

# The pot crop:

## Est. \$300 million rolling in yearly from Humboldt's high grade pot

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They gather together in the woods after the harvest each year to celebrate surviving another season without rip-offs or arrests. The annual barter fair in Humboldt County is a chance for old friends to meet and for farmers to compare their marijuana crops.

Besides letting the farmers check out the competition, residents of the backwoods of southern Humboldt trade handcrafted goods for sinsemilla, believed by many to be the highest-grade marijuana in North America.

In another sense, however, the annual barter fair is an unofficial celebration of a new industry in Humboldt County's sagging timber economy. An industry whose impact almost everybody realizes, except law enforcement officials.

State Sen. Barry Keene's staff

estimates that marijuana generates \$300 million annually in Humboldt County. The figure is an extrapolation based on 1977 law enforcement data.

However, the county's district attorney's office has estimated the local yield is worth about \$20 million.

### Good cash crop

A field survey, conducted by the National Organization for the Repeal of Marijuana Laws for an agency in California, estimated that 700 million dollars worth (600 tons) of pot was consumed in California in 1976.

Whatever the actual economic impact may be, many families are supporting themselves by raising marijuana. Families living in the isolated farm areas are largely self-sufficient, raising marijuana as a cash crop.

They raise most of their own food, and can buy other necessities with money from the sale of marijuana. A successful yield can bring in a banker's salary. Many a farmer has managed to retire after a few seasons.

The small town of Garberville, in the heart of the marijuana-producing area, has prospered in the last five years since the farming began to be a big business.

"When I was a kid, agriculture and logging were the bases for the economy. Logging's gone, and now they've reverted back to agriculture," a local real estate agent said.

### Growing population

Although he had mixed feelings about the new industry, the agent said, "If it wasn't for this sort of thing there wouldn't be much left here."

"The population here is so much greater than it was 15 years ago. Garberville in the winter time was absolutely dead. That's not so anymore," he said.

Part of the profits from marijuana harvesting are returned to the local economy.

Roy Simmons, chief of the Humboldt County Sheriff Detective Bureau, said that some of the money goes to "fertilizer, water pumps and devices, and

cars."

While no one knows the actual impact of marijuana on the economy, stories seem to indicate that it may be considerably more than meets the eye.

One family, according to rumors, lives an austere life in the backwoods, without the benefits of electricity or running water. To an observer, it might seem that the family is living at poverty level. But when they want to go into town, they hop into their new Mercedes.

### Amount unknown

Because the area is so isolated, it is hard to tell how much marijuana is raised, how many people are raising it, or what their profits are. And the farmers are understandably reluctant to tell. Newspaper articles, such as the front page feature in the San Francisco Chronicle in August 1977, have been followed by raids.

But there are reports that the Internal Revenue Service is looking into the local marijuana business.

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## Rubber checks discourage local merchants

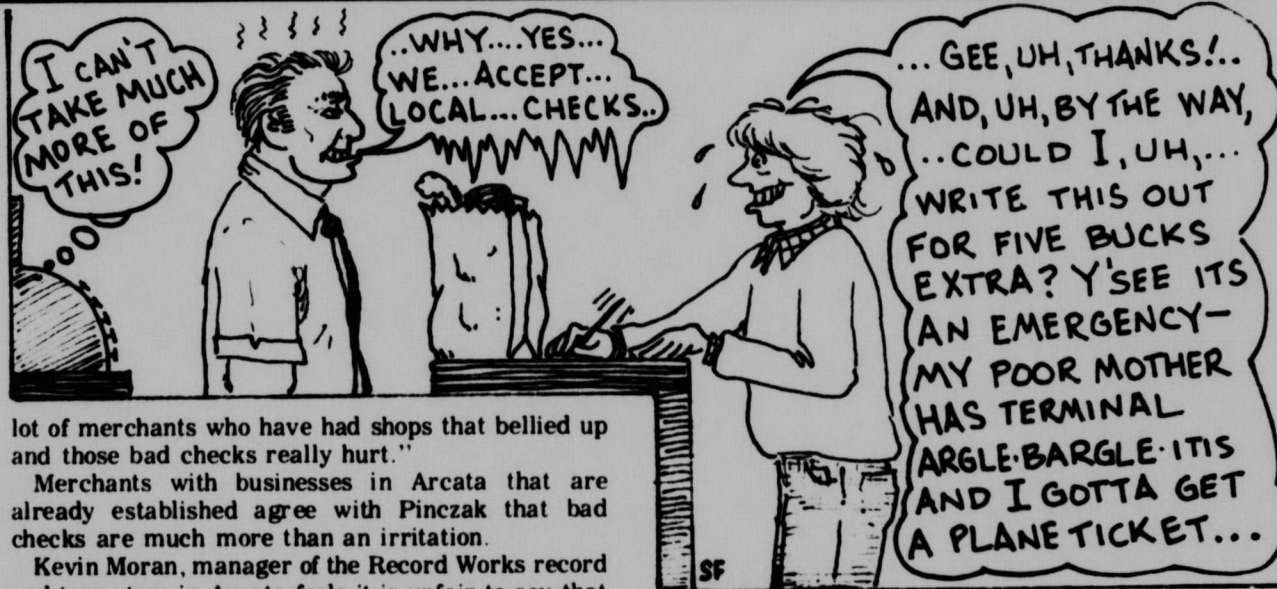
By JEFF DELONG  
staff writer

The high percentage of bad checks being written in Arcata, many of them by students, is causing concern among many local merchants and could be a major factor in stifling new businesses from opening up in the area.

Dick Pinczak, a part-time speech teacher at HSU and owner of the Age Old Briar pipe store in Eureka, was considering opening a new store in Arcata. One of the main reasons he decided against it was the large number of checks that are returned non-payable to merchants here.

"In starting a small business, your profit margin is extremely low," Pinczak said. "Frequently in the first few critical months there's no profit at all. You're spending a lot of money in advertising to draw your clientele to your business and if you get a bad check for \$10 or \$15, which doesn't seem like a lot of money, that can be an ad on the radio or a newspaper."

"There's virtually no recourse for the small businessman struggling to establish a business because there are so many rubber checks written in the area. The number of small businesses that open and close around here is phenomenal. I've talked to a



lot of merchants who have had shops that bellied up and those bad checks really hurt."

Merchants with businesses in Arcata that are already established agree with Pinczak that bad checks are much more than an irritation.

Kevin Moran, manager of the Record Works record and tape store in Arcata feels it is unfair to say that students write any more bad checks than anybody else but thinks that the checks he gets that do bounce are far too many.

### 'Can really hurt'

"For a small business that depends on a small steady income rather than a vast income, a bad check can really hurt," Moran said. "You get a couple of checks returned and you might lose all your profit for that day. It seems really unfair. I just got one back for \$41 and that's profit for a pretty fair amount of merchandize. I've got at least ten current unpaid checks I've gotten in the past couple of months amounting to over \$100. I don't think I've got a bad clientele, but there are always a few trying to get something for nothing."

"I could wallpaper a wall with all the bad checks I've got," said the manager of Arcata Liquors. "I take about 32 checks a day and out of those one or two might be bad."

For awhile it seemed that I was getting one or two back from the banks every time the mailman came."

The manager said that in the last two or three months he's been getting an increasing amount of bad checks and that students are writing most of them. "Probably 80 percent of the bad checks I get are written by students. It makes me very leery of the kids. As they come in, I just hope they don't have a check book. I shudder when I see a check."

Frank Santos, manager of Timberline Liquors, feels that the merchants "have one hell of a problem around here."

"I get them all the time," Santos said. "Mostly students write them. Someone will write a check for a keg or something and there just won't be the money to back it up. I'd say three-fourths of the bad checks I get are written by students."

Santos said that the checks that bounce most and tend to make him the most suspicious are those written for a dollar or two. "Those really scare me," he said.

The fact that a small business has nothing to fall back on is what makes bad checks really tough on a store, according to Dave McConkey, manager of Hutchins Market near campus.

"Bad checks hurt a small business like us more than a place like Safeway because they can afford it a hell of a lot better than we can," said McConkey. "When you've only got one store and get a lot of bad checks, it can cause a lot of problems."

Large businesses are not immune to the problem, however. Bob Palmrose, Safeway manager, says the amount of bad checks that Safeway gets is "getting to be an increasing problem," and that "during the past three weeks we've received over 80 bad checks."

According to Diane Sharpels, bookkeeper for the

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**Reputable sinsemilla**

# Humboldt cashes on marijuana demand

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The IRS is already looking into profits made by drug smugglers in Florida. During prohibition days, the IRS managed to get gangsters like Al Capone through tax evasion laws, even though other agencies could not catch them.

Opinions are split as to what effect legalization would have locally. Some people say that the main attraction in Humboldt County for the farmers is the isolation. They say that if the farming was legalized, fertile areas like the San Joaquin Valley would grow mass quantities of marijuana, and produce much more than Humboldt County farmers.

**Tobacco companies**

Simmons said that tobacco companies are already preparing for the legalization of marijuana.

"They already have trade names filed. If it was legalized, the companies would be on the ground floor. These local people would be forced out of business. It would be like the bootleggers after prohibition," Simmons said.

Tom Canady, a Garberville real estate agent who is retired from the Los Angeles police department, said, "I'm not either for or against legalization. If we legalize it, we'll make profits from the taxes, and get rid of the rip-offs, shootings and kidnappings that come with it and give the area a bad name."

"A lot of the old-timers would just as soon that all the marijuana growers would disappear," Canady said.

Simmons said that if it were up to the people to vote on legalization, it would never pass.

Regardless of whether they approve of marijuana growing, some Garberville residents show a sort of civic pride in the product.

"I hear it's the finest marijuana grown," Canady said.

Another real estate agent said, "Garberville has got quite a reputation for raising the best stuff."

Keene announced Feb. 12 that he will survey the voters of his Second Senatorial District this spring on whether marijuana cultivation should be decriminalized.

"The law and public attitudes have virtually legitimized possession and use of marijuana, at least in small amounts. But cultivation and transportation of any amounts remain felonies," he said.

"Meanwhile, marijuana is being grown in large quantities in southern Humboldt and northern Mendocino Counties and is far too geographically widespread for law enforcement to cope with it.

"As more and more money flows into an illegal black market," Keene said, "organized crime and, in some cases, violent crime inevitably follows."

"Marijuana already is the second or third largest agricultural crop in my district, and I understand that the soil and climate are ideally suited for it.

"Even some very responsible members of the Chamber of Commerce have asked me whether it wouldn't make sense to decriminalize it and use it to diversify the economy, broaden the tax base and create jobs in this high-unemployment region," Keene said.

**Small uproar**

Keene aide Greg DeGiere said there was a small uproar when Keene first mentioned the possibility of attempting to decriminalize marijuana. He said people misunderstood Keene's intent.

"I want to make it clear that I don't intend to get in front of my constituents on this issue. I intend to move with them, if this is the way they want to go," Keene said.

Humboldt County Sheriff Gene Cox reacted with cynicism to Keene's announcement. He said Keene would flood the colleges with surveys, but he doubted he would get one.

"Where's he going to send this survey?" Cox asked. "I would be in favor of a survey if he takes it down to the legitimate taxpayers."

DeGiere said all registered voters in six northern California counties will receive the forms.

Cox is not known for taking severe actions against marijuana growers. Enforcement is scanty. Even those caught never go to jail anymore, thanks to the enlightened attitude of the district attorney's office.

Nevertheless, Cox can talk like the last of the hardliners. "They get a problem they don't want to stand by and fight, so they make it legal," he said.

"It's not doing a darn thing to the economy. Just a few people have a little more money to spend."

Nor does he believe legalization would draw the county out of its economic abyss. Big business would draw the money away from the local economy.

"If they legalize it you know darn well these big tobacco companies are set to go," he said.

Detective Roy Simmons said that as things stand now, "Those people growing it are only getting a small amount of the profit. They're growing for someone else. All that money is going out of Humboldt County. Wholesale prices here are a small percentage of the street value."

Fran McDermott of the San Francisco National Organization for the Repeal of Marijuana Laws, NORMAL, expressed doubts about Keene's vision of a legitimate marijuana-based economy.

"You can't legalize it in California and set up a system of selling it in bulk," she said. Federal law prohibits such action.

"The only form of bill I can see is if he could decriminalize growing any amount of marijuana, which is what they've done in Alaska," McDermott said.

DeGiere said, "If we are going to legalize it, we would have to ask Congress." This is one option being considered by Keene's staff.

Three bills concerning further decriminalization already stand before the state legislature this year. One bill in each house is aimed at making marijuana legally accessible for medicinal uses, such as aiding glaucoma patients.

Another bill, sponsored by San Francisco Assemblyman Willie Brown, stands before the assembly. He came close to receiving half the votes on the assembly floor last year in a bid to decriminalize the cultivation of six pot plants or less.

This year his Assembly Bill 315 proposes making it a maximum \$100 fine for cultivating up to three plants, and up to six plants if there is more than one adult residing in the house.

McDermott said that the watered-down version combined with the paraquat issue, in which the U.S. government has aided Mexico in poisoning the Mexican marijuana crop (and its American users), may be enough to carry the bill through this year.

Greg DeGiere may have the final word on the marijuana issue as it stands today — an outlook that is decidedly optimistic in light of recent international events.

"Refusing to recognize the marijuana industry is like refusing to recognize 900 million Chinese," he said.

## Anti-herbicide groups plan benefit

A Dell'Arte mime troupe, Yurok ceremonial dancers, Pyramid, Dirty Legs, Wizard, Airhead and The Country Skins will be performing March 10 and 11 at the HSU East Gym as a benefit for the Indian Action Council and Salmon River Concerned Citizens.

Proceeds from the benefit will help pay for past and future legal expenses by these groups in their campaigns to stop the spraying of phenoxy herbicides on forest lands and will help promote labor-intensive alternatives.

The same concert will be held Saturday evening, March 10 and Sunday afternoon, March 11. Tickets are \$5 a day.

The lead guitarist and bass player of Wizard are former members of It's a Beautiful Day. Two members of Dirty Legs, organist Freddy Shemp Webb and keyboards player Lenny Lee Goldsmith, are former members of Stoneground. Goldsmith also played with Sweathog.


The Country Skins is an Indian band from South Dakota that combines traditional ethnic rhythms with rock and roll. The sound will be by Solar Tip.

Doors will open at 6:30 Saturday and 12:30 Sunday, with the concerts beginning a half-hour later. Tickets are available at Bret Harte's and the Skyhouse Saddle Co. on the square in Arcata, and in Eureka at Fogs and the Eureka Piano Boutique, 124 Second Street. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

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# Airwest receives OK for 21 percent hike

By WAYNE FOSTER  
staff writer

The U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board recently granted Hughes Air West permission to hike the price of a one-way flight between Eureka and San Francisco by 21 percent.

Airwest originally sought an increase of 52 percent but was limited, for a while at least, to a 15 percent increase by the California Public Utilities Commission.

The 21 percent increase is slightly less than the 30 percent "compromise" increase Airwest sought in January.

The PUC is contending that the federal government can't preempt the state's right to regulate fares for intra-state flights. Airwest and a number of other airlines are currently arguing over that issue in a joint suit.

The CAB authorized the fare increase in an attempt to gradually bring airline fares up to the higher levels authorized

by the federal deregulation act of 1978.

This means airlines can increase their rates by 10 percent immediately and tack on an 11 percent increase for the period from July 1977 on — the base year used in the CAB computation.

**Could raise fare**

In short, Airwest could eventually raise the one-way fare from the present \$31 to \$38.

However, Airwest President Russell Stevenson assured local officials that Airwest would raise its fare only to the \$35 level authorized by the PUC's 15 percent guidelines. That is, until the suit over the PUC's authority to regulate air fares is settled.

County Supervisor Sara Parsons and John Gromala and Herman Bistrin of the Fair Air Committee met with Stevenson Feb. 16 to discuss the feud between Airwest and Humboldt County air travelers.

The meeting was considered

"productive" by the Humboldt representatives.

"In one meeting no solutions can be reached," Gromala said. "We are more aware of the problems for airlines caused by the deregulation act, and I believe Airwest management is more knowledgeable about Humboldt County's concerns."

"Airwest won't think Arcata is just 'way up there,'" said Parsons. "Everyone agreed that Eureka was a very profitable market. I don't think we'll have to worry about good air service whether Airwest is here or not."

**Cut by one**

Gromala said Stevenson assured the local representatives that Airwest would only cut the number of round-trip flights from San Francisco to the Arcata Airport from four to three instead of two as had been previously indicated.

Stevenson also told the Humboldt representatives that the final flight of

the day would stay at the Arcata Airport overnight to insure a morning flight regardless of weather conditions.

However, the local representatives were also told that air service to Crescent City, North Bend, Ore., and Portland, Ore., will soon be reduced to one flight daily and then abandoned totally by mid-year.

County Counsel Ray Schneider told the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors it could not impose a "head tax," as had been suggested by Supervisor Eric Hedlund, on air travelers to pay for legal fees.

According to Schneider such a tax would have to first be approved by the state legislature and then approved by two-thirds of the local electorate.

"The whole purpose behind our struggle is to make sure that we have adequate air service at reasonable rates," Gromala said.

# Attempt to rescind SLC's bank letter fails

By MICHELLE ROSENAUR  
staff writer

A motion to rescind writing a letter of condemnation to Bank of America was not approved by the Humboldt State University Student Legislative Council last Thursday.

The SLC had decided to write the letter at their previous meeting, to let Bank of America know of their dissatisfaction with the bank's policy of investing in South Africa.

But SLC Representative Zev Kessler, who had been absent when the decision was made, thought the letter represented "an unsound business practice" because the Associated Student funds are deposited in this bank. Kessler then made the motion to not write the letter.

SLC Representative Mario X. Soberanis said he thought the council should write Bank of America a letter after the SLC takes the A.S. funds out of the bank.

The reason the SLC hasn't taken the money out of Bank of America is that

they haven't found another local bank which doesn't deal with South Africa.

The HSU Marching Lumberjacks and cheerleaders are two groups who will get some funding, no matter what bank the AS has their money in.

The SLC voted to give the Marching Lumberjacks \$250 so they can help spur the HSU basketball team on this weekend when they play in Whittier. Included in this motion was a clause encouraging the Marching Lumberjacks to come up with matching funds.

The cheerleaders will receive \$240 to help cover the cost of their travel expenses back and forth from games this season.

AS President Ed Scher said he thought the cheerleaders deserved the money because they slept in the back of a Winnebago during out-of-town games, and paid for their own food.

AS Acting General Manager Linda Martice said she believed that the management of basketball concessions could be handled much better. She said different groups work at athletic events

on a rotating basis.

Martice believes this practice is ineffective since by the time one group masters the technique of handling concessions, another group must take over.

According to Martice, the result of this procedure is that "people go there (to games) and their coke tastes like water."

She mentioned that handling concessions at athletic events would be an ideal way for the student body to earn its own revenue.

Although the SLC may not make its own income, it must decide how to distribute the money allotted to the AS fund.

The Board of Finance budget hearings held last weekend are the beginning of the lengthy process the SLC must go through to decide how much money each organization will receive.

After attending a California State Students Association meeting in Sacramento two weekends ago, several SLC representatives came back with new ideas on how to handle budget

procedures when they have less money to work with.

AS Treasurer Bill Robb said one idea was to give groups they budgeted the previous year a base budget, which would be 90 percent of the last year's funding. Each group would then decide for themselves what line items to cut from their budget.

But the conference was not all work and no play. Soberanis said, "Let me tell you what really happened. We went down there so late we didn't get in a motel room until four in the morning..."

Rest and recuperation for the conference-goers consisted of watching Saturday morning cartoons, meeting people from other universities in a "big line dance" and partying at night.

Scher commented, "Meeting all those people, you're damned proud you go to Humboldt State."

When asked what he meant, Scher said at Humboldt State, a person can make an appointment with the university president and "he'll be there."

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# Viewpoints

## EDITORIAL

### Life in Mildew County

"Mildew County."

Humboldt County didn't get its reputation from an abundance of wintertime sunburned bodies. Like little moles coming out of the ground, Humboldters can only squint at brief appearances of the strange luminescence in the winter sky.

The National Weather Service reports that as of midnight Sunday, rain had fallen every day except three this month, totaling 5.13 inches. "A normal month," they said. They've got to be kidding. But they're not. Normal rainfall for a Humboldt February is 5.15 inches.

In fact, total rainfall for the season is far below normal — only 15.88 inches as of midnight Sunday. The normal is 28 inches.

The weather service does not yet have the long-range forecast for March. But a normal month is about 4.8 inches of wet. So if the gods intend to make up for the dry December and January we had this season, look out. It may be time to put pontoons on your bike or wear life preservers instead of backpacks.

Is it worth it? You bet. Spring's around the corner — the prime time of the North Coast — and the winter rains make it so. It also keeps the hordes from moving here as they have to other California paradises.

The rain — a small price to pay for the relatively uncrowded beaches and rivers to enjoy as you soak up the sun in the months to come.

Ah, spring quarter. When class loads become lighter, down jackets beome relegated to the closet and people shed their clothes as the mercury rises above the 60 degree mark.

Be patient, there are some trees already in blossom. And somewhere beyond a week of finals and another for recuperation, lies a clear blue sky and a warm Humboldt sun.

## Investigators seek help

The University Police Department is requesting that anyone who may have been working in the Forestry Building on Friday evening or Saturday morning, Jan. 26 and 27, to call the department at 826-3456.

The department is only interested in speaking to those who were in the building before the Jan. 27 fire, in an effort to obtain any clues that could aid in the investigation of this senseless destruction. Chief C.A. Vanderklis has said that no disciplinary action for being in the building after closing hours is intended.



## Letters to the editor

### 'I had no idea'

Editor:

I just read the front page article of this week's Lumberjack on the local racism here in Arcata.

Excuse my ignorance, for I had no idea that this sort of intolerance is still going on. When will it be learned that people are people no matter what age, race, religion or sex we are.

We are all different. Everybody's different. What do we humans have against individual differences? Must everyone be like ourselves? What is it in human nature that makes it repel against something different than itself? The point is — how long must the hurting go on? Generation after generation we continue to create hells for each other. Well, it's got to stop somewhere! Somebody has to take the initiative to say, "enough killing, enough hurting," thus breaking this miserable chain. What it takes is acceptance and tolerance. Sometimes we have to bend over backward, give a little, just so

our world can be a better place to live. If we don't do this, we've got everything to lose, and if we do, we've got everything to gain.

Mark Bennett  
senior, fisheries

### Racism at HSU

Editor:

The first time I read the front page article entitled "Blacks leave HSU as racism remains" (Feb. 21), I was in the television room in Nelson Hall. There was another black student present, and we became engaged in a very subjective conversation about the content of the article. We could easily relate it to our own relevant observations and experiences at this institution. A white female student, much more absorbed in the diversions which soap opera playing on the tube provided, than the reality of the discussion being held, could restrain herself no longer and said, "Do you think we could hold our debate somewhere else?" I said "no." I also made her aware of the option to turn up the volume of the TV (which she did) in order to acknowledge and respect everyone's rights

within the context of the situation. Cognizant of her condensing attitude, I recognized it as a manifestation of her own ignorance and childishness. I also refrained from suggesting that "our debate" might be of greater intrinsic value than an update of "Days of Our Lives." I offer this to those of you who are still reluctant to acknowledge the prevalence of racist attitudes at this university as yet another example of their blatant existence.

Furthermore let me say I feel proud to know and be represented by faculty and students such as Ellie Ferguson, Gregory Branch and Rodney Johnson. As was stated in the article, Professor Branch will not be here next year as the ultimate result of his own racist experiences here. He is the only black professor in a purely academic discipline at HSU. As Rodney said, he is a one man black student's union owing largely to the lack of encouragement for such organizations and a dwindling number of black students recruited as a result of

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diminishing recruitment efforts, as Ellie pointed out. I myself am too preoccupied with graduating this coming June, to begin forgetting the many injustices I have seen and experienced first hand while here. And I have no doubts that I will be yet another black student to leave HSU as the racism remains.

Valerie L. Haynes  
senior, Spanish

## Does compute

Editor:

It doesn't seem unreasonable to expect that a journalism major would have learned, by his senior year, that he has an obligation to verify his facts before publication. Andrew Alm, senior journalism major, failed in that regard when he wrote his diatribe (letters to the editor, Feb. 21) about inaccessibility of computer terminals.

I can speak only to the case of terminals in Siemens Hall, the ones that, according to Alm, Dr. Melendy and I have rendered inaccessible. Both the administration (through the efforts of Dr. Ridenhour) and the faculty of the School of Business and Economics have been trying to make the terminals in SH 3 available 168 hours per week. The problem is not one of bureaucratic obstinacy regarding priorities between security and education. Siemens Hall houses all of the personnel and scholastic records of HSU students and many HSU faculty. The administration, faculty and students should all be properly concerned with the security of those records. For this reason the building is supposed to be locked after 10 p.m. on week nights, and over the weekend unless there are special circumstances requiring the building to be open (classes, community events, etc.).

For three consecutive years Dr. Ridenhour and I have tried to get an expanding metal gate installed in the hall of the SH basement to provide security for the records on the second floor and the campus phone system in the basement while making the terminals accessible after hours. The obstacle that we have not been able to overcome cannot be found on campus. It (he) is the state fire marshal, whose approval is mandatory and has, thus far, been withheld.

When, by some miracle, the people on campus and in the community (and the transients on Highway 101) develop a sense of responsibility and respect for

the rights and property of others, we may be able to return to the days of unlocked doors. But don't hold your breath.

John F. Hofman  
chairman  
business  
administration

## Prejudice

Editor:

It's sad to see Karl Johnson, a senior in engineering, flaunting his obvious incapacity to accept his fellow human beings, regardless of the clothes they choose to wear and the cars they can afford to drive.

Has it ever occurred to Johnson that Saudi Arabians, or anyone from another country, may indeed share some of our "western culture," especially when good clothes and Trans-Ams are symbols of modernization, and not necessarily of affluence in a quickly developing country.

We are both from Eastern countries and can safely say that our "poor brothers" do not "avert their eyes in shame" at all in the face of approaching Trans-Ams. They are often proud of their fellow countrymen for having achieved such status and look up to them.

Or else they react like many others (perhaps like Johnson), with jealousy. It is quite normal to feel envious of others' possessions, isn't it?

We think you should re-examine the reasoning behind that letter, Johnson. If it isn't prejudice then we don't know what it is. Would you seriously have people wearing "disco clothes" go back to L.A. just because you want to get away from all that? And who ever said that Humboldt County's "national" music was bluegrass or rock 'n' roll?

We would like to see how you would behave should you be in a similar situation in a non-English speaking country. Would you be making every effort to communicate in Arabic, French, Swahili?

Or would you wonder at the fact that nobody seems to be able to speak "civilized" languages like English?

We're sure that no matter how intimidated you may be in the presence of foreigners, it can't be anything compared to what these people, who after all are our guests, feel when they read letters like yours.

Danae Seemann  
sophomore, journalism  
Ziba Rashidian  
junior, journalism

## Library study

Editor:

"Hi Kris, did you know that starting next quarter you won't be able to reserve a conference room in the library for your study group?"

"What!?"

"It's true, starting next quarter informal study groups will be unable to reserve conference rooms. Don't ask me why, all I know for sure is what I read in Library Manual 11-6-1, Policies and Procedures 6, Rev. 1-18-79, which say, in part, "... All other uses, e.g. by informally constituted study groups, are on a first come, first served basis..."

"But a lot of people use those rooms... how do they expect groups to get together? Don't they know a lot of classes form groups for special projects?"

"Not only that, what about all those last minute crams where a blackboard, a large table and lots of chairs are the only thing. Where can anyone find rooms like that? Certainly not at my house."

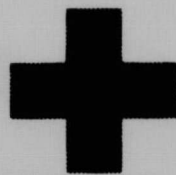
"You know, I've always wondered about that library, first they spend \$10,000 on a display case, now they take away a real tool that a lot of us use. It just doesn't make sense."

"Yah, well, maybe they think they're a museum and not a library."

The real advantage of the library conference rooms has been the ability to make advance reservations. Your group knew when and where to get together, and that a room would definitely be available. Under the new system the rooms will be on a "first come, first served basis." Since the conference rooms are extensively used, what do you think the chance will be for any one group to plan on getting a room? How many people will show up to a study session where "maybe we can get a conference room?"

I feel this revised policy is ill-conceived, lacks foresight and is detrimental to the educational process. Please make your feelings known by using the library suggestion box and signing the circulating petition. Thank you.

Doyle Doss  
senior, special major



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## DRY SACK RELIGIOUS DRIVEL

BY MARTY BUBER & JACK MARITAIN

Hi, I'm God... You know, it took BEETHOVEN 4 YEARS TO WRITE A SYMPHONY BUT IT TOOK TED NUGENT TEN MINUTES TO WRITE "CAT SNATCH FEVER," WHICH IS JUST ABOUT HOW LONG IT TOOK FOR THIS CHEAP MUSCADOODLE TO AGE. I'LL BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW I SMOKED KOOLS, EITHER...



...BUT, LISTEN UP... YOU PEOPLE DOWN THERE ON EARTH (MY ASSIGNED PLANET FOR THE DURATION) BETTER COOL YOUR SHORTS RIGHT QUICK OR ELSE YOU'RE GONNA BLOW IT! NOW, I DON'T LIKE BEING ON UNEMPLOYMENT ANY! BETTER THAN THE NEXT GUY, BUT I'LL MANAGE...



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## Out on a limb

By  
Sean Kearns

# Golden gloves, bronze shoes

It was billed as the "Battle of the Ages" on the poster. "Fifteen rounds of power and rage for the heavyweight championship of the world. Gloves will cushion the attacks, but nothing can harness the natural fierceness between the champ and the challenger."

I picked up my old man on the way to Mad River Square Gardens. He loves a good matchup, be it of fists or wits.

Sitting at ringside we were surrounded by cigar smokestacks patting each other on the back. Dad even lit one up for the first time in years.

A roar grew out of the crowd. It got louder as the champion, from my dad's hometown, got closer to the ring. Moments later the challenger crawled under the ropes and the arena began to swell.

Born for the fight

"In this corner," the referee bellowed into the hanging mike, "weighing eight pounds, three and one half ounces; stretching 21 inches tall; wearing no trunks at all; fresh out of nine months of secluded training that made him what he is today; the challenger... The Humboldt Bay Kid."

Dad turned his radio up to hear the 1st round action over the roar of the crowd.

"The bell sounds and the fight is underway. The Kid takes a big breath, as if he'd never had air knocked into his lungs. He meets the Champ at ring center with a wild left and loses his balance."

"The Champ steadies him and comes in with a left clamp to the cord and a right uppercut with the scalpel. The Kid is dazed, but the Champ is relentless."

Slapped and shot

"He knocks the Kid upside down with a roundhouse slap to the buttocks and a shot of vitamin K to the thigh. As the 1st round winds down, the Champ comes in with silver nitrate to the eyes, stinging the baby blues of the challenger."

"Dong," and the round was over. Dad whispered to me, "The Kid looks good. But watch — he'll get better."

Not in the 2nd round, he won't. "Dong," the fighters came out and the radio gave the blow by blow.

"The Kid is shaking the skin off his back, but there's not a scar on him. The Champ has a look that may change that."

"He's in close, holding the Kid up with a straight left, he brings his right down with a sharp cut to the foreskin. The Champ has hit below the belt! The referee splits them up, but that scar will be there forever."

Scarred for life

Dad interrupted the radio, "They never expect the one-two circumcision." I was wincing as the bell sounded.

In the 3rd round, the Kid abandoned his grasp reflexes and retaliated with a dirty and more potent attack.

The announcer kept up, "This time the Kid comes out of his corner in baggy white trunks above his bowed legs. He's cocky. Bobbing and strutting. His talk is unintelligible and brings the curious champ in closer."

"And the kid delivers with a soft but overpowering delivery from the rear. It connects with the Champ's nose and sends him reeling back against the ropes. The Champ goes into his famous 'Wrap-a-crap.'"

The fight was a thriller and tempers exploded with the punches. In the 10th round the Champ knocked the Kid down a couple times with razor strap swings, and towered above him taunting, "Some day you'll thank me for this."

A left to the bald spot

The Kid's savvy overflowed in the later rounds when the size advantage shifted to his corner. He pounded the Champ on his bald spot with incisive blows to the ego, and even borrowed some of the champ's own tricks towards the end of the bout.

As the judges' scorecards were being tallied, the boxers were brought to the center of the ring and embraced.

Both looked like they had aged 20 years in 15 rounds. The Champ's belly was swollen from the pokes to the ribs. Crows had danced in the corners of his eyes and left their tracks.

Meanwhile the Kid was jumping up and down in anticipation.

The ref pulled the mike down and declared the judges unanimous decision. "The winnuh and new heavyweight champeen of the world..."

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## Ombudsman officially retires; recalls memories of HSU

By CATALINA ROFLOC  
staff writer

Earl Meneweather has officially retired from the position of ombudsman, but leaves HSU with many memories from the "awakening golden years of football," the 1930s, when he was hailed by local newspapers as the "greatest ball carrier on the Pacific Coast."

Due to a back injury that permanently disabled him, Meneweather had to retire.

Meneweather was recruited from an Oakland High School in 1936. There was a total of 450 students at HSU. When the first dormitory was established Meneweather said he experienced discrimination, because dormitory management didn't want him living there.

But discrimination didn't hinder his performance on the football field. His name was synonymous with "Dynamo," "Triple-threat man" and "Backfield-ace." In a game which HSU was the underdog because they were playing a big time football team, San Jose State, HSU won 20-0. Meneweather ran twice for 30 yards for two touchdowns and threw a 55-yard pass for another touchdown. He was carried off the field on the shoulders of his team mates.

### No black teachers

After he completed four years on the Lumberjacks football team and earned his degree in Physical Education, he had to work as a construction laborer. "They weren't hiring that many black people for teaching positions then," Meneweather said.

Before being drafted in 1942, he played on the Oakland Giants and San Francisco Bay Packers, later named the San Francisco 49'ers. He was in the Pacific Coast professional football league.

After the war, Meneweather was the first black head coach hired by an Oakland high school. During his coaching years he advised and guided Lee Lacey, former baseball player for the Dodgers, Paul Silas, basketball player for the Seattle Supersonics, and Jimmy Hines, track star, to name a few.

He was a principal at an Oakland high school for ten years and also a founding

member of the first Boy's Club there. In 1955, Meneweather was the first person to be inducted into HSU's Alumni Hall of Fame as the all-time best football player.

### Returned to Humboldt

When requested to come up here in 1971 to serve as an ombudsman, Meneweather resigned from his administrative position and returned to his alma mater. As an ombudsman he heard student, faculty, and staff grievances and served as an arbitrator.

One of Meneweather's main concerns upon his arrival was what he called "a lack in sound recruitment for minorities," so he aided in recruiting.

"I'm disappointed that the school has allowed the minority population to recede," Meneweather said. "It's a disservice to students because once they graduate, they will most likely be working in a cosmopolitan area, where there will be minorities. They will also be denied the meaningful contributions that minorities have to offer. With more minorities here, there would be a greater diversity in classes offered. Also, with Humboldt's unique environment, it would be an excellent place for the students to assimilate, which would be conducive to a good education."

### Minority disadvantages

"Not only can it be a financial disadvantage not to recruit more minorities," he said, "but a cultural one as well."

In learning that his former position as an ombudsman is possibly being changed to a part-time position, he said, "I don't see how it can be conducted on the part-time basis. It's a full-time situation. There are too many problems on campus to deal with to have it part-time. I would sometimes work from eight in the morning until nine at night and even get phone calls at home. The position would be ineffective."

At age 61, Meneweather will be leaving Humboldt County and heading for warmer parts, probably the Bay Area. Once there, he intends to get well and see what the future may hold for him.

**Bye-bye:** Former HSU football standout Earl Meneweather has retired from his position as ombudsman after seven years of working as a liaison between students and faculty.

### Planning to remain in RPI curriculum

The faculty of the resources planning and interpretation program have decided to reconsider their recommendation to phase out the planning curriculum.

According to a memorandum issued Monday by David Craigie, chairman of resource planning and interpretation, the faculty will be "seeking for ways to develop appropriate, adequately staffed course offerings in both planning and interpretation" but the staffing

problems which led to the earlier recommendation will still have to be solved.

The memo also states that student groups will be given opportunities to participate in the discussions.

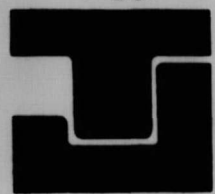
Craigie is excited about the amount of support for the program which was expressed after the recommendation to phase out the planning program was announced.

"I've been mumbling and grumbling about the lack of the support for the program for a long time," he said, "but no one paid any attention."

Temporary faculty appointments will be used to continue the existing planning courses until final decisions are made.



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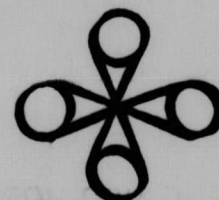
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# Impact of local offshore oil drilling studied

By BRUCE BUCK  
staff writer

Potential environmental effects of offshore drilling for oil and natural gas within 270 square miles of the Eel River Basin, which could conceivably begin by 1984, are being studied now by the Interior Department through the Bureau of Land Management.

A Draft Environmental Statement is scheduled to be released April, 1980, and approximately one month later written and oral testimony pertaining to the DES will be accepted from local interests before a Final Environmental Statement is prepared.

"Essentially, we want the public to co-

write the environmental statement," BLM spokesperson Mike Fergus said. Herb Emrich — the BLM coordinator for environmental study on OCS No. 53 (the designation for the central and northern California lease sale process) — said that although some existing data will be considered in the preparation of the DES, much research remains to be done.

Lands under consideration for the OCS No. 53 lease sale, clustered in five geological regions of northern and central California, total 1.3 million acres.

Emrich said that ecological, bird and mammal, physical oceanography,

seismic and biological studies will be performed in the Eel River Basin and adjacent land areas.

"Many of these studies will be advertised and contracted out to private business," he said.

Fergus said that nobody is sure how much energy potential is contained off Humboldt County's coast, but that the U.S. Geological Survey believes there is a greater likelihood of finding natural gas than there is of oil.

"Of course, nothing proves a geologist wrong faster than sinking a drill bit," he said.

The Interior Department and the BLM have been criticized for allowing only approximately two years for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement. Many coastal governmental agencies and environmental organizations believe that two years is inadequate.

### Budget restrictions

Lucille Vinyard, speaking for the North Coast Sierra Club, said, "We have found that often with public agencies, the budget restrictions they must operate under make for inadequate studies of the possible problems involved."

She said that more time is needed for the study, maybe as much as 10 years.

Humboldt County 4th district Supervisor Danny Walsh said a network of communication has been established among coastal-area supervisors in order to deal with the developments of OCS No. 53.

"There is consensus among them that it (the DES) is being prepared a little hastily," he said.

Both Fergus and Emrich said that sufficient time is being allowed for the study.

"Lease sale 53 has the longest EIS schedule in the country," Fergus said.

Deni Greene, the deputy director of the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, wrote in a draft of her 1978 testimony before the House-Senate Conference Committee on OCS Land's Act Amendments:

### Incomplete studies

"The secretary of Interior (Cecil Andrus), as well as state and local governments, cannot balance environmental concerns against the benefits of oil and gas production when

the information necessary to make this judgement is incomplete."

An "environmental coalition," consisting of the Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth, the Northern California Coastal Trust and other organizations, has been formed to "monitor" OCS No. 53.

Copies of correspondence between members of the coalition (which Supervisor Walsh made available to The Lumberjack), indicate that the time allowed for the EIS may become the basis of legal strategy against the lease sale.

Warner Chabot, of the Northern California Coastal Trust, wrote in Nov. 1978:

"This process (EIS) and the information which it generates (or more importantly, the information which can't be generated in such a short time period), may well be the key to defeating this project.

### Burden of proof

"The E.I.R. (EIS) will undoubtedly be inadequate and we should therefore begin at the earliest possible stage in preparing our legal strategy for proving this inadequacy."

Another criticism of the OCS No. 53 process is that development of the offshore energy potential may be premature because of the absence of a coherent national energy policy.

Last November U.S. Rep. Leon E. Panetta of the 16th congressional district near Santa Cruz indicated that he is looking into ways to place the lands subject to OCS No. 53 into a "petroleum reserve" to be "leased only in the event of a serious emergency or prolonged energy shortage."

But as of yet, no legislation has been produced to accomplish this goal.

Coastal governments met to discuss OCS No. 53 in Millbrae, Calif., last October.

## North Coast hooked on fishing as sole industry behind timber

By BRUCE BUCK  
staff writer

Growth in the Humboldt County fishing industry will not compensate for the continued decline of the timber industry, according to HSU Prof. John H. Grobey, economics.

Grobey said that the fishing industry, which ranks second in importance to timber, has some serious problems which will limit expansion significantly.

The salmon and crab fisheries, the most important components of the industry, have no opportunities for expansion because salmon and crab have been over-exploited.

"The main fisheries characteristic," Grobey said, is that "management is problematic because they are an open access resource."

Because access to the resource is open, he said, the salmon and crab industries suffer from "excess vessel capacity." This means that there are too many boats out looking for salmon and crab.

These excess boats deplete the breeding stocks of salmon and crab, which decreases the available quantity of these resources in the future.

"We should reduce this excess vessel capacity to reduce the pressure on the stock," Grobey said.

He said that although the Southern California tuna-fishing fleet is

California's largest by "total value of landings, in terms of fresh fish for the table, the North Coast fishery is the most important."

The greatest possibility of expansion in the industry is in the "demersal" fishery, he said. The demersal fishery includes bottom fish such as sole and flounder.

But he said that expansion is constrained at the present time by low market demand and the absence of processing facilities.

### Oysters

As far as the Humboldt Bay oyster industry is concerned, Grobey said "the possibility of expansion depends on regulation and water-quality management."

Grobey doubts that offshore drilling for oil and natural gas would have much of an impact on the industry. The Bureau of Land Management is currently performing a "space-use conflict" study of the U.S. outer continental shelf to determine if drilling platforms would interfere with the exploitation of fishing grounds.

Grobey said that damming of the North Coast "wild" rivers, however, "would be disastrous for our fisheries."

Damming of the rivers would radically reduce the breeding grounds of salmon, he said.

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# Let yourself go at Eureka biofeedback class

By JOHN STUMBOS  
staff writer

"I'd better warn you right now, I'm pretty hot-blooded," I said to Stan Robinson as he strapped my left pinkie to the thermometer.

"Oh yeah?" Robinson said as he chuckled along with the fifteen students at this make-up session of Robinson's stress reduction class at Eureka High School.

I wondered what they were laughing about.

"Ideally, you should be maintaining a temperature of 96 degrees," he said.

I knew I was in trouble when the thermometer registered a feeble 87.5 degrees.

Robinson explained that when we are under stress, "lots of things are going on simultaneously."

The muscles tighten, the blood vessels constrict, and consequently the circulation is impeded, causing the temperature of the extremities to drop, he said.

Then Robinson played a cassette tape from the Biofeedback Society.

"Breathe deeply," said a reassuring male voice. "Just let go of all your tensions."



Jack Manson

I closed my eyes and let the voice carry me away.

Relaxing, Robinson said, is a "process of letting go — surrender and release."

The voice encouraged me to visualize warmth flowing into my hands.

Twenty minutes later, I opened my eyes to discover my skin temperature had risen to 95.5 degrees.

I was relaxed and acutely aware of how uptight I had been at the beginning of the session.

The biofeedback equipment doesn't relax you, it only reflects what's going on in your body. However, with the aid of various relaxation techniques, it does help you learn.

**Wired up:** Lumberjack reporter John Stumbos (right) tries to relax as Stan Robinson, who conducts a stress reduction class at Eureka High School, adjusts equipment monitoring Stumbos' stress level.

Robinson uses a variety of biofeedback equipment in his stress reduction class. The skin temperature technique is one method.

Another, the electromyograph, measures the level of muscle tension in the forehead.

The galvanic skin response measures the general "arousal level," of an individual.

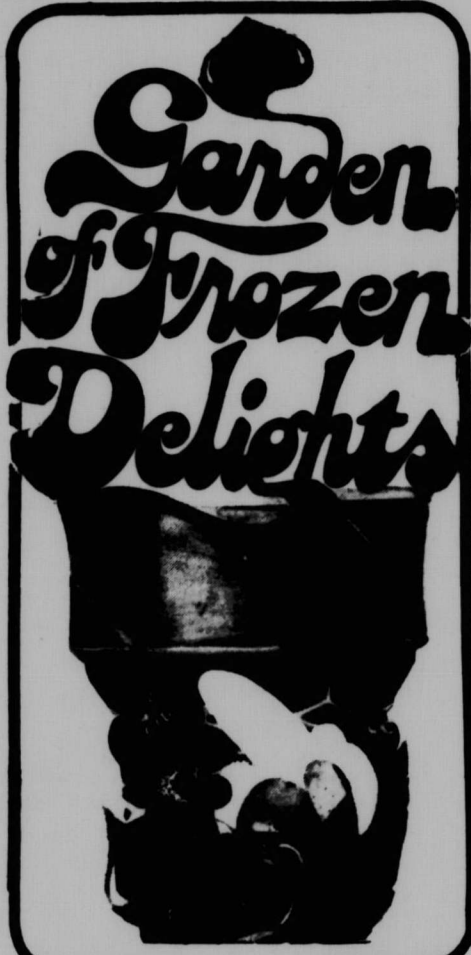
The electroencephalograph measures the brainwaves. The "alpha" brainwave is associated with a relaxed state, while the "beta" brainwave is associated with

worrying or concentration, he said.

"Stress is necessary," especially in an emergency situation, though mainly it is used improperly, he said.

"We are a nation of beta brainwave junkies," Robinson said. Many people go to the beach or another scenic location and can't relax because they start worrying about the past or future, he said.

Robinson begins a new course every six weeks (the next one begins March 20th) through the Eureka Adult Education program. The cost is \$10.



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## Commissioner helps Arcata plan and carry out its goals

By TERESA MADISON  
staff writer

He came to Arcata nine years ago to get a master's degree in Watershed Management at Humboldt State University, but he went to work at the Arcata Transit Authority and never did complete his studies.

Beginning as an employee at the outdoor equipment store, he worked and saved enough to acquire part ownership of the firm.

But his interests were not limited to business.

Steve Cole said he was always interested in city government and his dreams to serve his community met with one failure and success the second time around.

His failure to be selected occurred in 1976. Rudolph Becking HSU Resource Planning professor resigned from the Arcata City Council in order to go on sabbatical leave. Although he petitioned, Cole did not receive the appointment.

In Oct. 1977, a vacancy occurred on the city's planning commission when Andrea Tuttle resigned and moved to finish her education.

Again Cole petitioned for appointment, and was selected to serve on the commission until Dec. 30, 1981, when the term expires.

On Feb. 13 he was appointed chairman of the planning commission. Cole said he hopes the commission and the city will be able to achieve some of the goals set in the Arcata General Plan and at the same time preserve a small-town atmosphere.

"One of the major difficulties in making planning decisions is walking the tightrope between special interests and the good of the city as a whole," he said.

But for Cole, and the commission members, the jobs of carrying out and interpreting the language of the city's General Plan are main responsibilities.

An example of the responsibilities for determining compliance with the city's needs and goals concerned the Howard Cronk Planned Development Project. The project was properly in compliance with zoning laws, but several other problems resulted in the commission's initial refusal to grant approval.

Cole said there was no noise mitigation (fences or hedges to block out sound), and too much of the project would be designated as a parking area and the buildings would look like barracks.

"There would be a poor mixing of senior citizens with low-to-moderate income families, which would create possible conflicts of interest. And there



Jack Hanson

**The Chairman** of Arcata's planning commission, Steve Cole, finds it difficult "walking the tightrope between special interests and the good of the city as a whole."

would be poor utilization of open spaces which would provide inadequate recreation areas," he said.

Besides making decisions concerning housing, Cole said he hopes Arcata will be able to gain a larger voice in affairs outside its borders.

He would like the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and the city council to agree on approval of the city's general plan.

Not only giving the city a larger political voice, approval of the plan would encourage residential and industrial developments on lands immediately next to county and city properties.

Industrial development in Arcata is also being planned. Cole said West End Road is being zoned for light industries which require spaces between 2,000 to 4,000 square feet.

While planning for urban and industrial growth, Cole said the city has not shown foresight in planning for recreation facilities.

"I feel that in order for the city to meet its social needs, recreation should be stressed most and the second emphasis should be placed on meeting housing needs.

"The city lacks adequate outdoor playing fields for outdoor sports as baseball, football and soccer," he said.

## Learn about birthing options

Alternatives to the traditional medical model of birthing will be the subject of a panel discussion on childbrith today from 1-4 p.m. in House 55.

Sponsored by the Women's Center and the Women's Association at HSU, the panel discussion will include a nurse midwife from General Hospital, a local obstetrician, a homebirth educator, a

representative from Mad River Hospital's alternative birthing room, and a local Native American who will speak on spiritual aspects of homebirth.

In addition to the discussion two films on childbirth will be shown. For more information contact the Women's Center 826-4216.

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## Buddy Rich

Buddy Rich, master drummer, product of the big swing bands of the 1930s and '40s will appear in concert with his orchestra on Monday, March 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the HSU Van Duzer Theatre.

Buddy Rich formed his own "big band" with the help of Frank Sinatra in 1946. The big band era was coming to a close and the chance of survival for a big jazz band was diminishing.

Rich began playing in smaller bands with such eminents as Charlie Parker, Lester Young, and Oscar Peterson. But a small band couldn't satisfy the energetic drumming that Buddy Rich has become famous for. He missed as he put it, "the big band thing. You don't shout with a small band," he said.

Looking back over thirty years of playing with various bands Rich recalls a time in 1959 when he had been with the Harry James orchestra, "it got to be a bore after a while. I was never really satisfied after having my own band. The perfect band was always in my mind."

It wasn't until 1966 that Rich set in motion "a new and distinctive kind of band." His new band wasn't a revitalization of an old big band, but rather a new direction of the big band sound. His arrangements reached a younger generation and yet he still maintained his following of long time Buddy Rich fans.

Tickets for this performance are all \$6.00 and are available at the University Ticket Office in Nelson Hall; Barnes Drugs and Northtown Books, Arcata; Super Sounds, McKinleyville; Maxon's Music, The Works, Two Street Music, Windjammer Books, Eureka; CR; Down to Earth Sandwiches, Fortuna; Orange Cat, Garberville.

## Automated programs: KFMI tries for on-the-air consistency

By JEFF DELONG  
 staff writer

Consistency is the reason that almost everything you hear on Eureka's KFMI radio station has been pre-recorded days or even weeks ahead of time.

KFMI's station manager, Dick Good, said that by using an automated format, "a radio station gains on-the-air consistency."

"If you put a consistent quality product of any kind out these days, it's going to be successful," he said.

Good believes that a radio station using live disc jockeys opens itself up to too many variables that can cause deviation from intended musical format.

"One day your disc jockey may have had a fight with his wife or his girlfriend. He might just go on the air with a rotten show, playing all ballads or something, and causing a lack of musical consistency."

Good, who became station manager at KFMI 2½ years ago, said automation was also necessary because of the small local market. He said that KFMI can't afford a "top-talent" music director to determine the most profitable and popular music format to play.

#### Outside help

To take care of this job, KFMI works with a company in Sacramento called Concept Productions. For a monthly fee, Concept not only decides what music KFMI should play, but tapes it for them and sends the updated tapes to the station once a week.

Along with the music come voice tracks of three of the five DJ's you hear on the station: Rick Sherwood, Justin Palmer and Jay Mason. These three do not announce from Eureka. In fact, it's possible that they have never been in Eureka.

The two remaining DJ's, Rick Roome and Scott Merans, work for KFMI and pre-record their shows at the station.

Concept Productions caters to over 20 other radio stations across the country, so if you hear Justin Palmer on the radio in Twin Falls, Idaho or Little Rock, Ark., both of which have stations using Concept's services, don't be too surprised.

#### Local production

Aside from the Concept tapes, which are played on a reel-to-reel unit, KFMI uses cassette tapes for local advertising, public service announcements, newscasts, station identification and weather reports. These are recorded by announcers at the station and played at designated intervals between songs.

How can dozens of tapes be switched around fast enough to have a smooth program? Hector takes care of all of that.

Hector is a \$60,000 computer system that was installed when KFMI first went automated. Hector is programmed each morning with instructions for what he is supposed to do that day.

When it's time for an advertisement, Hector will turn off the reel-to-reel recorder and activate the cassette unit. The cassette tapes, each one containing an ad or public service announcement, are loaded on several rotating carousels like those found on slide projectors. The right tape will drop into the slot, the ad will be played, then Hector will spit it out and rotate the carousel to place the next cassette into position.

When it's time for more music, the reel-to-reel unit will start playing again under Hector's orders.

Hector doesn't "ramble on about nothing" like some DJ's, and he can't catch the flu. But he occasionally gets rambunctious, creating problems for the people at KFMI and confusion for the listeners at home. If an hour goes by

and you don't hear the news or the resonate voice of Justin Palmer announcing the next song, chances are Hector is acting up.

"Sometimes our magic electric thing goes wrong and tries to play two things at once," said Good.

One of the first things that comes to mind when hearing about an automated radio station or an automated anything, is that some employees must be put out of work. Good stresses that this is not so.

"Everybody thinks that you're putting in a machine and the machine's going to do all the work so you can save on paying people." He said that KFMI employs just as many people as it would if it were a live radio station.

"The disc jockey's primary duty it seems to me is to sit there and wait for a record to end so he can play another. With automation, the machine does the waiting. Our announcers can be recording news, commercials, sports or whatever else may be needed at the time. They utilize their talents and skills a heck of a lot better."

Since all the programs have been pre-recorded, KFMI does not take requests, even though a request line is listed in the telephone directory. Good said he asked Pacific Telephone to delete the request line last year, but they failed to do so.

#### Unnecessary requests

"I've never believed that because a person possesses a dime or a telephone," said Good, "that they should be able to program a radio station when the station's circulation is running 20,000 listeners out there." He said that if a person enjoys the kind of music that KFMI plays, chances are his request will already be on the tapes.

"Concept Productions has done some research on this and eighty percent of the phoned-in requests are played within the next two hours anyway. The primary songs requested are the hot songs of that time. The other twenty percent are so obscure that they would be a deviation from our format," said Good.

KXGO is another local station that uses an automated format for their broadcasts. Good believes that automated stations will become much more common in the future, especially in small listening markets such as the Eureka-Arcata area.

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For further information contact HHAP Barlow House 59, 826-3825 or the Franchise Tax Board, 800-852-7050.

# HSU plays important role in county's economy

By GEORGE SPARLING  
staff writer

The economic impact of Humboldt State University is critical for the stability of Humboldt County's precarious, underdeveloped economy.

A study prepared by HSU Professor Theodore K. Ruprecht and a staff of economics and business students, determined that 1,000 permanent jobs in Humboldt County were created by HSU. At least 450 other permanent jobs were indirectly created by the university.

The study, "The Economic Impact of Humboldt State University on the Humboldt County Economy," completed in August 1978, showed that HSU generates \$32 million of the county's economy, yearly, and indirectly con-

tributes to more than \$2.3 million in local wages and salaries. This is based on 1976 prices and wages.

The single characteristic of Humboldt County that is analogous to an underdeveloped "third world" nation, is its heavy reliance on a single-crop economy: the timber industry.

### Lumber industry

The report states that 82 percent of all manufacturing in the county is in the lumber and wood products industry. But because of the immense volume of exportation and the overall integration of the county's economy with the world's economy, the "third world" analogy ends, said Ruprecht.

The major significance of this study is the need for HSU to spread its purchases more evenly through the year to help offset the low winter economic activity. This is the first report to quantify the university's spending patterns and effects on the economic life of Humboldt County.

The dominance of the county's lumber and wood products industry has resulted in a "balance of payments deficit," so few of the area's goods are being manufactured for local consumption. Consumers mainly buy items produced outside Humboldt County. Jobs and income are also "abnormally small" due to an over-reliance on the timber industry.

### Student spending

The report states that the presence of HSU encourages local students to stay here rather than leave the county for their education. This means that more money is spent locally, thus helping to

offset timber exportation.

The \$16.6 million in wages and salaries injected into the economy by HSU employees and students, indirectly creates 224 non-university-related jobs for the area. Directly, HSU employee spending creates "support employment" such as sales personnel, gasoline station attendants and restaurant workers.

HSU purchases 57 percent of all its goods and services from within the county. For example, most of the accounting units, excluding the Humboldt University Bookstore, purchase from the county and nearly all of HSU's contracts are handled through local services.

Student expenditures account for \$12.6 million annually. Students who moved here to attend HSU, each spend locally an average \$2,132 per year. Native students spend close to \$2,300 a year.

### Survey conducted

These student-spending statistics were compiled using a survey conducted in April 1977. The total number of usable survey responses was 190.

The indirect effect of HSU students' annual money flow creates 187 local, or residentiary, jobs. More than \$950,000 is injected into the county from these jobs.

Perhaps the greatest disparity in the statistics is the mean annual expenditures between the upper division and graduate students and that of the lower division students. The former spends \$1,946 while the latter only \$996.

An admissions and policy change, by HSU, calling for more money to be spent per student, "would increase the size of the University's economic impact," the study said.

Arcata gets approximately \$900,000 a month from student purchases, which accounts for about 14 percent of the total Arcata spending.

The implications of this study indicate that if full time enrollment drops because of budget cuts, it will have a significant impact on Humboldt County's economy.

### Student-dependent jobs

The study noted that for every 100 students, there are eight local jobs indirectly involved and almost \$35,000 in residentiary wages. Any change in student enrollment "clearly indicates that changes in the size of the university exert a clear influence on economic conditions in the county."

"The importance of student spending and the close linkage between student body size, staff size and university purchases," the study said, "draws attention to the economic importance of such student-related policy decisions as admission levels, on-campus housing, upper division-lower division and foreign-local student admission mixes."

Clearly, until Humboldt County secures more income from perhaps light industry, tourism or even federally sponsored projects, HSU will represent a powerful "stabilizing force in a very unstable economy."

## Who's a 'Who?'

HSU's Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the 1979 Who's Who Award. The honor is given annually as recognition to a successful alumnus of the University who has made outstanding contributions to the community through his or her business, profession, or other activities.

Nominations should include the name, address and graduation date of the nominee, including a list of community service. Nominations may be sent to the HSU Alumni Association Office at HSU.

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**STOP SOON AND SAVE**

By ALLAN ERICKSON

As the focal point of economic progress of Humboldt County, the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission, charged with funneling federal funds to the county, seems forced to spoon those monies instead.

In the wake of Redwood National Park expansion, the Board of Supervisors and many regional representatives created the RREDC in August 1977. Its purpose is to steer an action plan designed to "raise the per capita income and lower unemployment to state levels" in an overall effort to offset adverse impacts of park expansion.

The commission is comprised of representatives from 14 cities, towns, community services districts and the county — all operating under a joint powers agreement drawn up by Crescent City attorney James Hooper. The agreement stipulates that member entities can withdraw without consent and no project can be initiated without unanimous support.

The federal funding agency involved is the Economic Development Administration which required the county to conduct a study and produce a report to guide economic development activities.

The study and subsequent report was done by the QRC Corp. in association with other consultants and professors at HSU. It appeared in Feb. 1978 entitled "An Economic Development Action Plan and Strategy for Humboldt County" and was produced in about three months at a cost to the Economic Development Agency of \$160,000.

Lester Clark, newly hired executive director of RREDC who assumed the post Jan. 16, said in a recent interview, "The QRC report is our bible as far as I'm concerned."

The QRC report emphasizes three priority program elements. They are: To provide employment for displaced timber workers and strengthen the timber industry, diversification by increasing non-timber industry within one year of the plan and diversification through the second and fifth years of the action plan period.

Officials with knowledge of or direct involvement with the commission were interviewed recently.

**EDA's decision**

Sam Pennisi, Arcata City Councilmember who represents that city on the commission, explained, "EDA had already decided what to fund and how much money to grant. We wondered why we had developed a plan and made

# Federal agency restricts

compromises."

This criticism of EDA was echoed by Harold Reardon, Eureka City Councilmember and commissioner.

"They (EDA) say, 'That project is OK if you meet these requirements,' but nobody can meet them so you end up doing their projects," he said.

Pennisi and Reardon were expressing their dissatisfaction in light of EDA's funding of the Arcata Airport renovation, the boat building facility in Humboldt Bay and the Woodley Island Project.

John Corbett, attorney and coastal commissioner, sees the relationship between EDA and RREDC differently.

"We have to work with what is possible rather than what we want. We have not been competitive on a host of state and federal grants because we like to say, 'Well, we like to do it this way,'" he said.

**CETA director agrees**

The director of the CETA program, Jud Whyte, voiced a similar view.

"What is important is track record so that when you go after grants they feel that here is an area that really does it well," he said.

Of the near \$10 million granted to RREDC in July 1978 (the funding year runs from July to July) approximately \$5 million went to the Woodley Island project, \$1.8 million for the airport and \$2.2 million for the boat facility. About \$900,000 is designated for timber and business loans.

"The Woodley Island project is not in our plan. The airport and boat building projects are but they are not priorities," Pennisi said.

Clark noted that, "EDA generally supports public works projects which are visible and realizable within one year. Their support in the future

depends on how well we spend the money they have given us so far."

The QRC report projects a budget of \$92 million over the five year action plan period. It also projects that EDA will grant \$32 million with the balance coming from private and other sources.

**Coordinator's view**

However, in the Sept. 2 issue of the Times-Standard, the coordinator of EDA's Title IX funds (which is the title amendment of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1974 under which RREDC receives funds), Paul Dempsey is quoted:

"We don't have the resources to make \$32 million available to Humboldt County," he said.

Clark noted that "moves to balance the federal budget may affect EDA's budget."

Of primary concern to the timber industry is the maintenance of an adequate supply of logs. Park expansion hastened the need to concentrate on reforestation and retooling to handle second growth trees.

"One thing to help the timber industry is the rehabilitation of harvested lands through our loan program," Pennisi said.

Reardon views aid to the timber industry unnecessary.

"The timber companies do not need government funds," he said.

**No attempts**

"We have yet to receive our first loan application from anybody related to the timber industry," Clark said.

In terms of reforestation, the focus is on the small land owner.

Corbett said, "The Forest Incentive Program is an outright subsidy for the small land owner. Why should a land owner take out a loan, on a long-term investment, when he can secure a

## Government programs create new forestry jobs

By STEPHEN LONDON  
staff writer

A new policy in the Carter Administration to limit the number of people employed by the federal government means more jobs for Humboldt County locals in the forest industry.

The U.S. Forest Service will be contracting out work in about 20 different types of jobs this year, jobs usually handled as in-house projects, often using seasonal labor.

Information about the number and types of jobs opening up is still scanty, but more will be known when Six Rivers National Forest releases its Environmental Assessment this week. The assessment will indicate where contracted labor will be used in such fields as tree planting, site preparation, manual conifer release, tree nurseries, hand-application and aerial spraying of herbicides, stocking surveys and timber stand improvement.

**Independent contractors**

There will also be a need for independent contractors to perform shopwork, such as carpentry and mechanics. Other contracts may be awarded for watershed rehabilitation, stream clearance, reforestation, wildlife habitat improvement, plus a variety of flood control and engineering projects.

**Conifer release**

Six Rivers intends to release three to six thousand acres of conifers this year. As a result, several thousand acres of brush and hardwood plants must be suppressed by one means or another. Bidding on this acreage has already begun.

One consequence of the new policy is that fewer students will be hired by the U.S. Forest Service this summer than last. But CETA programs will provide about 50 people with jobs in Six Rivers this year.

Another governmental development that has an imminent impact on the local employment situation is the Forest Resource Improvement Program, FRIP, a California act passed last year.

The program opens up cooperative agreements between the state and private timberland owners with less than 500 acres.

The state will pay up to 90 percent of the cost for improving the timber quantity and quality on private land. The new bill takes the pressure off people to log now and encourages putting land into maximum timber production and preserving the resource for the future.

**Considerable impact**

Private landowners are still finding out about FRIP, and the new state policy could have a considerable impact on the local forestry job market for many years to come.

Another program that will assist the local job market is the Forest Improvement Training Project, FITP, sponsored by the Redwood Community Development Council, RCDC, through CETA funds.

Four Humboldt County residents have been given a six-month grant to put together a program geared toward helping people form their own small businesses. A job training program and a job contact referral center are also being developed, according to Bob Rohde of the FITP.

"We're still in a research phase," Rohde said.

FITP is putting together a training curriculum for the development of a local cottage industry in hardwoods.

**'Weed tree'**

"Hardwoods have traditionally been thought of as a weed tree here," said Rohde. "But there's a growing demand for hardwoods; they're getting more expensive in the East."

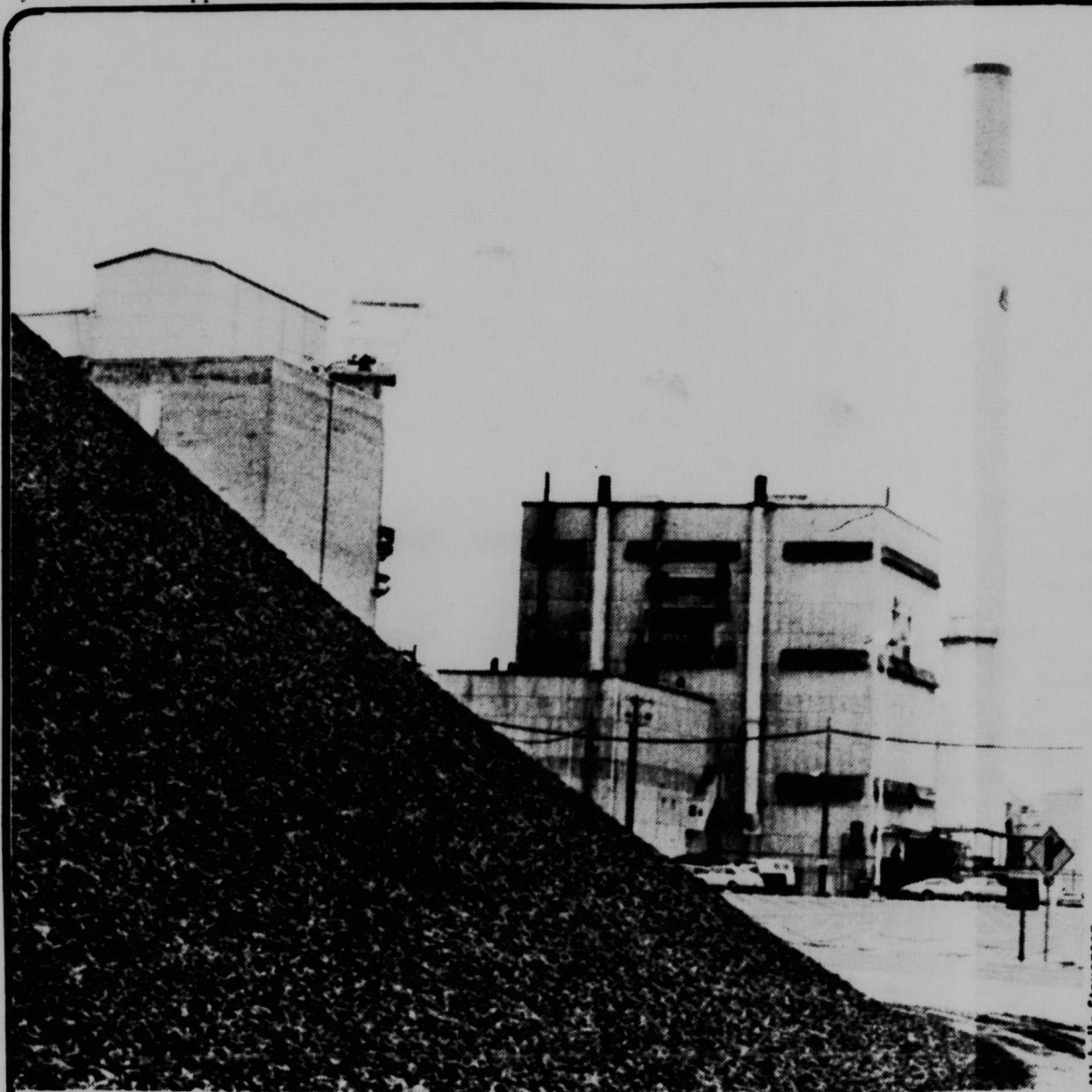
Just two people can operate a small-scale mobile dimension mill, enabling them to cut the hardwoods where they are felled. The mill can be operated by a Volkswagen engine.

"It's been around a long time. It's coming back into use now that hardwoods are replacing so many softwood stands," said Rohde.

The potential market for hardwoods is being determined by a consultant firm hired by the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission.

John Coburn, of the timber division at Six Rivers, said hardwoods are often included in timber sales by the Forest Service, but the market fluctuates.

More information on jobs in the forest industry is available through Bob Rohde at the RCDC in Eureka.



Idle chips pile up outside the Louisiana Pacific mill in Samoa, where members of the Western Pulp and Paper Workers Union have been on strike since November.

Michelle Stevenson

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subsidy?"

Late in 1978 the commission solicited pre-applications for a hardwood feasibility study grant amounting to \$60,000, which may be awarded at the commission's Feb. 26 meeting. The grant is expected to go to Winzler & Kelly which has done most of the commission's work thus far.

Pennisi believes that although hardwoods have already been studied, further inquiry is warranted because the timber market has changed.

Clark and Reardon think the hardwood study is unnecessary.

Reardon said, "The hardwood study and the QRC report are examples of what I call intellectual welfare. These consultants produce beautiful reports which are not useful but wasteful."

### Hardwood profitability

Clark said, "The timber industry will quickly determine whether hardwoods are profitable."

Of primary concern to the timber industry is the maintenance of an adequate supply of logs. Park expansion hastened the need to concentrate on reforestation and retooling to handle second growth trees.

Even though the action plan prioritizes diversification it states, "diversification is easy to suggest and very difficult to achieve."

Various factors seriously hamper diversification — isolation of the area, small population and poor transportation systems.

There are areas of interest for diversification however — fisheries, the harbor, agriculture, industry, tourism and small businesses.

### 'Take risks'

John Woolley, president of the Redwood Community Development Council, said, "The best way to diversify is to

take some risks on small business and small scale industry through loans. Jobs have to be designed with the people of this area in mind."

Reardon said the future of the county is in heavy industry, primarily timber, and the development of the harbor into a major port.

"If we had money to improve our roads we could truck forest products to new markets and run goods from ships to the interior," he said.

Concerns have been raised about the possibility of ships rupturing the Humboldt Bay Wastewater Authority raw sewage line if it is laid beneath the bay.

Corbett expressed opposition to Reardon.

"The odds of new heavy industry locating here are zero. It hasn't happened yet because we don't have access to markets or the population that industry needs. We should be making better use of the harbor in terms of fishing, tourism and exportation of timber," he said.

### Harbor may be answer

Clark noted that "development of the harbor is a serious consideration if people want increased per capita incomes."

The central issues of harbor development are the extent to which development will encroach upon the rural quality of life and its viability as a deep water port.

"The Coastal Commission and HBWA want to keep this a pristine corner of the state by standing in the way of harbor development," Reardon said.

Corbett took issue with Reardon. "Eureka has the most peculiar land use policy of any city I know. They tend to take prime industrial sites and approve auto shops on them rather than

reserving this land for coastal related development of the harbor," he said.

Corbett emphasized the need to look to Crescent City as a good example of harbor development.

Stream rehabilitation and fisheries enhancement are seen as vital to not only the fishing industry but also to tourism.

### Canning and tourism

CETA's director Jud Whyte said, "We are looking forward to fish habitat restoration and stream rehabilitation which will also lead to other industry development such as canning and tourism."

Corbett said, "I think we are in a primitive state in fisheries enhancement. Unless something is done quickly we won't have a fishing industry."

Clark said that in terms of tourism "we should ask, 'Is Redwood National Park going to be a wilderness area or will it be another Yosemite?' If gas prices increase too much, people will sooner eat than take a vacation."

Although agriculture is on a small scale it is seen as an area which could help diversify the economy.

Woolley said that RCDC is conducting an analysis of the agricultural industry to investigate development possibilities. Don Jones is steering this project.

The RREDC has a loan program to help small businesses and create new ones, thereby creating jobs. The Finance and Industrial committees of the RREDC review loan applications, and as of Dec. 1978 they had received 14 applications.

"We look at the applications and decide if they are in the best interests of the limited funds that we have," Clark said.

Of the \$10 million granted to RREDC this year, about \$900,000 is earmarked for business and timber industry loans.

Clark explained, "We try to avoid loans to businesses that propose to enter

a market that will not support anymore. We don't want to divide the pie into smaller pieces."

Clark explained that the commission is looking for projects that create jobs, increase per capita income and manufacture products which can be exported — thus bringing money into the area from outside.

Final approval of loans comes from the EDA office in Seattle. Merle Lane is in charge of Title IX projects there.

### Ten new jobs a month?

"One of our goals is to establish 120 jobs in the next 12 months, which will be tough," Clark said.

One problem with trying to create jobs is that the economic base has to be capable of supporting those jobs over the long term.

"Our whole thrust here has been to develop a comprehensive network of training services which speaks to the needs of business and industry. In this effort we are concerned that local people get the jobs," said Whyte in regard to CETA's role.

Whyte also emphasized the need to train teams of land rehabilitation and forest management specialists to aid in the maintenance of the timber industry.

"We are very efficient in extracting the timber resource but not too good at rehabilitation because we haven't had to concentrate on this until recently," he said.

### Labor emphasized

Woolley said that the commission should "make sure the QRC report is the backbone to the way that investment strategy is carried out with emphasis on labor development, especially in reforestation."

All inquiries may be referred to the RREDC office located in the Eureka Inn, Rm. 419, or call 445-2264.

The commission meets the fourth Monday every month at 7:30 PM at the Spruce Point Agricultural Center south of Eureka.

## Pulp mill strikes end after four months

By MICHELLE STEVENSON

The Crown Simpson local of Western Pulp and Paper Workers voted 77-60 to accept management terms and went back to work on Saturday, a spokesperson for Crown Simpson said.

Louisiana Pacific workers, also of local WPPW, reached an agreement with management, but strikers will not return to work until the electricians strike is settled.

Both mills have been on strike since November last year.

Recordmaking profits for Simpson and LP has had no impact on hastening piecemeal negotiations.

The 300 workers from LP and 150 workers from Crown Simpson are only a small piece of a labor puzzle which has involved the entire west coast from Los Angeles to Alaska. Over 15,000 persons have been unemployed, some since last July. Labor disputes have effected over 40 pulp mills, from which paper products are derived.

Differences between labor demands and management offers are minimal. The length of the strike and lack of consistent negotiations seems to be an attempt to crush the union, according to Bob Hedlund, president of the LP branch of the union.

### Industry strikes

The WPPW has traditionally set the stage for other industry strikes. Settlement has been inconsistent and sporadic among the various locals on the west coast.

Through early August of last year, settlements had been reached at 10 locations with two-year contracts that provided general wage increases of 10% and 10½ percent. Traditional pattern-

type negotiations then broke down, with industry offering less and less to the locals in different areas.

Locally, Crown Simpson has had no negotiations until last week. LP had no formal negotiations until two weeks ago.

The major objections by strikers were the "take away" items; changing agreements made during previous negotiations. Pensions are also a big issue, with "future service only" clauses giving a lower rate per year of service, putting workers with more seniority at a disadvantage.

LP has offered a 10 percent increase in pay, then nine and eight percent in succeeding years. Pay rates have not been a major issue with strikers.

### 400 strikers

Over 400 persons in the community have been on strike since November 1.

According to John Townsend of the Employment Development Department, "If they are involved in a trade dispute, they are declared ineligible for unemployment."

Strikers may be eligible for food stamps, however.

At the same time, an inter-company strike fund exists to aid lumber companies with trade disputes. An industry spokesman refused to comment on how much it was or the details of the arrangement.

Last year LP and Simpson made the largest profit in their history, not including moneys gained from Proposition 13 and the expansion of Redwood National Park.

Sales for LP were over a billion dollars in a nine month period, up 36 percent from last year.

The final estimate for lands purchased

from LP for Redwood National Park is between \$230-\$300 million (approximately \$1,000 per acre). Timber lands are assessed for tax purposes at an average of \$50 per acre.

### Considerable savings

Proposition 13 has also resulted in considerable savings to timber companies. Although the County Assessor's office estimates land values jumped 15-100 percent, taxation increases only at 2 percent of fair market value retroactive to 1975. This amounts to a substantial savings to timber companies (particularly LP who owns 450,000 acres in the state). They refuse to comment on exact figures.

An official spokesman for the National Park Service said, "The final figures for Redwood National Park will exceed a billion dollars."

Al Knowles, head of the union local at Crown Simpson, said, "The only money they spend in the local community of Park money and Proposition 13 money is zip. They come in here and rip and gouge the land, and don't even reinvest in the local economy."

Griffin, an LP spokesperson, said moneys from the park were reinvested elsewhere to secure assets lost. He said by taking the park lands off the market, it escalated their price to such an "astronomical extent" that lands in the coastal regions were out of the question. Many investments are being made in the southern United States, where land and labor are cheaper, he said.

### No comment

Local timber representatives refuse to comment on the financial status of their organization, or on the status of the strike settlement.

A month ago, when asked when a settlement would occur, Knowles said, "When the shortage hits to where Western Pulp and Paper can hike the price of paper products, they'll settle."

According to a representative from Bullard-Wilson-Fraser Paper Dealers, the price of newsprint has gone up 79 percent. After the strike is settled, prices are expected to rise from six to nine percent.

Meanwhile, chips are being stockpiled and not processed. Northcoast, Inc., has been buying more local chips than before the strike and shipping them to Japan.

According to their originator, Lloyd Hecathon, "We've been taking a lot of their chips so they wouldn't have to shut down."

He said too much wood fiber is produced locally for the two mills to process. Instead of having a glut of chips occur, a market situation has been created to keep the price up. "Ninety eight percent of pulp from local mills is exported," he said.

### Recycling center

The Arcata Community Recycling Center was particularly hard hit. Of the money earned by the center, 75 percent is from fibers — which includes cardboard, newspapers, computer paper, and other paper. The strike resulted in 25 to 30 tons of cardboard which would have been shipped out per week to stockpile.

With the settlement of the strike, the full warehouse and yard can be cleared to make room for other items. Without fibers there was no cash flow to pay for glass and metals, which don't pay for themselves.



Michelle Stevenson

the Western Pulp

# Surfers prepare to make waves for rocky issue

By JOHN HANSON  
staff writer

A permit to remove an estimated 6,000 cubic yards of rock from Deadman's Gulch, a surfing reef located a half-mile below the boat basin at Shelter Cove, has been filed by the Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District.

The rock which the district wants to remove is above high water at the mouth of Deadman's Gulch, including a substantial portion of the surfing shoal for the jetty.

Tom Pratte, an HSU coastal studies major and surfer, is concerned about the possible effects the rock removal will have on the surfing location. "At this time the rock removal will affect the surfing shoal and could result in an adverse effect on the quality of surfing at Deadman's Gulch," he said.

"They want to get the most easily accessible, conveniently placed rock

there is, and it's at Deadman's Gulch," he said.

In a recent lecture given at HSU, Pratte said that the bottom contours of reef and shoal structures are of vital importance in creating surfable waves.

### Thorough study needed

According to Pratte, a thorough study on the characteristics and boundaries of the surf site at Deadman's Gulch will be necessary for analysis of impacts the proposed rock removal will have on surfing. As of now, the bathymetry, or reef structure, hasn't been mapped. Field studies have not been undertaken and surfers have not been consulted.

The purpose of the lecture was to gain surfer's awareness of the impending alteration of the reef by rock removal. The existing breakwater would be substantially increased. Altogether, the proposed breakwater would conceptually call for more than 6,000 cubic yards of rock.

The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District has filed for a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District. After reviewing the permit, the Army Corps will publish a preliminary environmental assessment and send it to state and federal agencies and concerned parties. The thirty day public comment period on the project will start around the middle of March.

"We are trying to inform surfers that they can have an effect on the process. If surfers get together during the comment period and send a lot of letters to the Army Corps of Engineers, it will influence their decision," said Pratte.

"It is important for surfers to express their point of view to the Army Corps of Engineers," said Pratte. "We'll take all the action necessary to preserve the surf site."

Two Shelter Cove benefit showings of the surfing movie 'Playgrounds in

Paradise' helped collect money needed to continue efforts to preserve the surf site at Deadman's Gulch. "The movie sold out at school and we packed the house at the Jambalaya," said Pratte.

Surfing in northern California holds more popularity than the cold ocean waters dictate.

But what about the numbers of private fishermen and recreational boaters who use the present launching facility at Shelter Cove? The larger winter storms overtake the present jetty and make for hazardous launching conditions. The beefing up of the jetty would expand the number of launching days per year and would result in more business for the boat basin.

Shelter Cove happens to be a popular spot for salmon and rockfishing. Even if the jetty expansion is approved, the Humboldt Bay District may have to file an environmental impact report to the Coastal Commission.

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# Leader's exit disturbs small community

By GEORGE SPARLING  
staff writer

Bridgeville's residents are infuriated at the exodus of Rev. Alvin B. Stevens from this isolated community designed to be a haven from big city crime and deterioration for fundamentalist Christians.

Rev. Stevens and about 20 followers of the Pentecostal Faith Challengers, Inc. left before sunrise, Feb. 6, in a dispute over the sale of beer and cigarettes. Stevens adamantly opposed the sale on religious grounds.

But, Bridgeville's manager, Wade H. LeRoy, said Rev. Stevens was unable to handle the town's business affairs.

"The beer and cigarette issue was a cover-up," LeRoy said. "He left because he couldn't pay his bills."

LeRoy's son, Rocky, added that Stevens decided to leave Bridgeville before the beer and cigarette issue came up.

Bridgeville's new owner is Weldon Houston, a San Jose realtor, who paid \$80,000 to purchase the deed. The estimated value for the town's undulating 87 acres on Highway 36 near the Van Duzen River is nearly \$400,000 according to Wade LeRoy.

#### Visions for Missions

Eventually, Bridgeville will be owned by Visions for Missions, a non-profit group based on fundamentalist "full Gospel" Christianity. Houston is a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Currently, Bridgeville has a restaurant, grocery store and school. The grocery store was closed after it had been virtually emptied of stock when Rev. Stevens left the town.

The loss of stock is not the only thing the residents are angry about. A raffle for a 1978 Pinto was held in Bridgeville by Rev. Stevens ostensibly to raise money for the elderly and for "foreign mission work," as it said on the raffle tickets. Though the car was raffled off to a contestant, residents in Bridgeville were outraged that "there was no ac-

counting for the \$30,000 collected in the raffle."

But, in spite of the grievances against Rev. Stevens, Wade LeRoy and Houston have big plans for Bridgeville.

LeRoy envisions a "planned concept" for the town where up to 500 persons, mostly elderly wishing a safe and healthy place to retire, will be able to settle.

#### Life in Bridgeville

Projected over a 10 to 20 year span, LeRoy wants Bridgeville to build a 24-unit motel, three condominiums, more than 70 pre-fab retirement units, a medical center, a health food store run by the Seventh Day Adventists, refurbishing a huge barn and establishing a recreational vehicle campsite.

He also wants some light industry to come into the area. A number of companies have expressed interest in such a move, LeRoy said.

"But we won't do anything until the sewer system is hooked up," LeRoy said.

Stevens was supposed to get the sewer system hooked up, but he never got around to it, LeRoy said.

"The septic tanks are old and not up to code," he said, "and we are at the mercy of the health department."

LeRoy, owner of an engineering firm based in Tacoma, Wash. before he settled in Bridgeville six years ago, wants to install a gravity intake system to flow into the 20,000 gallon tank already built. Now, water for the town must be pumped from a well.

#### Building renovation

The renovation of an old building which Rev. Stevens tried to convert into a church needs to be re-worked. All the wood paneling was warped and must be taken down, LeRoy said, because the panels were nailed directly to the studs.

This building, which will house an inter-denominational church, would never have been acceptable to the building inspectors, LeRoy said.

"There wasn't even any sheet rock put in," LeRoy said. "They (Stevens'

group) tried to bully the building inspectors to get the church to meet the health code."

Another project will be to make the 100-year-old barn into a tourist attraction. The barn was a resting place for the horses that pulled the stagecoach on the San Francisco-Red Bluff-Eureka line.

But, LeRoy said, toilet facilities are required by the health department before this barn will be open to the public.

LeRoy had tried to "advise" Stevens on construction and planning matters. But, when LeRoy saw that it would not work out, he left the planning and building to Stevens.

#### Good relationship

So far, LeRoy said his relationship with the Humboldt County Planning Commission has been good. "There has been 100 percent cooperation between us," he said.

Another enterprise tentatively planned for Bridgeville is a small alcoholic rehabilitation center for urban, professional people. LeRoy thinks a handful of people could fully recover in Bridgeville's wholesome, peaceful atmosphere.

Besides a number of businesses who have expressed interest in Bridgeville, the federal government has also inquired about "placing people here," LeRoy said. He could not recall what government agency made the inquiries, but reiterated that the government was interested in Bridgeville.

LeRoy, an Indian Shaker minister, said the town will operate on a sound, business basis and will build the town gradually so there will not be a negative impact on the area.

"We want to meet the needs of people when they begin moving here and we will coordinate our facilities according to the amount of people coming here," LeRoy said.

When asked about the effect on the environment, LeRoy said he was aware of the Wild Rivers Act and that perhaps

the environmentalists "might raise a kick." But, because Bridgeville will be run on a solid, planned concept, he did not think the town would face much opposition in the future.

Located 31 miles from Kneeland and 21 miles from Blocksburg, and situated very near the Grizzly Creek Redwood State Park, Bridgeville will be a natural tourist site, LeRoy explained.

"Especially since the mills are closed in Dinsmore," LeRoy said, "there are no more chip and stud trucks wheeling through here and that makes Bridgeville quieter and safer."

He pointed to a hill behind where the school is located. Two miles away the weather is extremely hot and extremely cold, but in Bridgeville the weather is moderate the whole year, he said.

The mild weather coupled with his prognosis that for every acre used for development in Bridgeville there will be two unused acres, prompts LeRoy to be highly optimistic about the town's future.

#### Drunk & drugged hippies

The town was once filled with "hippies, drunk and drugged" but now "the hills are full of nice people," he said, referring to the younger people who have settled down in the surrounding countryside.

LeRoy said the money given as a donation to Rev. Stevens last November was to "appease the heartaches" of many families who had given as much as \$30,000 to the minister.

"People sold their homes and gave every dime they had to Rev. Stevens," he said. He estimated nearly \$100,000 was "unaccounted for" but the only people who could press charges against Rev. Stevens are the ones involved.

"We want to set the record straight," LeRoy said. "This Stevens business makes it hard on both religion and God."

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**'Cox and Box'**

# Play will make you laugh your socks off

By Ziba Rashidian

It may not make any salient social comment, but "Cox and Box," a play to be performed by the Humboldt Light Opera Company this Thursday and Friday at the Pacific Arts Center, will put a smile on your face and a chuckle in your throat.

It's a lighthearted musical farce that relates a day in the life of a man who sings lullabies to his bacon as it fries, of a wily landlord, who rents one room to two different men without either being any the wiser and of a man who cannot abide his fiancée.

The music and lyrics will remind you of Gilbert and Sullivan. And you'll be right — almost. Gilbert had nothing to do with "Cox and Box," but Arthur Sullivan wrote the music. The music, in many places, parodies the operatic style.

Director Sue Hance has John James Box, played by Lester King, adopting the stance of a diva, just to take this slap-stick melodrama to the limit.

The play opens with James John Cox, the dissatisfied fiancée, getting ready to leave for work while Sergeant Bouncer, the landlord, waits for him to leave so he can fix up the room for its daytime tenant, Box.

**What smoke?**

Cox, played by Russell Lowell, calls Bouncer (Dick Myers) on the carpet when he asks him why his room is full of smoke on his return from work and how his coals and wood disappear. Bouncer, a man with military reminiscences, attempts to divert Cox by dropping into song: "Rataplan, Rataplan, I'm a military man." Cox is unimpressed and presses the uncomfortable landlord for an answer. Bouncer comes up with a chimney that smokes and a cat that confiscates coal — definitely an un-military cat. Cox, unconvinced and suspicious of Bouncer, leaves.

Enter Box and bacon. Box is a printer and works all night. He kicks Bouncer

out of the room and serenades his bacon as it fries: "hush-a-bye bacon, on the grill top . . ."

As Box goes to bed, Cox returns from work after being given the day off. The two unwitting co-tenants come face to face and yell for Bouncer, who comes in singing Rataplan and looking uncomfortable. He confesses and promises to prepare another room for Cox.

**Stuck together**

In the interim, Cox and Box are stuck in the same room for the day. The plot thickens when Cox mentions his intended wife and questions Box on his marital status. Box says he is not married, a widower or a bachelor, much to the confusion of Cox.

"You'll excuse me sir, but I don't exactly see how you can help being one of the three . . . nor any other man alive." Box responds with much facility, "but I'm not alive." This is too much for the refined Cox who begs Box to be quiet and confesses that, in regard to his intended, ". . . there is only one obstacle to my doating upon her, and that is that I can't abide her." Box then relates — in song — how he got himself out of the same situation with the same woman by "drowning himself."

But once Cox finds out that he is in the same room with Penelope Ann's (the bride-to-be) long lost Box, he declares his intention of restoring Box to her. Thus ensues a duel. The two men discuss the best method deciding who would be stuck with Penelope Ann, first sending Bouncer for two unloaded pistols, tossing loaded dice and finally flipping two-headed pennies for the bride.

**Boating accident**

They are just giving up, when Bouncer arrives with a letter explaining Penelope Ann's apparent demise in a boating accident; Cox reads: "A sudden and violent squall soon after took place which . . . upset her, as she was aground two days afterwards, keel up." Box interjects, "Poor woman."

"The boat, sir!"

The letter goes on to inform the two unenthusiastic suitors that the deceased has left her entire fortune to her "intended husband."

The argument is reversed with both claiming to be the grieving "intended husband." They decide to divvy up the fortune 50-50. But this happy conclusion is upset by a second epistle announcing the imminent arrival of none other than Penelope Ann who is definitely not deceased and steaming back for a reunion with her beloved. Cox and Box run for the door but, it is too late for escape.

**Free at last**

Penelope Ann arrives and leaves without seeing Cox. Bouncer delivers a "Dear John" letter from the lady herself. Cox and Box are free from imminent wedlock and Penelope Ann is off to the altar with a Mr. Knox.

The lady of their lives disposed of, Cox and Box decide they rather like Boun-

cer's devious rooming arrangement and declare their intention of staying on in the same manner.

The play ends with a last hurrah as Cox and Box comment to each other that each bears a striking resemblance to the other's long-lost brother.

Box asks, "Have you such a thing as a strawberry mark on your left arm?" And as Cox, crestfallen, shakes his head no, "Then it is he!"

The play is a lighthearted fun-poking hour of entertainment. The play isn't guaranteed to make you think, but you'll probably have rataplans running around in your head for a few days. "Cox and Box" isn't attacking any institutions, but it does make you laugh at a few social conventions and three men who are not all that improbable. It's a play on life in more ways than one.

The play starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are available in advance at Northtown Books and Fireplace Bookshop. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## Prior learning helps students return to university life

College credit can be earned for learning accomplished outside of college through the Assessment of Prior Learning program.

The program is in its second year and is being funded by the chancellor's office of the state university and colleges system.

It's possible to earn 2 to 12 units of lower division credit in the School of Behavior and Social Sciences. To receive credit, students prepare a portfolio to identify the learning they have accomplished. Two courses designed to help students prepare the portfolio are taught by faculty members on the APL committee.

Kathleen Preston, associate professor

of psychology and a member of the APL Committee, said there were a total of 25 students in the program last year.

The average age of the students is 35. All the students who have gone through the two quarter program are still in college or have graduated. Most of those still in college are in a degree program, Preston added.

She also said the students as a group gave support and encouragement to one another, which contributed immensely to the class as a whole.

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# Branching Out

**MEETING** of the Humboldt Branch of the American Association of University Women, 10 a.m. at College of the Redwoods, Forum Building room 110, call 443-0168 for more info.

**KLEZMORIM** a musical group from Berkeley, will perform at 8 p.m. in the Kate Buchanan Room of the University Center, free.

**THE PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE** a Neil Simon comedy, 8 p.m. at the Ferndale Little Theater, cost: \$3 general, \$2 students & senior citizens, call 786-4667 for more info.

**FILM** "The Many Adventures of Winnie The Pooh," 12:30-2:30 p.m. in Founders Hall, cost: \$1 children, \$1.50 adults.

**CINEMATHEQUE** Bruce Dern in "Silent Running," 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall, cost: \$1.25, and "Groove Tube," 10 p.m. (see 3-2).

## Sunday, Mar. 4

**MIDNIGHT FLYER** their last performance at Walt's Friendly Tavern in Blue Lake. Also playing is High Roller.

**CINEMATHEQUE** Mel Brooks' "The Twelve Chairs," 7:30 p.m., Founders Hall, cost: \$1.25.

**PLAY** San Francisco's Snake Theater in "24th Hour Cafe," 8 p.m., Van Duzer Theater, cost: \$1.50, Monday, 3-5

## Monday, Mar. 5

**CONCERT** Buddy Rich, 8 p.m., Van Duzer Theater

**STUDENT RECITAL** 8:15 p.m. in Fulkerson Recital Hall.

## Tuesday, Mar. 6

**READER'S THEATER** "Strange Bedfellows," 8 p.m., Gist Hall Theater, please obtain free tickets at Nelson Hall Ticket Outlet.

## RARE II information and perspectives

An informational forum on the RARE II process will be held tomorrow in the Founders Hall auditorium at 7 p.m.

Four panelists will discuss their perspectives on the California roadless area recommendations completed by the Forest Service. After the discussion the panel will answer written questions chosen from those submitted by the audience.

Members of the panel will be: Frank Goodson, California assistant secretary of resources; George Craig, executive president of the Western Timber Association; Bob Swinford, U. S. Forest Service representative from San Francisco; Bill Neil, Trinity County chairman of the RARE II committee.

## Forum on women and employment

The fifth forum in a series of on "Humanistic Perspectives in Unemployment" will be held at the Eureka Inn Monday at 8 p.m.

The forum is entitled "Women, unemployment and public policy: what are the options?" and will tie the local situation into the general picture of women and employment.

Speakers will be: Kathryn Corbett, professor of sociology, social welfare and women's studies; Kathy Preston, professor of psychology and

women's studies; Judy Eason, a Eureka attorney; Marjorie Rodgers, secretary political science department; Ann May, job skills counselor.

## Mime performance

A combination mime and clown show will be presented Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Kate Buchanan Room, University Center. Admission is \$1 at the door.

Turk Pipkin and Kim McCormick will perform illusion mime, juggling, magic, tightrope walking, music and dance. Pipkin feels that this combination of material is more exciting and stimulating for the audience than a performance that is strictly illusion mime.

Pipkin and McCormick are from Texas but spend most of the year touring the United States and Europe. They will be touring Italy in April and will appear at the Paris Mime Festival in May and June.

A preview show will be given tomorrow at noon in front of the University Center if the weather permits.



## Wednesday, Feb. 28

**FILM** "Portrait of Jason," 8 p.m. in the Kate Buchanan room of the University Center, free.

**PANEL DISCUSSION** "Alternatives to the Traditional Medical Model of Birthing," 1-4 p.m. in House 55.

**WRESTLING** Division III NCAA National Tournament, 9 a.m. in the East Gym.

**BASEBALL** CSU Chico, 12 p.m. **CINEMATHEQUE** Astaire & Rogers in "Top Hat," 7:30 p.m., cost: \$1.25, and "Groove Tube," 10 p.m., cost: \$1.50, Founders Hall.

**HIGHROLLER** At Walt's Friendly Tavern in Blue Lake, \$1.50 cover.

## Thursday, Mar. 1

**PLAY** Sam Shepard's "The Tooth of Crime," 8 p.m. in the Van Duzer Theater, cost: \$2.50 general, \$1.50 students.

**SLEEPY HOLLOW** country blues at Mad River Rose, 9 p.m.-2 a.m., \$1 cover.

**THE PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE** a Neil Simon Comedy, benefit for Henderson Center Kiwanis, 8 p.m. at the Ferndale Little Theater, cost: \$6, get tickets by calling 443-5200.

## Saturday, Mar. 3

**ROLLS ROCK** at Mad River Rose, 9 p.m.-2 a.m., \$1.50 cover.

**HIGHROLLER** at Walt's Friendly Tavern in Blue Lake, \$1.50 cover.

## Friday, Mar. 2

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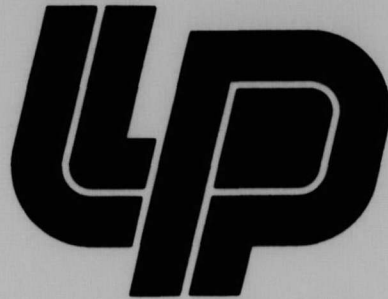
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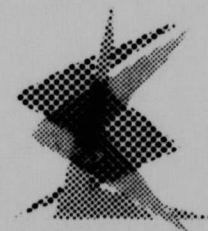
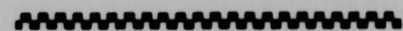
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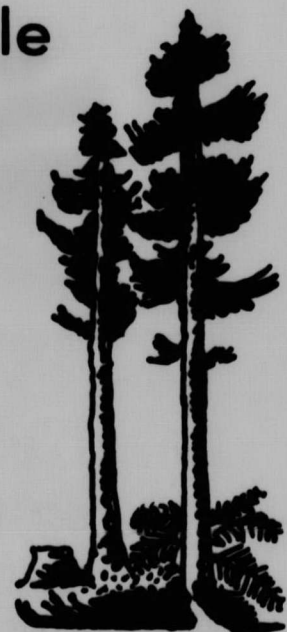
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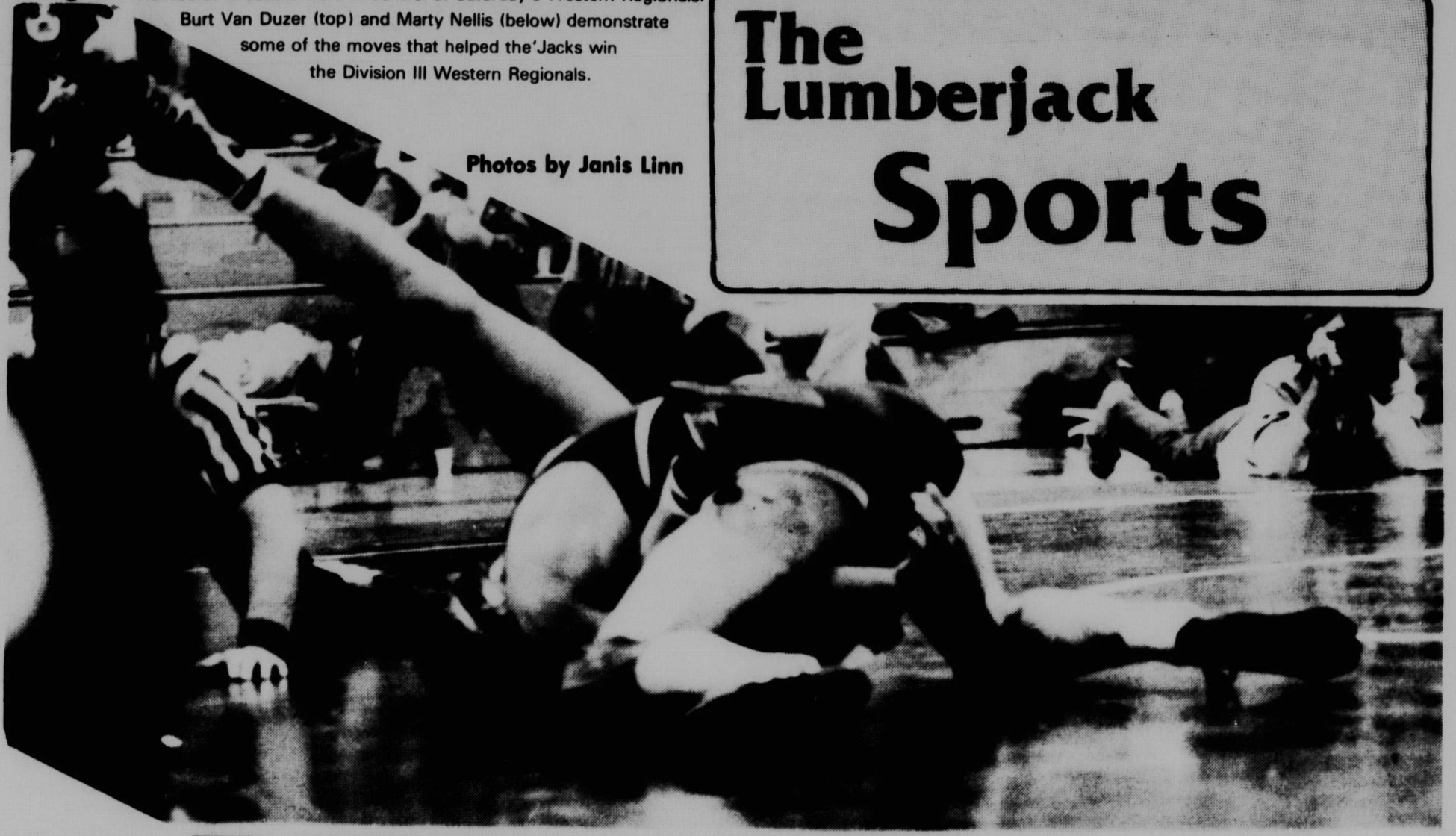
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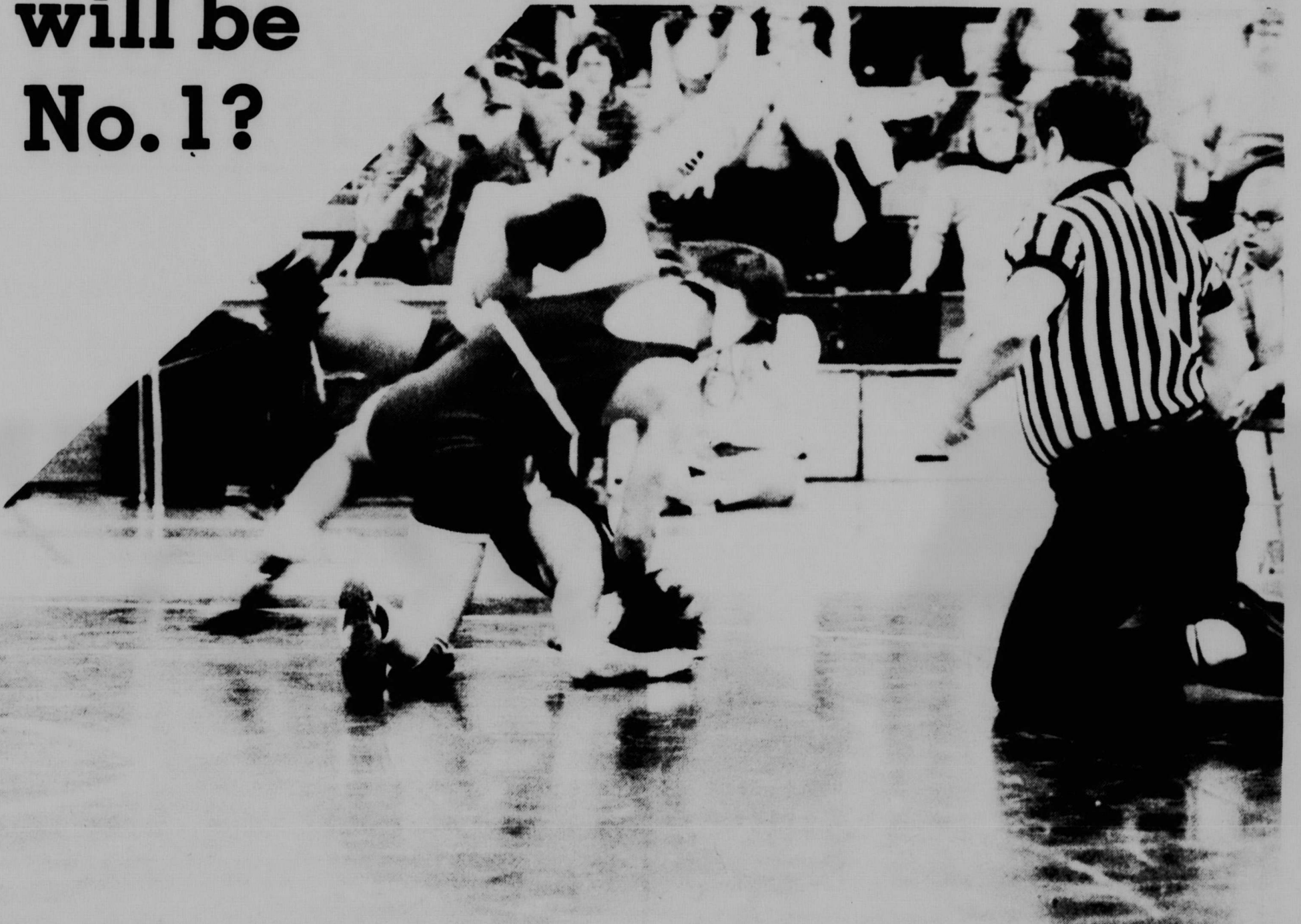
**Hang on:** Humboldt wrestlers were in control at Saturday's Western Regionals. Burt Van Duzer (top) and Marty Nellis (below) demonstrate some of the moves that helped the 'Jacks win the Division III Western Regionals.

Photos by Janis Linn

# The Lumberjack Sports



**Who  
will be  
No. 1?**



# Wrestlers take regional title; national tourney set at HSU

By KATY MULDOON  
sports editor

Humboldt State University wrestling Coach Frank Cheek calls it "the epitome of wrestling," and he may be right, in describing the talent and action at this upcoming weekend's National Wrestling Championship at HSU.

Three hundred athletes from approximately 90 colleges and universities across the country will arrive in Arcata this week to compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division III tournament.

This tournament is "a shot in the arm for the community and the university," Cheek said. "We were very fortunate to get it."

Last weekend the HSU wrestling team captured first place in the Division III Regional Championships which also took place on the Lumberjack's home turf.

The 'Jacks scored 96½ points with victories from seven of their 10 wrestlers, overpowering five other western schools.

Cheek was named Coach of the Year in the Western Region, for the first time, after his team went undefeated in its conference and won the regional title.

#### Nation's best wrestlers

Cheek guaranteed that some of the best wrestling talent in the nation will be here this week. The regionals

"eliminated a lot of the deadweight," he said.

There will be 30 All-American wrestlers present including HSU's Tom Pender.

Some of the most exciting wrestling to watch should come from 134-pound Kenny Mallory of Montclair State in New Jersey. Mallory is the defending national champion in both Division I and Division III.

"You will not find a better wrestler in the United States. He alone is worth the price of admission," Cheek said.

The Humboldt coach speculated that No. 1 ranked Trenton State of New Jersey could take the title at the National Tournament. Millersville College of New York holds the No. 2 spot and Humboldt is ranked third in the nation.

Cheek expects outstanding individual performances from some Lumberjack wrestlers, but was hesitant to promise a team title.

#### HSU winners

Humboldt's 126-pound sophomore Marty Nellis has won 30 matches this year, including the title for his weight at the Far Western Conference Championships and the regional tournament.

Another Lumberjack wrestler who should do well this weekend is Mike Fredenburg, a 142-pound transfer student from West Valley College in Saratoga, said Cheek.



Jenita Linn

Look out for No. 1 . . . Coach Frank Cheek (left) and Assistant Coach Mike Karges were on the edge of their seats at Saturday's wrestling Regionals.

Cheek isn't worried about the additional pressures his wrestlers will face in national competition.

"We're mentally and physically prepared," he said.

Cheek is a firm believer in the power of positive thinking. "We are the best," he said. "Our wrestlers have been preparing for this tournament since the first day of practice."

This is the first time that the national tourney has ever been held at Humboldt and chances are slim that there will be another one here in the near future.

Cheek said that HSU was chosen as the host school because the Lum-

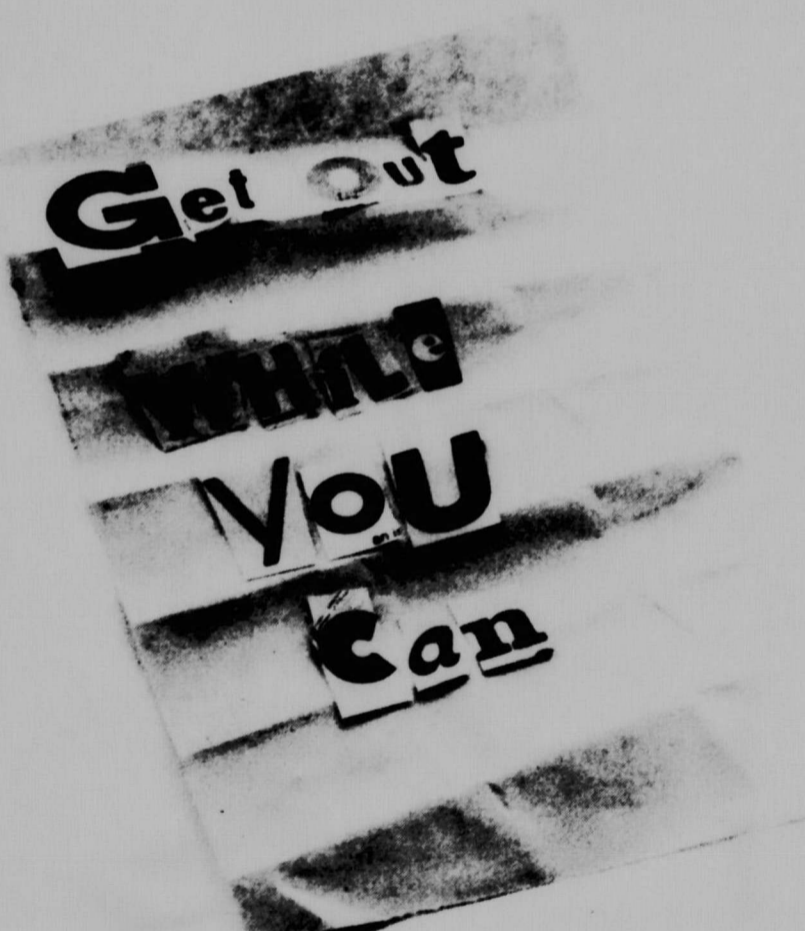
berjacks have accumulated such an outstanding record in recent years.

"HSU will gain in prestige and involvement in the community by hosting this event," he said.


The national tournament is an expensive endeavor, but HSU doesn't have to foot the bill. The NCAA is contributing \$16,000 for the competition.

Competition will begin Friday at 9 a.m. in the East and West Gyms and will last through Saturday night.


Tickets for the tournament can be purchased at the Nelson Hall ticket outlet. No passes will be accepted for the national competition.



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<b>totaling</b>	<b>31 pts.</b>	<b>14 rebs.</b>

# Sports Shorts

By Katy Muldoon

sports editor

## 'Jacks gain share of FWC title

They may have to share it with three other schools but for the first time since the 1955-56 season Humboldt State's basketball team claimed part of the Far Western Conference title last weekend.

The Lumberjacks beat Cal State Sacramento 83-70 Friday night and gave up sole possession of the FWC title with a 67-75 loss to Cal State Stanislaus Saturday.

If the 'Jacks had beaten Stanislaus they would have topped the 8-4 conference record that Hayward State, Chico State and UC Davis have in common with them.

Rory Lovell, junior forward, scored 21 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in Friday's bout with Sacramento. Daryl Westmorland and John Hirschler paced the Lumberjacks with 15 and 11 points respectively Saturday against Stanislaus.

## Women's basketball team caps off season

Humboldt's Cathy Hastings was almost unstoppable last weekend as she compiled a total of 46 points in the women's basketball games against Cal State Sacramento and Cal State Stanislaus.

The 'Jacks lost to Sacramento 67-86 Friday and came back to beat Stanislaus 79-45 Saturday.

Last night the Lumberjacks finished up their Golden State Conference season at Chico State.

The Wildcats beat Humboldt 75-56.

Mary Anderson pulled down 20 of HSU's 40 rebounds in Friday's game and Marsha Petry grabbed 16 Saturday night.

The Lumberjacks finished their season with a 3-11, 4-10 conference record and a 9-13, 10-12 season record.

## Volleyball club tops Stanislaus

The Humboldt State volleyball club played what Coach Dan Collen termed "the best match of the year" Sunday but still fell to Chico in three out of five games. Directly before that match Humboldt beat Stanislaus in three games.

But Collen said that Chico is one of the toughest teams in

Northern California so the 'Jacks were relatively pleased with their 18-16, 12-15, 9-15, 14-16 loss.

"It was a close match," Collen said.

HSU beat Stanislaus 15-3, 15-9, 15-7.

This weekend the club travels to Oregon to take on the Rogue volleyball club.

## Lumberjacks are off and running

Track and field season is off and running but the HSU track team wasn't running quite fast enough to catch up with Chico last weekend.

The Lumberjacks lost their first meet of the season 95-64 in Redwood Bowl Saturday.

Ramon Morales, freshman, All-American cross-country runner turned in the only double win for the 'Jacks. He won the 800 meter race in 1:56.0 and the 1500 meters in 3:53.3.

Kevin Searls, Mark Reeder, Sam Lawry and Warren Johnson also took firsts for HSU.

This weekend the Lumberjacks will meet the Aggies at UC Davis for their second try in FWC competition.

## Sailors race at Big Lagoon

HSU sailors chose the first day of good weather after 19 straight days of rain for the only intercollegiate regatta scheduled here this year. The Humboldt sailing club placed fourth out of eight teams in their race at Big Lagoon Saturday.

The team from Stanford University placed first in the regatta.

Next weekend the intercollegiate sailors travel to Half Moon Bay for a race sponsored by Stanford.

## What's left?

The HSU baseball team was to meet league-leading UC Davis for a three game series last weekend but all the games were rained out.

This Saturday the HSU crew team opens their spring season on Humboldt Bay. The rowers will meet UC Davis at 9 a.m.

Soon Spring will be in full swing as will the HSU tennis team. The women open their pre-season against Santa Rosa Junior College this weekend and the Golden State Conference season opens March 10.

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# History repeats itself as 'Jacks win title

By ROGER WEIGEL  
staff writer

The year 1956 was a year of the "little-known" sports figure suddenly making big news in the sporting world.

Don Larsen, a journeyman pitcher who spent five seasons with the New York Yankees, never winning more than eleven ballgames in a single season, stole the sports scene when he pitched a perfect game in the fifth game of the '56 World Series to help the Yankees dethrone the Brooklyn Dodgers.

An unknown 20-year-old kid by the name of Floyd Patterson became boxing's youngest heavyweight champion in 1956.

Also during 1956, a small, "little-known" college located amongst California's northcoast redwoods called Humboldt State College, won its first modern-day Far Western Conference championship. Actually the '56 Lumberjacks coached by Franny Givins tied with the University of Nevada at Reno for the league title.

Now 23 years later, a still "little," but "better-known" Humboldt State University has won its second Far Western Conference championship. But like in '56 the 1979 Lumberjacks finished again in a tie, except instead of a two-way tie the 'Jacks finished in a four-way tie.

### Back in '42

The last time the 'Jacks won a league championship outright was way back in 1942 under the coaching of the late Harry Griffith.

This year's Lumberjacks finished regular season play with an 8-4 conference record and an 18-8 overall record which ties the school record set last year for most wins in a season.

The team has been selected to compete in the NCAA Division III Western Regional Tournament for the second year in a row.

Last year the 'Jacks narrowly missed winning the western regional tournament and a chance at the national championship. Humboldt beat Ashland College of Ohio, but then lost to North

Park College of Illinois in overtime by three points in HSU's East Gym. North Park went on to win the NCAA Division III Championship.

This year the western regional tournament will be played in Richard Nixon's hometown, Whittier Calif., at Whittier College this Friday and Saturday night.

### First round

The sixth-ranked Lumberjacks (18-8) will play unranked Whittier College (15-11) in the first round of the tournament.

HSU basketball coach Jim Cosentino said even though Whittier is unranked, "they're a very good team."

Cosentino said in reference to Whittier's unimpressive win-loss record that the team has won 15 of its last 16 games.

If the HSU defeats Whittier, the 'Jacks will play the winner of the game between unranked William Penn College of Iowa and second-ranked Chaminade University of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Three Lumberjacks finished regular season play averaging in double figures this season.

Rory Lovell led the team with a 13 point average. Ray Beer and Daryl Westmoreland averaged 12.2 and 10.8 points per game.

Ray Beer, Rory Lovell, John Hirschler and Travis Bailey led the 'Jacks in rebounding with 6.3, 6.2, 5.8 and 5.6 per game respectively.

Bob Diaz led the FWC in free throw shooting percentage sinking 25 of 29 for 86 percent.

The Lumberjacks outscored and outrebounded its opponents by averaging 74 points per game to 64 and 40 rebounds per game to 35.

The 'Jacks shot 51 percent from the floor while holding its opponents to 43 percent.

Since that small, but now "better-known" Northcoast California college has once again shared in the Far Western Conference basketball championship, it logically follows that an unknown Yankee pitcher will pitch a perfect game in the '79 World Series as the Yanks beat the Dodgers again.

"Good luck in the Whittier, 'Jacks."



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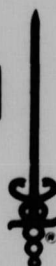
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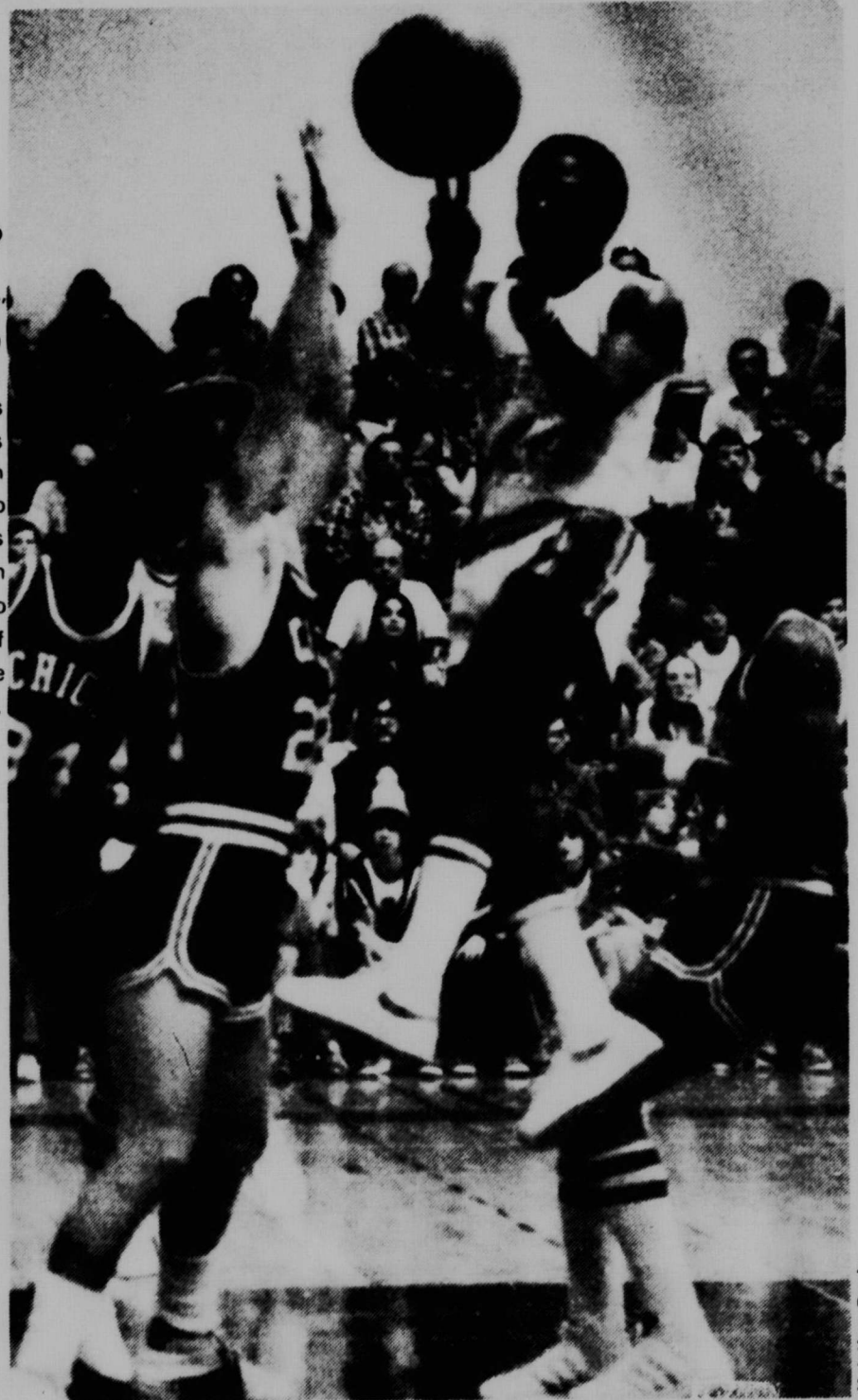
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### What's up?

Chris Tolbert, 5'8" junior from Milwaukee, Wis., makes up for his height with his bouncy nature in last week's loss to Chico. The 'Jacks recovered from that defeat to capture a share of the conference title last weekend.



Kristine Bush

## Park yourself for wrestling

Parking for the National Wrestling Championships will be different from the usual parking procedures, according to C.A. Vanderklis, director of public safety.

The parking spaces at 17th and Union Streets will be reserved for the people competing in the championships. Parking regulations elsewhere will be relaxed Feb. 28 through March 3 to compensate for the inconvenience.



# Eureka's joke house offers more than gags

By RUSSELL BETTS  
staff writer

"Novelties Galore! 10,000 Items on Display!"

I tried to enter the red, white and blue building beneath the sign, but a padlock on the door stopped me. Signs in the shop windows read: "Open."

A young lady in search of a party hat walked up to the shop. But after seeing the lock, decided to look elsewhere.

I was tempted to do the same until I saw a lone face peering through a fogged window of the house next door.

"Perhaps this gentleman is the owner," I thought. "But if he is, why doesn't he come out and unlock the shop?"

I walked over to the house and knocked on the front door.

No answer.

I knocked again.

As I turned to leave, the door opened. Before me stood an elderly man of medium stature with short white hair wearing loose pants and shirt.

"Are you the proprietor of The Joke House?" I asked. "I'm working for The Lumberjack and would like to ask you a few questions about yourself and The Joke House. Would that be possible?"

#### Hopeful response

He buried his face in his hands, rubbing his eyes with the tips of his fingers, and then dropping his hands and looking up he said, "What, for a newspaper thing? People have been here for that before."

"One girl I let in took some pictures and then left. I guess she was doing the same thing. Yea, I'll talk to you."

Roscoe Secord has been the proprietor of the Joke House for 29 years. He took over March 8, 1950 after quitting a job at a mill in Arcata because of a failing back.

"I knew the guy who owned the store from the time it opened in '48 until I took over two years later," he said.

He explained that it was the only joke house in Eureka and that the building was quite old.

"Are there really 10,000 items on display," I asked.

"There are probably more than that by now," he said, leaving the doorway and then reappearing with a key to the shop.

After taking off the padlock he worked open the Joke House door. The arching scratch marks on the floor indicated it had been opened many times.

After taking a right just inside the door, then turning left up a hallway with less than 6 feet of clearance; I had to duck while Roscoe did not seem to



Jack Hanson

**Buried in Novelties:** Roscoe Secord, owner of The Joke House in Eureka, looks through a magazine as friends (among them

George Washington, King Kong and Indian) watch the shop. A sign out front reads, "Novelties Galore," but by the looks of things,

there's a whole lot more. You can find The Joke House at the north end of Fourth Street.

notice, we were surrounded by showcases stuffed with every sort of knickknack imaginable.

Roscoe quickly took his place behind a glass show case, one of four lining the square room.

Pointing through the glass he explained that he had many gags in the store.

"We have some barf there, and some candy that tastes bad and a 'whoopie cushion' down there."

Despite a very large inventory and a monopoly on the Eureka joke market, Roscoe's business seems to be suffering, possibly a result of consumer protection and a change of consumer

taste.

"We used to sell stink bombs and exploding matches," he said. "That's the kind of stuff that sells." And "when people were looking for old stuff, I used to sell a lot of comics."

Gorilla and Frankenstein masks watched from above as he squeezed his way past a stack of comic books and the showcase to show me a huge cigar that would have surpassed any Groucho Marks may have puffed.

Thinking it might make a good gift, one sure to get a laugh, I bought the cigar for \$1.06.

While waiting for Roscoe to make change I browsed around the shop, my

boots clapping on the exposed and scratched hardwood floor.

As I walked, I passed decks of cards with girls posing in fashionable mid-fifties attire, and jars of bubblegum more than likely from the same era.

As Roscoe handed me my change, I thanked him for his time and he thanked me for the sale.

"If I decide to stop by tomorrow will you be here or in the house?" I asked. "I'll be here," Roscoe said.

Yesterday I walked passed The Joke House and the lock was in place and so was Roscoe. He waved through the front window of his house as I passed.

## Small Arcata businesses suffer from bad checks

(Continued from front page)

Coop food store in Arcata, approximately 335 bad checks were returned to Coop in 1978 and the store has a current total of \$1,700 of outstanding, unpaid checks.

The HSU bookstore has about 69 outstanding bad checks right now.

Once a check is returned non-payable to a merchant, they will probably contact the bank in hopes that the person who wrote the check has made a recent deposit and now has the funds to cover it.

If the merchant finds the account closed, or if, after re-submitting the check, there is still not enough money in the account, the guilty party can expect to hear from the merchant by letter or phone and has probably already heard from the bank. If the account remains overdrawn for 30 days, most banks will then usually close it. But that still leaves the merchant out his money and his merchandise.

"Students do bounce a lot of checks," said Rae Rogers, a bookkeeper at Wells Fargo Bank in Arcata, "but it's usually not on purpose. Fifty percent are extremely poor bookkeepers. Some have no idea whatsoever of how to properly maintain a checking

account. This results in a lot of bad checks being written but it's usually an honest mistake."

Another common problem besides bad arithmetic occurs when a student writes a check counting on a deposit made by their parents back home and the check reaches the bank before the deposit.

Anytime someone writes a bad check and doesn't take care of it, he or she is opening himself up for possible legal action initiated by the merchant. If it can be proven that someone willfully passed a check with insufficient funds to back it up, he or she can be found guilty of a misdemeanor if the check is less than \$100 and of a felony if it is more. If the merchant is really interested in going this far, he can contact the local police. This will not get him his money back but it might give him some satisfaction.

"We become involved with a bad check when the merchant wants to prosecute only," said Lt. Joe Maskovich of the Arcata Police. "We expect the merchant to make some sort of effort to contact the person themselves and then we must be able to establish that they knowingly passed a fictitious

check. We're not interested in subtraction errors." The Arcata Police handled about 60 bad check cases in 1978.

If merchants don't want to take the time to track a person down or if they have run into a dead-end because a person has moved, often the case in a college-town, they may well turn to the services provided by W.H. Britt, owner of Britt Credit Service, a collection agency located in Arcata. For 50 percent of a bad check's amount, Britt will track down the person who wrote it, demand payment, and take the person to court if they do not get it.

If the person that Britt is looking for has moved out of Arcata and they are able to find their out-of-town address, they will contact another collection agency in that area, have them collect the money and sent it back to Britt's in Arcata. The merchant then gets at least some of his money back. Britt Credit Service has in the past collected money from people who wrote bad checks in Arcata and moved to New Delhi, India, Finland, and Saudi Arabia.

"If we find out where they go, they're hooked," said Britt.