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Protest against WAR



A protestor holds a sign high above the crowd before the march starts. | Elizabeth Sorrell

held in Eureka

How long is too long?

March in Eureka protests the six-year anniversary of the Iraq war

Elizabeth Sorrell

Staff Writer

More than 150 demonstrators make their way down E Street in Eureka to the sound of trumpets, tubas and drums echoing behind them. The upbeat vocal musings of activist group The Raging Grannies fill protesters with gusto. They do not let the rain or hail get in their way.

Soggy cardboard signs are seen among damp cloth banners urging the community to honor victims of the Iraq war.

This was the scene in Eureka on Saturday. Members of the community, including Arcata City Council Member Shane Brinton and groups like Veterans for Peace, Democracy Unlimited and CopWatch all took the streets. They not only protested against the Iraq War, but wanted to get the word out that pressure must be put on the new president and his administration.

Although the protesters did not have a permit to assemble the threat of arrest did

not bother them.

Michael Avcollie held a wet cardboard sign that read "Thanks for Patience" as he directed demonstrators across streets. In the past, Avcollie helped organize these marches. He first became involved in the organization process of anti-war marches in 2004.

But this time, he decided to take a back seat, helping the crowd cross streets and answering questions instead of leading.

Avcollie thought there wouldn't be very many in the crowd because he feels that people don't show up to events like this when there is someone new in power.

"It was an awesome turnout considering the change in the administration," said Avcollie. "It is easy to come out when you hate the guy in the white house. But this time, it is hard to do the right thing."

Sitting off in the corner outside

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Demonstrators fill the streets in downtown Eureka on March 21st, as a part of the anti-war march hosted by the Communities for Justice and Peace. | Elizabeth Sorrell

A 'grass' roots movement

New bill looks to legalize cannabis

Matt Hawk

Copy Chief

This is how a revolution starts, said Daniel Pasko under the cover of Arcata's giant redwoods. "It starts with a few people talking under a tree. A true 'grassroots' movement."

On March 14, a rainy Saturday, Pasko met his brother Michael and friend David Acord to discuss the legalization of one of Humboldt's favorite plants, Cannabis.

California Assemblyman Tom Ammiano recently introduced AB 390, a bill that would strip away the penalties on the cultivation, distribution, and possession of cannabis for adults 21 and over. The bill hopes to regulate cannabis much like alcohol and tobacco creating a tax that would bring in an estimated 1.2 billion dollars into the California economy.

Pasko said the new bill is a complete 180 from the attitudes

of the past 70 years. "We're gonna go from being the villains to the heroes. In a society where caffeine, tobacco, and alcohol is legal, how do you draw the line?" he asked.

"I'm against the legalization of all drugs. But we are not talking about drugs, we are talking about marijuana."

Although AB 390 is written to legalize marijuana and create a tax to boost California's economy, it is not written to provide a marijuana free-for-all. Ammiano did add a few stipulations in the bill in order to address these concerns:

- First, you will have to buy a license to grow and distribute cannabis for an initial first-time fee of no more than \$5,000 and a yearly renewal of no more than \$2,500.

- Cannabis may not be consumed on the premises of where

it is grown or sold.

- Growers must provide adequate security.
- All employees must undergo criminal background checks.

Jack Nelsen, an agent for Humboldt County's Drug Task Force, doesn't see how you can legalize cannabis and tax it in California when it will remain illegal at the federal level. He said most of the cannabis grown in Humboldt goes to Southern California, or even out of state. Because it will still be illegal in every other state a black market will still exist, explained Nelsen.

"To legalize it here would open the

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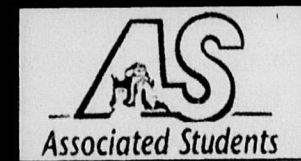
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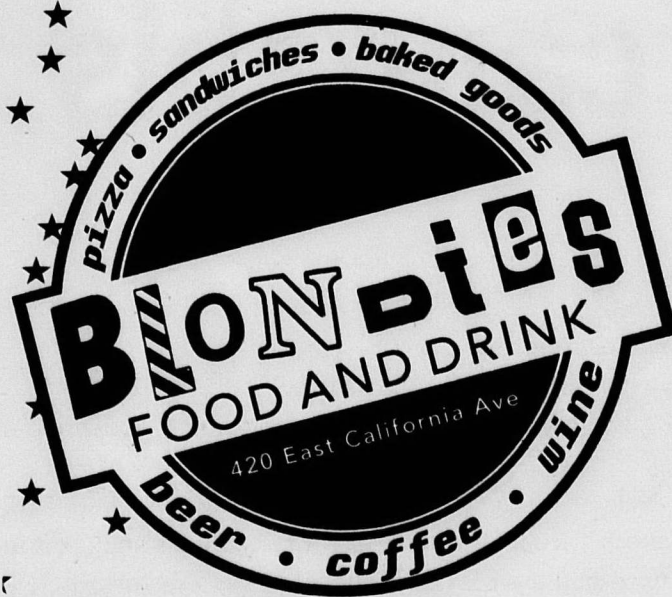
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Cannibis: Legalized marijuana may be closer than we think

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floodgates," he said, adding that he would be "shocked" to see any number of growers pay the tax required to grow and distribute.

There are still many questions to be answered: Who will actually pay the California government their taxes? What in a background check could disqualify a potential grower? What will be the consequences for those who do not get a license, sell cannabis across state lines and perpetuate the existence of the black market?

As AB 390 presents a basic framework to address some of these questions and takes a serious look at legalizing cannabis, it is not anywhere near the final draft. As it works its way through legislation the bill may undergo several changes. Acord organized the meeting with the Pasko brothers to recruit volunteers for his Yes On AB 390 group, and sent an email to Matt Bunch, one of Ammiano's aides, to try and get some clarification on the bill.

In the e-mail Bunch wrote, "We do anticipate amendments to many provisions of the bill, but

it would be premature to anticipate what those amendments might look like. The regulatory process that would occur after this bill is passed would establish what can and can't be considered."

Bunch also stressed the long road this bill will travel before making its way to the governor's desk, where it could still be vetoed. "It could take two years to reach the governor's desk," wrote Bunch.

With a steep hill to climb to reach legalization, Acord is doing what he can to rally supporters. But in the rain and muddy redwood field, on the first day of spring break, there were few initial volunteers.

Acord knows that he is just "preaching to the choir" here in Humboldt County, but he feels that there are many ready to join his voice. In the meantime, he said there are movements all around California.

"It's a game of connect the dots right now," he added.

Acord has a Web site, www.ab390.vze.com, where he plans to map areas of the state that need support or volunteers. The Web site also has a link to the full wording of the bill.

He urges people who are interested in supporting the bill to write letters to your local assembly representative, senator and the governor asking for their support. On his site there is a link to a letter generator where all you need to do is enter your information, and the generator sends an e-mail to your representative.

"Nothing beats a personal letter," said Acord.

With the annual 420 Fest coming up, Acord hopes to have another meeting to get volunteers to run a table.

"With the way people's attitudes are changing, marijuana will be legal and soon," said Acord.

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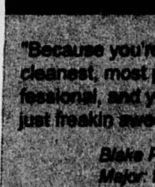
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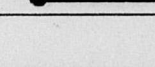
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March: Humboldt says, "six years is too many"

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of the courthouse was Nathan "Nate" Lomba. Lomba, a Vietnam veteran, is a member of Veterans for Peace. Lomba didn't get active in protesting wars until the mid 90's.

"As time goes on, if someone doesn't speak up and present the truth how are people of the next generation going to understand what is going on?" Lomba said.

Starting on I and 5th Street in front of the Eureka Court House, the group turned right once they got to E, and walked down until they hit 1st, ending at a small open field. Originally on the sidewalk, the crowd decided to pile into E Street halfway through the march.

HSU student Christine Maple read a poem later in the rally when the marchers met in the field. "It has been six years and regardless of this Obama change, we have already began new things in Pakistan and we can't give up."

Maple started attending the peace walks and marches in Eureka six years ago when they started under Jack Nounnan, the man who organized the first anti-war rally in regards to Iraq in 2002. Maple believes that instead of relying on the government to do our work, people should be out there working for social action. Arcata Councilman Brinton supported this vision.

Brinton was one of the first speakers before the march started. He presented an idea of why we consider Franklin D. Roosevelt a great president. It wasn't that he

himself did things said Brinton, but that people put pressure on him to change things.

Lomba was happy with the positive crowd and reactions he has seen protests get over the years. Though Lomba feels they were preaching to the crowd, he said when they started doing their vigil on the corner in Eureka, they got a lot of middle fingers, which he calls one-fingered peace signs. "People that drive here gave us no signs of approval," Lomba said.

But that is no longer the case. "For every one-fingered peace sign now, we get around 100 signs of approval. We have had people give

us money, come up and give us beer. They are showing that they approve of what we are doing."

Passersbys seemed positive, cheering and honking as the march went on. Avcollie said that when citizens see people marching they know that at least someone cares, that the issue still exists. "If you can at least just raise the awareness of the issue," he said "maybe they will check it out and learn something about what is going on. You have to start with something."

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Internet cafe opens in May, right here in our library

Mark Farias
Staff Writer

A new Internet cafe is expected to provide students at HSU with a comfortable environment to unwind and learn. As major programs wiggle out of a noose that may end their existence, the university still manages to find time and money to provide students with coffee, Wi-Fi and electrical outlets.

The Internet cafe will be located on the first floor of the library past the info desk, directly in front of the entrance. Ray Wang, dean of the library believes that in order for students to get the most out of their education a strong library must be present, and the cafe is a strategic move toward recognition.

There are many reasons for the cafe, Wang emphasized. One is an environment for growth. The Internet cafe will help expand the resources available to students, and increase visitation; therefore increasing funding. The cafe is aimed at prospective students, as well as the retention of current students.

The increase of funding will attract incoming students like Holland Heese, a math major, by expanding the library's resources which are made available to the students. "The library is decent for the sciences, but does not emphasize the humanities enough," said Hesse. "It is limited."

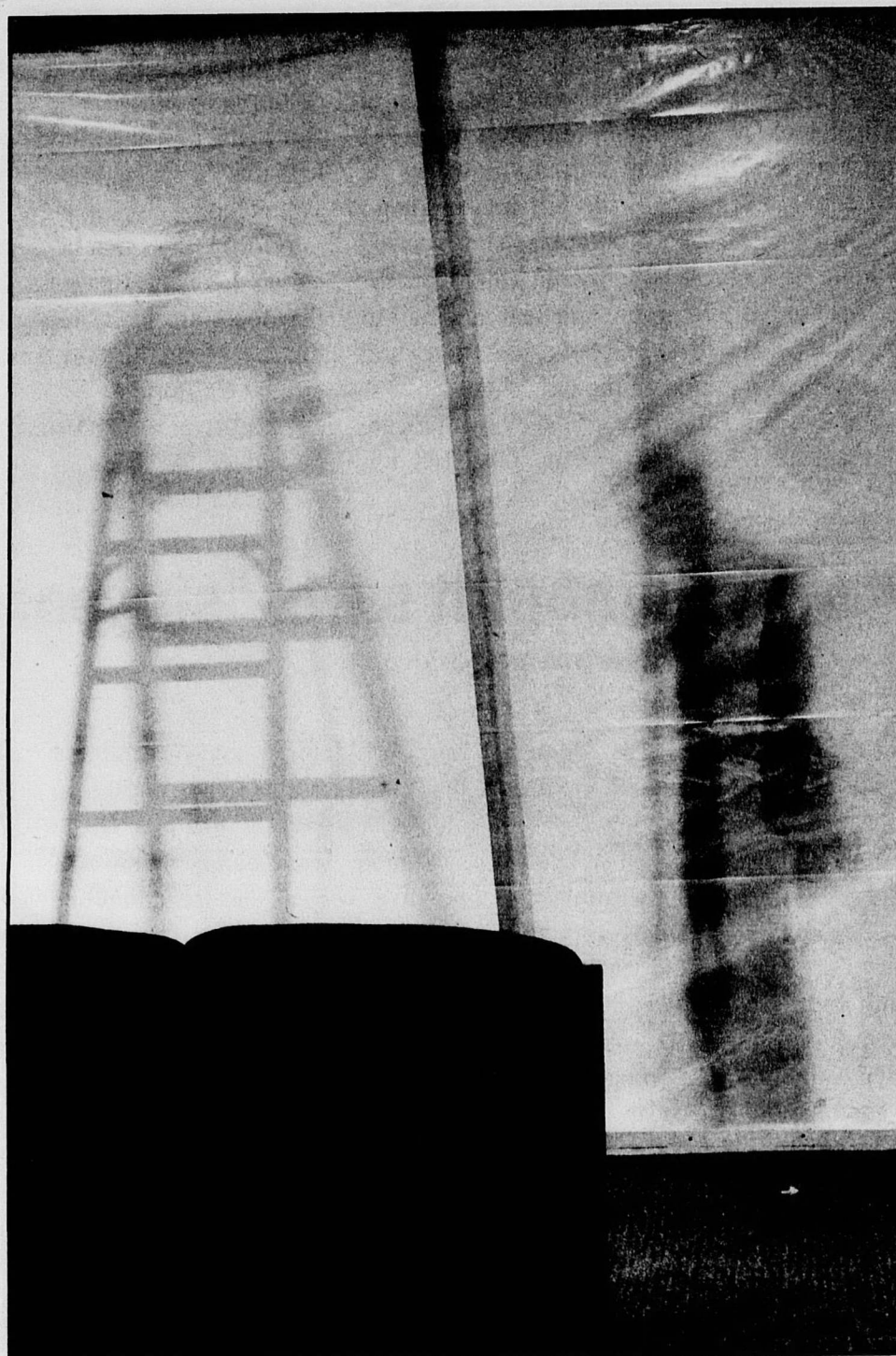
Though the changes are being made here on the campus, some students like Juli Willsen, a transfer student from New York, are confused about the project.

"I'm unclear as to what the university is doing, what is being built or what the expansion means," said Willsen.

The Internet cafe and library redesign will allow students with disabilities to access the basement from the south end of the library (by the MultiCultural Center and R.O.S.E.) without using the elevators. Included in the move are the advising center, computer help desk, learning center, math tutoring, media distribution, testing center and the writing center.

The expected cost is estimated to be at \$330,000, but will likely drop according to Paul Mann, senior communications officer. The funding sources are from Plant Operations with \$170,000, HSU Dining Services with \$130,000, and Academic Affairs with \$30,000.

Director of Plant Operations Tim Moxon said it is not uncommon for the university facilities to



A Construction worker stands in behind the plastic barrier where the Internet cafe is taking shape in HSU's library| Allyson Riggs

work together to complete projects faster. "[Plant Operations] is funded to operate and maintain the buildings and grounds. We partnered in the project at the library by paying for the things we would normally be responsible for, like the carpeting, paint, electrical outlets," he said.

The budget will not allow for a proposed workout room that was part of the plan due to the demand for certified staff which would add on to expenses not in the budgets. The construction will be completed and serving pastries and coffee to students by May.

The cafe will reflect a Lost Coast theme of rivers, forested, streams and pebbles with a window view over looking the parking lot west of the library. The scenery will include shrubbery, and art from local glass blown art business Fire and Light will be showcased in hanging lamps.

"A library is a place to find refuge, and to find like minded people," said Wang.

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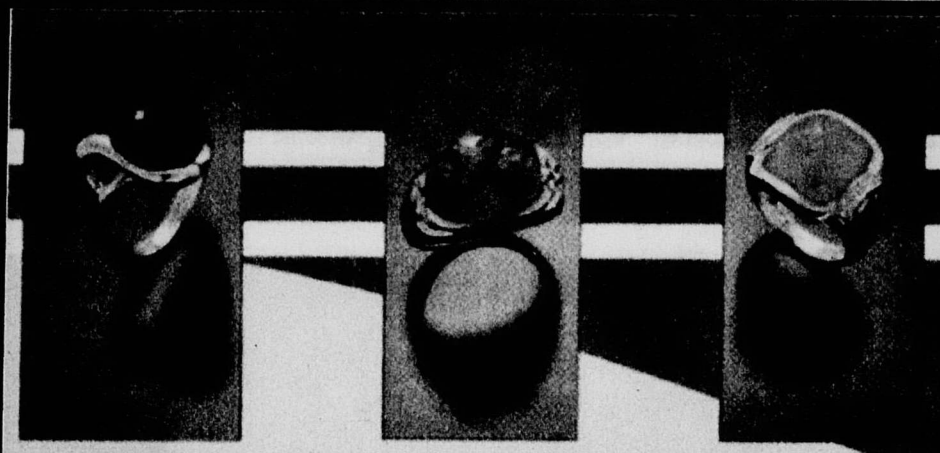
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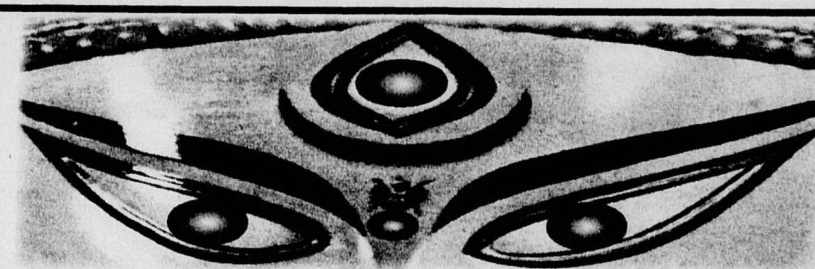
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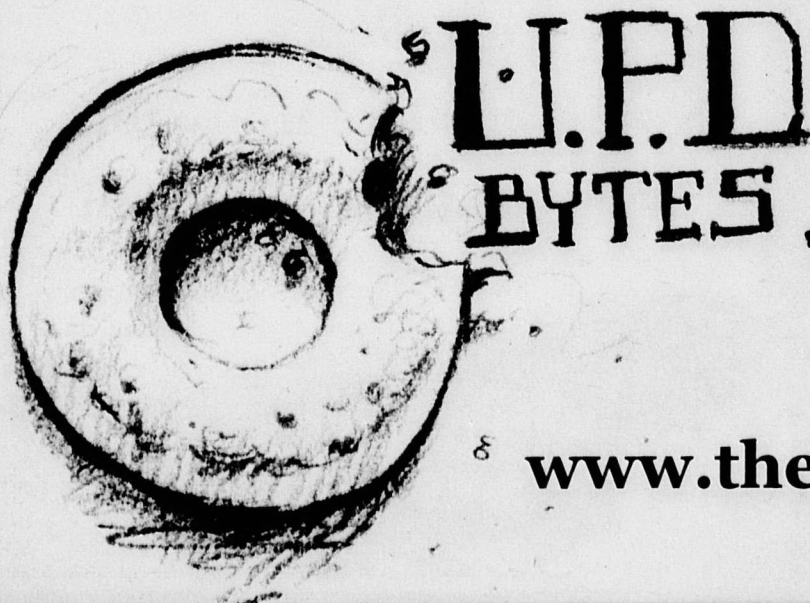
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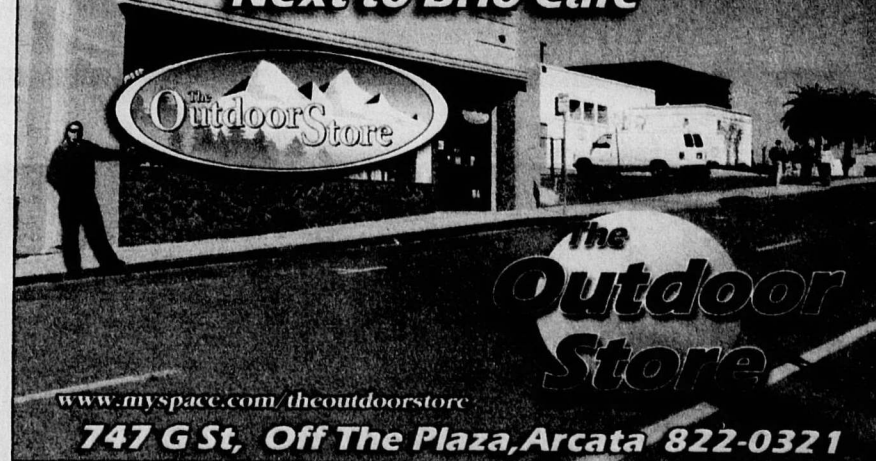
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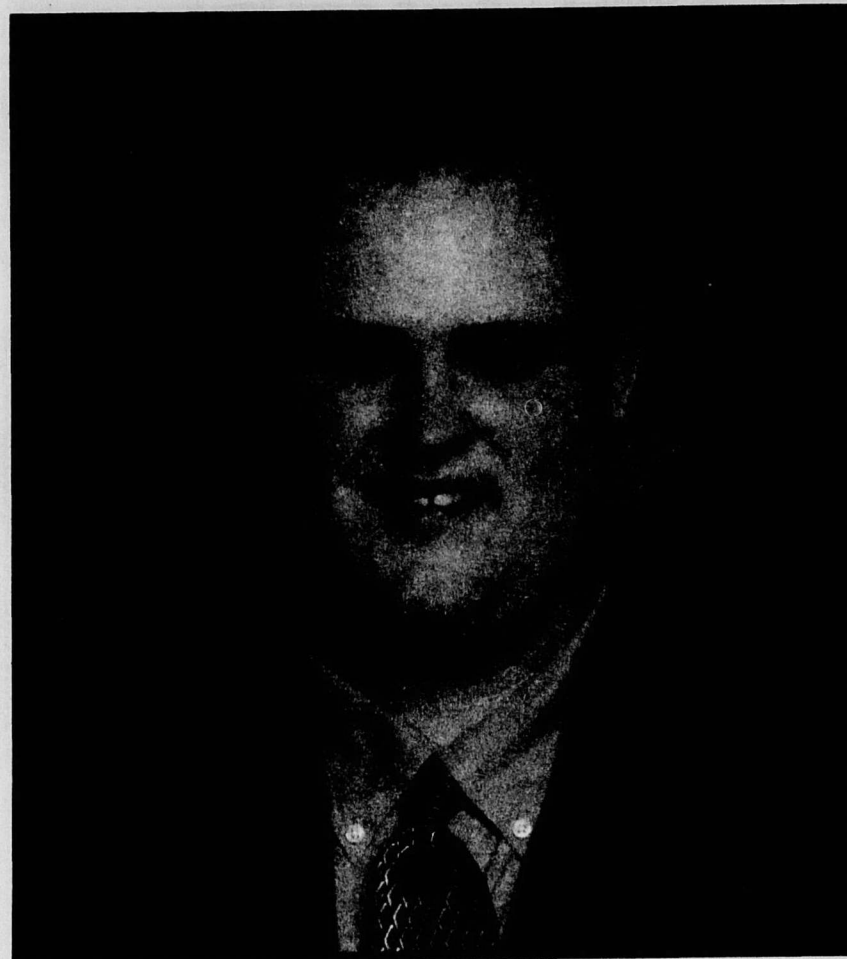
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Working together for change

Cabinet for Institutional Change meets to discuss needs

Elizabeth Sorrell

Staff Writer

Beth Weissbart is nervous. She wants to help students, but students don't seem to care.

Weissbart, a nursing student, is the legislative vice president of Associated Students. Her newest position is part of the Cabinet for Institutional Change.

This Cabinet was formed in response to HSU's poor evaluation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), which accredits the university.

The Cabinet held an open forum for the campus community on March 9 in the Kate Buchanan Room, but student attendance was poor.

"Students absolutely should care what is going on here, because without their presence at these meetings it doesn't give them credibility," said Weissbart. "They aren't saying they care, that they want to be part of the change. If they aren't here, if they aren't speaking up, then who's going to hear you?"

WASC told HSU to take a serious look at the campus culture and decision making processes. It recommended that a consulting group be called upon to assist with the changes.

Coming in September of last year, the Keeling and Associates report brought suggestions about the future of HSU to resolve the issues as quickly as possible. That is how the Cabinet for Institutional Change was born. But what they are doing or what they are supposed to do is still up in the air.

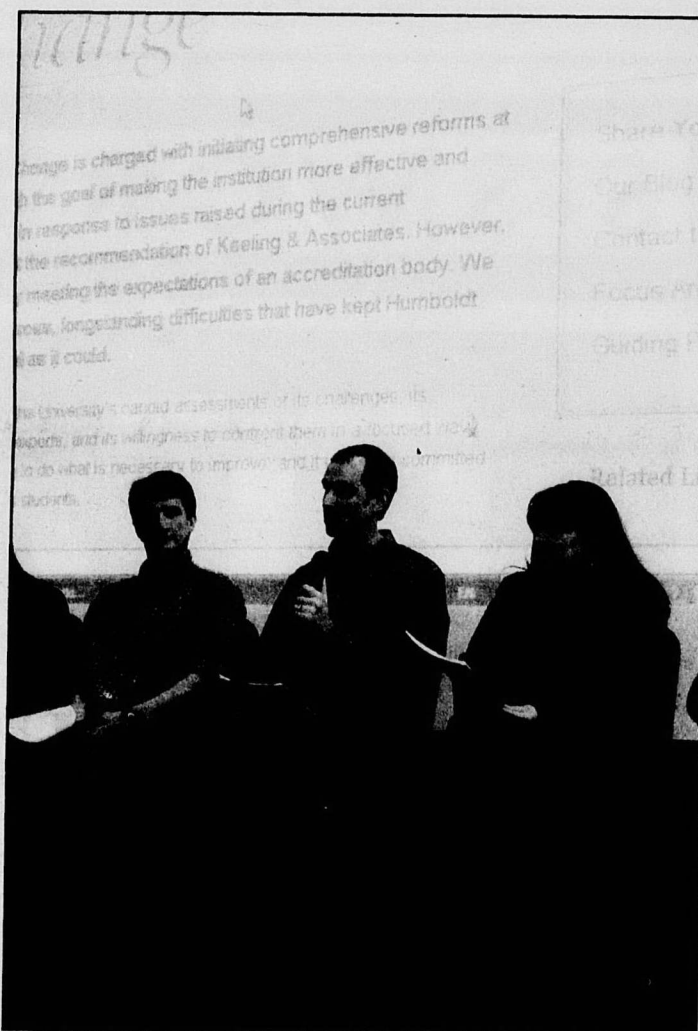
Bob Snyder, the interim provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, said the cabinet hoped to have time lines, but meeting this soon prevented them from doing so. He did add, however, that he hopes the cabinet won't be around this time next year. "We don't want to make a career out of this," said Snyder. "I would hope that plans [for change] would be in place by then."

Snyder said HSU has wasted too much time blaming each other. He calls it a "gun that points in all directions" and that the Keeling report shouldn't be used as a launching off point to point fingers.

"When campus leadership got together to face the Keeling report, it decided to look forward, not backward," said Snyder.

Members of the council were selected through various nominations and then Snyder went around and vetted the said nominations with the different constituencies around campus. By doing this, Snyder hoped to get as many voices on the nomination process and eventually the change process in general.

"It is only by engaging the whole campus that any change will get done," said Snyder.



Politics Department Chair John Meyer (center) talks about his hopes for the future of HSU during the Cabinet for Institutional Change's open forum on March 9. Also pictured: Philip Rouse (L) and Adrienne Colegrove-Raymond (R). | Elizabeth Sorrell

Many of the members on the board are graduates of HSU or are attending HSU at the moment.

Dave Kornreich, an associate professor for the department of physics and astronomy stressed the need for the community of HSU to come together to make things happen.

"We want to see what you want to happen, happen. It should be about you, not us," said Kornreich.

At the end of the forum the cabinet didn't give any specific information on what the next step was or what exact structure they are going to follow. Faculty, staff and the few students were left wanting to know more about what exactly is going on.

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Loggers made of STIHL

Bryan Thomson

Photo Editor

David Green lets his throbbing shoulder out of the sling, the pain visible on his face as a light, misting rain settles onto bare skin. He sets the single buck saw in the wood and when the judge calls, "Timers ready. Contestants ready. Go," he saws through the pain of a dislocated shoulder to first place in the STIHL Timbersports Western Collegiate Challenge.

Redwood Fairgrounds and HSU played host to the annual Collegiate Woodcutters Competition and the STIHL Timbersports Western Collegiate Challenge from Wednesday through Friday with the STIHL Challenge occurring in the mid-afternoon Friday. Green and many of the other ten competitors have been training and practicing all year for this event and the chance to go on to the next round in Columbus, Ohio.

With a dislocated shoulder, Green, from Central Oregon Community College, pushed and pulled himself and his saw to beat last year's STIHL Timbersports Western Collegiate Challenge Champion Adrian Flygt by two points. "I had to get a cut done," said Green. "I did what my arm could do."

This year the competitors had to complete four events against the clock, and each other. The four events included under cut, standing block, stock saw and single buck.

The under cut event required competitors to stand-on-top of a block of wood 12 inches in diameter, and with a single-blade axe chop through the block in the fastest time

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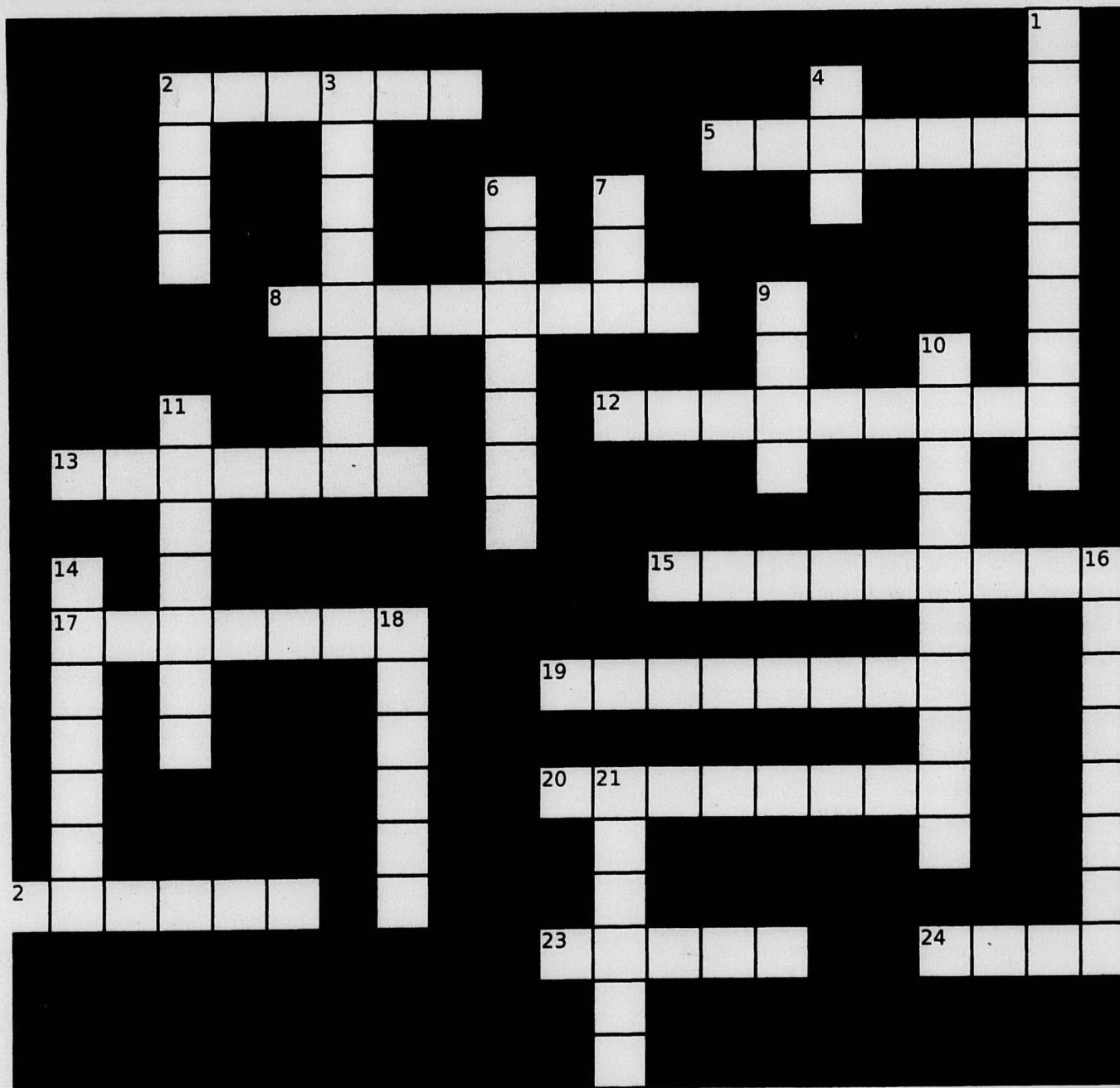
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Across

- 2. A bell used to sound an alarm
- 5. A person who questions the validity of something factual
- 8. The study of soil
- 12. A formal ball
- 13. Really old
- 15. Vegetable cultivated for its edible shoots
- 17. Slang for prison
- 19. To confuse
- 20. Of great size and beauty
- 22. Likely to change
- 23. Due April 15th
- 24. To predict the future using crystal gazing

Down

- 1. Exceptional
- 2. A native of Costa Rica
- 3. Framework of the body in bones
- 4. Japanese currency
- 6. Slanting or sloping
- 7. A joke
- 9. An informal quiz
- 10. Temporary residence
- 11. Rapturous delight
- 14. Unusually lary wave
- 16. A close look
- 18. Occuring without reason or pattern
- 21. To renovate



Solution for crossword on 2/25/09

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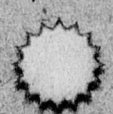
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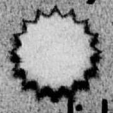
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Mostly sunny, wind
is picking up

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Friday



Sunny, slightly
warmer

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Saturday



Mostly sunny,
slightly warmer

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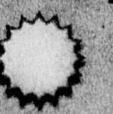
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Monday



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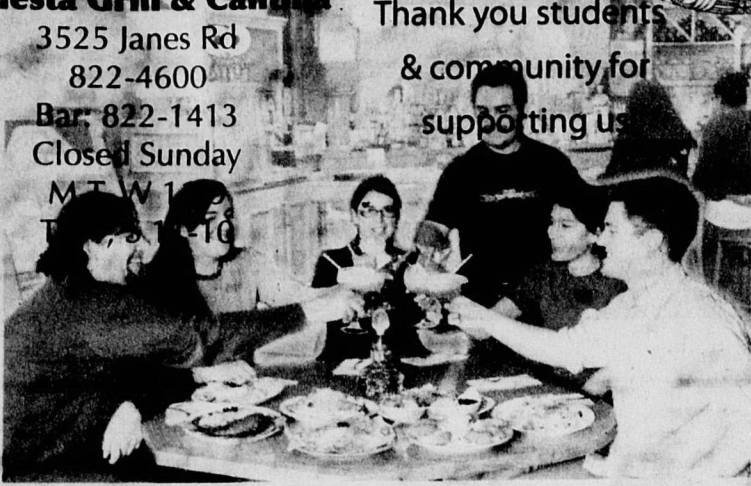


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Seth Bergman, number 83, of Flathead Valley Community College pummels his block in the under cut event against David Green in the STIHL Challenge at Redwood Fairground, Eureka.

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David Green from Central Oregon Community College saws with a dislocated shoulder into first place with a 56 second cut in the single buck event during the STIHL Challenge, Friday.



Michael Folmer from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

can. Adrian Flygt chopped his way into first place with a time of 30 seconds. He told ESPN-U that he could have done better if the axe wasn't sticking in the wood as much.

The stock saw event was perfect for a STIHL chainsaw. In this event the competitors showed off the cutting power of their chainsaws making two cuts through a 16-inch

block within a minute. Alex Stone, a member of the HSU Woodcutters, received cheering so loud from his teammates that it drowned out the sound of his saw.

Standing block pitted the competitors against the same 12-inch diameter blocks from the under cut, but this time they had to cut through it, swinging the axe into the block like a baseball bat. Michael Follmer, from Cal. Poly San Luis Obispo, decapitated his block with relative ease.

Disaster struck, however, when Green completed his cut as he dropped to one knee in pain. Green's shoulder re-dislocated itself. "Medics said to stop competing," said Green.

But Green, with encouragement from his teammates, returned for single buck. For this event he used his newly sharpened cross-cut saw, resembling a T-rex upper jaw, to cut away the competition. He and the other competitors had to cut through the same 16-inch block that they cut with the chain saw, only this time they had to do it with their own man and womanpower.

Melissa Chun from Berkley and Stephanie Brana from the University of Nevada-Reno both struggled to complete this event. But with the 100-plus crowd cheering both women finished sawing their blocks in time.

"Most of these guys have high pain thresholds," said David Jewett, a visiting woodcutting pro and ESPN-U commentator, describing how Green was able to finish the single buck with his injury. All of the competitors showed the wood blocks, the judges and the crowd what the Western Division of the STIHL Timbersports Collegiate Challenge is bringing to Columbus, Ohio - a heart of STIHL.

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Poly. San Luis Obispo decapitates his block in the standing block event during the STIHL Challenge.



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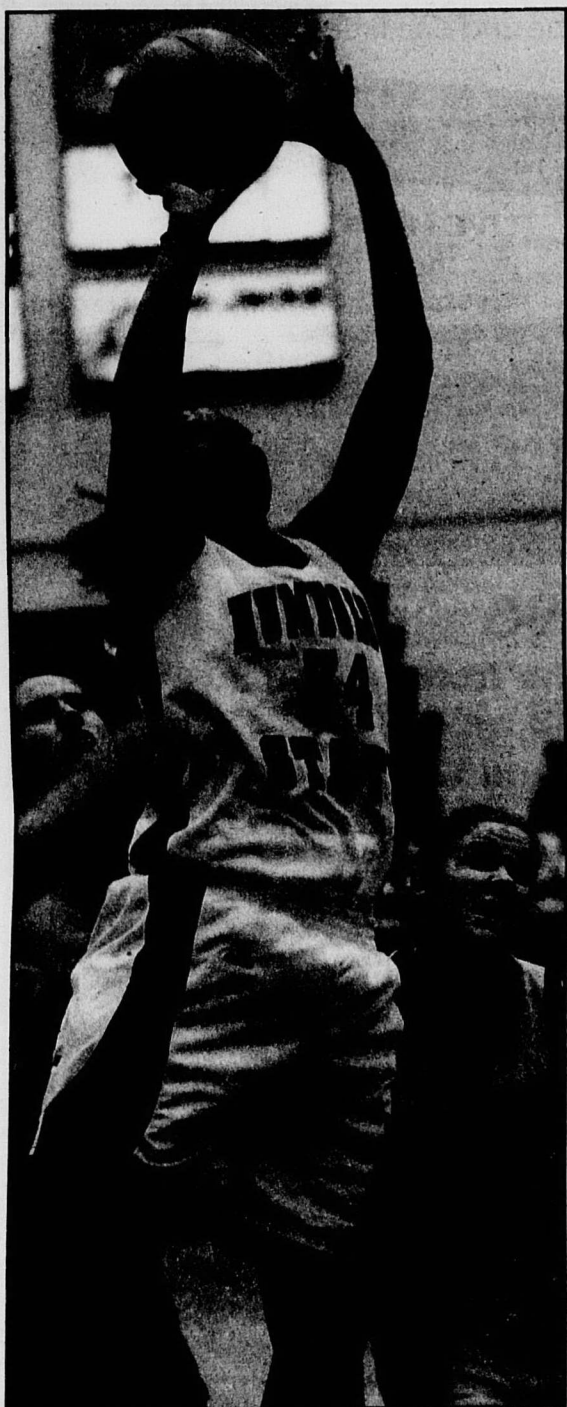
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Hard work on the hardwood floor

EDITORIAL



Congratulations are in order for the women's and men's basketball teams due to their hard work, dedication and accomplishments.

For only the second time in the history of HSU Basketball both the men's and women's teams made it to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division II West Region Championships in the same year. The women's team made it back to the NCAA Division II Regional after an absence of more than ten years. The men's team is no stranger to regionals; this is their eighth visit in nine years.

The men's team was ranked eighth in the West Region Championships and the women fourth.

Although the women's team lost in the second round of regionals, its success in reaching them will not be short lived. The team finished with an overall record of 24-8, cementing their place in HSU history by becoming the first women's basketball team to win 20 games or more in a season.

Time and again this season the women demonstrated a will to fight and nerves of steel.

A good example is an overtime loss against UC San Diego on Jan. 31. San Diego took the win in the last second of overtime, but the Jacks used the defeat as fuel, winning the next eight games to close out the season.

The men's team was knocked out in the first round of the championships, but they are fighters and will continue their hard work next season. The men's team finished

with a strong record of 20-12.

The players performed this season with their mind, body and heart. An example of this is Junior Zac Tiedeman, who gave it his best in the championship, despite having pneumonia and missing the week of practice leading to the first game. Head Coach Tom Wood said, in a story on HSU's Athletics Website, that Tiedeman's performance "bordered on heroic."

Katie Franci and Brittney Taylor were both named to the All-CCAA first team. On the men's team, Kyle Baxter was selected as the California Collegiate Athletic Association's Freshman of the Year, and teammate Zac Tiedeman earned first team all-conference honors.

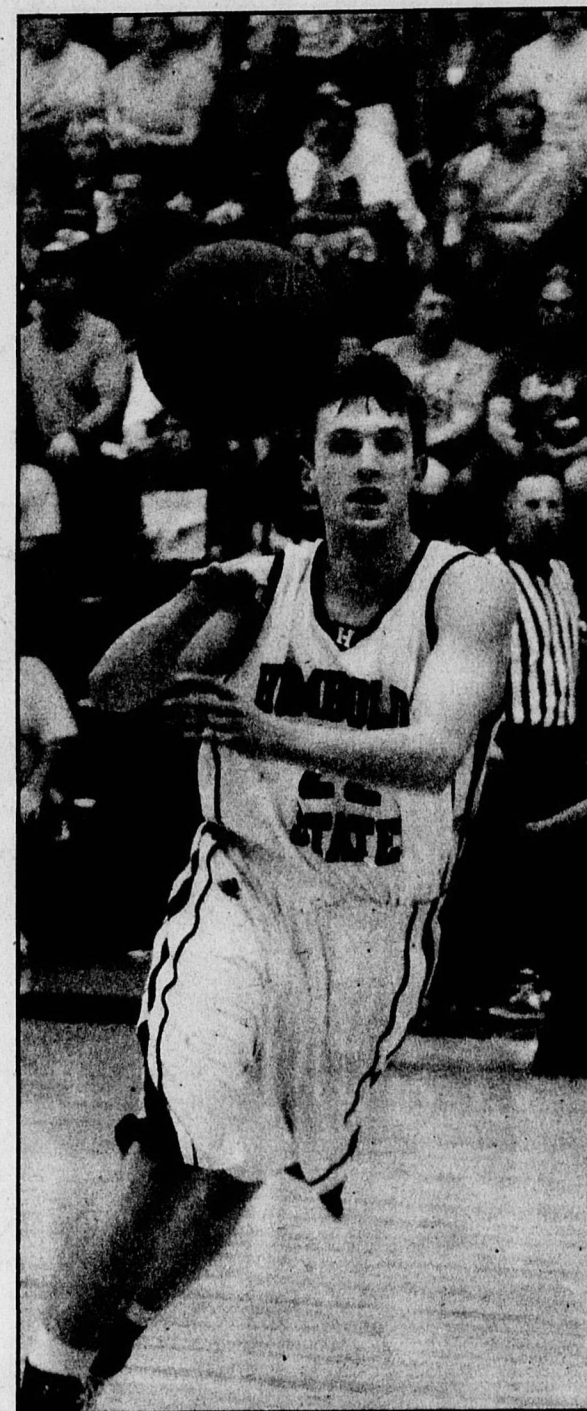
These athletes play at a Division II school, which means that they will not be drafted by a professional sports team when they finish college.

They play for the love of the sport, and they don't care that they have little time to socialize because of practice at least six days a week and travel to games.

The members of these teams display what is possible when people work together towards one common goal.

So it is with honor that we congratulate the Men's and Women's HSU Basketball teams. Your accomplishments, success and struggle propels the next generation to aim to be like you.

We at *The Lumberjack* want to acknowledge the hard work and effort our athletes make in creating a great reputation for HSU.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A bulletin from Pelican Bay

My name is Kijana Tashiri Askari. I am a New Afrikan Black political prisoner of war.

I am also the founder of a proposal entitled, "The New Afrikan Community Response Network."

The sole purpose for this proposal is to organize the oppressed free communities of Babylon around the central issues of combating the long-standing First Amendment violations/abuses that we, the captive class of prisoners, are routinely being subjected to.

In particular in the form of having our mail stolen, confiscated or disallowed under the spurious premise of promoting or being involved in some type of criminal, unlawful or gang activity, thus sabotaging our ability to sustain any viable relationships with the free community.

The New Afrikan Community Response Network will serve as a defense mechanism towards negating these abuses, with the understanding that every community is impacted by this dilemma, based on the ominous proliferation of slave camps (prisons) that have removed/kidnapped many of the oppressed communities.

The success of this proposal will largely depend upon the support that is offered from the free communities.

So, if interested, write to the following address for a copy of, "The New Afrikan Community Response Network," proposal:

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Thanks everyone

Six Rivers Running Club would like to extend thanks to the many businesses and volunteer organizations that helped make the 2009 Foggy Bottom Milk Run & Walk a great success.

Over 1,400 participants showed up in Ferndale for the 32nd annual event.

School teams, babies carried in slings, entire families and folks of all ages and abilities crossed the finish line with smiles on their faces.

Some came to set a personal record, while others came to challenge themselves and make a new personal commitment to a healthy lifestyle. Still others showed up because it has become a family tradition—they've been participating in this event year after year.

It would not be possible to put on this event without the support of many local businesses and volunteer organizations.

Even with a challenging economy, we were impressed with the generosity of our many supporters.

In addition to local businesses, we're indebted to our many volunteers who kept things running smoothly behind the scenes.

Specifically we'd like to thank these organizations for their support:

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**Cathy Larripa and
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Event policy and student leadership questions remain

GUEST COLUMN

It seems the majority of continuing discussion concerning the Shohbat event has been based in personal projections of values onto the less-known systems of procedure already in place.

I'll admit that even as a student government official, elected to represent and protect the interests of the campus masses, the intricacies of this bureaucracy can still elude me at times.

The substantive issues raised by all this after-the-fact discussion will actually never cease to be relevant and must be addressed for the campus to get through the current identity crisis.

As much as the details of this event need to be explained, keep in mind I'm also writing this column to propose larger questions about how we can use this experience to build solid dynamics that will hold tight through changing tides.

My first assessment of this event was published here exactly a week after the night of Walid Shohbat's visit, meaning it had to be written that Friday, just two

days after. Everyone who was published that issue was operating with little information, whereas later critics had the advantage of another week or two in hindsight.

I knew there would be multiple opinions even within the Associated Students (AS) council about my column, and was warned by one college representative to not take the risk, but I figured it was worth possibly making some rash statements to have the offended or confused students realize there are those within campus government willing to ask tougher questions.

I didn't know then the scope of the responsibility I had taken, but I, at least, am willing to follow it through.

There are three errors that Jerrilyn Gashi, the College Conservative Club official who hosted the speaker, was correct in accusing me of, two of which are almost too trivial to waste words on.

However I may have mischaracterized her role, that cannot be at all equated to

disinformation, as she insinuated.

I also misstated the name of the benefactor listed on most forms of publicity for the event. I called it the Collective Leadership Association when it is simply the Leadership Institute.

Ms. Gashi should have known exactly what I was referring to, but instead chose the opportunity to utterly evade the question of this institute subsuming all public affiliation.

Only clubs can request funding for events through the AS Funding Board (a side committee for grant requests). No matter how much outside revenue is provided by an organization like the Leadership Institute, the club is the only body approved by this campus to be liable for proper completion and management of the event.

We need to ask why, if there's nothing to hide, was the club the only one with access to the video recording?

As far as the question I raised on whether the funding was received through the proper

channels, I report with a heavy heart that I, as well as some others on Council, did misconstrue this aspect of the situation.

The College Conservatives did submit a grant request through the AS Funding Board on Dec. 4, though in retrospect it looks downright horrendous.

It took a long time to remember the details once I discovered this, but now I know Ms. Gashi and a male representative did come in person to discuss their request.

We asked about the startling working title "Why We Want to Kill You!" but they assured us the title had just changed to "Confessions of a PLO Terrorist."

In a lot of other grant request situations, the requesting party would not have gotten that chance to make an in-person correction, so what's unacceptable is that none of us asked if that original title was any indication that the nature of the event would include more than just "chronicling disadvantaged people, especially in the Middle East."

Even though the proper channels were utilized, there are many more intricate questions we need to take on.

I will never apologize for putting myself out there on behalf of the students caught in the middle and citing what I see are the revisions in procedure that need to take place.

Many policies are being reassessed now, and we have to make sure more equitable and accountable guidelines are adopted. We need to find that line between content-blind (as the AS Funding Board aspires to) and evaluating further what is hate or indecent speech.

All these are evolving issues, which only further cement the need for continued student involvement in these political processes and movements.

Gabe Shames

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Breaking records and taking names

Rory Smith
Sports Editor



Katie Franci races in to get the ball while being surrounded by the entire Seattle Pacific team. | J. Andrew Towell

This year's women's basketball team was more than a team, they were a family. That family chemistry payed off in a record setting season with the Jacks winning 24 games for the first time ever in HSU history. The team's previous record was 19.

The Jacks also won their first NCAA Division II West Region Quarterfinal game defeating Western Washington.

"The support from the community and the team chemistry was really good," said junior guard Andrea Bobic. "We all got along really well."

Though the Jacks lost in the CCAA finals and were eliminated in the second round of the Division II West regional, the season was a success. "Seasons like this don't come around that often, it's a big deal," said Coach Joddie Gleason.

A turning point for the Jacks this season was an overtime loss

at home to UC San Diego. While most losses have a negative impact, this one got the Jacks rolling. Determined to win the rest of their conference games, the team called a players only meeting not scheduled by the coaching staff and were .

Bobic said, "We took it as a growing experience. It was our fault that we lost that one. It brought us together as a team and we decided to not let it happen again."

After the loss, the Jacks went on to win their final 8 games of the regular season and their first two play-off games, including the first ever at Lumberjack Arena.

"It was amazing to make history this season," said junior guard Luiza Osborne.

Coach Gleason said the win in the Division II West region quarterfinal in Washington was her highlight of the season.

"It was the best game I have ever been apart of," said Gleason.

"It was on the big stage, both teams going back and forth were very aggressive and physical, high emotions and intensity."

Junior center Brittney Taylor led the team in scoring averaging 15.2 points per game. Senior forward Katie Franci led the team in rebounding and assists. Both Taylor and Franci were selected to the All-CCAA first team.

The Jacks are losing key players from this year's play-off run, but Bobic is optimistic about next season. "It going to be tough to replace them, but returning players need to step it up and pick up where the seniors left off," she said.

Coach Gleason added the toughest part about losing senior players this season is that they are both good on and off the court.

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1,000 wins for coach Cheek

Deunn Willis
Staff Writer

As clouds blocked out the sun and rain drops hit players' helmets, the HSU women's softball team's weekend can only be described as bitter sweet. The Jacks finished the weekend with a 3-1 record against Cal State Monterey Bay Otters, and Coach Cheek earned his 1,000th win. The double-header scheduled for last Sunday, March 22, against the Otters was canceled due to the weather.

Fans yelled and celebrated the Jack's victory as well as the 1,000th win for Coach Cheek. Freshmen communications major Jessica Martin was more excited than others.

"This game was insane," said Martin. "Who would have thought I would see so many home runs and a legendary coach earning his 1,000th victory at my first softball game ever."

Friday the theme of the day was "we hit harder than you" with the Jacks receiving the better of the exchange. Winning 5-4 in the first game and 7-6 in the second, that day provided more home-runs than raindrops.

Leading the charge was

senior Marissa Slattery. She hit a three-run home run in the second game for the Jacks to secure a victory, and her coach a spot in the record books.

With the HSU pitching staff depleted due to the injury of sophomore Jenna Anderson, HSU fans, such as junior English major Justin Crown, were curious about how they would fair to the power hitting of the Otters.

"[Nichole] Parada is a stud. Her winning record shows that. So is Perez, but with the injury to Jenna Anderson they have no support," said Crown. "And with no support from the pitching it is really doesn't matter if you can hit six home-runs when you will give up 12."

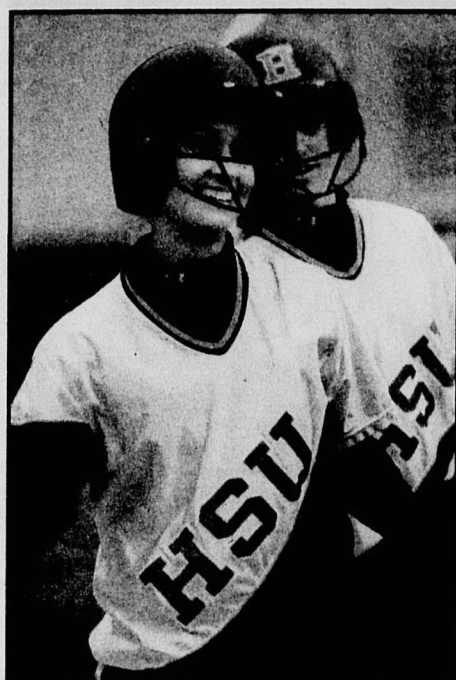
The Otters began Friday's game with fierce yells from the dugout that were short lived because of freshmen Parada's pitching skills. She showed her durability going the distance, giving up five runs on eight hits while striking out two.

As the weather got worse in the later innings, the Jacks didn't seem to slow their drive to win. They were willing to dive in the

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Natalie Galletly drives to hit a fast pitch. | Dan Pambianco



Marissa Slattery celebrates after hitting a home run. | Dan Pambianco

softball: HSU coach gets 1,000th win

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mud while the Otters didn't. Those little plays started to add up and made the difference in the 11-5 final score.

Leading the charge in the hitting portion of this game was sophomore Lindsay Warren, providing two home-runs for HSU.

In the second game on Saturday there was not a dry person at the game. With fatigue written on their faces, the Jacks lost the game although they battled like true champions.

With the loss of Anderson the pitching duties were put solely on Parada and Perez. Already involved in three games in a two-day time period, energy became the biggest factor and not the elements for HSU.

Limitations in the pitching area may raise a bigger question later in the season for HSU. "The injury to Jenna Anderson really hurt us because we do not have serious depth at the position of pitcher," said Cheek.

We will soon find out if pitching will become a serious problem for the Jacks this season as they try to make another run at the championship, but many players are optimistic. Warren said, "We will come out strong and build confidence and swing our bats too help out the pitching if any problems start to occur."

The Jacks will be in action again March 26 in a double-header in Belmont against The Notre Dame de Namur.

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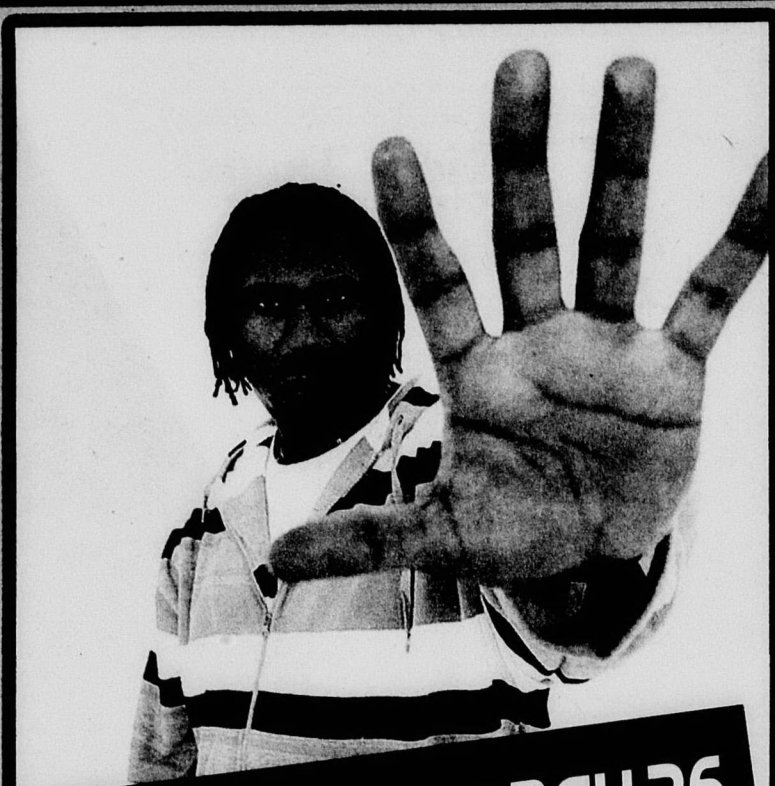
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Senior hangs up Jack jersey

Hilary Lebow
Staff Writer

Though senior Jennifer Enos can't pin down exactly what she loves about basketball, her spark on the court and records on the books speak louder than words.

Enos, a kinesiology major, came to HSU four years ago from Oak Grove in central California. As a freshman in high school, Enos started competing at the Varsity level. For the next three years she was captain of her team, earned Most Valuable Player honors and scored just 30 points shy of the record for second place for most points scored at Elk Grove High School.

In 2006, Enos was inducted into her high school's Hall of Fame, and Elk Grove High retired her jersey no. 10.

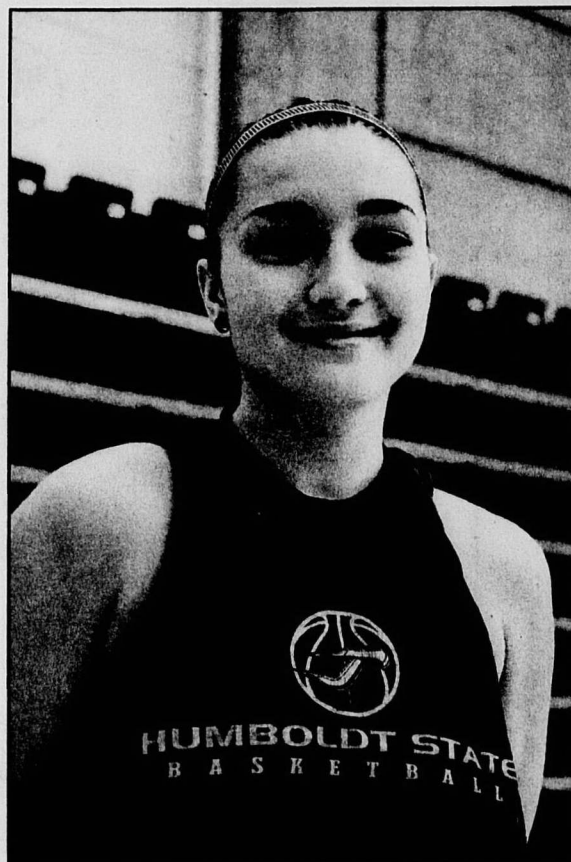
As a guard for the HSU Jacks, Enos proudly carried the No. 10 again because it was her father's number when he played basketball. Her heroes are her parents and her brother because they gave her an early start playing basketball.

Growing up Enos wanted to play every sport her older brother Mark tried. Before basketball she learned the martial art of Taekwondo, and played baseball in Little League just like him.

"I know that played a key role," she said. "I was attached to his hip and I did everything he did."

Enos's brother Mark joined the Marines and was deployed to Iraq twice while she was in high school. Even though he could not be present for her games during her sophomore and junior years, they wrote letters back and forth keeping him posted on her basketball season.

"Not only has my brother and his



Senior Jennifer Enos helped the women's team get to 4th place in the NCAA Division II West Regionals. | Alex Gautreaux

experiences taught me to never take anything for granted, but he constantly reminds me to play big and never back down. No excuses."

This season at HSU her family was in the crowd shouting from the stands when the Jacks traveled to away games. But most importantly, her whole family was present to honor Enos and three other basketball players on Senior Night. "My parents are super supportive of me," she said. "They have always made tremendous sacrifices to come see as many games as they can."

This season, Enos broke into the record books again for her 3 pointers. Head Coach Jodie Gleason said Enos has consistently performed well over the years. "She brings the work ethic, both in the weight room and on the court on a year round basis. She is probably one of the hardest workers,"

Gleason said.

Though the 'Jacks recently lost in the semi-finals to Seattle Pacific University, 74-56, senior guard Enos is proud of the many accomplishments the team has collected this year. This season, the Jacks became the first HSU women's basketball team to win a regional game, and they broke the wins-per-season record with more than 20 victories.

"It definitely is sad knowing that this amazing season is over, but I think what levels it out for me is knowing that we were such a great team on and off the court," she said. "I feel like we were a fun team to watch and this team will definitely be remembered."

The recent competition marked the last game for Enos's last game for HSU. Since she played for the last four seasons, her eligibility on the basketball team is up

Enos plans to enjoy her remaining time at HSU taking classes towards her kinesiology degree. After she graduates in 2010, Enos hopes to find work as a strengthening coach for basketball athletes and ultimately join a master's degree program. Though she will not return on to the Jacks next year, her basketball career is far from over. "I don't think I can ever completely step away from basketball," she said.

Assistant Coach Skip Gleason said a talent like Enos will be missed. "She was obviously a very important part of our team on the court for the last four seasons," he said. "Certainly it will be tough to replace her ability to defend the point guard and shoot the three-point-shot like she does."

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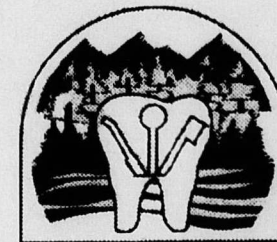
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The man behind the mask

Tyler Collins
Staff Writer

Senior basketball player Jameson Figgatt, known for his trademark face-mask, may not be the Jacks best scorer, but does lead the team in rebounds with 175 and blocks with 14. In his third and last season playing at HSU, Figgatt worked his way from a red shirt walk on, to a starting senior.

Figgatt suffered a broken nose from an elbow in the first game of Disney West Coast Tipoff Classic at the start of the season. "At first I was kind of embarrassed to wear the mask, but after a little while I started to have younger kids say they thought it was really cool. Now I don't really want to take it off."

Any severe injury such as a broken nose might worry a coaching staff, but not in this case. Assistant Coach Steve Kinder said, "We were really never worried, we new an injury wouldn't really slow him down. There are tough people and people who aren't tough, and he is one of the tough ones."

Coach Tom Wood said Figgatt is definitely a hustle guy. "He's a real warrior, and I don't throw that term around very loosely," said Wood. "He played the entire season with a broken nose, which says something about his heart."

Starting his college career at Diablo Valley College, Figgatt honed his skills before he finally got in contact with HSU. "Diablo Valley was a great start for me," said Figgatt. "Playing there really helped me to grow up and get better as a player."

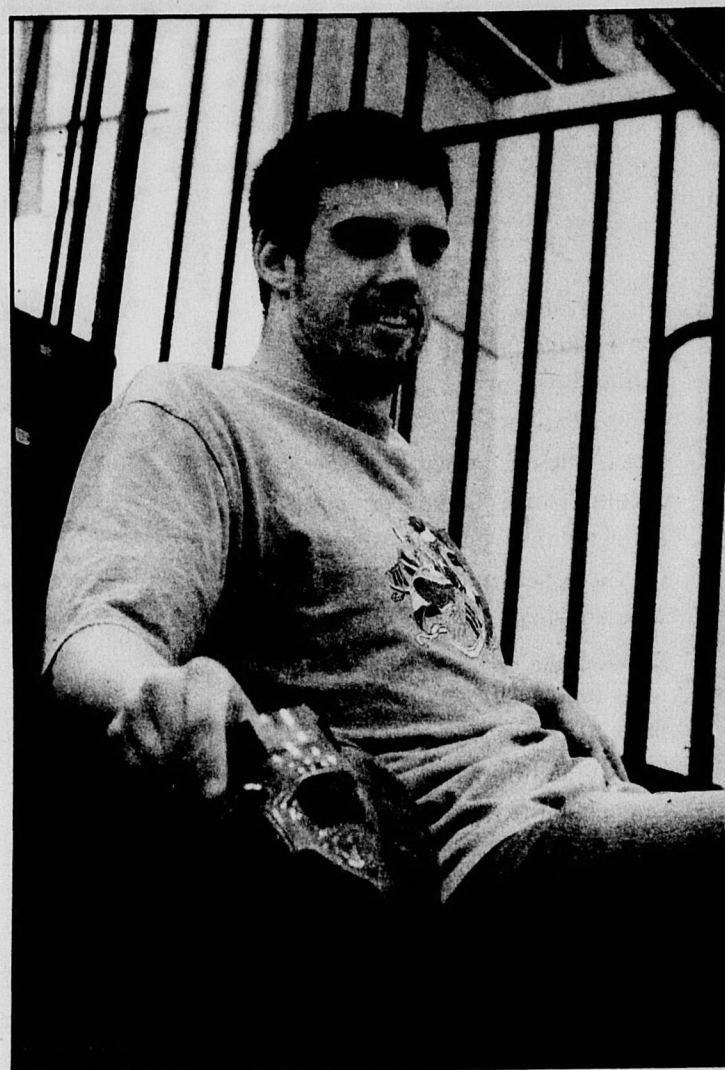
Though Figgatt had made it onto the Jacks, he still sat as a red shirt his first year. "The first year was definitely hard, especially because we hosted regional," said Figgatt. "I knew I was still part of the team, but it was hard not being able to get out on the court and play."

Figgatt worked his way through the ranks though, and began playing the next year. "I was really happy when I first started last year against Monterey. I got 16 points which really helped me build confidence."

Now in his final season playing for the Jacks, Figgatt said it was his favorite season. "We have a really new and young team with no egos. Everyone's out there hoping that everyone else does well."

After a tough loss to UC San Diego on March 3, Figgatt thought he just played his last game for HSU. "I was bummed, but then I got a call the Sunday after the San Diego game that said, 'Pack your bags, you're going to Hawaii for the NCAA tournament.' It was nice knowing I got to play at least one more."

Now that the NCAA tournament and Jacks basketball season is over for Figgatt, he still has one



Jameson Figgatt takes the ball to the basket against UCSD.
Bryan Thomson

year left at HSU before graduating with an Industrial Technology degree. He plans to start a construction company afterward. "It is sad leaving [the team]. We really are a close family and I love the atmosphere, but physically it is time to go. I'll really miss it."

Leading the team in rebounds and blocks Figgatt has never been scared to do the dirty work, and his broken nose is proof. "I'll dive on the floor, go for loose balls, that's what got me here," said Figgatt. "We get axe handles for doing things on the court, right now I have the most. I'm real happy to be the garbage man and clean up the mess."

Receiving a sticker on an axe handle is done by hustling on the court and doing things like diving on the ball, getting rebounds, getting saves, and taking charges. "Jameson is leading in all of the categories," said coach Kinder. "He really hustles and plays like a winner."

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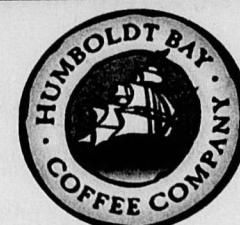
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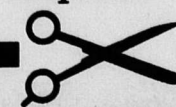
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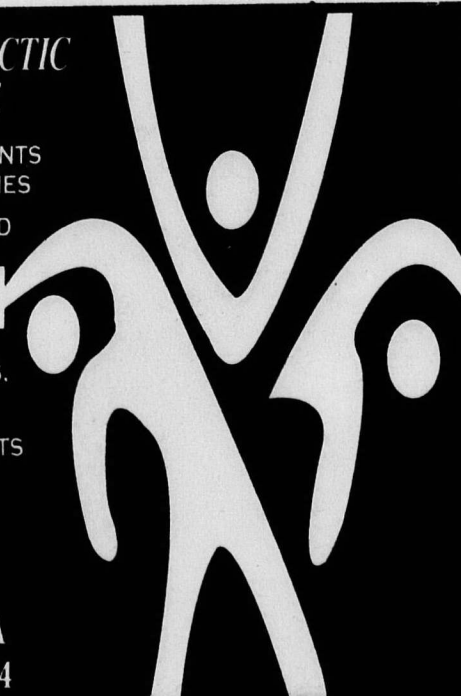
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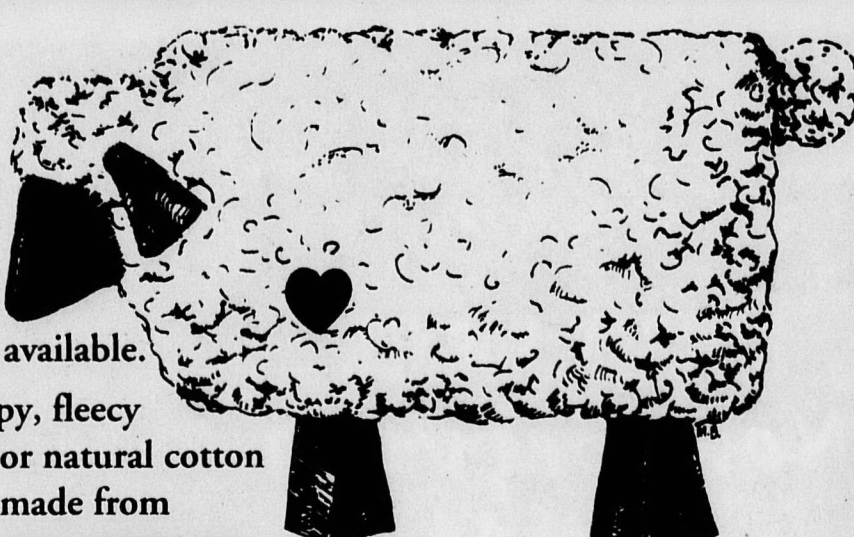
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