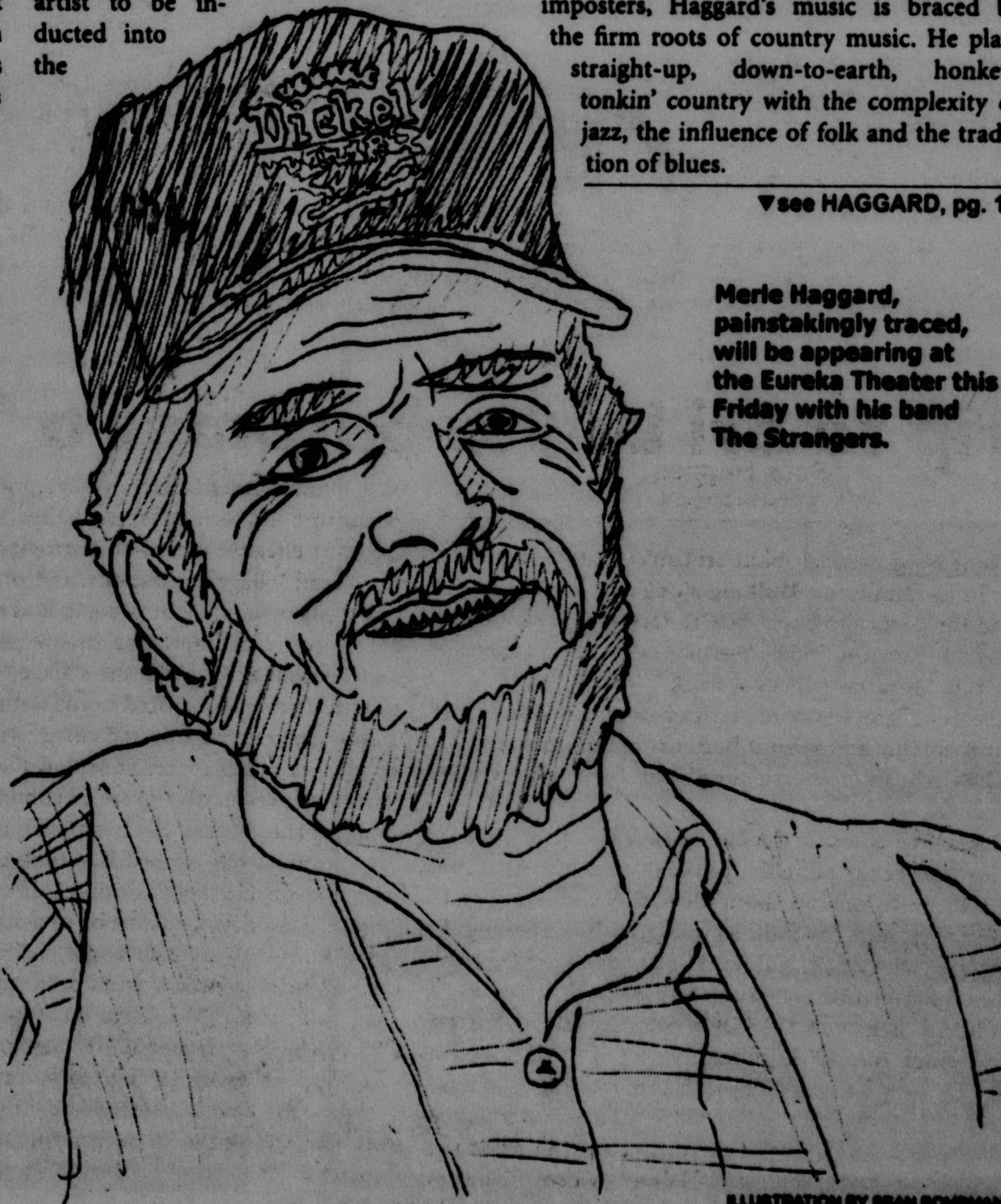
burglary to escape, and by 21 was doing time in San Quentin Penitentiary for a botched attempt to burglarize a tavern (including a stretch in solitary confinement for making home brew). Two years later, Haggard emerged to turn his life around and miraculously became one of the most gifted country music singers of his time.

Rising above the radio waves of pop/rock imposters, Haggard's music is braced by the firm roots of country music. He plays straight-up, down-to-earth, honkey-tonkin' country with the complexity of jazz, the influence of folk and the tradition of blues.

▼ see HAGGARD, pg. 17

JUST THE GIST

Who: Merle Haggard and the Strangers
Where: Eureka Theatre
When: Friday, Feb. 20
How much: \$35 for the balcony, \$45 for the main floor and \$55 for the VIP (first 10 rows)
What time: 8 p.m.



Merle Haggard, painstakingly traced, will be appearing at the Eureka Theater this Friday with his band The Strangers.

ILLUSTRATION BY SEAN SCHWARTZ

HAGGARD FACTS

- Merle Haggard was born inside of a converted boxcar on April 6, 1937 in Bakersfield, Calif.

- In 1957, Haggard was sent to San Quentin for burglary. While incarcerated he saw Johnny Cash play a concert and it inspired him to join the prison band.

- Merle Haggard had his first successful record in 1965 with the song "(All My Friends Are Going to Be) Strangers," which prompted him to call his band The Strangers. Haggard had his first No. 1 hit the following year with "I'm a Lonesome Fighter."

- Merle Haggard is currently selling his deluxe double-decker house boat that he and his wife Theresa have been living in for the past five years. It is located on the beautiful Lake Shasta and will run you about \$200,000. Interested parties should be directed to MerleHaggard.com.

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catchy melodies. They have

released several albums and

are currently working on a new

album. They are known for

their energetic live performances

and their ability to blend

different musical styles. They

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music lover. They are currently

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Septet



▲ Haggard, from pg. 15

"He's just the everyday kind of singer," Scott said. "He touches a chord with people who have had the same experiences: people who've had trouble with the law, people who've had trouble with other people."

Since his days in the joint, Haggard has appeared on at least 14 labels, from Tally to Capitol to MCA to predominantly punk Epitaph. After 40 years of reluctance to be controlled by record labels and public opinion, Haggard has finally won the struggle to keep his music pure. When the doors open this Friday at 6 p.m., Haggard will play on his own label, Hag Records, as a free man. Haggard is accompanied by what has become known as one of country music's finest road bands. The Strangers are six-time winners of the ACM's Touring Band

of the Year Award, have received two Music City News awards for Band of the Year and have also recorded several albums of their own.

Balcony tickets for the all-ages show are \$35, main floor tickets are \$45 and VIP tickets (first 10 rows) are \$55. Tickets are on sale at The Works, The Metro, Wildhorse Records, Greens Fortuna Pharmacy and online at JamBase.com. This concert will benefit, in part, The Eureka Theater Restoration Project and Food for People in Eureka, so bring a can of food or a non-perishable food item and automatically enter to win prizes, including dinner for two at Mazotti's, an autographed CD and show poster set and a chance to meet the legend himself!

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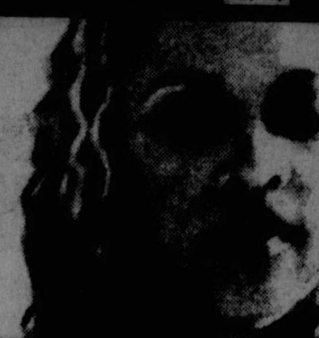
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Alaska! and The Peels
at The Shanty in Eureka

I had never heard Alaska! before but I had it on good authority that they were worth a listen. The flyer said 9:30 p.m. at The Shanty. We got there around 10:30 p.m. and the band was still setting up. No big deal. It gave us some time to get lubed up at the bar.

After a pint of Guinness, my buddy, Sean, decided it was time to screw with the bartender by inventing a drink off the top of his head. A long

alchysophical discussion ensued, debating the merit of orange juice vs. lemonade when coupled with tequila and triple sec. After a heavy five minutes the two came to a tonic water and lemon wedge compromise.

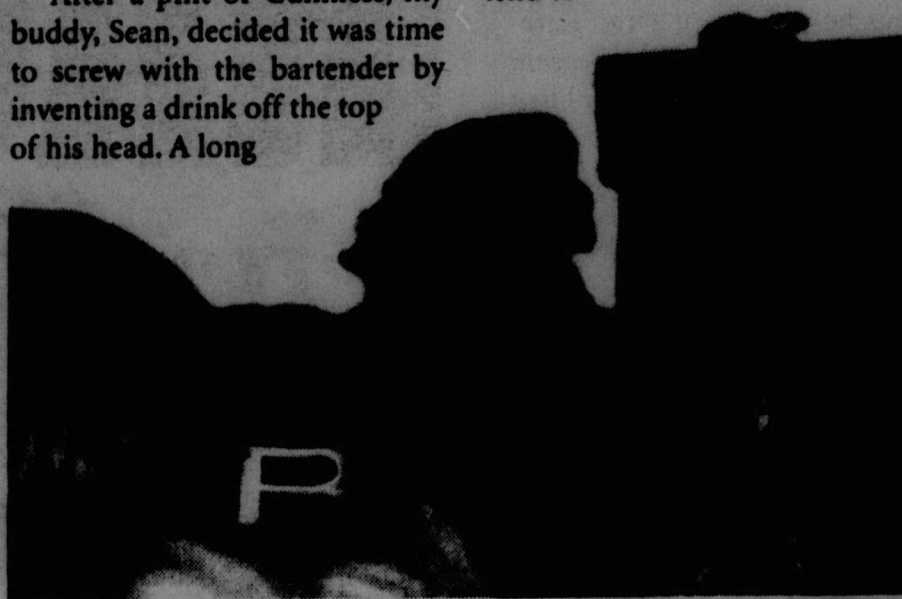
As interesting as all this was, it was time for me to attend to

business. After all, I was on an important reporting assignment. The drummer had just finished setting up his kit and headed outside for a smoke. I followed.

Ken was the only name he'd give me. I guess it's a Madonna or Prince kinda thing. After talking for 10 minutes about his favorite drummers, how the tour was going, Dodge vans vs. Ford vans, I asked him how the band decided on the name "Alaska!" Ken looked at me funny when I asked.

"Dude, I'm the drummer for The Peels," he said. "We're opening for Alaska!" He went back inside and I made a mental note to polish up on my research techniques.

I'm not a huge fan of punk music but The Peels were pretty good. The guitarist played more than just power chords and there was an actual melody. The sing-



Imaad Wasif of Alaska! plays at The Shanty last Thursday.

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▲ Alaska, from previous page

er was this chick with one hell of a powerful voice. She was really belting out the tunes and getting into it. Plus she gave the audience the finger a lot, which is critical to achieve that real punk atmosphere.

When Alaska! went on The Shanty redefined the term "maximum occupancy." The guy behind me was sitting on a stool and I was shoved into his lap so many times that I felt it was only polite of me to offer to buy him a drink. He didn't think that was very funny so I went back to watching the show.

Alaska! sounded a little like The Strokes at first. The guitar riffs were solid and heavy but a step up in complexity compared to The Strokes. Since seeing the show I've been listening to the

Alaska! album "Emotions" and it's hard to tell that it's the same band I saw at The Shanty. The album is way mellower, with more acoustic music than electric. If you've ever heard Joseph Arthur, it's kinda like that. It's cool. Alaska! is two bands in one.

I caught up with Imaad Wasif, lead singer of Alaska!, after the show. He was kinda out of it but he did say that the Eureka show was "...the best show on the tour so far. Way better than the San Francisco or Sacramento shows." I don't know if he meant that they played better or it was a better crowd. He seemed very tired so I left him alone.

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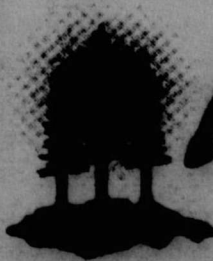
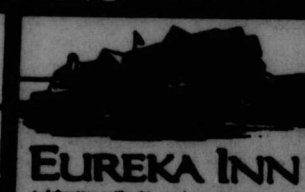
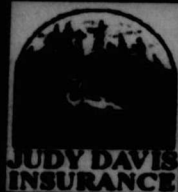
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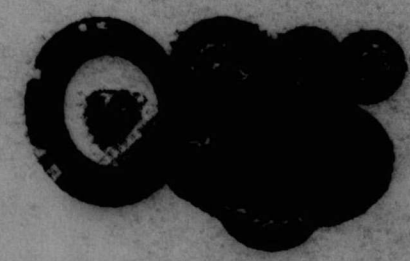
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The Jammers League

► **Rory Williams**

Lumberjack Staff Writer

You could call it a giant musician soup that sporadically forms and dissipates, leaving the audience stunned.

A flute, percussion and bass kick off every Jammers League show, but as the jam progresses 15 musicians – most of whom never practice together – fill the stage, layering funk, folk and reggae into an exotic blend.

Members swap glances to signal a player's time to solo, which keeps this conductorless group on point.

"It's my favorite thing to be on stage with 15 other people," Jesse Jonathon, an undeclared sophomore at HSU and creator of the Jammers League, said. "There is just so much energy and the music is as diverse as the people."

Jonathon, who currently is taking trumpet lessons and plays percussion and keyboards in the group, started the Jammers League last semester.

Lenni Pettineli, a music composition major and vice president of the Jammers League, helped Jonathon form the core members of the group and insists that there is always room for more players.

"Anybody who plays music is invited into it," Pettineli said.

Members are encouraged to get a feel for various instruments to understand all the aspects of music and add whatever they can to the flow.

"We have an opportunity to teach each other,"

Jonathon said. "I've always learned best from my friends."

Multi-talented member Eddie Kemper, a physics sophomore, "shreds" on the guitar and he then plays bass like Bootsy Collins.

Kemper, who has played guitar since 1997, said the transition to bass was painless and he has been playing it for the last year.

"Everything (chord progressions and muscle movements) transferred over pretty quickly," Kemper said.

The sound of the Jammers League is constantly evolving with players coming in and out of the band rapidly, and Jonathon enjoys the sounds that new members bring.

"I can't deny it (music)," Jonathon said. "I don't want to study it, I want to play it. Music touches everybody."

The Jammers League will perform at the HSU quad next Monday at 12 p.m. and will encourage anyone with an instrument to join in.

A free show at the Depot is scheduled for April 6, and Jonathon is looking for musicians and dancers to accompany the Jammers League during the show.

If you're interested in joining the Jammers League or have questions about upcoming Jammers League shows, contact Jonathon's e-mail address at Arcatamusic@yahoo.com.

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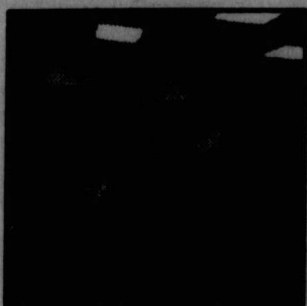


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What's your favorite adult beverage?



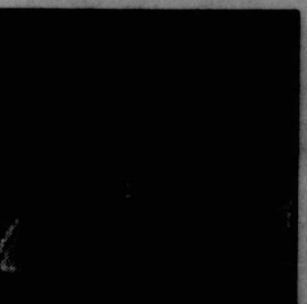
"I'd have to say whiskey and Coke—it's my drink."
Mike Bowers, business senior



"Honestly the only thing I drink is white tequila shots. It's much smoother than gold."
Judy Wu, zoology senior



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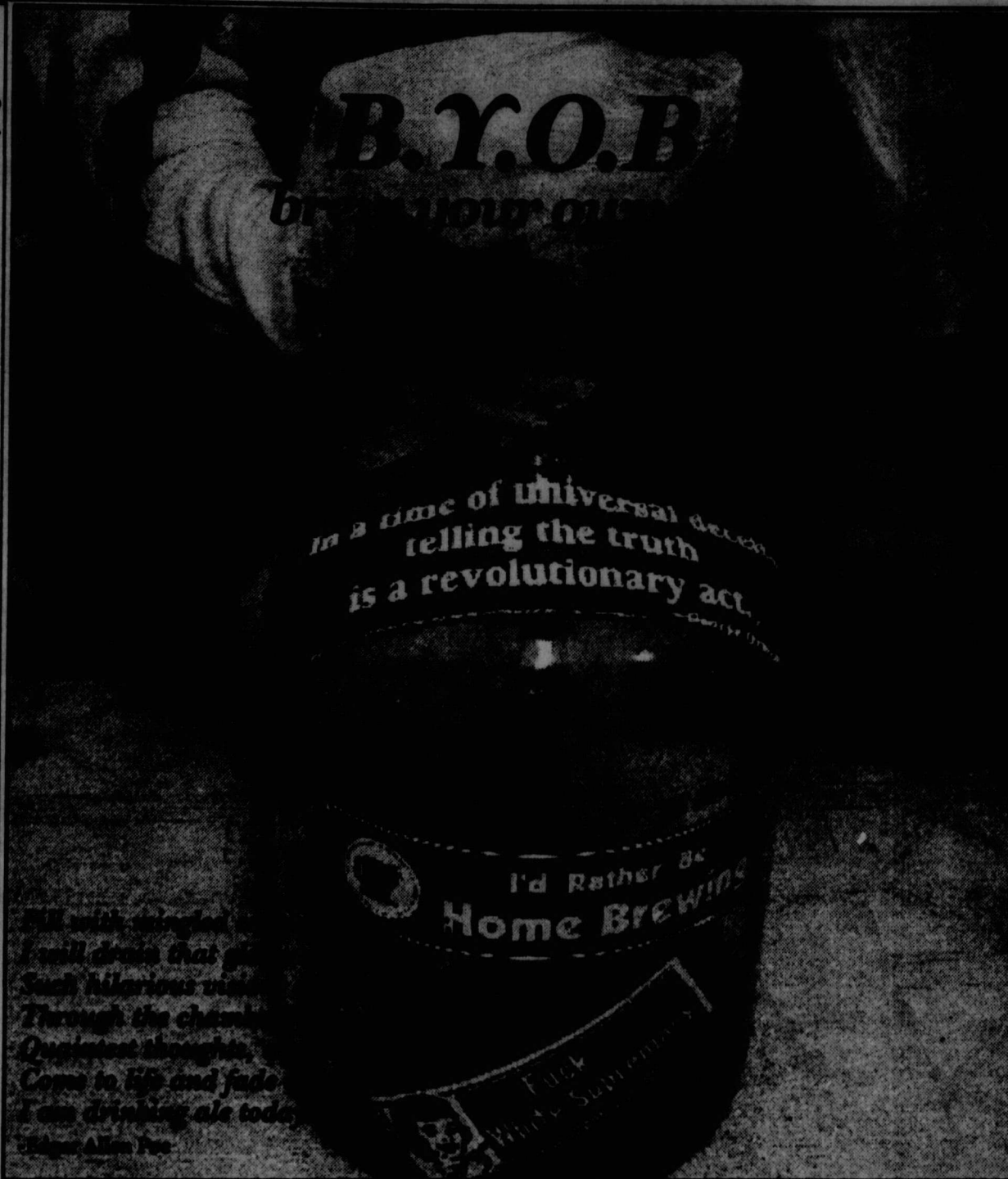


"There's so many... either a Long Island or a screwdriver. I'm gonna have to go with the Long Island—there's more alcohol in it."
Melbee Batka, marine biology junior



"Guinness beer."
Jimmie Ray Austin, cellular molecular biology junior

Compiled by K-dub



Flip-flopped homebrewers strain the wort while making political statements.

► Karen Wilkinson
Features Editor

Are you sick of paying for bottles of that warm-fuzzy-feeling-inducing liquid? Do you think you can do better yourself?

For many college students, beer is a food group all its own. Next to the milk, eggs and coffee, it is among the top staples in most of our refrigerators.

Some prefer to mix up their own concoctions in the comfort of their own home, a process similar to cooking.

"It's so easy, everyone should do it," Todd Stagnaro, a religious studies senior, said. At 16, Stagnaro took up homebrewing and has cooked mead, hard cider and beer over the years. "We didn't get caught in the trap of drinking Budweiser at an early age," Stagnaro said.

"You can get the same quality beer (that can be bought)," Gordon Woodman, a Spanish sophomore and former homebrewer, said. He said he stopped brewing because "I was drinking too much."

When it comes to explaining the beer brewing process, flashbacks from that evil high school chemistry class may occur. But fear not, my fellow beer lovers, there is a pot of gold at the end of this rainbow.

Stagnaro learned the art of homebrewing through taking classes, reading books and making mistakes.

"All it takes is time," Stagnaro said. "You've got to concentrate on it. It's like cooking—the more you put into it, the better the end product."

Local brew shops, grocery stores and online sources can help make this adventure a bit less bumpy. Stagnaro recommends taking a trip to the Co-op for ingredients. "They have everything you need to get started and more," he said.

Though beer consumption remains a popular pastime among college-age adults, the average homebrewing customer is 30 years old, Xian Crigler said. Crigler is the owner of Taming of the Brew, a beer and wine-

making supplies shop in Old Town Eureka.

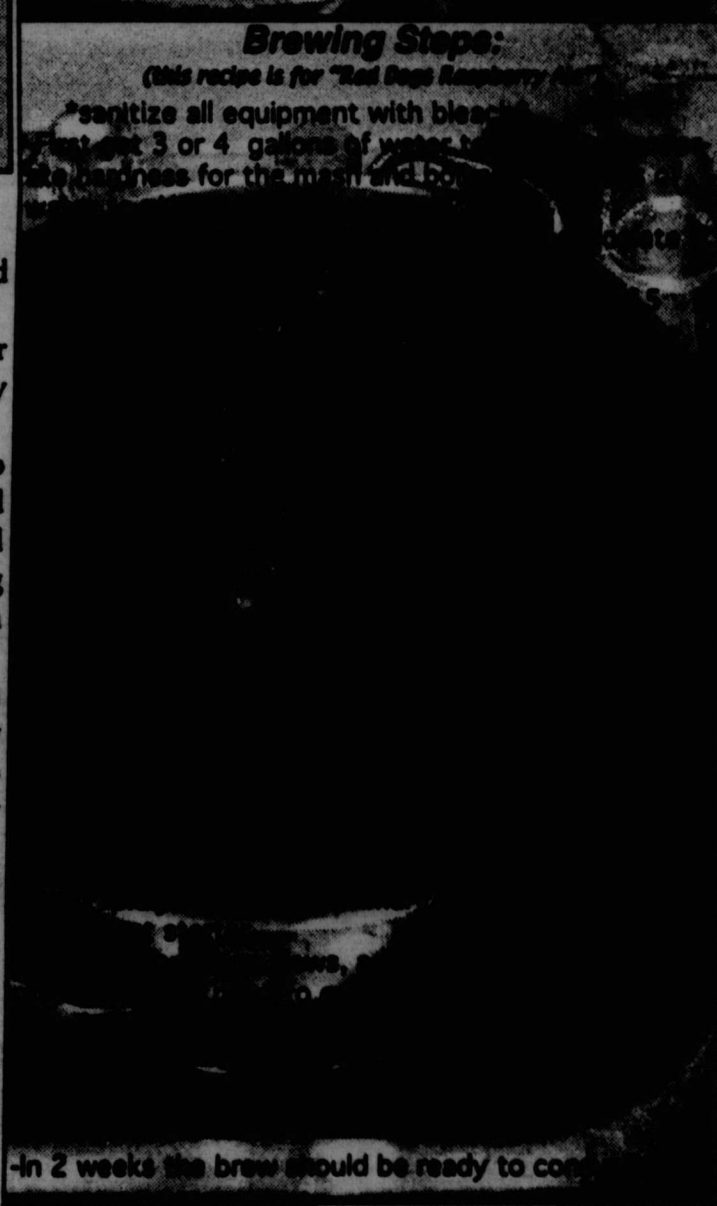
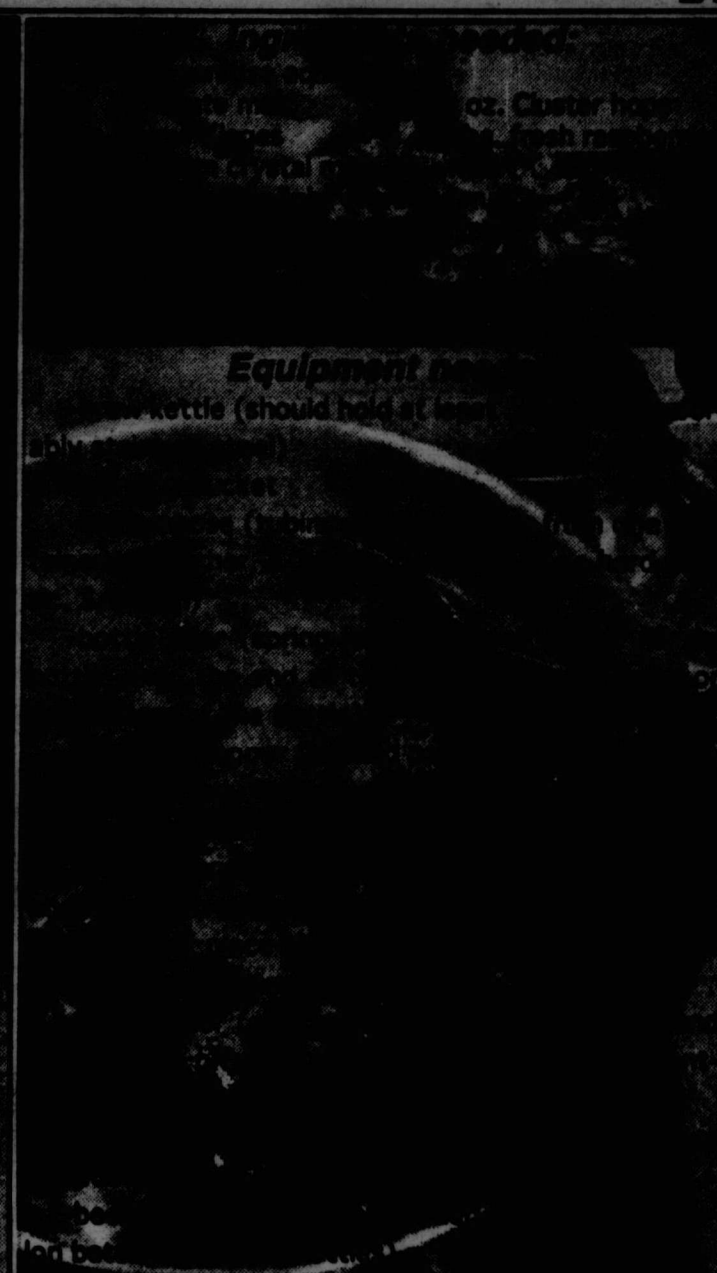
"(Homebrewing) is for people who want to enjoy good beer," Crigler said.

The ingredients used to make beer can also be used to brew mead, hard cider and wine. All it takes is following the recipe and a little lovin' in the kitchen.

Adults (21 years and over) in the United States can brew 100 gallons a year and up to 200 gallons a year for any household with more than one adult, thanks to a bill passed by Congress and President Carter in 1979 that repealed the restrictions on homebrewing leftover from Prohibition days.

"Mysteriously losing track of how many batches you produce a year also helps," an article published in Boston's Weekly Digest, said.

Stagnaro said the hardest part about homebrewing is "not knowing if you cleaned everything well enough." He said the second batch he and his friends made was "kind of off" and stresses the importance of sanitation.



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DIVE BAR DETOURS

The mission of this series is to explore local dive bars and remind us all that alternatives to the predictably depressing bars on the Arcata Plaza do exist (although we do love Denise at the Alibi). Let's be honest: as a newcomer, the first visit to the bars on the plaza takes some bravery. With this confidence well established we set out with an extra inkling of adventure. We wonder: What more will be required of us to experience the obscure, off-the-main-road alternatives? Rather than strictly adhering to dummed-down newspeak—we forewarn: personal, memorable experiences are included herein.

Bartenders are the real heroes

► Erik Fraser, Matt Kapko, Matthew Mais, and Michael Schnalzer

Tavern Trailblazers

D AND L LOUNGE — We entered the E and O bowling alley to the unmistakable crash of ball on pins, triggering the endless flow of references to the greatest bowling movie of all time "The Big Lebowski."

Most of our group charged ahead to the lanes to meet up with Shark and his lady friends, but MJ and Starsky were focused on the task of sampling the D and L Lounge, which adjoins the E and O.

Shark warned of a wild bridal shower that was going on in the bar, explaining that his first drink of the night was accompanied by the sight of a full-figured negligee-clad woman writhing on top of the pool table.



The Trailblazers try to keep track of bartenders, Wendy and Julie, at the D and L Lounge.

MICHAEL SCHNALZER

MJ and Starsky were unfazed, and after indulging on a pair of hefty 7&7s, they were wrapped right up in the festivities. Starsky took a cue from bartender Julie and belted out his version of the "Star Spangled Banner" after sucking down some helium from one of the many party balloons.

He almost remembered all the words with the aid of a fellow helium patron at the bar, and the performance earned him a shot of Jack Daniels from bartender Wendy. This was the first shot of the three that he can remember.

With the ice shattered we sat down to get the scoop on the joint, but quickly found that our reputation had begun to precede us.

"You're the Dive Bar Detour guys," bartender Julie proclaimed.

Shit, they're on to us, we thought. But after a moment's rush of anxiety we realized that we were in one of the most all-inclusive dive bars we had seen yet.

"You wanna see a fight, go to Arcata; you wanna party, come here," a burly biker named Ken said. Simply put, the place is a forced merging of the suspend-er-and-boots crowd and college kids yearning to knock down some pins and



"Oh say can you see..."

drinks without going to Eureka.

This unique collision produces an uninhibited party atmosphere that can't be found in Arcata.

Even the pair of jukeboxes live up to that vibe, offering the best selection of noise in the area. Whenever Billy Idol's "Rebel Yell" sits in the same glass case as 50 Cent and Hank Williams, you know it's going to be a party.

The music wasn't the only surprise however, the drinks must be the stiffest this side of the Shanty.

And given the shitty excuse for White Russians we received last week, anything would have sufficed; nonetheless, the White Russians were beyond the Dude's standards, with a thick pour of half & half to twist our stomachs inside out.

If breakfast is more your fancy during the mid-night hour, the Bloody Marys will give your liver and gut the kick they deserve. Horseradish and

pickled green beans round out the spicy number, leaving your lips quivering for a pint to tame the blaze.

If you venture into the D and L to wet your whistle during the early evening mind your P's and Q's, because there'll be some old timers trying to unwind from a hard day of work.

"I come in after work around 4:30. I drive a school bus, and when I get off work I'm ready for some quiet," said one lady from the old school.

But that's the beauty of this place, it is the convergence of generations brought together through the common denominator known as alcohol.

And it always helps to have some of the most kick ass bartenders in Humboldt County to keep the spirits flowing.

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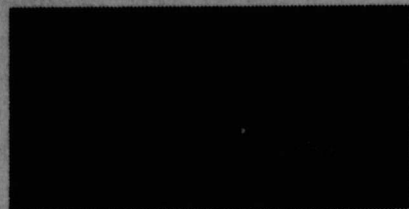
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Coachless club stays afloat despite budget cuts

Cheers up

► **Ahnie Litekey**
Lumberjack Staff Writer

Yes, they are cute. Yes, they are perky. But stereotypes about cheerleaders stop there for the members of the Humboldt State University Cheer Club.

Yes, HSU has a cheer club, even at a school with its own stereotype of being overrun with laid-back hippies.

Since the club's inception about four years ago, the cheer club had been to a few football games. With better organization and a bigger team, this year they began performing half-time shows at most men's home basketball games. The club eventually hopes to cheer at women's basketball games as well, but right now lack the resources and time.

The cheer club has 12 members, 11 women and one man.

Only three members of the team had previous experience, so it was a challenge for the team to gain

zoology and scientific diving junior, said the club does'nt have enough money right now to afford a coach. This means that the members with the most experience must teach necessary skills to less experienced teammates.

Like other students at HSU, the members of the cheer club must balance classes, homework and practices. "As far as balancing cheer with school I

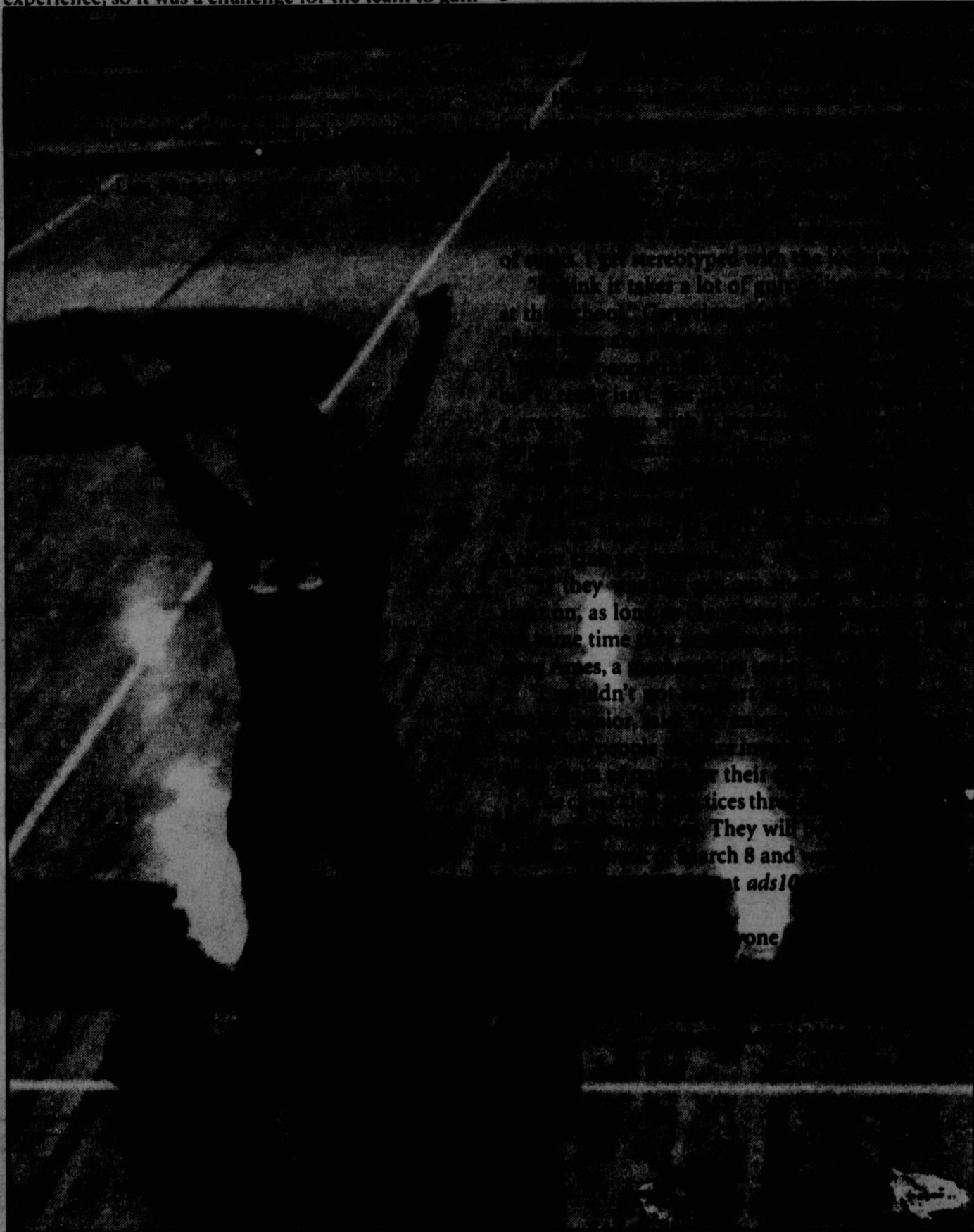
"I think it takes a lot of guts to be a cheerleader at this school."

also work and many of the other girls do too, so at times it can be really hard," Thomas said.

The cheer club has faced other challenges as well. The club used to

Genevieve Melzer have sports club status but was cut with budget reductions. Thomas

said the club holds fundraising activities to raise money for uniforms, shoes and pompoms. They sometimes have a booth in the Quad and sell baked goods.



Dawnte Thomas, Jessica Jackson and Lisa Nugent lift Amanda Barillas during practice.

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Some outdoor activities are just better on the North Coast than anywhere else. Kayaking, canoeing and boating are a few experiences that cannot be duplicated anywhere else.

► **Robert Deane**
Lumberjack Staff Writer

Humboldt County offers a wide range of activities to the community and Humboldt State University students, whether they enjoy indoor or outdoor activities. However, for some outdoor activities the weather can make things miserable and force even the toughest outdoors enthusiasts indoors.

There are several activities offered in Humboldt and the surrounding counties that go on even in the most miserable weather. Many people enjoy ocean and river kayaking, canoeing and rafting.

"One can paddle all year here, it's fantastic," Jeff Haag said, professor of mathematics at HSU and an avid river kayaker. "You have to be dressed for it in the winter, but I've kayaked all 12 months locally. Some of the rivers and creeks are navigable during the winter and spring runoff. Enthusiastic boaters will deal with the cold and realize it's worth it."

It's this enthusiasm for these sports that assure people interested in learning them that they will be able to find one business that rents the necessary equipment at a reasonable price.

Students just getting interested in these water sports might want to receive lessons or know where to go.

"I highly recommend Center Activities at HSU," Haag said. "I took all of their sea kayaking and whitewater seminars. I also learned a great deal by taking REC. 350, Intermediate Whitewater Kayaking, at HSU, great course."

"Beginners should also start in the lagoons (Big Lagoon and Stone Lagoon). Sea kayakers can then progress to Trinidad and Humboldt Bays. River boaters should start at the lagoons also and then progress to Class I or II rivers like the Trinity or the Klamath."

So where are the best places to go for a student who is an expert at sea or river kayaking, river rafting or canoeing?

"It depends on what you want to do, along the North Coast I would say Trinidad Bay and Humboldt Bay but you have to watch the tides which can provide difficulties," Lowell Cottle said, owner of North Coast Adventures and a 27-year canoe and kayaking veteran.

"For ocean kayaking, Trinidad Bay is the best. For flatwater paddling, I would go to Big Lagoon and Stone Lagoon. Mad River Slough and Humboldt Bay on a calm

SEAN QUINCEY



A first roll in a kayak can cause a panic. Instructional sessions are advised.

This is most likely not what you will be doing kayaking the North Coast. Beginners usually start off in lagoons around the area.

day are also nice options," Haag said.

The times of the year that one should go kayaking, canoeing or rafting vary among those asked. For whitewater, Cottle said that year-round conditions are great for it but if a person wanted to do some sea kayaking the spring and fall are probably the best.

"The weather and tide dictate times and places," Jay Dottle said, operator of Humboats LLC. "Winter offers extreme tides for new access and views of tidal-influenced waters like Humboldt Bay. Spectacular skies in winter and spring create a wonderful backdrop to a paddle on calm waters, or a stimulating sail into Arcata Bay (north Humboldt Bay). Summer and fall are milder conditions, but all in all the coastal climate is wonderful for boating year-round."

The benefits of these sports are numerous. They are friendly to the environment and offer the participant a great opportunity not only for a relaxing, fun time but also a chance to see some wildlife (you just might see a few whales while sea kayaking off Trinidad or even Bigfoot along the Trinity river). You also have a chance to get a good physical workout. For individual or groups of HSU students looking to go on these types of trips visit the Center Activities on campus or any one the companies throughout Humboldt County.

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Cupid brings intramurals

Intramural b-ball begins over Valentine's weekend

► **Stephen Dorman**
Lumberjack Staff Writer

Intramural sports kicked off this week with over 1,000 students, faculty and community members competing in six separate basketball, volleyball and soccer leagues. The HSU Office of Recreational Sports sponsors all leagues.

Noticeable in its absence is softball, which fell victim to budget cuts as well as

the renovation of the Field House where games are held. In addition, two basketball leagues – the 'A' (for advanced players) and 6 feet and under league – were also cut.


"I probably lost 15 to 18 student employees because of the cuts," Recreational Sports Director Clay Brown said. "Most of the people let go were working in officiating."

Brown said the start date for softball could have been pushed up in order to complete the season before renovation in the Field House begins on March 15, but that there just wasn't enough funding to support all the teams.

Six leagues survived, however, including three in soccer, two for basketball and an open volleyball league on Thursday nights. Soccer is the most popular and teams typi-

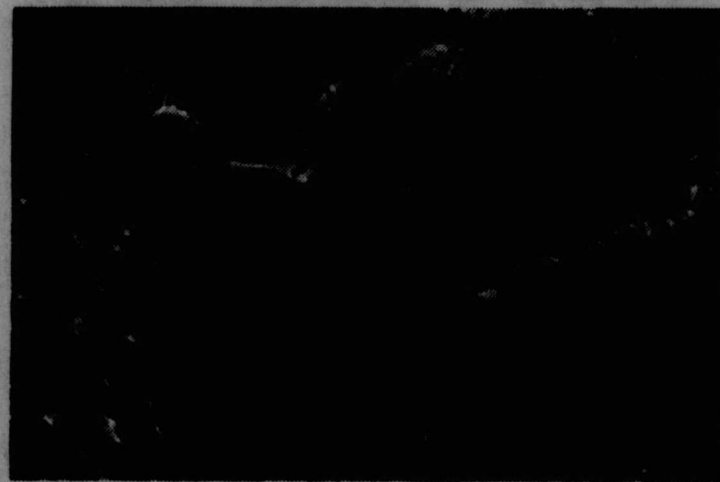
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'03 a record year for football attendance

► **Brian Haas**
Lumberjack Staff Writer

The HSU football team increased its season attendance average last year by 700 more than 2002 season.

"It shows that the quality of play is being appreciated by the community," said HSU athletic director Dan Collen. "(Our home games last year) were much more competitive and incredibly exciting. Fans were seeing a different style of football."

NCAA Division II football, comprised of 150 teams, had a 2003 total attendance number of 2,835,856 according to ncaa.org. That number is the second largest in Division II history, being surpassed only by 1978 total of 2,871,683.

Division II also had its best per-game total since 1994 with 3,608.

The Lumberjacks had a total attendance of 15,287 for their four home games in the Redwood Bowl last fall.

In 2001 the 'Jacks were able to get 16,085 fans, but they did so with a total of six home games.

"I also would like to attribute some of the increased attendance to marketing," said Collen. "We promote a family atmosphere... and our athletics team reinforces that."

The Lumberjacks hope to increase their attendance numbers in the Redwood Bowl even more in the 2004 season with five home games and a more fan friendly schedule.

The schedule features home games every other week, instead of a long block of home games.

"Fans are more apt to come out to the game when they don't have to commit their entertainment time to the same activity over consecutive weekends," said HSU Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations Dan Pambianco.

The addition of the fifth home game, and newly added Cal Poly away game will help with the athletic department's budget, which is currently facing a reduction of 10 percent or more.

The 'Jacks kick off the regular season on the road at Western New Mexico on August 28th and have their first game of the season in the Redwood Bowl on Sept. 11th against Southern Oregon.

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'03	15,287	3,822	+693
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▲ INTRAMURALS, from pg. 25

cally fill up the first day of signups. Games are played on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday nights in the West Gym or Redwood Bowl. Every squad must be co-ed and two female athletes have to be on the playing field at all times. When a female scores a goal it counts for two points.

Recel Milligan, in her second semester at HSU and an active intramural participant, believes the discrepancy between men's and women's scoring tallies is good for competition. "(Scoring) can be looked at backwards but they're trying to keep it fun while remaining relatively competitive."

Basketball, in contrast, is not co-ed. Each league has approximately 20 teams with 8 to 12 players on each squad. There are female participants on some teams, but unlike soccer it is not required. The "B" league is most competitive with the "C" league geared more towards beginning or intermediate players.

Intramural participants, specifically those who are new to HSU, often find joining a team is a good way to meet new people and get a workout in at the same time. "The first semester I was here I didn't know a lot of people so I came in the office and put down \$15 for two different teams," Milligan said. "Then I just went through the free agent list and started calling people and asking them if they wanted to play. What I found was a huge demand for people that wanted to join a team."

Signups for creating a team are closed, although there are still drop-in recreational leagues for volleyball on Sundays and Tuesdays, and basketball on Sundays and Mondays. Drop-in leagues are free to students with valid HSU identification, \$2 without.

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Fish Report

Chetco River - Recent storms bringing high flows and bad fishing.

Eel River - See Chetco

Klamath River - Fair steel action with a significant fl increase this week.

Mad River - See Chetco

Redwood Creek - No fishing yet, hopefully next weekend

Smith River - Safe bet is to wait until Thurs. or Fri. for water to clear up.

Trinity River - Fair steelhead - fish now spawning. High & muddy below Rush Creek.

Ocean - Good bottom fishing on flat days



Courtesy of Mad River Outfitters

Surf Report

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THU NIGHT...S WIND 10 KT... WIND WAVES 2 FT OR LESS... W SWELL 7 TO 8 FT. CHANCE OF RAIN.

FRI...NW WIND 5 TO 10 KT... WIND WAVES 2 FT OR LESS... W SWELL 8 TO 9 FT. CHANCE OF RAIN.

SAT...E WIND 5 TO 10 KT... BECOMING S 10 TO 20 K' IN THE AFTERNOON WIND WAVES 2 FT TO 4 FT. W SWELL 10 TO 12 FT.

SUN...W WIND 10 TO 20 KT... WIND WAVES 2 TO 4 FT... W SWELL 13 TO 14 FT.

Courtesy of National Weather Service, Eureka

Getting those mental glands secreting The run-down of some common pre-test remedies and wakeups

► Jordan Pitkin
Lumberjack Staff Writer

Some students, driven by a need for energy or memory, turn to energy supplements and "brain boosters," supplements that claim to increase memory.

Illegal drugs aside, energy supplements seem to be everywhere these days.

No-doze, Vivarin, Red Bull, No Fear, an infinite number of names and labels fill the eyes of consumers with promises of energy and alertness.

But what are all these energy supplements anyway?

When looking at labels, four substances generally appear: caffeine, taurine, guarana and ginseng.

Caffeine is in coffee, is an additive in many kinds of soda, and is the number one ingredient in both No-Doze and Vivarin.

Caffeine is an addictive drug that affects the brain in the same way as heroin, cocaine and amphetamines but to a much lesser extent, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

"I know from the two or three times a year I drink it, it makes me bounce off the wall," said Parrish Ellison, sophomore computer science. "If that's my goal, then it works well."

When caffeine enters the body, it constricts blood vessels causing the body to assume that there is an emergency and begins to secrete adrenaline.

At the same time dopamine levels are increased, giving the caffeine user a pleasurable feeling.

Because the half-life (or time it



Some open wide, put these inside. It tells their mind stay, do not run and hide.

takes the body to metabolize half of the consumed amount) of caffeine is six hours, caffeine consumed after noon can prevent the body from entering deep sleep at night, creating the need for more caffeine the next day.

The FDA has studied the effects of caffeine and, other than a warning that pregnant mothers and small children should avoid using it in large doses, has deemed it to be safe in commercially viable amounts.

Guarana works in the same way as caffeine, but requires a higher dose to achieve the same effects.

Although guarana is a stimulant, it became popular in Brazil because of its distinctive taste.

Guarana is a berry found in the Amazon rainforest and has been popular in food and drinks from that region for hundreds of years.

Taurine, an amino acid that aids digestion, is most commonly found

in the energy drink Red Bull.

In its natural form taurine is a bile acid metabolizer, meaning that it speeds up the reaction of bile acid in the body.

By speeding digestion, it speeds the release of carbohydrates into the body, causing an increase in the body's energy supply greater than that provided by normal digestion.

The FDA has not evaluated Taurine but clinical trials published in the journal "Progress in Clinical and Biological Research" have found that taurine may alleviate epileptic seizures, autism, and digestive problems.

Ginseng has been Asia's energizer of choice for thousands of years.

Ginseng is most commonly found in a bitter tea. Clinical studies by Consumer Lab show that ginseng does not have an energizing effect

▼ See BRAIN, pg. 28

Level of LNG risks are being debated Potential risks with proposed terminal weighed against economics

► Pamela Nelly
Lumberjack Staff Writer

Liquefied Natural Gas—so what exactly is it? In recent months the proposed LNG terminal has seen a lot of opposition, but what exactly are both sides in the debate?

LNG is a natural gas stored in liquid form. According to the California Energy Commission, when a natural gas is cooled to minus 259 degrees Fahrenheit it becomes a clear, colorless odorless liquid that is not toxic. When kept in liquid form LNG can be used as a fuel alternative; when warmed it is used as a heat source for cooking, electrical generation and industrial uses.

The proposed terminal in

Humboldt County would be funded by Calpine, one of North America's leading power companies, at an estimated \$1 billion. If approved, construction would bring as many as 100 temporary jobs and at least 60 permanent positions, according to the San Francisco Bay Area Independent Media Center.

The opposition focuses on three main points: the environmental, safety and economic impacts.

In order to accommodate the 1,500-foot tankers, which carry enough natural gas to supply 10 million homes with daily energy needs, the channel near the peninsula will need to be deepened and widened. The jetty will need to be deepened 5 feet, which will be accomplished by dredging

the bottom.

Tim McKay, the executive director of the Northcoast Environmental Center, said the natural balance of life in the peninsula could be destroyed.

Eelgrass, which is found at the bottom of the peninsula, is the base food source in coastal waters and home to more than 190 invertebrates in the Pacific Northwest, said McKay. McKay said if dredging were to take place, the eelgrass would be lost, destroying a major component of the ecosystem.

Due to terrorist risks, as they enter the peninsula all tankers will be protected by a 2-mile leeway in front, 1 mile in back and possibly hundreds of yards on the sides. The final prod-

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like caffeine, but is more closely related to taurine, meaning its effects are due to improved digestion.

Rather than an energy supplement, the studies by Consumer Lab show that ginseng is better used to regulate glucose levels in diabetics, stimulate immune system function, and treat male impotence.

A popular herbal brain supplement is ginkgo biloba.

Ginkgo produces twenty-four products on e-vitamins.com.

"I have never seen any credible evidence to say that ginkgo does anything for memory. I'd say its bullshit,"

said John Morgan, a professor of psychology at Humboldt State University.

Focus Factor, a cocktail of vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, botanical extracts and omega-3 fatty acids, is another popular supplement featured on radio and television ads.

The product uses non-synthetic nutrients from a variety of sources designed for optimal use in the body. For instance, its vitamin E is derived from soybeans, not from the synthetic sources used by many other vitamins. Its nutrients are chosen for their special importance to brain function.

Many people swear by the

product, using it for both for health and mental sharpness.

Like most supplements, despite millions spent on research, the verdict on the benefits of this product is debatable.

According to the "University of California Berkeley Wellness Letter," a monthly health guide published by the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, Focus Factor "...might as well be called Hocus Pocus Factor..."

Focus Factor has not been clinically proven to aid memory, but some of its components are generally regarded as essential to brain function.

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Monkeys enter computer age



DANIELLE VENTON
SCIENCE TO SNACK ON

Thomas Huxley said that—given an infinite amount of time and a keyboard—a monkey could produce the Complete Works of William Shakespeare. The experiment has begun. Sort of.

In an experiment to test Huxley's proposition, a computer was placed in the enclosure of six Sulawesi crested macaques at Paignton Zoo, southwest England, for a month to monitor their literary output. The project was initiated by students in Plymouth University's MediaLab Art's course. The Arts Council, in a rather darling gesture, decided to fund the experiment.

The monkeys' response was enthusiastic. At first, "the lead male got a stone and started bashing the hell out of it," said Mike Phillips, one of the researchers. "Another thing they were interested in was in defecating and urinating all over the keyboard. They pressed a lot of Ss. Obviously, English isn't their first language." At the end of the month, the monkeys—named Elmo, Gum, Heather, Holly, Mistletoe and Rowan—had composed five pages of text, devoid of a single word.



Some monkeys on computer.

Aside from attacking the computer and using it as a community toilet, the macaques spent a lot of time ignoring it. "The animals aren't reducible to a random process. They get bored easily and [*ahem*] on the keyboard rather than type," said a Mr. Cox as he compared the monkeys to college students.

So it appears the good old bard is not about to be eclipsed by keyboard-punching monkeys anytime soon. Although, even if the crested macaques (*Maca nigra*) are not dazzling in their literary swordplay, it is possible they are more suited to acting than playwriting. They are very active, social animals, generally living in groups of about five to 50 individuals. (twenty or so is enough to put on a good production of "Hamlet".) As a greeting they smack their lips together, we might find this menacing, but it is meant to be friendly. (Which would be perfect for the line in "Henry VI": "The first thing we do let's kill all the lawyers. [*Smack!*) They are loud vocalizers, so necessary for the "Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears," speech in "Julius Caesar". They are affectionate with each other, engaging in mutual embraces. Truly, you can

never have too many productions of "Much Ado about Nothing". When showing aggression they clench their teeth, curl back their lips and grimace. "When the blast of war blows in our ears then imitate the action of the tiger: stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood!" "Henry V".

The species is native to Indonesia, with a lifespan of about 18 years. Feeding on insects and vegetation, they are important for rain-forest seed dispersal. Males and females lead different lifestyles. Females tend to stay with the group they are born in; once reaching maturity males become wandering minstrels, switching between groups. Rank is delineated clearly in crested macaque society. Males are ranked through competition: "Why, then the world's mine oyster, which I with sword will open," "The Merry Wives of Windsor". Females inherit rank from their mothers. "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them," "Twelfth Night".

The experiment at Paignton Zoo was intended as performance art, rather than scientific research.

"The work was interesting but had little scientific value, except to show that the "infinite monkey" theory is flawed," said Dr Amy Plowman, a Paignton Zoo scientific officer.

The monkeys' composition has been published in a limited edition book entitled "Notes Towards The Complete Works of Shakespeare".

Danielle spends her time studying biology and searching the news for stories about monkeys. She can be reached at dmv17@humboldt.edu.

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uct of the safety measures will be the peninsula being closed to fishermen and other crafts while the tankers are in port, which could last up to 1 1/2 hours.

Another concern focuses around an explosion that occurred at a LNG unit in Algeria. The fire in Algeria burned out of control for eight hours, killing more than two dozen people, and injuring 74, according to the Mobile Register.

Similar accidents have occurred in the United States, according to the Califor-

nia Energy Commission. In Cleveland, Ohio, in 1944, a tank failed and spilled its contents into a sewer system. The resulting explosion killed 128. In 1973, in Staten Island, NY, while a storage tank was being repaired a fire started due to an increase in pressure, killing the 37 construction workers on site.

In defense to the opposition, Calpine's Web site said: "LNG is only flammable if it's within 5 to 15 percent natural gas in air. If it's less than 5 percent gas in air, there is not enough natural gas in the air to burn. If it's more than

15 percent natural gas in air, there is too much gas in the air and not enough oxygen for it to burn."

"LNG is a good quality gas that is cost effective and simple," Dave Maul, manager at the California Energy Commission, Natural Gas and Special Projects Office, said.

Calpine has said that they have a "safety record much better than the industry average."

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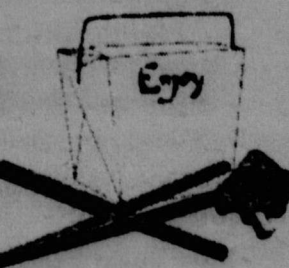
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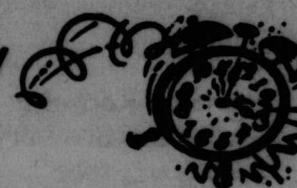
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Wednesday | 18

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Thursday | 19

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The Hitch w/ Honky

The Alibi, Arcata

10:30 p.m., \$3

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Blackalicious

Kata Buchanan Room, HSU

9 p.m.

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HSU Women's Basketball

East Gym, HSU

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Friday | 20

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East Gym, HSU

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The Alibi, Arcata

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Sunday | 22

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Monday | 23

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Meeting

Marsh Commons, Arcata

7 p.m., free

Meeting features a presentation on "corporate personhood," and what can be done at the local level.

"Artificial Neural Networks: What are they?"

Founders Hall 118, HSU

5:30 p.m., free

Dr. Rao Vemuri from U.C. Davis talks about simulating the human brain.

Skerik's Syncopated Taint Septet

Blue Lake Casino, Blue Lake

9 p.m., free

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See page 16.

Tuesday | 24

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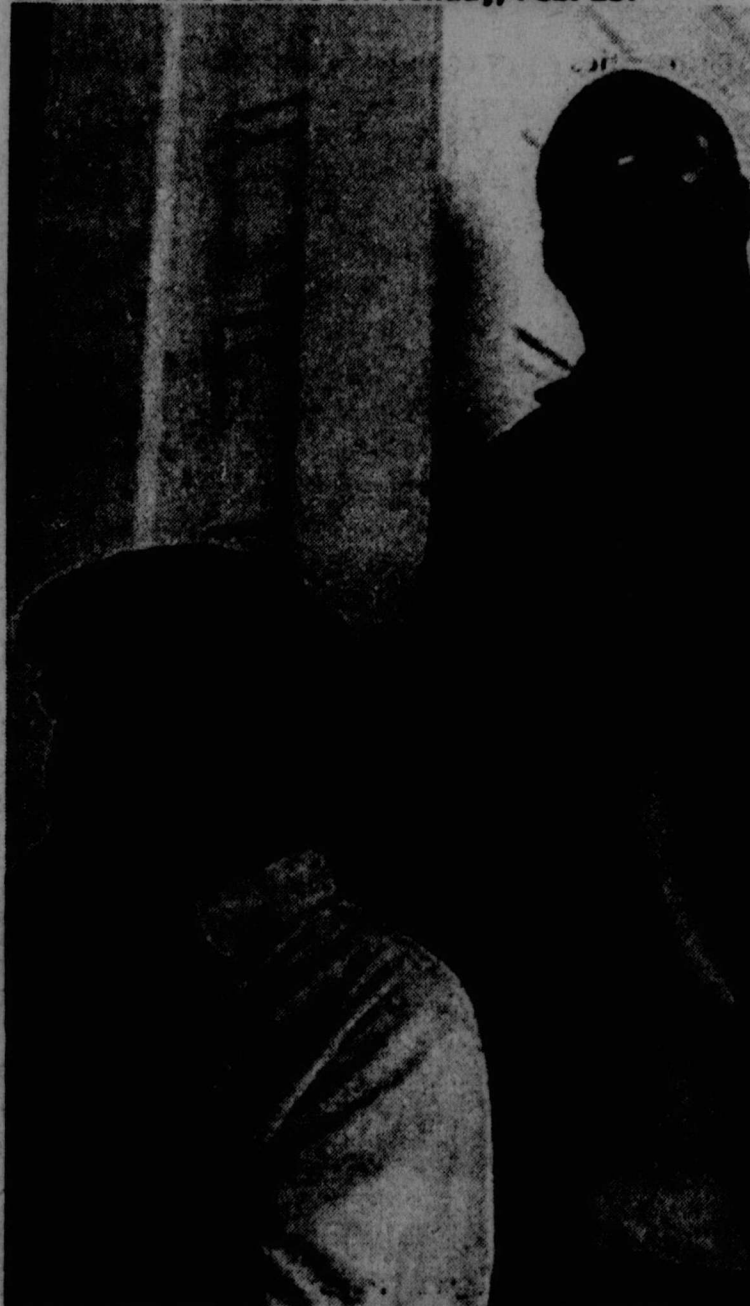
Eureka Theater, Eureka

8 p.m., \$14 adv., \$20 door

Reggae legends show up to benefit the Mad River Fish Hatchery.

To see your event listed in this comprehensive calendar e-mail your events in advance to thejack@humboldt.edu

(Above) Skerik's Syncopated Taint Septet rocks the Blue Lake Casino on Monday, Feb. 23.



Blackalicious will tear down the Kata Buchanan Room on Thursday, Feb. 19.

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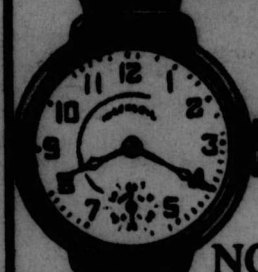
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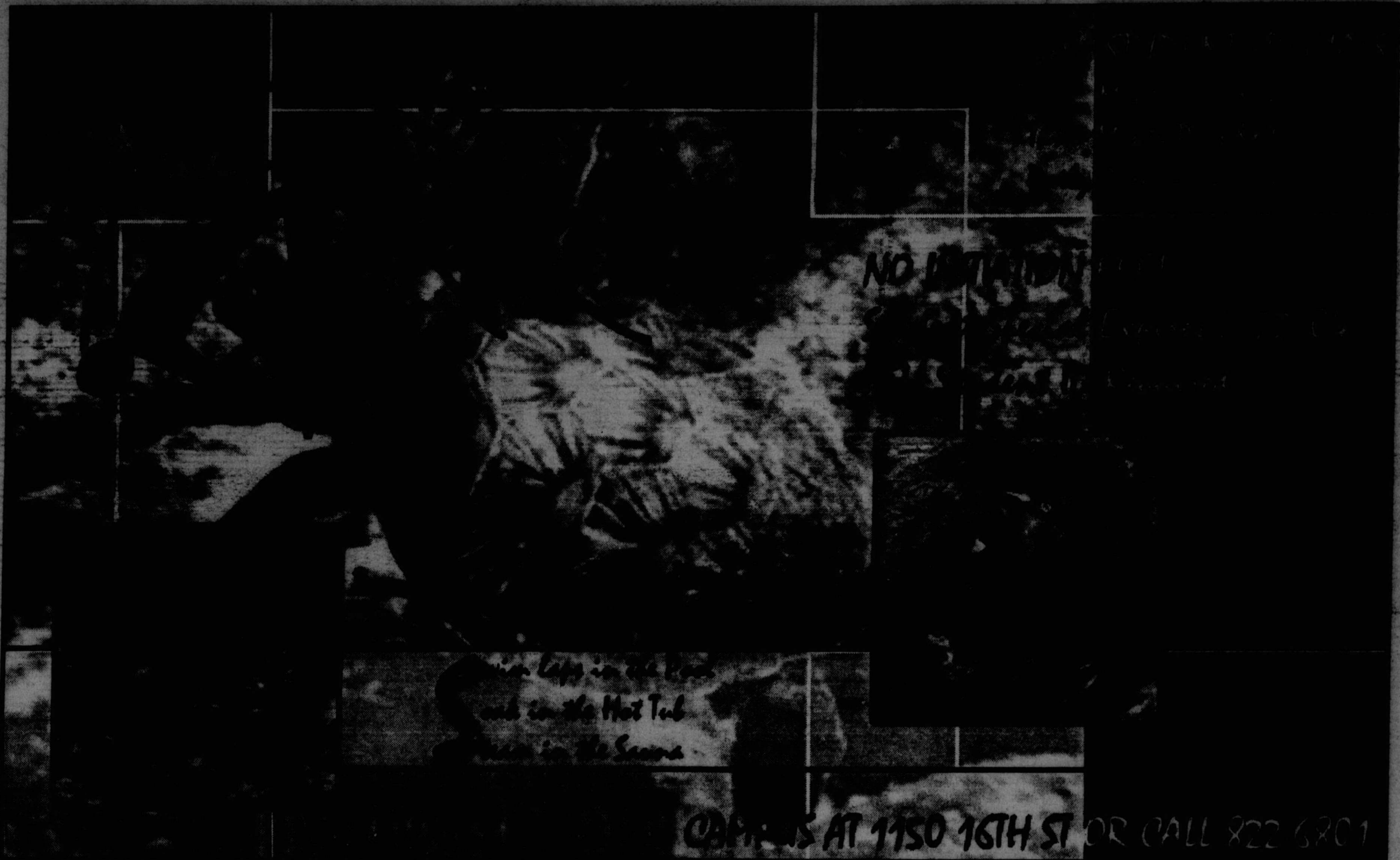


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