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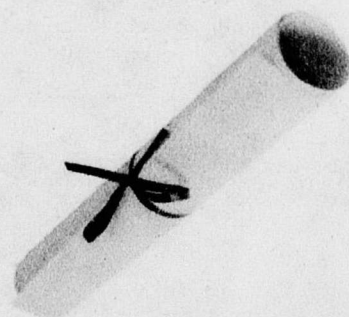
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No more hoodies from Honduras HSU cuts ties with sweatshop brand

Hilary Lebow

Staff Writer

Check the tag on your favorite HSU sweatshirt. It probably reads, "MADE IN HONDURAS." But what the label doesn't tell you is that the true cost for your apparel may be blood, sweat, and tears. Oh, and death threats.

Fortunately, this will no longer be the case. As of last Friday, the HSU administration has decided to cut contracts with Russell Athletic Apparel from the HSU bookstore.

The clothing company, a subsidiary of Fruit Of The Loom, Inc., has been linked to inhumane working conditions in factories all over Honduras. Former employees report that they have been blacklisted by Russell Athletics for attempting to form unions in factories.

The bookstore will not pull items off of the shelves, but for now, HSU has chosen not to purchase anything else through Russell Athletics. Stewart Buettell, a business major, said the ban on Russell is great news for students.

"I feel more comfortable knowing that my Humboldt State garb will not be coming from a sweatshop," he said. "Besides, when the bookstore is already charging \$40-60 for a sweatshirt, a \$2 markup is not going to inhibit sales."

The decision comes as a huge victory for HSU's chapter of United Students Against Sweatshops. After hearing the news, Psychology senior Sam Gage, an active member of Students Against Sweatshops, said Monday, "It's very encouraging to see all of our hard work pay off."

Gage said that sale increases are a small price to pay to secure unions and labor laws for factories around the world. "If you have to break laws to be the cheapest, it's not legitimate," he said.

At the end of last month, former Russell Athletic employee Norma Castellanos shared her horrific experience. She urged

To find out more information, check out HSU's United Students Against Sweatshop Web Site at <http://stopsweatshops.blogspot.com/>.

HSU to to cut all ties.

The meeting was organized by United



An HSU Bookstore shopper browses through racks of merchandise made by Russell Athletic, a company whose products will no longer be sold due to inhumane working conditions in its Honduras factories. | Allyson Riggs

Students Against Sweatshops, and encouraged HSU to take another stride with the fight against sweatshop labor. HSU has already endorsed the Designated Supplier's Program, which aims to set a standard for labor workers' rights, and encourages universities to only sell products from lawful vendors.

Now HSU joins a force of more than fifty schools nationwide who have agreed to terminate business with Russell Athletics. Paul Mann, HSU's public information officer, said the meeting raised serious concerns for university administrators. "I found [Castellano's] story truly compelling," he said.

In front of a crowd of 75, Castellanos broke down in tears as she described life on the assembly line in Choloma, Honduras. Through a translator, Castellanos said employees work for 12 hours a day, earn low wages, and only have 15 minutes for a lunch break. The workers, whose average age is 25, are exposed to dangerous chemicals that cause lung cancer, and receive no medical care. Workers do not get paid unless they meet exceedingly high quotas.

As vice president of the labor union in her factory, Castellanos was warned that she could have her "head cut off" or have her "face blown off" for trying to implement better working conditions. In October of last year, Russell threatened to close down the factory all together and strand its

employees.

Then, in January, 2009, the Workers' Rights Consortium reported that Russell Athletic permanently closed the factory where Castellanos was employed. Russell Athletic cited an economic downturn as the cause. But David Carter, president of HSU's Students Against Sweatshops and a sociology major, said to look beyond the surface. He fears that the company's public stance is just another example of good public relations to quell public concern about the truth behind sweatshops.

"The way our market is, it's a race to the bottom," said Carter. "Whoever will accept the lowest amount of money. If you look at the website, Russell makes themselves

sound really good. But then you hear from former workers like [Castellanos]."

Mann said Castellanos spoke with sincerity and emotion. "You could tell that she had suffered a great deal," he said. "Very simply, sweatshop labor is totally unjust." He added that HSU will halt future orders, unless Russell complies with labor codes in the future.

Though student members are excited for the success of United Students Against Sweatshops' efforts, Carter said the aftermath of Castellanos' experience is far from over.

"She doesn't know how she's going to support her family," Carter said. "She's been blacklisted, so she can't work anywhere else. And as far as I understand, all the factory workers were blacklisted for trying to unionize. That's 1,800 people who won't be able to find jobs anywhere else."

So how do you stand up against sweatshop labor? Gage said that students can help send a statement to irresponsible vendors by checking the tags before they buy. "I think being an ethical consumer is good, that way you have a better personal impact."

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Rainy-day fund dries up

Richmond takes a dip

Elizabeth Sorrell

Layout Editor

The only way that Environmental Science Major Jocelyn Orr found out about the \$100,000 taken out of the Instructionally Related Activities reserves is via a sheet of paper handed to her by Associated Students President Sofia Pereira.

It was an executive memo from President Rollin Richmond. It gave four days notice to members of the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Committee, a committee that advises President Richmond on the IRA fund that is generated from student fees, that he was removing one-third of their reserves and placing it elsewhere.

All students that attend the CSU system pay into this IRA fee. Part of the Osprey Magazine is funded by IRA fees, and even part of the Calypso Concert that happened in the Van Duzer Theatre this past Saturday night was paid for with IRA fees.

Two years ago, the IRA fee split into different sections: a general IRA fee for funding things like field trips, the Humboldt State University Energy Independence Fund, Jack Pass fund, which allows students to ride local buses with a flash of their student ID card - and a fee set aside for the Athletics Department.

Out of the four sections under the IRA fee, Athletics receives \$418 out of the \$518 students pay into it. That is 80 percent that goes towards Athletics. The university works to keep some of the funds in reserve to be used at a later time if needed. President Rollin Richmond took out \$100,000 out of the IRA reserves and gave it to Athletics.

The IRA Committee is a group of students and faculty who act as an advising board for President Richmond. The committee is also in charge of where the money from the IRA is to be allocated to.

Kale Roberts, an Environmental Science major and a member of the IRA Committee said that the reserve is also something of a "rainy-day" fund. "Every year we will allocate the money and there will be some left over," he said.

This extra money goes into the reserves to be used at later times if needed - or for that rainy day. "This year, we needed a rainy-day fund with all of the budget cuts," Roberts said. "So we had to spend a lot of the reserves."

HSU's Senior Communication's Officer Paul Mann said the reason for taking money out of the reserves was straightforward. Academic Affairs reduced summer school enrollment so the Athletic IRA fell short. The Lumberjack attempted to speak with President Rollin Richmond about this topic, but he directed us to the HSU Communications Office.

Mann said Richmond could have taken the \$100,000 from elsewhere, but doing so would have shortchanged

classes and instruction. "He conferred with the vice president for business affairs and decided that the way to cover the deficit was with the transfer," said Mann.

Orr, an environmental science major, is part of the IRA Committee, and says that her main concern is the lack of procedure and due process.

Roberts calls it a surprise and a disappointment that President Richmond took the money out of their reserves for the use of one program. "It isn't spread as far and doesn't benefit as many," he said.

Orr said that even though the students went out and voted, saying how they wanted their campus to look, "Richmond, two weeks later, decided that wasn't what was best for the campus."

Orr said the time of the decision to split the IRA structure was a political time dwell, that it came at the end of an academic term and students were leaving and graduating. "The students spoke and said what they wanted our campus to look like. The president didn't respect that."

President Richmond isn't bound by this committee or the students. The IRA committee also has no oversight over the Athletics, HEIF and Jack Pass IRA fees.

Richmond later apologized for taking the \$100,000 out of the IRA reserves during a meeting with the committee. "He said he made a mistake, that he acted too quickly," said Orr.

Taking money out of the reserves isn't the only cause for concern for the IRA Committee. President Richmond has also proposed a two percent increase to the Athletic portion of the IRA fee each year. If passed, the two percent of the annual increase proposal would be implemented the fall of next year.

Roberts and Orr said that a problem that the IRA committee faces is with the two percent increase "profits" going to Athletics, it would be just as easy to say that they wanted a two percent increase as well for other parts of the IRA.

"It would be more fair to do it across the board," said Roberts. "But it means that students will pay more money."

Orr also questioned if that was what students would really want. "My concern is putting the burden on student's backs more and more to pay for things," said Orr. "We are shifting the responsibility for staff salaries from the university to student fee costs."

Kara Merritt, an Environmental Science major calls the two percent increase proposal not cool. "Isn't that why we pay taxes," she asked. "We [as students] have other responsibilities than paying our teachers."

Pereira said that Richmond's explanation was that the money from fees that students pay now towards

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-Jocelyn Orr, IRA Committee member

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No cupcakes on the quad

Home-cooked food sales could be banned next fall

Ashley Bailey
News Editor

Selling fresh baked bread on the Humboldt State University quad has been pretty successful for Sierra Leash the past five weeks. Along with her campus club, Students for Global Health, the Nursing junior racked in an average of \$100 each time she sold her bread to raise funds for overseas hospitals' medical supplies.

In the fall, Leash may no longer have that option.

HSU Student Affairs is considering changing the school's policies regarding food sales on the quad. They will no longer allow home-cooked foods to be sold there.

"We're just trying to bring some control [to the food sales]," said Tom Manoli, HSU environmental health and safety coordinator. "Say if someone brings a batch of brownies onto campus - I have no way of knowing how that was prepared. I don't know what their kitchens are like, or if they are even washing their hands."

There are more than 180 clubs on campus and dozens of them regularly sell home-cooked foods ranging from cupcakes to enchiladas.

To currently sell food on the University Center quad, club leaders must watch two videos on food and safety, and then take a quiz to get a food permit. The food permit is not required to be displayed.

When Leash learned about a possible change in food policy, she was upset. She said her club has always been careful when preparing their baked bread for sales.

"From our perspective, we're mostly nursing students - so we're definitely aware of the health precautions that need to be taken to not transmit diseases," Leash said. "I can understand where [Student Affairs] is coming from, but it's just one more [kink] in the bureaucracy we have to deal with."

Alternative food sales that HSU might allow would be those foods that are pre-packaged - like muffins from Costco - or foods that have been prepared in a commercial kitchen.

There are currently no commercial kitchens available for students to rent on the HSU campus. Amber Cavanaugh, student services specialist for College of

the Redwoods, said that CR's commercial community rental kitchen on Ericson Court in Arcata is the only one she knows of in the area.

To rent it, a person must have a completed application, a business license from the City of Arcata, a health permit and general liability insurance. Add on a cleaning deposit, a key deposit and a hourly rental fee. You are looking at more than \$200 to start cooking.

Realizing this could be a costly burden to students, Alexander Fonseca, HSU clubs coordinator, said the school is considering converting an old kitchen in

Nelson Hall East into a commercial one to rent out to HSU students. It would, however, cost at least \$50,000 to complete.

"That building may not even be able to sustain that kind of kitchen," Fonseca said. "[But] we're exploring as many possibilities as

we can to have students still be able to sell food on campus, and be in a safe and controlled environment so no one gets sick."

Fonseca said HSU is one of the last in the California State University system to allow home-made food sales on campus and Student Affairs just wants to update policy - not bar food sales.

"I think club food sales add a lot to our campus culture and it's a great way for clubs to make money," Fonseca said. "But I definitely want to make sure that wherever food is sold by clubs that it is controlled and is safe for the students."

HSU Student Affairs has not yet reached the draft or approval process of HSU's new food policy, which may be extended past the UC quad to the entire campus. Fonseca said club leaders would have a chance to give their input before the policy is put in place in the fall.

As a club leader, Leash is hoping to find some sort of middle-ground for selling her home-baked bread, so that her club can continue to raise funds.

"These bake sales have been really successful for us," Leash said. "It's a great social time and a good way to get out information about our club. It would be really tragic if we weren't able to do this anymore."

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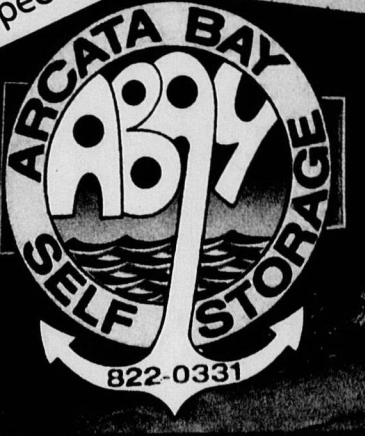
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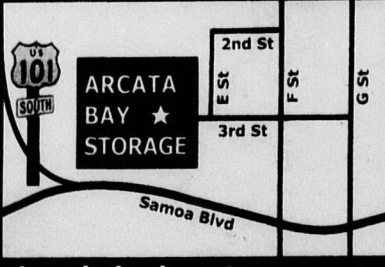
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Lyme disease is “a huge epidemic”

New non-profit spreads awareness

Jennifer MacKaben
Staff Writer

Four years ago, Sylvian Schwarz forgot where she lived while driving home on Highway 101. All of the sudden, she didn't know her address or how to call her husband. This was not a case of amnesia, however, it was Lyme disease impairing Schwarz's memory.

Lyme disease is a tick-borne illness. Deer, squirrels and even family pets can carry ticks. They breed in heavily wooded areas and love moisture, which is why Humboldt County residents need to watch out for bites.

During dry seasons, the blood-sucking parasites hide in the mossy cracks of tree bark or underneath leaf rustle. When their surroundings are damp, ticks are found on the tips of blades of grass.

The disease was discovered in 1981, just one year after the U.S. passed a bill allowing the patenting and profiting from live organisms. It was not the advancement in medical history, but the commercial elements driving the researchers. They hoarded information in order to protect future profits. Without research, doctors cannot properly diagnose the disease.

Schwarz had 31 symptoms of Lyme disease. “No one took me seriously,” she recalls.

Schwarz contracted Lyme disease in Humboldt County. She was misdiagnosed and ill for four years. She could barely walk more than 30 feet at a time without becoming weak. If left untreated, the illness can affect the neurological system. Schwarz had difficulty making her own decisions. “My husband had to do everything for me,” she said.

With the prevalence of Lyme disease in our own backyard, the Redwood forest, Schwarz is concerned about the lack of support groups. “Nothing has been done in Humboldt County even though [Lyme disease] is a huge epidemic,” she said. “And I don't know why.”

Schwarz decided to take matters into her own hands. Just last month, she founded an awareness group with Claire Ajina. Humboldt Lyme Awareness is a non-profit organization that aims to prevent and protect the public through informative presentations. With the help of HSU's Psychology Club, Ajina and Schwarz screen the documentary, “Under Our Skin.”

The movie reveals how the illness is a bigger epidemic than AIDS. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, there are over 200,000 new cases each year, and 90 percent go untreated. Jamie McGovern, a Psychology senior and the Psi-Chi club publicist, had an abstract knowledge of Lyme disease until she saw the movie. Because the illness may lead to neurological complications, this is also vital information for any student in the psychology field.

“Under Our Skin” highlights the license suspension that doctors face just for treating the illness. Lyme disease exists in every American state, but not every

state recognizes alternative methods for treating it. Those specializing in Lyme treatment are targeted, and as a result, many practices have been lost.

“With the politics behind Lyme disease, who can blame them for having cold feet,” Schwarz said.

To make the issue more complicated, the illness has evolved and it is no longer just Lyme disease. Ticks carry multiple diseases and just one bite can hold many co-infections.

Like Schwarz, Ajina has Lyme disease. Her whole family has been diagnosed with different co-infections. “We have the whole spectrum in one family,” Ajina said.

This makes it difficult for doctors to issue proper treatment. Most doctors are taught that Lyme disease is rare and easy to treat and chronic cases do not develop. These misdiagnoses are often due to misinformation.

When it is proven that chronic Lyme exists, insurance companies will need to cough up more treatment money. “I call it the disease of the rich,” Schwarz said. Insurance companies made guidelines for treating the disease so they can save money. When patients reach late stages of Lyme, they can be sick for the rest of their lives. Medical bills (not covered by insurance) can reach hundreds of thousands of dollars.

California passed the bill AB 592 to allow doctors to treat Lyme disease without being persecuted in August 2005. Thanks to a resolution supported by Wesley Chesbro, Arcata's first-district assemblyman, May is now known as Lyme Disease Awareness Month in California.

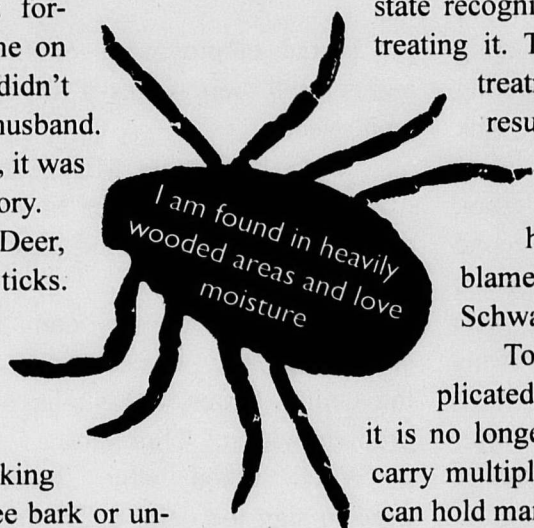
The Humboldt Lyme Awareness group wants to spread information on Lyme disease through presentations for schools and utility companies. More screenings of “Under Our Skin” are being planned.

“It's been quite a war,” Schwarz said, “but the tables are turning because the information can't be suppressed any longer.”

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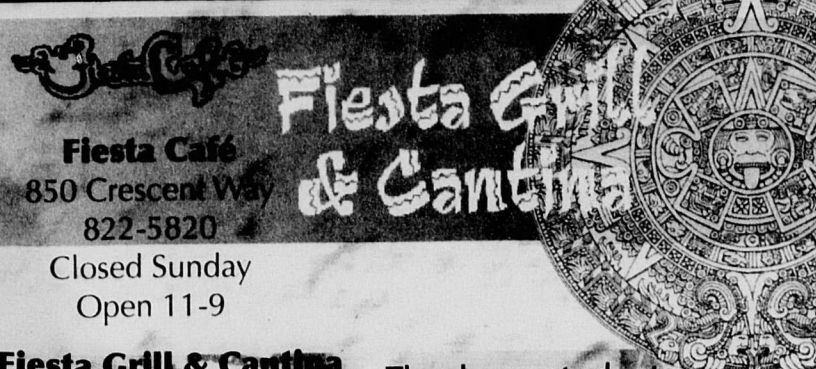
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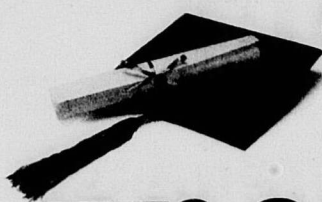
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Leigh Lawson
Staff Writer

Around the U.S., graduating seniors are taking finals, securing jobs, and preparing to walk down the aisle in commencement ceremonies. For one HSU alumni, who completed the Second Education Credential program, studying had nothing to do with whether or not he would receive his credentials. His politics did.

Alumnus Michael Deppe Carter applied to the HSU Secondary Education Credential program because he wanted to teach middle and high school government. He wanted to teach young adults about their constitutional rights.

But there is one requirement to teach in California that is not advertised in the HSU course catalog. When Deppe Carter finished the program in May 2007, an administrator told him he needed to do one more thing to get his credential: sign an oath promising "to support and defend" the state and federal constitutions and all state and national laws "against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

Deppe Carter refused to sign the oath, and the school didn't give him his credential. He cannot teach in California.

Mary Armstrong, attorney for the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, confirmed that students are required to sign the Oath of Allegiance before they receive their credentials, and that they cannot teach without one.

It's not only teachers who sign the oath. If you work on campus, or have at one time, you probably signed it. The oath is a requirement for all governmental employees, which includes all employees of the CSU and UC systems. Paul Mann, HSU's senior communications officer, said the exception is University Center and Associated Students' employees, who are not required to sign the oath because they are not paid by the state of California.

Government and university hires who refuse to take the oath

are barred employment, or fired and refused their wages if already employed.

At HSU, plumber Mike Cline has signed the oath three to four times, and said he would sign it again.

"As long as the oath is supporting the Constitution of the United States, I don't have a problem with it," Cline said.

When asked why students need to sign the oath, CSU Media Relations Specialist Erik Fallis said the university system follows state law. He would not comment on why the oath exists, saying that the CSU education system is not the authoritative source on the oath.

Graduating Sociology senior Gary Strokos wasn't required to sign the oath for his current job as the CCAT gardener, but said he wouldn't sign the oath if required to. He says the oath doesn't give him the freedom to make the critical decisions he might need to make in the future. "The Constitution is a tentative document that always needs to be challenged."

Because credential students are asked to sign the oath before they get their credential, said Deppe Carter, the state makes it difficult

for people to refuse to sign. He said those uncomfortable with the oath sign it because they do not want to throw away everything they invested.

Diane Ryerson, who does fieldwork placement for the HSU Elementary Education Credential program, was unaware students sign the oath before receiving their credential. She said students might have to sign the oath in application paperwork for the credential, which is out of the program's control. Ryerson said if students are required to sign the oath and are unaware of the requirement, the credentialing program should educate their students of the requirement.

The Oath of Allegiance is a legally binding document, requiring people to sign "freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion." Several states have different versions of the oath.

Under California Government Code, Sec. 3108, people who sign the oath dishonestly are guilty of perjury, and could get one to 14 years of jail time if convicted.

Allegiance oaths in America aren't new. An extended form of an employee allegiance oath for the

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Oath: Swear not to say anything unpatriotic and they'll let you teach

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city of Los Angeles dates back to 1941. In the 1951 Supreme Court Case *Garner et al. v. Board of Public Works*, the Court decided that banning people "who advise, advocate or teach the violent overthrow of the Government" from public service positions was constitutional.

In the 1971 U.S. Supreme Court case *Cole v. Richardson*, justices reviewed a Massachusetts oath that asked employees to swear to "oppose the overthrow of the government...by force, violence, or by any illegal or unconstitutional method." The Court decided this oath was constitutional.

Two years after graduating, Deppe Carter hasn't signed the oath. If this oath requirement is dropped, Deppe Carter could add this experience into his free speech lectures. As for now, Carter works at Eureka Natural Foods in the produce section.

Deppe Carter said the oath violates the guaranteed First Amendment rights of freedom of expression and association. He said being required to support the Constitution is unconstitutional, because it doesn't allow people to criticize their government.

"You can't find a single person that supports all laws in the Constitution," Deppe Carter said. "So you can't possibly do what it requires of you. Anyone who signs that oath is in violation of the oath."

HSU graduating senior David Carter is Michael's brother. Last fall, David Carter got a childcare job at the HSU Children's Center. But when he saw the oath inside his new-hire paperwork, David Carter also refused to sign.

He said that a representative from HSU's Human Resources told him that over the years, several students and teachers have lost their jobs at HSU for refusing to sign the oath. Human Resources declined to comment for the story and referred all questions to Paul Mann, Senior Communications Officer.

"A student employee questioned the oath more recently, but when advised of the Chancellor's Office policy, the student signed," Mann said.

David Carter says he has talked to others who didn't want to sign the oath. They all signed it anyway, because they didn't want to fight the school.

"This is what I believe the true purpose of the oath [is] - to make sure the work force of the state is compliant and easy to control," David Carter said. "Employers find out before a person begins their first day that as an employee he or she is either a conformist or will do something they find discomfort with because they need a job."

David Carter said he understands that many people break down and sign because they need a job bad enough to compromise their integrity.

He wrote to several legal aid places and representatives about the oath, but was disappointed when those who responded told him to sign it.

David Carter wants more people to stand up against the oath because people have lost their jobs because of it.

"My brother worked hard on getting his credential," said David Carter. "He went through the whole program. But my brother hasn't signed it, so his hard work, time, and money have not earned him a teaching credential," he said. "How can that ever be right?"

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IRA: Reworking Reserve Policy

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athletics doesn't generate enough to pay for salary and benefits. Pereira went on to say that the increases are said to be based on bargaining between the athletics staff's union and the Chancellor of the CSU system.

Pereira said that the policy of reserves will be addressed. "We are working on a reserve policy so that we don't have a big pile of money waiting to be transferred."

Orr said that she just wants the students to know what is going on and that she doesn't have it out for the Athletics department. "I recognize that athletics brings in money and pushes forward the HSU image, and it does bring in students," said Orr. "No matter what program, this is a red flag."

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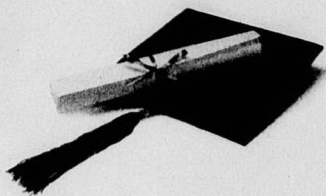
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Four steps to graduate next year

Jade Copple

Staff Writer



It seems like just yesterday you sat in lines of chairs on the field, playing with your tassel and batting around beach balls as your high school valedictorian spoke about his or her high hopes for college and the future. Three years and 60 units later, you're officially a college junior, and it is time to prepare for graduation all over again.

It may seem a bit early to start thinking about graduating. But if you're a junior, you're about two weeks away from being able to call yourself a senior. You can file for graduation as soon as you reach junior status, and the Advising Center recommends starting at least two terms before your expected graduation date. Annie Nicksic, HSU adviser, suggests that juniors who are three semesters away start planning now.

1 The first step towards graduation is meeting with your academic adviser. They can help you keep track of how much you have completed and how much you have left to finish. Your adviser can help you establish a plan for classes you want to take in the future and tell you what is and isn't offered in the upcoming terms. If a course you need isn't available, your adviser may be able to approve another class as a substitute.

Robert Morris, a 2007 graduate, was worried because the two classes he needed to graduate were only offered during the same time. "I couldn't take them both," he said, "but my counselor found an equivalent class and said that he'd count that instead. It ended up working out very nicely."

In certain circumstances, if your class is not available or you are in some way prevented from taking the class, you can file for permission to waive or substitute, the form can be found on the HSU advising website. After you have some sort of plan for your future schedule, your adviser can help you with the basic paperwork.

2 Next, you'll need to fill out a major contract. The form, also known as the "Baccalaureate Major Requirements Form," works as a checklist of everything you need to graduate in your major. Your department can send the form to the AIR Center (SBS 133), or you can submit it with your application for graduation.

If you chose to complete a minor, contact your minor department for a minor contract form. Not all minors will require it, but it is best to contact the department chair or check the catalog to see if yours does.

3 Now you're ready to fill out your "Application for Graduation" form. You can obtain one from your adviser or print one from the HSU Web site. When complete, turn it in to the AIR Center, along with your major/minor contract if you have not already turned it in. Applying for graduation will cost \$54, which can be paid online or at Student Financial Services (SBS 285). If you find that you cannot graduate but already applied, future applications will cost \$25 each.

Filing for graduation will begin a formal degree audit (also referred to as a DARS report or degree check). The advising department urges students to pay specific attention to their degree audit, as it contains a list of every class you need to complete to successfully graduate. The advising department warns that not reading the degree audit carefully is the most common cause of "unexpected complications" in graduation.

Ashley Kushner, psychology major, uses the informal degree audit online to keep track of her requirements. "I use it every time I register," she said, "It can really help you see the big picture."

4 Finally, all bachelor's degree candidates must take the Graduation Writing Proficiency Examination (GWPE). Students are eligible to take the GWPE after reaching junior status and have taken English 100 at HSU, or its equivalent at another institution. These exams are held once during the Fall Semester and twice during the spring. The GWPE costs \$20 for a regularly scheduled test date, with an additional \$5 fee for late registration or an alternate test date.

Nicksic also suggests taking this time to consider study abroad opportunities. "Ask yourself if you want to go on a National Student Exchange or Study Abroad experience," she said. "After all, how often do these opportunities come up after graduation?"

It is also the perfect time to think about internships and work experience. "Look for experience in the field of study," Nicksic adds. "The Career Center can be a resource for these. Individual professors or department offices may also have information about internships."

As graduation approaches, candidates will be informed of all commencement activities. If you wish to participate in the ceremony, beginning in spring, the bookstore will sell all the caps, tassels, gowns and honors regalia you will need to walk in the graduation ceremony.

Last step: graduate next spring.

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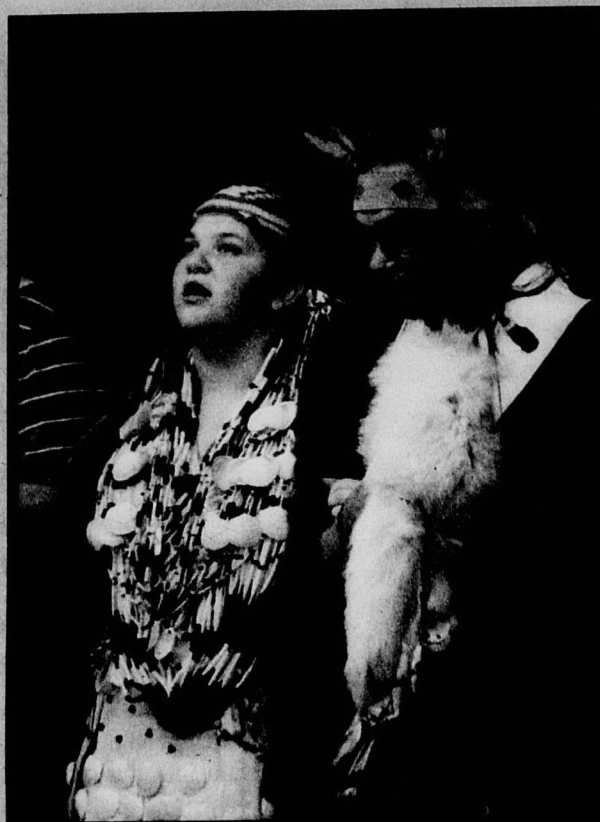
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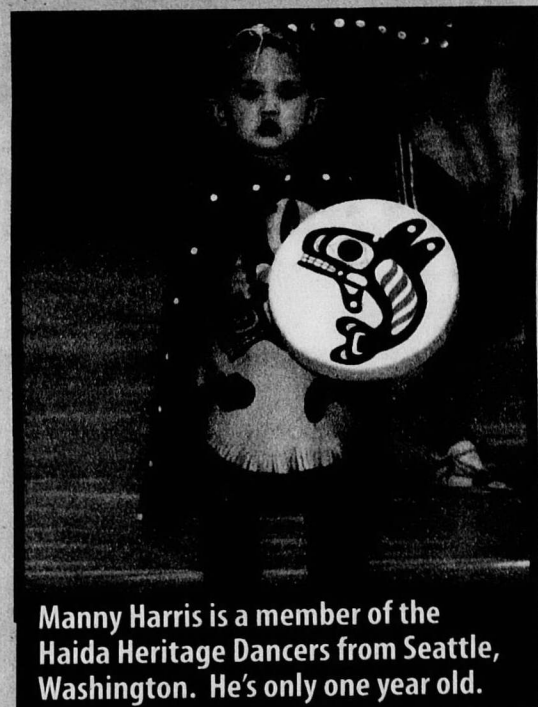
Jacqueline Marksussen and Brian Tripp during the local Brush Dance demonstration. Members of the Yurok, Karuk and Hupa cultures participate in this ceremony.



Lena Nicholson was honored at a special dinner prior to the Big Time by HSU students and staff for her decades of service on behalf of Native people. Lena is of Yurok ancestry and is a member of the Yurok Tribe. She is a founding board member of United Indian Health Services and was part of the generation of local Native American community members who advocated for the creation of the Indian Teacher and Educational Personnel Program (ITEPP) at Humboldt State University in 1969.



Richard Miranda participating with the Maidu Traditionalists during their dance demonstration.



Manny Harris is a member of the Haida Heritage Dancers from Seattle, Washington. He's only one year old.



Marie Geisdorff is a member of the Mewuk Dancers from Tuolumne, Ca



The big winners of HSU's "Amazing Race," held during the Big Time. HSU students took local kids around campus for a fun-filled tour and everyone received prizes.



Rose Enos and Agnes Wells are the elder members of the Maidu Traditionalists from northern California.

The Second Annual California Big Time & Social Gathering was held on April 4, 2009 in the new Kinesiology & Athletics Building on campus. The event was funded by the Native Cultures Fund, the HSU Associated Students, the HSU Office of the President, the HSU Diversity Program, the Smith River Rancheria, the Yurok Tribe, the Elk Valley Rancheria, the Northern California Indian Development Council, the HSU Multi-Cultural Center, and many other HSU departments, local organizations and individuals. Special thanks to Marylyn, Mona, Jerri, Vince, Leo, Lonnix, Adrienne, Zo, Jacquelyn, Jason, Kevin, Rollin, the ENIT Club, and the Beta Sigma Epsilon Native Fraternity.

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HSU Freedom of Information Act project probes universities

Karina Gonzalez

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Public information is exactly that - public. That doesn't mean you will get to see it.

Ask a public university about their number of sexual assault complaints. Or even their suspensions for students smoking pot. They won't answer. The school may have no problem sharing its numbers with you, but first the school would have to hand the numbers over. You will find this is not an easy task.

The HSU Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Project, consisting of eight students, a recent journalism alumni and supervised by professor Marcy Burstiner, took part in a nation-wide open records audit of public and private universities over the course of the Spring semester.

The Student Press Law Center, an advocate for First Amendment Rights, organized the project in celebration of Sunshine Week. Sunshine week is led by the American Society of Newspaper Editors to show the importance of open government and freedom of information nationwide. Students from HSU, the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and the University of North Texas collaborated with The Student Press Law Center on the project.

The HSU FOIA project audited 34 universities in five states: California, Nevada, Arizona, Washington and Oregon. The audit surveyed compliance of public record laws by requesting the total number of student disciplinary complaints reported to each campus' student disciplinary committee.

This included information such as the number of student punishments, suspensions and a breakdown of each case reviewed.

By asking all these universities for the same information, The HSU FOIA Project team discovered that the process of getting information differs from state to state, and from one campus to another -



Mark Farias discusses inconsistencies within the UC and CSU systems with FOIA project members Octavio Raygoza, and Lou Sherry April 17 at the Bret Harte House | Torrey Hartman

even with those that are part of the same university system. The audits revealed inconsistency in fees, policy and access to public information.

Student Press Law Center Executive Director Frank LoMonte said this is an example that shows there is a desperate need for state governments to require someone who knows the law to work in public information positions.

"There is a lot of inconsistency in decision making," LoMonte said.

When requesting documents, you may be charged a copying fee, but the office you are gathering information from can waive it. The HSU FOIA project found that one inconsistency is the price some campuses try to charge to gather the information or to send electronic copies. To try to avoid copying fees we requested all of the information to be sent to us electronically.

Some schools requested 10 cents per electronic page, others requested up to \$250 to hire lawyers to look for the information. LoMonte said, "It is effectively a denial."

The University of Oregon wouldn't give any of the information requested unless we paid them

copying charges, lawyer fees, and staff fees that added up to \$250.

"They can't use the charge to keep people from getting documents," said LoMonte. The charge is supposed to be based on a reasonable relation to the gathering and copying fee of the information.

When asked for a list of what information \$250 would paid for, the university did not disclose anything and said they would not release any information until they were paid.

The California State University system had some inconsistencies of its own. Although the CSU system has a policy of charging 20 cents per page, one school waived the fee. Two others, including HSU, waived their fee after we inquired as to why they were charging 20 cents per electronic page.

LoMonte said the gathering of electric data should be less, unless the institution can show some proportion to cost. "It's hard to prove it with electronic pages. [the cost of] 100 electronic pages should be equal to 20 photocopied pages," he said.

The CSU system may have a policy, but the University of California (UC) system does not.

Requests were sent to seven of

the schools. Four complied. Three did not charge us fees.

UC General Counsel Stella Ngai cited California Public Records Act Government Code 6253 which states, "...each state or local agency...shall make the records promptly available to any person upon payment of fees covering direct costs of duplication, or a statutory fee if applicable."

Fees are not set within the UC system, she said. "Rates differ within the departments of schools because they need time to gather and produce information by copying and entering data," said Ngai. There is no consistency in fees for the UC; that is left up to each school.

So within the same state and institutions, information has a different price. But confusion and delays are a part of the process too.

Colleges have different policies on which department will handle the records, and figuring out who to send your initial request to is part of the problem.

LoMonte said each school should have a specific person in charge of a FOIA request who is knowledgeable about the law and the procedure in fulfilling a request. That is not the case at every school.

Several times after we sent out our initial request we were informed that we sent it to the wrong person or the wrong office; when sending a FOIA request you want to send it to a public information officer first.

The problem with this is that each school has a different name for the position and the department. Titles ranged from "university communications associate director" to "public information specialist."

Some of the schools forwarded our request to the correct person, others sent us contact information so that we would have to do it ourselves.

But the biggest inconsistencies were within the California State

University system. Out of the twelve CSU campuses audited, only HSU, Fresno State and Northridge fully complied with the request.

A factor to consider in regards to schools that denied information requests is the enrollment of each campus.

This information is public and campuses with a high volume of students should have the information available, but that is not always the case. We found that some schools with large enrollment numbers have no records.

CSU Long Beach has more than 36,800 students, but Gene Wohlgezogen, from the Office of Information Security Management & Compliance, said in an e-mail they did not find any records that were responsive to the request. This campus has the second-highest enrollment out of the 23 CSU's.

In Wohlgezogen's response, he referred inquires to the Office of Judicial Affairs for an explanation, but our phone calls to that office remain unanswered.

Obtaining information is hard when files are missing. Four of the 34 campuses audited admitted they only kept partial records.

These problems are not unique to California. Out of five schools in Oregon, only one fulfilled the request. One other has partial records and could not comply, and the other three failed to fulfill our requests.

Access to "public information" is tedious and can be expensive, but what is there to do? LoMonte thinks the solution lies with the federal government. It should setup FOIA offices at the state level to process requests, he said.

"Right now it [has] 10,000 officers at 10,000 locations making individual judgment calls," said LoMonte. "The average citizen is not going to have the time."

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Swine Flu triggers global traveling scare

Virus could put university trip to Mexico on hold

Matt Drange
Staff Writer

Twenty Six HSU students are hoping to get the green light from the university for an extended education trip to Oaxaca, Mexico. The recent outbreak of the H1N1 virus, or swine flu, has the status of the annual summer program up in the air.

Study Abroad Adviser Penelope Shaw expressed concern over what she termed "a delicate issue".

"Right now we are working to gather the latest information to determine if it is safe enough to go," she said. "The safety of the students involved is our primary concern."

Last week a group including representatives from the Humboldt State Emergency Management Team, the Department of World Languages and Cultures, and the Student Health Center met to discuss the impact the flu could have on the trip.

This Friday they will come together for a second time to make a final decision.

Jenine Prus has spent the last five months in Oaxaca on a bi-lateral exchange program. She first arrived in Oaxaca a year ago as part of the 10-week summer immersion program offered through the World Languages and Cultures Department.

"I loved it so much that I had to come back," she said. Despite the recent outbreak of the swine flu, the graduating senior is not afraid to return home to Michigan this week.

"I am pretty skeptical of a lot of the attention that people are giving this virus," said the International Studies and Globalization major. "I am not worried about going home and I have every intention of keeping my travel plans."

Many people have cancelled their plans in the wake of rising fear over the flu. The result is drastically lower airline fares around the globe, an opportunity that Prus made sure to take advantage of to see her family. "When I bought my ticket online the price was literally half what it was a month ago," she said.

Shaw says that the immersion program is one of the most popular trips offered. Students who attend will get to live with a host family, helping out with community projects while learning advanced Spanish. But students hoping to make the same trip Prus did are not sure if their summer dreams will become a reality. The program, which is held at Benito Juarez University, includes a full slate of units with both field experience courses as well as advanced Spanish classes.

All public and private schools from preschool through graduate school have been closed, with university and preparatory students set to return to class tomorrow. The Mexican government has taken an aggressive stance to limit the spread of the virus, closing down all restaurants, museums, churches, and libraries.

"Some people are taking this very seriously, going to work everyday with a mask on," said Prus. "But then you have the people who think it's just a big conspiracy theory for the government to distract us."

Prus said that people tend to have a skeptical view of the government. "There is a saying that if the government tells you not to worry, you should worry," she said. "And vice versa."

HSU staff and faculty have been monitoring public websites such as the World Health Organization and Center for Disease Control for up to date information. The University has also been in contact with the American Council and colleagues in Oaxaca for daily updates.

One concern is the students who are slated to travel through Mexico City before reaching Oaxaca, which is about a five-hour drive away. "Here in Oaxaca we haven't really seen a whole lot of physical evidence of this," said Prus. "But I wouldn't travel to Mexico City right now if my life depended on it."

The epicenter of the outbreak is believed to be Mexico City. With a **See Oaxaca, next page**



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Oaxaca: Swine Flu may put trip on hold

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population of over 22 million, the greater Mexico City area it is the largest metropolitan area in the Western Hemisphere. Prus pointed to the health aspects that loom large in a city where hygiene is always an issue.

The attack-rate, or the success of the virus in infecting those who come in contact with it, is similar to the regular flu. About one in four people who are exposed to H1N1 will come down with symptoms, which include an incubation period of about one week when the virus can be spread to others.

Since the group is not traveling together, each student has to arrange their own travel plans. While the University is obligated to reimburse students for the fees related to the program, other aspects like the plane ticket will be lost if the students are not allowed to go.

Steve Moore is a supervising health nurse with the Humboldt County Department of Health. He is concerned at the possibility of the H1N1 virus reaching rural Humboldt County.

"As of this point we have not had any confirmed cases," he said. "But that does not mean that it isn't

here yet - I wouldn't be surprised if some evidence of it did come up before this is all over."

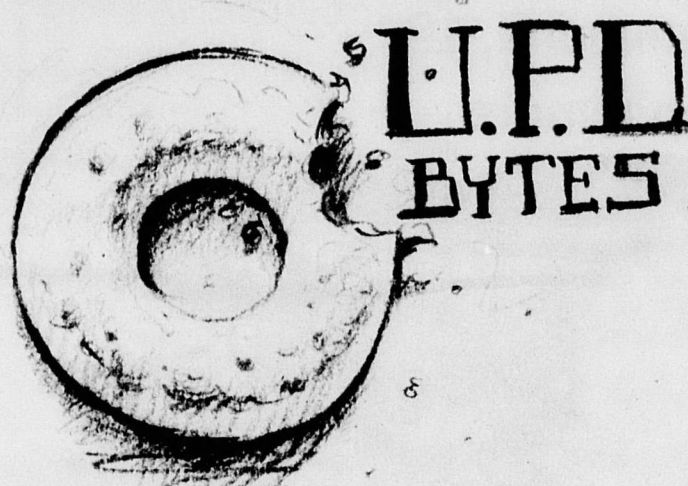
What makes the H1N1 virus distinct from the typical flu is that it is a "novel strain," or one that has not been seen in humans before. Since the recent outbreak of the virus coincided with the tail end of the regular flu season, diagnosing patients is becoming increasingly difficult.

Local doctors and hospitals are working together with the health department to sample all patients who fit the following criteria: have a fever over 100 degrees, a severe cough/sore throat and, most importantly, have traveled to Mexico within the past seven days.

"At this point it is the unknown that has people worried about Swine Flu," said Moore. "Hopefully we can get a better idea of what the virus has in store for us in the coming weeks."

In the mean-time students continue to wait for the green light to head down to Oaxaca, hoping to get the same opportunity that Prus had.

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1:31 a.m., 5/1/2009

UPD broke up a loud verbal dispute outside of Pepperwood hall, and sent the two parties on their separate ways.

2:28 a.m., 5/1/2009

UPD was called to quiet some loudmouths on a Redwood Manor balcony. When UPD arrived, there were only quiet mouths to be seen on the balcony.

3:51 p.m., 5 - 1 - 2009

UPD was called to assist with a fire on 13th Street. When they arrived, the fire department confirmed that there was not a fire there to be dealt with. False alarm.

9:39 p.m., 5 - 1 - 2009

The burglary alarm went off at the field house. The person who tripped the alarm was outside. They were not a burglar.

1:18 a.m., 5 - 2 - 2009

UPD was called to remove 10 or so people from the West

Gym who were still playing basketball, in spite of the poor fellow trying to lock up. They left, and we'll never know who won. GO JACKS!

1:59 a.m., 5 - 2 - 2009

Two men were arrested at the pedestrian underpass for being drunk in public.

3:21 a.m., 5 - 2 - 2009

A man was arrested for vandalism in the area of the pedestrian underpass, which is such an unlikely and unusual place for vandalism. He attempted to run away before he was arrested.

3:49 a.m., 5 - 2 - 2009

UPD encountered an old model car with no license plates. The driver was warned to get those plates.

1:13 p.m., 5 - 2 - 2009

UPD responded to a 911 hang-up call from a call box. Nobody was there when UPD arrived. Spooky.

2:00 p.m., 5 - 2 - 2009

UPD reported a disturbance in Sunset Hall. They wouldn't say what kind of disturbance, only that someone was disturbed enough to tell them about it.

9:22 p.m., 5 - 2 - 2009

A driver on Granite Avenue was cited for a missing tail light and having no proof of insurance.

10:10 p.m., 5 - 2 - 2009

A man was cited for passing unsafely on LK Wood Blvd. His passenger was cited for drinking in the car.

11:30 p.m., 5 - 2 - 2009

A driver by the Arcata skatepark was cited for having no license plates and failing to notify the DMV that they changed their address.

12:08 p.m., 5 - 3 - 2009

Grand theft, meaning more than \$400, was reported at the library. UPD has taken up the case.

1:52 p.m., 5 - 3 - 2009

A man was arrested on the quad for two outstanding warrants, and given a warning never to appear on the HSU campus again.

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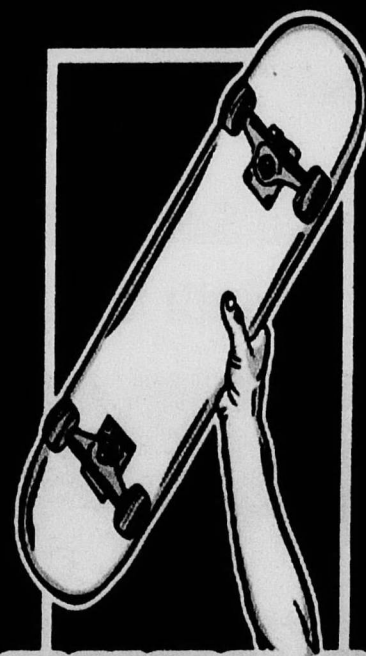


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Tighe Lemieux, 33
Music senior



Heather Freitas, 23
Sociology senior

Working on the Seventh Generation Fund for Indian Development, a local non-profit



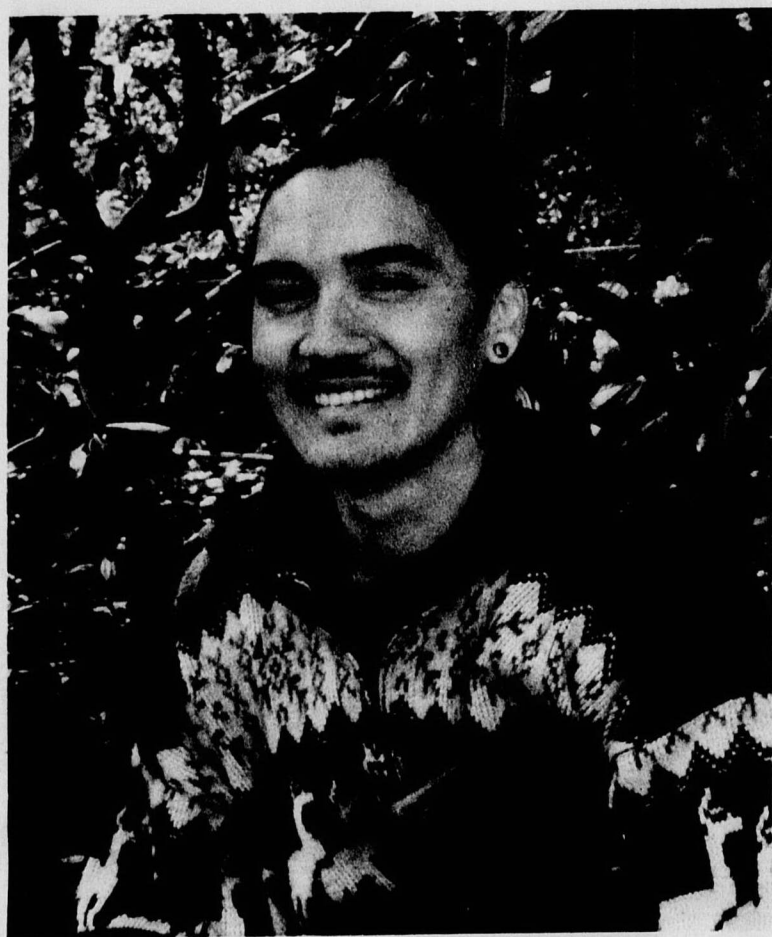
Going to work at Starbucks and doing a musical theater performance of "Jekyll and Hyde" at the Ferndale Repertoire.

Kalea Hammond, 19
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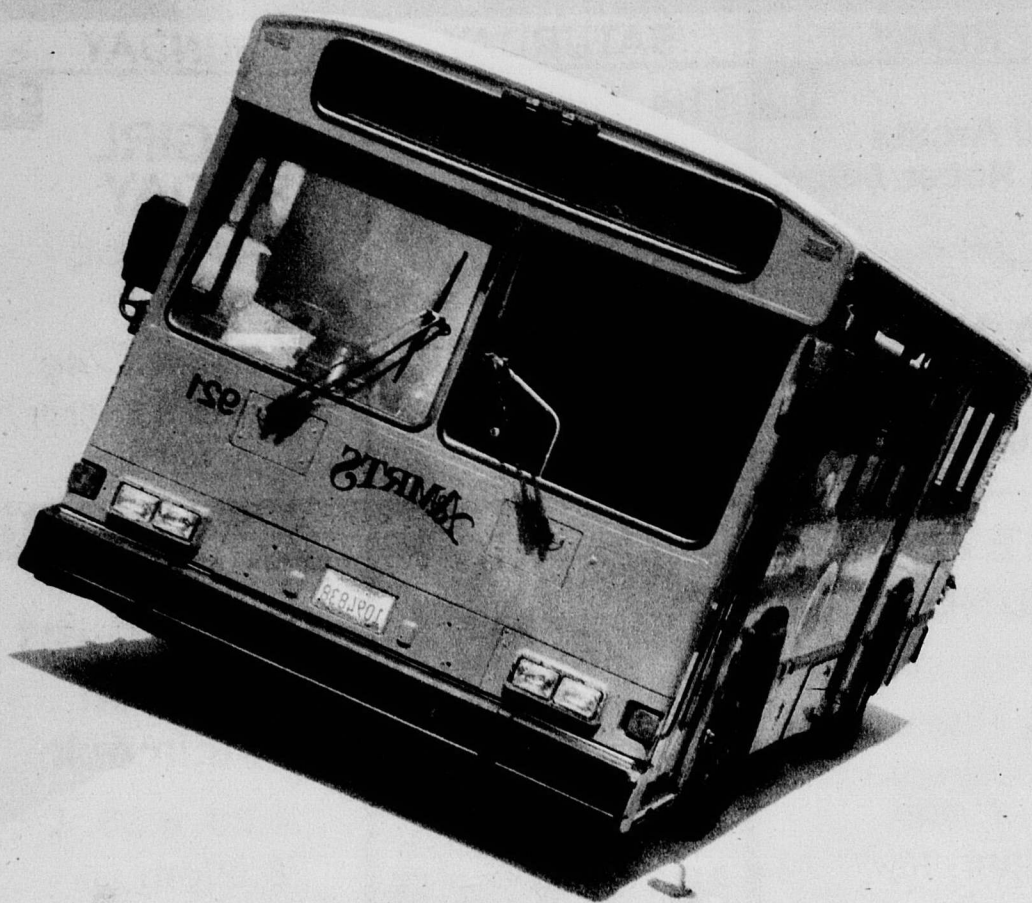
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Jack Pass helps save the planet

HSU receives award for alternative transportation

Jason Robo

Staff Writer



To use the Jack Pass program, HSU students just need to swipe their student ID cards when boarding the bus. | Allyson Riggs

The National Wildlife Federation has named Humboldt State University a winner in the annual Chill Out competition. HSU was one of eight universities across the nation to be honored with the award. The Chill Out competition promotes universities reducing their carbon footprint in an effort to prevent global warming.

Jessica Lamm, an HSU student and Marketing and Communications intern, wrote a succinct essay entering HSU in the transportation category for the Jack Pass program.

The university's Jack Pass program was selected by the Wildlife Federation for its innovative approach to promoting public transportation. The Jack Pass benefits each HSU student, giving them unlimited rides on public transportation across Humboldt County. The Eureka Transit Service, Humboldt Transit Authority and Arcata and Mad River Transit System also participate in the program.

"We live in a rural county," Lamm explains. "People have a long way to travel to get to school." The Jack Pass gives access to public transportation along the Highway 101 corri-

dor from Trinidad to Scotia, including Eureka, Valley East and Valley West in Arcata.

"I use the Jack Pass almost every day," says HSU student Sam Kempton-Hein, a Music junior. Kempton-Hein explains that it makes life a whole lot easier, since she doesn't live downtown. "It is a very handy tool in my life," she

says.

In 2007, the program was implemented at HSU, charging a mandatory \$15 fee each semester with every student's registration. Green Wheels, an HSU campus club promoting alternative transportation, promoted the program and passed it through a special election by Associated Students.

Aaron Flores, a 20-year-old chemistry major, frequently uses the Jack Pass since his car broke down. "The bus picks me up every morning right at Foster and Alliance in Arcata," says Flores. "It is really convenient being able to get to school and back."

Former HSU Web Editor David Lawlor was part of the team that entered HSU in the contest. "It is great to be recognized on a national level for the Jack

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-David Lawlor, former HSU web editor

Pass program," says Lawlor. "For decades Humboldt State has been a leader in environmentally responsible practices. This award affirms and recognizes the university's continued commitment to sustainability."

Approximately half a million Jack Pass bus rides have been taken, according to Tom Dewey, HSU's University Police Department chief. The number of parking permits sold since the program began dropped by 526.

Another impact of the program is that a parking structure has been put on the back burner, says Lamm.

Faculty and staff are also eligible to purchase Jack Pass access for \$60 during the spring and fall semesters, and \$45 for summer.

Lamm says, "No school I've ever been to gives students a free ride like Jack Pass."

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HSU students board the Gold Route on Foster Avenue in Arcata for a ride to school Tuesday May 5.
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Graduates pledge to take jobs that cause no harm to the earth

Kayla Gunderson
Staff Writer

The room was nearly empty. The turn out was expected to at least be in the teens. Six people sat there waiting for more people to show up. They didn't, but the Graduation Pledge Alliance program meeting went on. "I hoped we would have had some club representatives here," said Brea Sorrells.

The Graduation Pledge Alliance is an Associated Students program, and the coordinators had a rough start re-initiating it. But it is continually getting better with Adam Cockrill and Sorrells as co-coordinators and Chris DeHart as the program adviser.

A group of HSU students that formed a club called Student Citizens for Social Responsibility

started the Graduation Pledge Alliance in 1987. There were 10 members total, and they were concerned about the threat of a Nuclear Arms race between the U.S. and Russia.

After a long night of discussing "the plight" of the world, one club member and community activist, Matt Nicodemus, decided to come up with an oath. An oath that would remind the HSU graduating class every year to seriously consider the role they play in American society, as well as in the rest of the world.

Then Jennifer Berman and Nicodemus decided to craft a pledge that a student can optionally sign when they graduate from college. Some of you may know about the graduation

pledge and some of you may not.

"I pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider and will try to improve these aspects of any organization for which I work."

Although this isn't the exact pledge that Berman and Nicodemus created, it still has the same idea behind it: students take what they have learned from HSU and implement them into their future careers.

The Pledge Alliance is now an international organization with over 100 schools that actively participate, or participated in the past. Bentley University in Massachusetts is now the host college to the program.

"Each campus does their own variation of the pledge," said DeHart. Thousands of students have signed the pledge before they graduate. The



Pledge Alliance slipped through the cracks at HSU and there are a series of reasons why. "People power is a problem and publicity is key," said Sorrells. There were other problems that the six people at the club meeting in early April talked openly about, but everyone is trying to focus on the positives and not dwell on the negatives.

"Administration needs to be held accountable for the promises they make to us," said Sorrells. "It is disappointing as a student."

The people in the program feel that it is important to be a legacy on campus and that students know what the Pledge Alliance is, especially since administration

uses it as a marketing tactic for HSU.

The Pledge Alliance is currently working on a list of tasks that will hopefully enable them to spread the word and awareness of the Pledge Alliance. The program is working on a new strategic plan as well as doing listening sessions with students, staff and administration to hear what they want to see in three to five years ahead

with the Pledge Alliance.

"We are looking for ways to strengthen the pledge through the community," said DeHart. "We need to be much better at integrating the [Pledge Alliance] through the fabric of the campus."

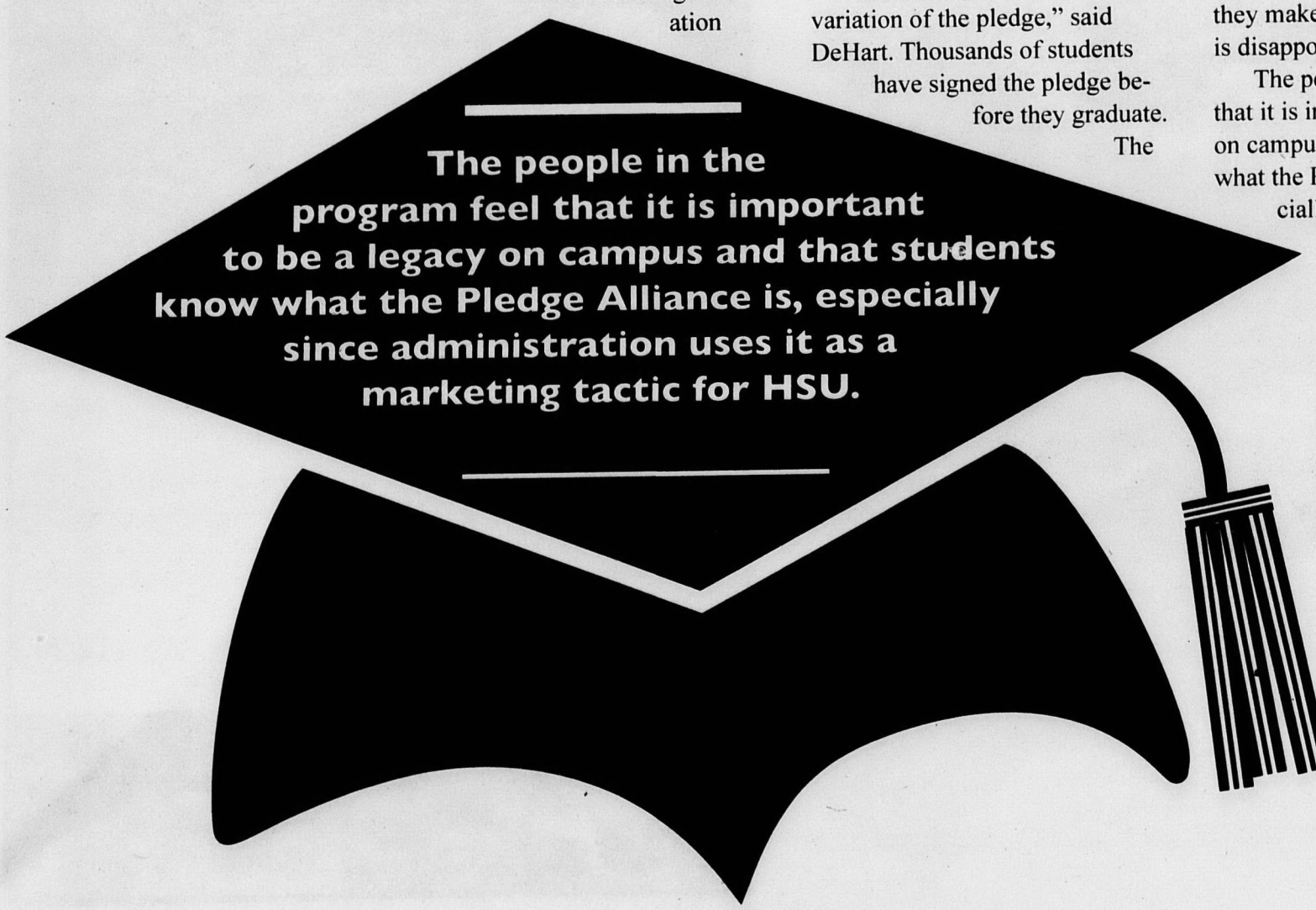
The future of the program and implementing the goals they painstakingly worked for over the past semester is left in the hands of Cockrill. He will become the coordinator of Pledge Alliance next semester.

"I want the program to start regulator for the administration to make sure that they are being sustainable," said Cockrill. "We want to change things and make the campus sustainable once and for all." Cockrill is working on making people more aware of the Pledge Alliance by working on publicity, integrating into the curriculum, and forming more coalitions with clubs and organizations on campus.

He also plans on creating a feedback system to know if the graduation pledge is actually being implemented after people graduate.

"The [Pledge Alliance] is an important facet of the HSU campus legacy," said DeHart.

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Gender-neutral housing expands

Dottie Guido

Staff Writer

HSU is a national leading example of a supportive, socially just, on-campus housing community. It made leaps and bounds above most of the universities in the nation, and became the high standard that other university housing staffs look to meet.

Gender-neutral housing is not to be confused with coed living. Coed dorms allow you to stay in the same building with the opposite sex, but not in the same room.

In gender-neutral housing, you can stay in a room with the opposite sex. It is designed to be a safe space on campus where students won't feel threatened or judged by their gender or sexuality. There is no specific gender that must room with a specific gender, and no established bathroom codes; only a small and loving community of students that encourage and support each other.

Erin Sandvold, and incoming transfer student from Southern California, said, "I'm absolutely thrilled about coming to HSU with its openness and supportive campus community. Having things like gender-

neutral housing is something unique and special about this school, and is part of what attracted me to want to transfer."

Already in its third year of creation and establishment, gender-neutral housing only gets larger and in more demand. Across the nation, more and more universities are attempting to provide a safe space on campus for incoming freshman and returning students alike to explore and feel comfortable with their sexuality, while achieving their higher education.

In California, HSU stands at the top of the list of innovative universities with a "gender-blind" living community, along with UC Riverside and UC Santa Cruz with their introduction of coed bathrooms in on campus housing.

Nick Sweeton, head organizer of gender-neutral housing said, "We can only hope that

this area keeps expanding, and that more of the universities will follow suit. We have discovered that a mixed-gender environment is better for the community on campus, and creates a more well-rounded student. We are ecstatic to have so much interest in this community, and to have it be so well supported and encouraged."

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-Nick Sweeton, head organizer of gender-neutral housing

Sweeton also said that housing had plans for unisex bathrooms in some of the dormitories, however, because of California state law, the cost was too much of a burden

on the housing budget. Housing and dining services plan to find other ways of integrating a non-judgmental supportive attitude throughout on-campus housing and into the entire university campus.

This year, housing was faced with competing priorities. Large numbers of both

incoming students and returning students requested to live in gender-neutral housing. The area has a specific application process. According to housing, you must provide an essay explaining to them why you want to live there, and how you will benefit and contribute to the gender-neutral community.

For this past year, housing set aside two suites in Cypress (the equivalent of 24 people) for gender-neutral housing. With the new demand on this special living area, however, housing maneuvered arrangements by adding a Creekview suite and an extra Cypress suite to allow twice as many students to live gender-neutral in the upcoming year.

Nathaniel Grey, the Living Group adviser for the upcoming year (2009-2010) said, "I hope to provide the community with the support it needs. I'm excited about the large amount of interest in the community and hope that the incoming residents are just as excited."

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MultiCultural Center honors graduates

Amber Duka

Staff Writer

As hundreds of visitors begin to trickle into the small town of Arcata, graduation is on every senior's mind. The proud moment when students will step onto a platform as their name is called, and accept their degree. But some students have decided to participate in a smaller, more intimate ceremony this year.

The MultiCultural Center (MCC) offers students of color the option to graduate with their fellow peers. On Friday, May 15, The MCC will have four ceremonies to honor students of color and their families: Black Graduation, the Asian Pacific Islander Lei, Graduacion Latina and a Native American Sash Ceremony.

Some students who participate in the ceremonies are the first to graduate in their families.. This is the case for Camille Copeland, a Kinesiology senior with a minor in Health Education. "I am the first in my immediate family to graduate from college, I am so excited," Copeland explained.

Copeland said the ceremony honors her heritage via colors, art and a national anthem. "The ceremony also honors those who have helped me along my journey. In an institution with such a small black community, why not participate in one last space of solidarity. I have spent the last few years of my college career with these people, and it is a huge milestone in our lives."

MCC graduations promote and reward students of color for their accomplishments and the journey the have ahead of them. Marylyn Paik-Nicely, the director at the MCC said, "These ceremonies are more for the

families. It is a time [for students] to thank their loved ones, and friends for being there. There is never a dry eye in the building."

Participants in MCC graduations can still participate in the graduation ceremony on May 16. To close up the weekend, the MCC will hold a MultiCultural Graduation Bash held on Saturday, May 16, at 5 p.m. in the MCC parking lot. There will be food and music, and a place to have a good time.

"I have spent the last few years of my college career with these people, and it is a huge milestone in our lives."

-Camille Copeland, Kinesiology major

To participate in one of the MCC graduations or to learn more about the ceremonies, check out the MCC website at www.studentaffairs.humboldt.edu/multicultural.

Or check out the MCC at House 55, located right behind the library, across from the Bret Harte House.

Looking back, HSU alumni Desmond Maxwell was proud to be a part of the smaller ceremony. "I am glad that I participated in Black Graduation. It is something you can share with your family, and it is more intimate than the ceremony held in the Redwood Bowl."

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Students, professors offer tips

Jade Copple

Staff Writer

The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming and everyone is making plans for the summer. But with every semester's end comes an unfortunate, but inevitable period of panic, cramming and sleep deprivation. That's right. It's time for finals.

Before you down a dozen Red Bulls and prepare to speed read, a panel of professionals and experienced students offer some tips to get you through with high grades and low stress.

Tip 1:

Start Studying Now (No Cramming!)

Scott Burgess, associate professor of computer science: "Cramming doesn't work. A student may pass a class by cramming for a final, but the same kinds of questions often arise in job interviews, where cram-

mers will no longer remember the material. The smart student builds long-term memory, not short-term memory."

Mary Coussons-Read, psychology professor and certified life coach: Set mini-deadlines to complete small sections of work. "Use these mini-deadlines to get you in position to make the larger ones."

Gilbert Cline, professor of music: Study over the entire 15 weeks. "Cramming late in the semester is a bad plan."

Kenneth Renshaw, Self-proclaimed time-management expert: "Spacing your studying over a number of days or weeks results in a lot better memory than cramming."

Rachel Stathem Poertner, HSU graduate: "Do not stay up all night studying for the exam. Your brain will be so fried by the day of the exam. No amount of coffee, soda, energy bars, cold showers, or anything else will work to wake you up."

Tip 2:

Choose Your Review Material Wisely

Burgess: Review lecture notes for at least 15-30 minutes per course per week

Cline: I pull my test material from both class "lecture" concepts and information and the textbook. Everyone needs to study both.

Renshaw: If you can, tape lectures for review later.

Jeffrey Haag, associate professor of mathematics: Go in reverse. "Start with the most recent material and work backwards to the beginning of the course. One might choose to focus on weak points, but it is very important to be extremely solid with basic material too."

Cierra Rawlings, Mathematics major, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo: "I go back over all of the homework. If I find something I need to review, I go over my notes and the book."

Ann Alter, professor of film: Read, read, read! "Read the study guides. Read the text. Read the notes."

Tip 3:

Don't Be Afraid to Ask Questions

Burgess: "Participate fully... Be active in asking questions in lectures."

Cline: Ask questions of your teachers and your peers. Take advantage of office hours.

Rawlings: I make a list of topics I may want to ask the professor about.

Tip 4:

Look Back on Old Work

Coussons: "Do a 'post-mortem' on a completed assignment or paper." Evaluate what you did wrong, right, and what you can do differently this time around.

Rawlings: I go back over all my homework. If there was a topic I didn't do well on, I look for it in

the book and in my notes.

Haag: Study notes, your textbook, homework, quizzes, and past midterms. "I often encourage students not to take notes, so they can follow what I am doing in class. In this case what do they study? The book and homework exercises."

Tip 5:

Put That Pen to Good Use

Cline: "One [tip] which I learned far too late is 'don't be afraid to mark the textbook'. It's yours!" Also try to rewrite notes in any way you can.

Rawlings: I make "First, I make a chart or list of all of the main topics and concepts in the class. The ones I don't understand I write on a separate list. I then review the topics I still need to learn."

Renshaw: If you can, underline what you think is important.

Tip 6:

Study in Creative Ways

Felix Sanchez, English major, HSU: "I say to myself, 'I am able to understand every single word that is written in this book. I have the capacity to overcome all the obstacles that I might face because my mind has no limitations.'"

Cline: Use index cards when studying by yourself or in a group. "They are old-fashioned, but this technique works." Also have friends quiz you on the topics you need to review.

Jamie Novak, professional organizer/Author of The Get Organized Answer Book: Organize your papers by topic for each class. Put them in files or large mailing envelopes. "You can grab the one you need to work on or take with you."

Tip 7:

Utilize the Study Guide, But Don't Rely On It

Poertner: "Study sheets imply that students don't have to know stuff." It is ultimately the student's responsibility to determine which material is the most important.

Burgess: "I provide study guides for my final exams. They outline what the students should expect on the exam and give a good idea what I plan to emphasize."


Cline: "Exams are usually a 'polling sample' of the big picture. Just like life. Do not expect a study guide which tells which answers to prepare for. That is not life."

Tip 8:

Don't Get Distracted

Coussons-Read: If you get distracted at home, work in a less distracting area. Inform everyone you are turning off your phone and set specific times to

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check email and messages throughout the day.

Cline: Give your brain a moment to recharge. "In long study sessions, definitely take breaks."

Tip 9:

Reward Yourself

Coussons-Read: If you've completed a goal or succeeded in a study behavior you don't usually do, give yourself a reward. "Maybe your reward is a massage or a movie or a long nap, but be sure to do something to reinforce that new behavior."

Tip 10:

Go To Class

Burgess: Do not skip class. "You are investing tens of thousands of dollars and four to six years of your life to get a bachelor's degree. Isn't that worth the effort to get the most out of your classes?"

Cline: You can not rely someone else's notes. "Your notes are most meaningful to you. Notes of others are seldom effective to a second reader."

Tip 11:

Take Care of Yourself

Alter: Don't go out partying when you should studying.

Sanchez: Instead of stressing, think positive. "Give thanks for all the good things you have."

Renshaw: "Take short breaks when you get tired and make sure you get plenty of sleep and rest during test week."

Rawlings: "I also make sure I go to the gym or get some exercise in during finals and around midterms. It clears my mind and relieves so much stress."

Tip 12:

Getting There is Half the Battle

Renshaw: Get to class early. "My alarm clock failed to ring and I awoke five minutes before I had to take my graduate exam. That was not good!"

Tip 13:

If You Don't Know It, Fake It!

Erika Marty, German and Global Studies double-major, UCSB: "I bring a coin to the test." When I don't know an answer, "I try to narrow it down to two answers and then I flip a coin and go with that answer."

Cline: When you don't know it, don't fold. "Look at all areas of the exam. Place a 'to do' mark and come back to it. Often some other part of the exam will trigger your memory as to the right answer or a good answer. Write more on the answers you know well, but not too much."

Tip 14:

Budget Your Time

Poertner: During the exam, budget your time wisely. "Take all the time you have. Don't leave early. It's normal to have just enough time, or to be pressed at the end."

Tip 15:

Cut Yourself Some Slack

Poertner: "Odds are, no student will get 100 percent on the exam." Strive for your personal best.

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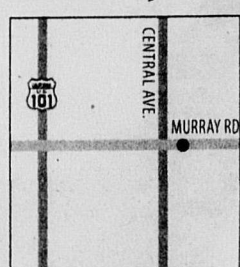
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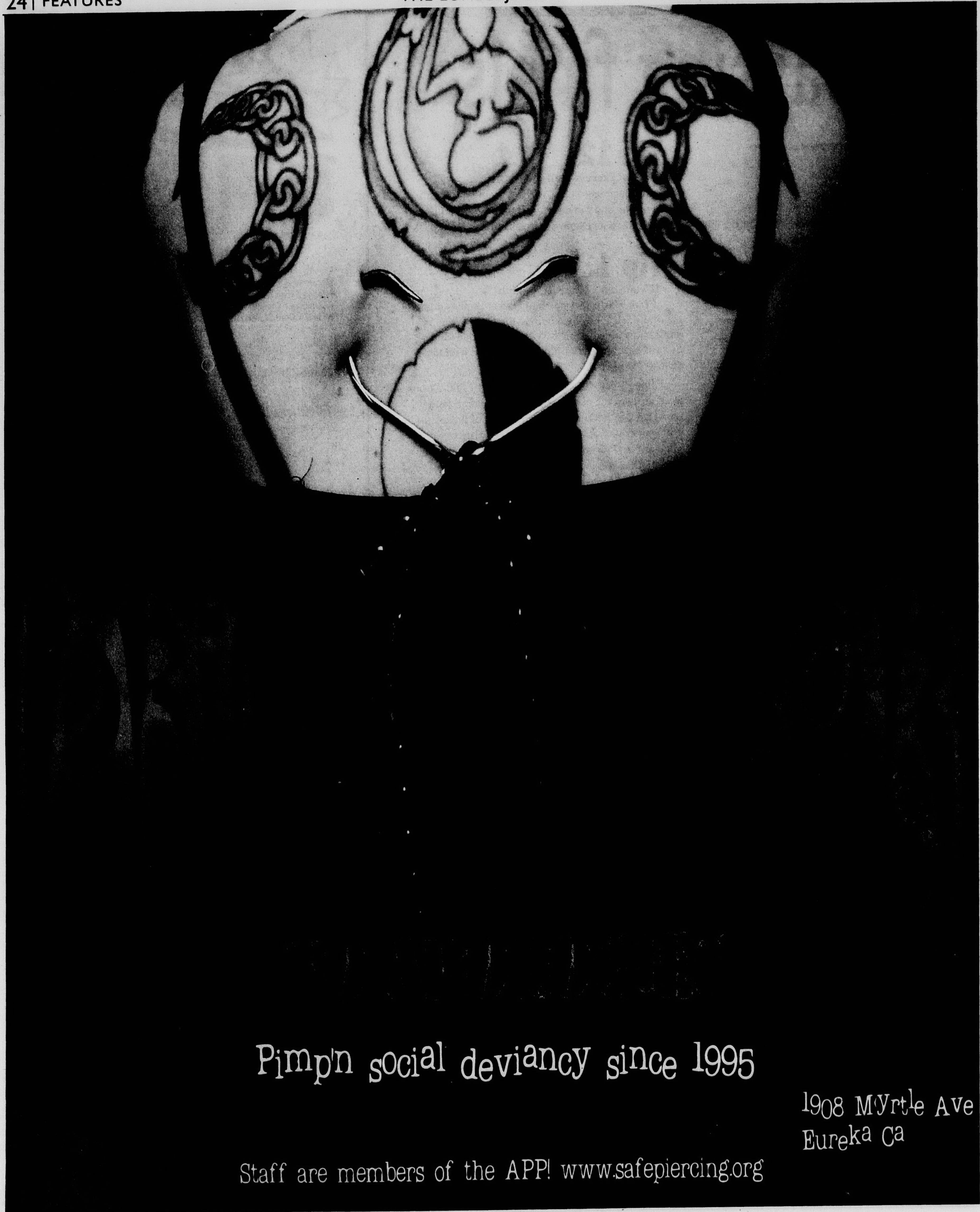
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Five things to do over the summer in Humboldt County

Amber Duka

Staff Writer



The Kinetic Grand Sculpture Race is one of the five things to see this summer in Humboldt County.

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Summer is almost here. While hundreds of students prepare to head home, some students decide to stay in Humboldt County for the summer months. During the months of May through July the weather is pretty fantastic. It is a drastic change from the heavy wind and rain. During these beautiful months there are many things to do. However, here is a list of five things you can do this break.

1. Attend a Humboldt Crabs' Game

Located in Downtown Arcata, Crabs' games are the place to be during the summer. This semi-pro team is set to start their 65th season on June 6, 2009. "Crabs' games are the best," HSU student Crystal Parra, said. "Everyone is there drinking their beer and soaking in the sun. It's a part of the summer in Humboldt County." Games are a treat for the entire family, because the Crabs bring America's favorite pastime with a small-town twist.

2. Go to the River

Whether it's traveling to Willow Creek, Kimtu or Sandy Bar there are many places to enjoy the sun along the river. Trisha Alaba, a Psychology senior, said, "When we go to the river, we layout and tan, enjoy the

sun, float on tubes, basically do everything and anything." If cliff jumping is more your style that can be done too, but just remember to be safe. Drinking and the river tend to go hand-in-hand, which can be dangerous. Just remember to have a designated driver to manage that tough 299 route.

3. Kinetic Grand Sculpture Race

Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the Kinetic Grand Sculpture Race is a sight to see. The three-day event takes place on Memorial Weekend. Participants race their sculptures through land, rough terrain and water. The race is a showcase of art, skill and competitive nature. Rachel Warze, a Kinesiology senior, said her favorite part is the start of the race. "They start on the plaza, so you get to walk around and check out everyone's sculpture," said Warze. "It is very interesting." The 42-mile trek starts off in Arcata and ends in Ferndale on the final day.

4. Fern Canyon

Located 50 miles north of Eureka, Fern Canyon has been known to take some people's breath away. "It is one of the coolest places I have ever been to," said Kristen Harmon, a Nursing sophomore at College of

the Redwoods. "I had never been to a national park before, and it was just so pretty." Many people might even notice the location without even stepping a foot near Fern Canyon. Steven Spielberg used this majestic place as a background in his movie "Jurassic Park: The Lost World." The lush ferns and the unique wildlife make for a one-of-a-kind experience.

5. Reggae Rising

For the third year in a row, Reggae Rising is set to take place July 31 through August 2, 2009. Located right outside of Garberville, reggae enthusiasts flock to the small town to see such acts as UB40, Junior Reed and Mr. Vegas. Karina Hernandez, a junior at Cal State Los Angeles, said, "Even down here in Southern California, we know about Reggae Rising. I made it up last year, and it was one of the coolest experiences of my life. I'm trying to save up money so I can go again." This year's line up proves to bring the success of past events. Hitting the stage this year is Gentleman and The Far, The Original Wailers, ASWAD, and many more.

Whatever you decide to do this summer, make sure you take the time to embrace all that Humboldt County has to offer.

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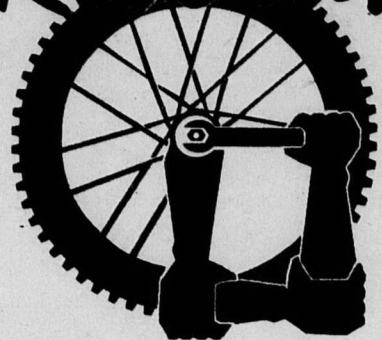
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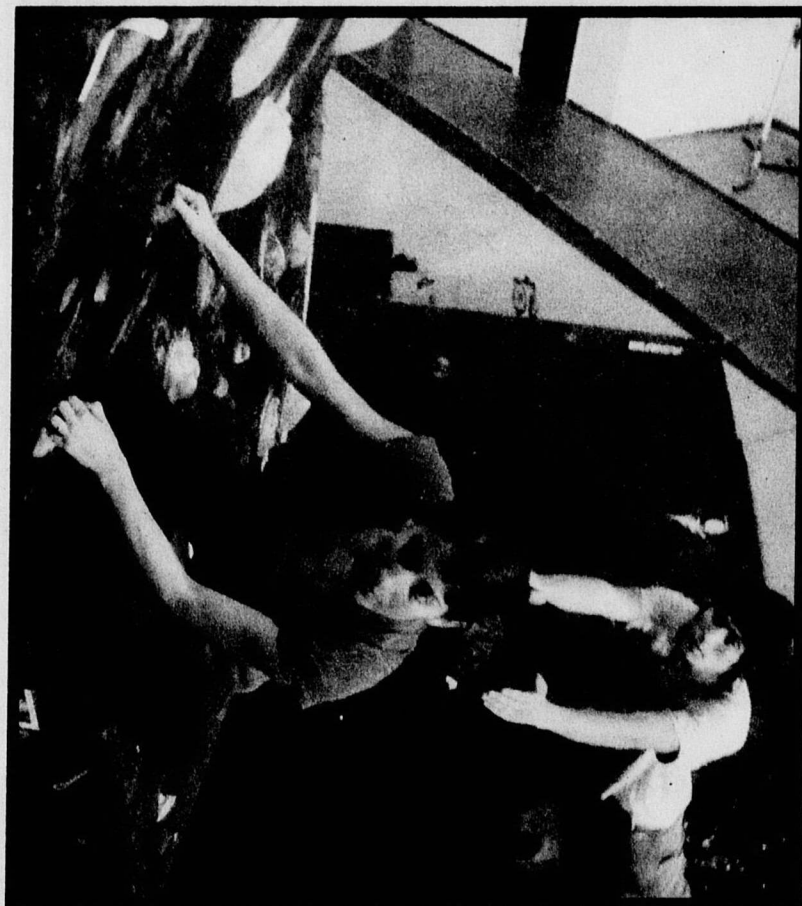
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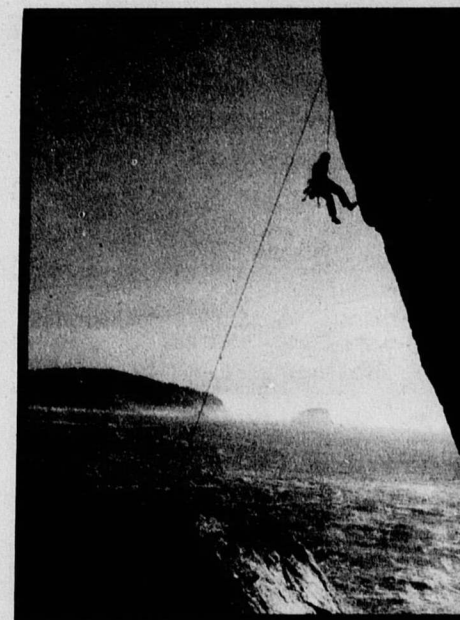
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Calypso

Hands glide over steel drums and tropical melodies fill the air. Arms wave as hips gently sway to the HSU Calypso Band's performance of "Astrud". The calypso band performed May 2 in the Van Duzer Theater, rousing the audience with their upbeat sounds and enthusiastic stage presence. The performance included traditional music inspired by the musicians of Trinidad as well as the Caribbean, Latin America and Africa.



Faces of
Humboldt:

Former player's diabetic fight

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At the age of four, Brad Hunkins, former HSU football player and Social Science senior, learned a valuable life lesson. Things aren't always as they appear.

During a camping adventure with his grandparents, Hunkins and his grandfather decided to go fishing. Along the way, Hunkins had been warned about the river. As the fishing trip wrapped up, Hunkins insisted that he saw a shark



Senior Brad Hunkins pauses for a quick photo Monday, April 27 above Redwood Bowl, a familiar place for the former HSU football defensive end. | Allyson Riggs

in the water. He yelled and told his grandfather that the shark had come out of the water and was going to trace him back to the campsite.

What he didn't see was that a woman was carrying an inflatable shark with her. This story is often retold to family and friends to help Hunkins remember that everything is not what it seems.

The Sutter Creek native was 10-years-old when he was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. According to the American Diabetes Association, Type 1 diabetes occurs when the body does not produce insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starch and other foods into energy.

"I was mad at first, but life goes on and you have to learn to deal with it," Hunkins explained.

His parents, Kelly and Scott Hunkins, were in complete shock when they learned about Hunkins's diagnosis. One reason they were dumbfounded was because Hunkins' older sister, Alison, had been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes the year before.

According to the Genetic Health Web site, "Out of 10 people with diabetes, eight of those people have no family member with the disease, while the other two have at least one member with the disease." The chance of having siblings with Type 1 diabetes is very rare.

"When Brad and Alison were diagnosed, we didn't know what Diabetes was, so we had to learn a lot in a short amount of time," Kelly Hunkins said. "We have no history of chronic diseases in our family, so we were shocked to learn two of our three children had the disease."

The family adopted the philosophy, "it is what it is." They learned to take the diagnosis in stride. They learned to live and adjust their lives to it. "Early on, the whole family lived the life of a diabetic," Kelly Hunkins said. "We ate on their schedule and only the foods they could eat."

But growing up in a world where sugar and sweets are

your arch nemesis is difficult for a child.

"I was mad at first, but then my parents started paying me for my Halloween candy," Hunkins said. "I used to get 25 cents for each small piece of candy and \$1 for the big bars of candy. I stopped at 13, so they didn't have to keep paying me."

As a child, Hunkins was very active and played many types of sports. From football, baseball, wrestling and a brief stint in gymnastics, Hunkins did everything.

Hunkins' parents had to monitor their children's blood sugar, so they could participate in these types of activities.

"We decided not to let the disease prevent them from succeeding," Scott Hunkins explained. "Whether it was Brad in football or Alison in basketball, we believed that the best thing for both of the kids was the ability to follow their passion."

Although Hunkins has never had any serious problems during any of his games, the former HSU defensive end has had some close calls. Every time Hunkins came off the field, his blood sugar was tested. If it was low, trainers were on-hand to give him glucose tabs to help raise his blood-sugar level. Hunkins also wears a pump at all times that keeps a steady flow of insulin into his system when he needs it.

Today, the former HSU football star says that diabetes made him work harder on and off the field. "It taught me to grow up and be responsible," Hunkins said. "It's not like a shot and you're done; you have to test your blood sugar throughout the day. Sometimes it's two times a day and other times I could test myself five times a day."

Hunkins is currently finishing up his degree and hopes to get his teaching credential. "I would love to coach at the college level, that is my goal," said Hunkins.

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Faces of
Humboldt:

The dancing king

Kayla Gunderson

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It was the type of dance that YouTube videos are made of. Ivan Castillo was dancing around his apartment to the theme song from the TV show "Friends." It was obvious by the way he was gyrating that he thought he was alone, or at least not being watched.

But then his roommate Chris Nystrom caught Castillo, an HSU sophomore studying Spanish Education and International studies. "He turned around and a look of horror spread across his face. He didn't even know I was watching him dance around ridiculously," said Nystrom, a College of the Redwoods student.

Castillo decided to come to HSU two years ago after he didn't get into his first pick, UC Davis. "I didn't know what to expect. I hadn't visited HSU before I decided to come here," said Castillo. Like many students, the experience was a culture shock.

Castillo loves to play tennis, but HSU does not have a court for him to play on. So, he started the HSU Tennis club on Facebook to find other students with the same interests. "I am bummed HSU doesn't have a tennis team or even a tennis court," he said.

He wants to start a petition to get tennis courts back on campus since the old tennis courts were taken out to

build the new Kinesiology building.

And when it comes to tennis, Castillo's older sister Carol can remember a funny moment or two. One time, when Castillo played tennis in high school, he served the ball and nailed someone right in the head. "The whole audience started to laugh," she said. "He had to walk over and apologize to the guy right in the middle of the game."

Castillo said he is close with his sister because they are only one year apart. Carol, who attends UC San Diego, regards her brother as a best friend. "I mostly miss being around him when he is making jokes," she said. "He is a good listener and very understanding. He can be really annoying too, but I love him."

Now at HSU, Castillo enjoys the laid-back atmosphere. He learned to appreciate the things he took for granted in Los Angeles. "I use to take malls for granted," Castillo said. "I used to hate them, but now I miss them." Castillo plans to exit Arcata as soon as he gets his degrees. For him there is no place like home, so he will head south, tapping his heels back to LA.

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Sophomore Ivan Castillo, who is double-majoring in Spanish Education and international studies, takes a break between classes in the Karshner Lounge on a Monday, May 4th. | Allyson Riggs

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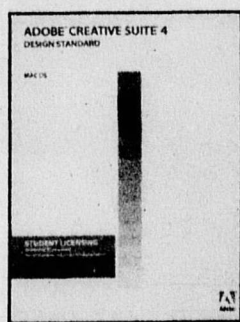
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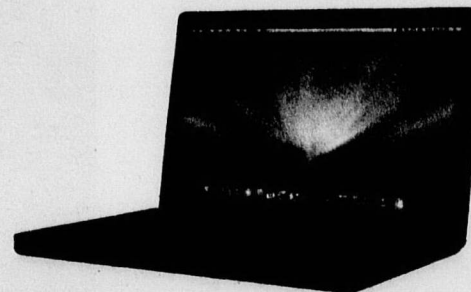
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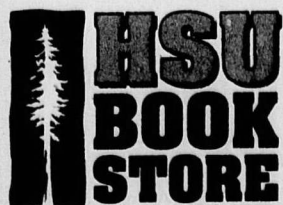
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Ten-Minute Fun

Nathaniel Ochoa
Staff Writer

Lights flicker on the darkened stage. A man is chained to a tree in the middle of the woods. His mother is there, threatening to leave him helpless for the bears to find, for one reason and one reason only: breakfast is no longer his favorite meal.

"This is fucked up," says the young man, played by Mason Daryl Lev, a 24-year-old Theater major. The play is entitled "Oatmeal Under The Elder Tree" and it is part of the 11th Annual Ten-Minute Play Festival, which takes place every year at the Gist Hall Theater. The festival features 10 different plays, all written by student playwrights. The plays vary from tales of mental illness, breaking and entering, and even a gang satire titled, "Te East London Coffee Shop."

Steven Robert King, 24-year-old Theater major and "Oatmeal Under the Elder Tree" playwright, says that he was trying to find something simple to represent the mother-son struggle, so he chose breakfast.

"Breakfast as a metaphor," King said. "People can relate it to anything they wish."

"Oatmeal Under the Elder Tree" is the first play that King produced here at HSU, and he is quite proud of the result.

"I've always been interested in

theater," King said, referencing his high school theater years. "I really like writing dialogue, but I'm not really good at describing stuff," King said with a laugh. "Theater is all about dialogue."

Director of "Oatmeal Under the Elder Tree" Kady Pomerleau, a 21-year-old Psychology and Theater double major, said that she loves how the script plays with the mother-son dynamic.

"As a Psychology major, I really appreciate that," Pomerleau said. "I love the idea as breakfast as a metaphor." As far as the costume design is concerned, Pomerleau said that she wanted to "put a 1950s spin on the play. The idea of conformity is fun to work with."

To participate in the festival, playwrights submit the plays in the Fall Semester, and then the plays are selected by the student directors late in the fall to be produced in the spring. Auditions are held in

February, and rehearsals begin after Spring Break.

It is a great opportunity for playwrights to have their work produced, King said. And the great part is, you don't have to be a Theater major to submit plays; all submissions are welcome. Pomerleau said that she is very proud of everyone involved in making the festival a success. "I'm pretty proud of this group," she says. "It's been fun."

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Students, friends and faculty honor memory of departed professor

Jennifer MacKaben

Staff Writer

Terry Yard was in his fifties when he decided to go back to school for a degree in music. Deborah Clasquin, a piano instructor at HSU, told him it would be a piece of cake. She even helped Yard land a part-time accompanist job after he graduated. "She was always really encouraging," Yard said.

Clasquin, a talented pianist, a wife and mother, and an advocate for music education, passed away Tuesday, March 10. She was a music professor for 28 years and a senior member of HSU's keyboard faculty. Clasquin was involved with the Eureka Symphony Orchestra and the Brockport Symphony. She was particularly fond of playing impressionist pieces. "I can't think of anybody who played better than she did," Yard commented.

Brian Post, HSU professor of music theory and composition, respected Clasquin as an artist and an instructor. "On a professional level, she was the pillar of the piano program," Post said. "She had an extraordinary gift for teaching." He explained how Clasquin was dedicated to her students. On her own time, she would organize trips to concerts in San Francisco. Clasquin convinced professional artists that were in town to teach master classes for her students.

"She was an engaging, insightful teacher," said Eugene Novotney, HSU's director of percussion studies. Novotney notes that Clasquin never gave up whether it was a piece of music, a performance, a student, or her life.

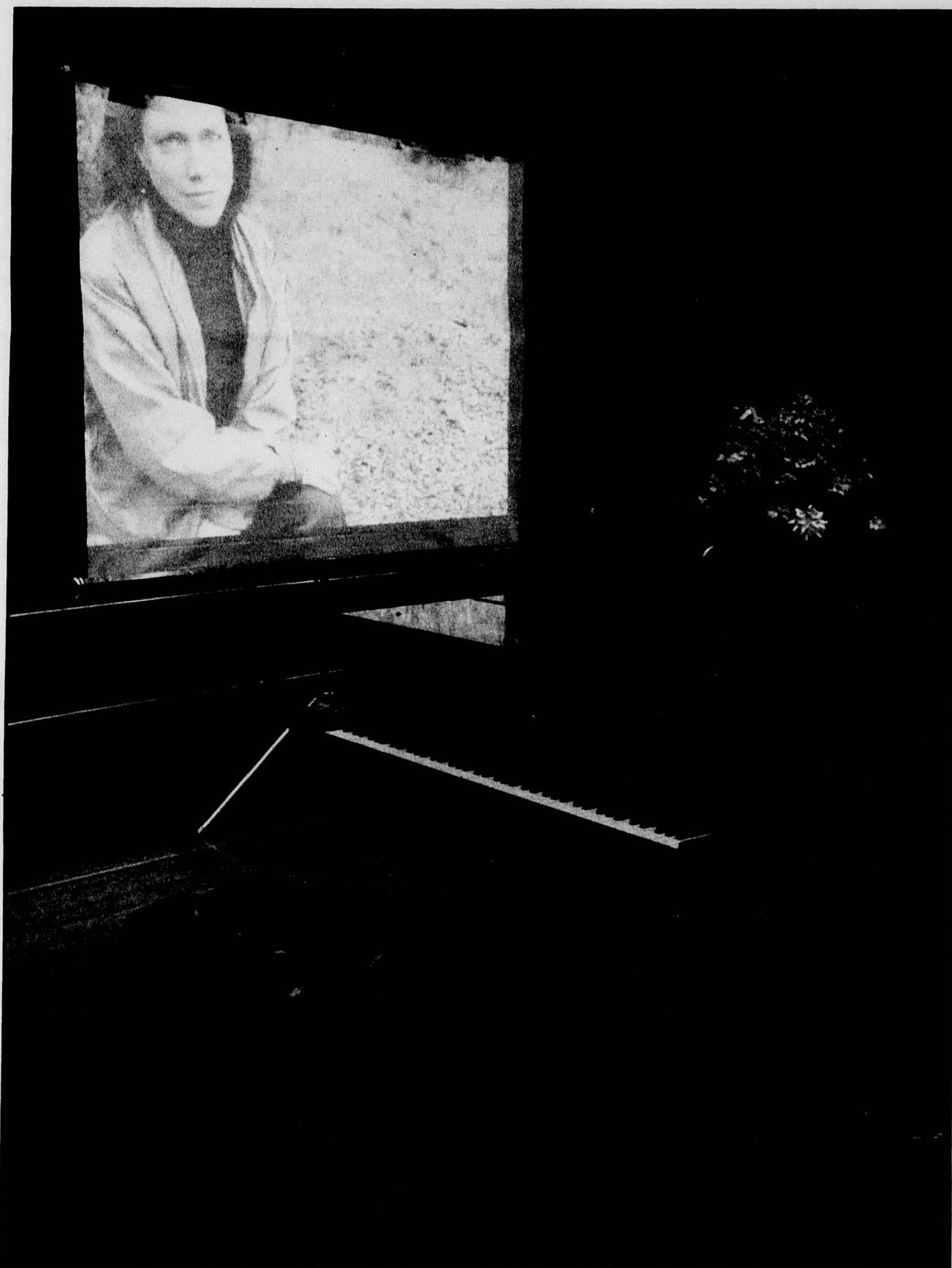
Clasquin was not interested in anyone's pity when she was diagnosed with cancer in October 2007. "She was pretty quiet about [her diagnosis]," Post said. She continued to maintain an aggressive performance schedule. She did not make any noticeable changes to her daily life. Novotney said he doesn't think he'll ever forget how brave and strong she was. "She remained solid as a rock up until her last day."

Clasquin's co-workers, students and friends came together for a memorial concert last Friday in the Fulkerson Recital Hall. Clasquin was familiar with this stage as she performed, practiced and taught there often.

All performances at the memorial concert were piano solos, with just a couple of exceptions. Her students and fellow staff members performed. Before the concert concluded, friends and acquaintances shared memories of Clasquin and the many ways in which she inspired others.

Her music and her family were the two most important constants in Clasquin's life. Her last solo performance at HSU was in October. National Public Radio broadcasted the show. She has also performed in Chicago, Boston, Washington D.C. and San Francisco. Last year Clasquin went on sabbatical to France and Russia. She appeared in concert in Paris, Kiev and Moscow. "The way she balanced her family with her music is remarkable," Novotney said. Clasquin is survived by her husband, John P. Nicklas and two daughters, Signe Nicklas and Alida Nicklas.

As a tribute to Clasquin, the music department is creating a scholarship in her name. A formal memorial concert will be held Sept. 26 to raise proceeds for the scholarship.



The piano that Deborah Clasquin often played was used during the memorial concert by friends, students and colleagues. | Alex Gautreaux

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New Web site releases stress of everyday life

Amber Duka

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It's raining, and you're running late for class. You don't have an umbrella and you have to make the trek from 4-hour parking up to Founders Hall. Interrupting your professor's lecture is not an option.

Mid-route, you run over a lawn of grass when it happens - everything moves in slow motion as your feet disappear beneath you and your hands scramble to brace your fall. You plummet to the ground. To make matters worse, you're wearing a skirt and the entire football team just saw you eat it. "F My Life."

What is "F My Life"? FMyLife.com is a Web site where people can rant and rave about what a rough day they are having. The slang FML has made it in to everyday speech.

"I love FML," said HSU Freshman Ocean Matsubu, a Political Science major. "I read it all the time. It's an application on my iPhone. I read it two to three times a day."

Since its debut in early 2009, the Web site has peaked in popularity. FMyLife is modeled after the French version, "Viedemerde" started by three Frenchmen: Maxime Valette, Guillaume Passagila and Dider Gude.

"The English version took off immediately," said Alan Holding, public relations director for the Web site. "We have already hit a million hits a day. We knew from the success of the French version that it would be popular, but we're quite overwhelmed by

the speed in which we've reached so many people so quickly."

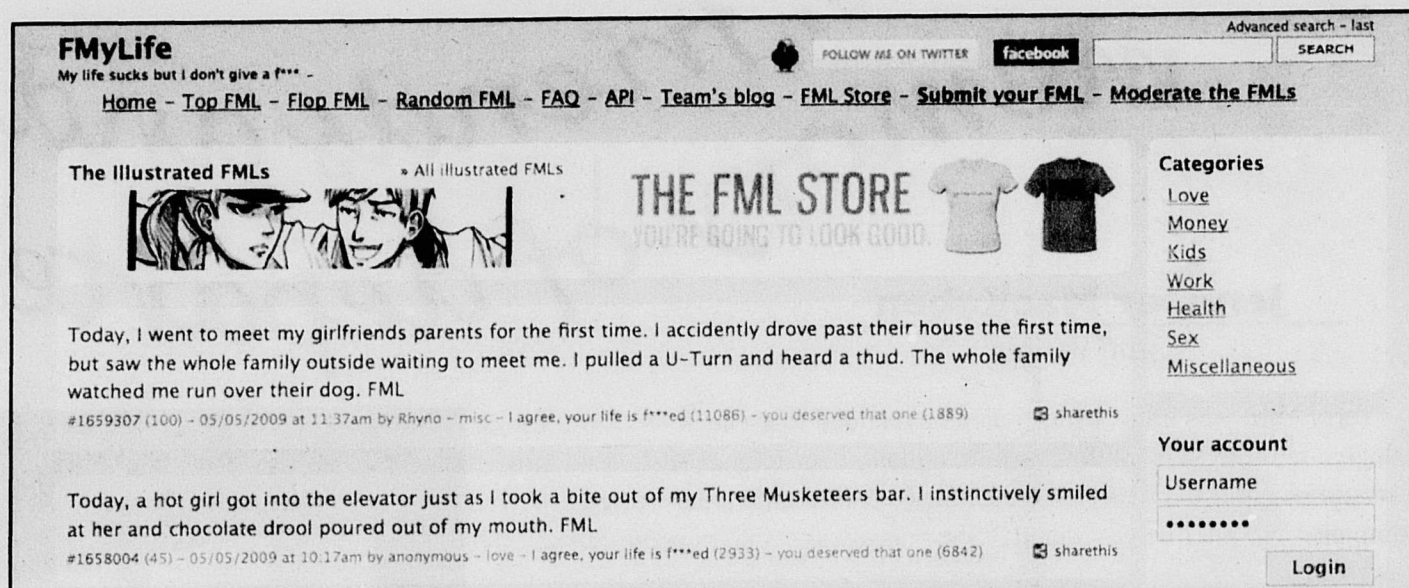
People from all over the world can post little anecdotes about a horrible moment that helped to ruin their day. Stories range from the simple and mundane to "Could that really have happened?" The recipe is simple; begin with today and end with FML. Here are some examples:

"Today I received my passport in the mail. They got my birthday wrong. Then I picked up my birth certificate that I sent with the application. Turns out my parents have been celebrating my birthday on the wrong day for 16 years. FML."

"Today, my girlfriend dumped me proclaiming she wanted someone more like her 'Edward.' I asked her who Edward was. She held up a copy her 'Twilight' book. She was talking about a fictional vampire. FML."

Stories like this, and many others, have people constantly flocking to the Web site.

Even mainstream media has picked up on the FMyLife phenomenon. In a Los Angeles Times article, Mark Milan, calls FMyLife, "a pretty effective medicine to cure a bad day." Patrick Huguenin from the



The Web site FMyLife.com provides space to rant about life. | Screen shot of the Web site

New York Daily News said FMyLife is one of the top 10 things on the web to make you happy. But how can you distinguish if the stories are fact or fiction? "We can't know for sure if a story is fake or not," Holding explained, "But sending in fake stories defeats the object of the site. It's pointless."

Amy Androsko, a Kinesiology junior, said she can detect when stories are not real. "You can just tell if some stories are real or not. Some crazy shit does happen, but you can usually figure out the probability of that event actually happening or not."

Stories that can be recognized as urban legends or from films or TV are immediately taken off the site. "It is usually users that point out that the stories are fake," Holding

said.

With all the hype of FMyLife, stories are being submitted constantly. Luckily, there is a filtering section on the site. After an auto-moderation stage, users can contribute to the site without having to share an embarrassing story. Users vote on which stories they would like to see and which stories should be dumped. You can choose from "you deserved that" or "your life does suck."

People from all different cultures and countries post entries and empathize with the posts. The purpose of FMyLife is purely entertainment, but it makes you realize that everyone's life sucks sometimes.

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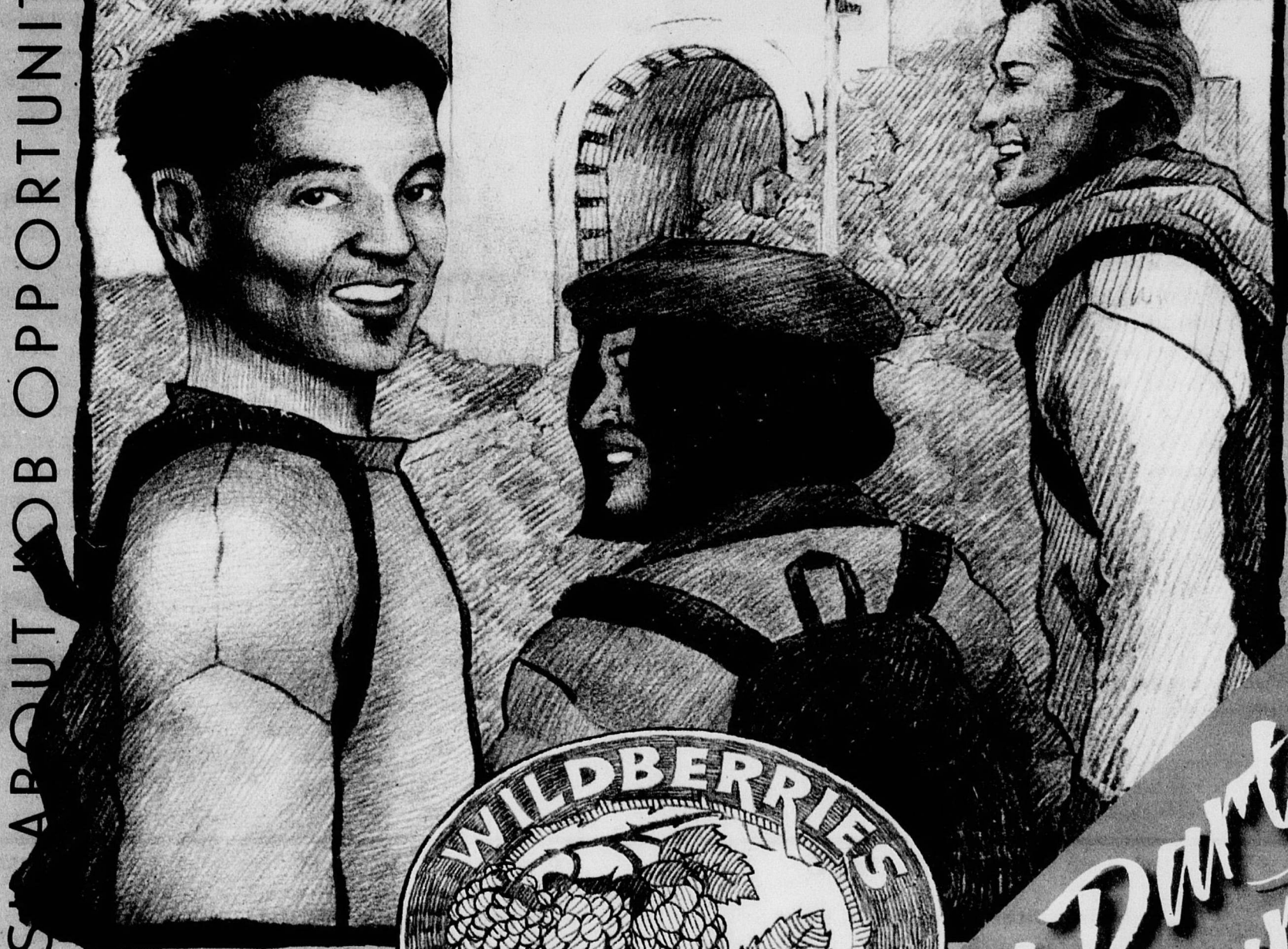
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Good Luck Grads

EDITORIAL

Finals are just around the corner. The end is in sight. It's crunch time, people.

For those of you graduating, next week's exams and reports will be your last. No more camp-outs in the library slaving over a paper, or memorizing facts. And no more finals week. It's all downhill from here, right?

Wrong. The hard work is just beginning for you.

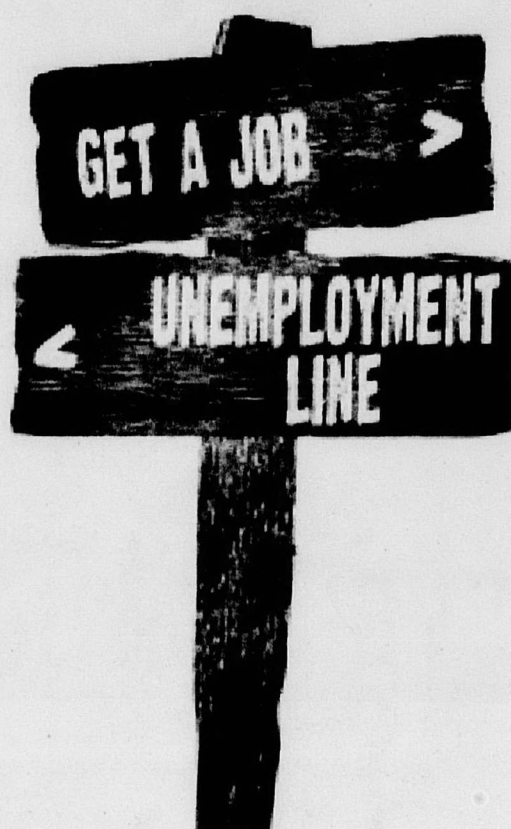
In reality, you are going to have to work harder to get that entry-level job than ever before.

Today, the "real world" is a little scarier than it was for last year's graduating class. As of last month, the federal unemployment rate sat at 8.5 percent. At this time last year, it was 5.8 percent.

Ouch. There may be no worse time to get your foot in the door and land that first job. There's just as much competition (and maybe more) than ever before. And far fewer jobs to compete for.

But not to worry, it's still possible. Work harder than you ever did in college, harder than you did even for the dreaded finals week, and your hard work will pay off.

John Diaz, one of HSU's 2009 Alumni of the Year, and opinion editor for the San Francisco Chronicle shared with the Lumberjack some tips on landing your first job. Now we are passing those tips onto you.



Tip 1: Know about your employer. Always do your research. The more you know about an employer, the more you can tailor your resume and cover letter to the employer's needs. Make it say, "I want to work for you, and you only." No generic resumes.

Tip 2: Think of three main points that you want to make in your interview. Often times, you can get overwhelmed when being interviewed for your future career.

You may leave the interview saying, "I wish I would have said this, or that." If you make the three points you intended on, you will have no regrets after the interview is over.

Tip 3: Make sure your cover letter is error free. Many employers just read the cover letter and toss out the resume if there are any mistakes. Proof read it. Have your friend proof read it. Also, show who you are in your letter, and describe your abilities. It might sound obvious, but it sets you apart from the crowd.

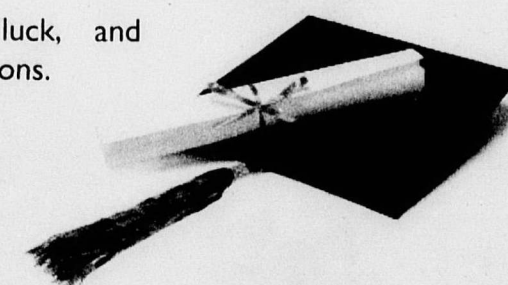
When putting yourself out there to find a job, just remember to keep your head up and keep searching. Think you're not qualified for a certain job? Think you don't have a chance? Diaz says apply anyway.

On the same token, don't be too picky. A job in our current economy is a job.

The fact is, if you work hard, and harder than you did while in college, you'll undoubtedly find something.

You just graduated, and it is time to get your foot in the door.

Good luck, and congratulations.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

I would like to express my appreciation to Lumberjack Editor-in-Chief Karina Gonzales for her timely and heartfelt apology for printing an advertisement by a Holocaust denier in the April 15 issue.

I am glad to hear that the Lumberjack staff is committed to writing a policy manual that will set standards for advertisements in the future.

Hopefully this will protect all members of the HSU community from being targeted by unscrupulous advertisers.

Rabbi Naomi Steinberg

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Sexualized violence: what really happens

As a sexual assault survivor, I found your editorial piece ("Know the Facts: Protect Yourself") both misleading and offensive.

While information regarding physical self-defense strategies may provide potential victims with a sense of security, the reality is far more frightening.

Approximately 80-85 percent of completed (and reported) rapes are committed by someone who knows the victim/survivor.

This often-cited statistic barely comes close to the reality experienced by victims and survivors on a daily basis.

Rape/sexual assault is most often not committed by a "stranger-in-the-bushes" stereotype, but by someone you thought you could trust, in a place you thought was safe.

Extremely often, the perpetrator achieves rape/sexual assault through manipulation and coercion that do not have to involve physical violence.

Some examples of this would be a partner forcing the victim/

survivor to provide sexual favors because of her expected "role" as the significant other in a relationship, or a family member sexually abusing a child/adolescent who does not have the means, knowledge, or courage to "defend herself" because of the roles of the parent/child relationship.

These situations are very real, unfortunately very common, and are often not reported or accepted as rape/sexual assault, despite current laws.

Your editorial seemed to (perhaps unknowingly) reinforce our current rape-supportive culture and the trend of victim-blaming by 1) implying that rape is a rare phenomenon that takes place most often at night in dark alleys, and 2) implying that a potential victim can prevent assault through defensive acts such as carrying a knife, pepper spray, or physical violence.

This latter statement leads to the culturally accepted fallacy that if a victim did not perform "defensive acts," the rape either did not occur, was not "really"

rape, or was in some way encouraged by the victim.

Please remember that risk does not equal responsibility; even if a person wears tight, sexy clothing, engages in drinking/partying, has a history of frequent casual sex, or flirts with the perpetrator, it never excuses someone to rape or sexually assault that person.

A better "first step" to preventing sexualized violence would be to actively confront rape-supportive culture through conversation about consent and rape-supportive language and stereotypes.

Take "Actions to End Sexualized Violence" at HSU or contact the instructors of this class, and seek to understand your role in currently enabling and potentially ending rape/sexual assault.

Julia Reynolds

Junior English major

Native American Studies matters

I am a 2008 graduate of HSU. I majored in Native American Studies with a focus in Law & Government and I minored in American Indian Education.

I hope to express in this letter how grateful I am to HSU for offering these programs.

The professors and other staff members that I got to know and work with, and learn from at Indian Teacher & Educational Personnel Program (ITEPP) and in the Native American Studies (NAS) Department provided me with support, encouragement, knowledge, compassion, and friendship.

Because of them, visiting HSU is like going home to see my family, and I plan to stay in touch with them for the rest of my life.

The most influential of all the people that I got to learn from at HSU is Marlon Sherman.

My first semester, I enrolled in his Tribal Water Rights course, hoping to gain some understanding of why the Klamath River Fish Kill had occurred.

I learned so much from Marlon

that I ended up spending the next three semesters writing a screenplay about the fish kill that became a major production watched by a lot of people.

I received a Community Service Award from ITEPP for my dedication to the preservation of the Klamath River Fisheries.

Marlon graduated from law school, but chose not to practice law. His legal education as well as his unique perspective on the American legal system enabled him to prepare me for law school, although I had no idea I would be applying to law school at the time.

I failed my first exam in Marlon's class, which was a major blow to my ego. Until I realized that the entire class had failed it because it was too hard. He gave us a typical law school exam, which none of us knew how to take.

Marlon quickly changed his method of testing our knowledge, but he continued

to use his legal background to teach his classes.

My entrance exam to Concord Law School, which I am now attending, required us to analyze a case from Westlaw, which Marlon had taught us to do in our Federal Indian Law class.

Our first and most important skill to learn and master is "IRAC,"

a method of breaking down judicial decisions so that we can understand and learn from them.

Thanks to Marlon, I had already learned and practiced "IRAC" and had an advantage over many of my law school classmates, which relieved my anxiety and eased my fear that I might not be able to compete in law school. And I did not fail my first exam this time.

In addition to the historical and cultural education that I received from my professors, I gained a spiritual awareness from Marlon that I am very grateful to have achieved.

He reminded me over and over to live by a higher set of standards—to care for others and for our planet and to see the beauty in all people and in everyday experiences.

He also inspired me to stand up for what I know is right and to trust

my own heart and follow it.

He helped me figure out who I am and why I am here.

I had intended on getting my Master's degree in "Negotiation, Conflict Resolution, & Peacebuilding," but I realized that I am not the peaceful, patient, wise person that Marlon is.

I admire his peacemaking abilities, but I am better at arguing, so I decided to try for law school instead.

As a little girl, I wanted to be a judge when I grew up.

Now I am in the process of making my dream come true.

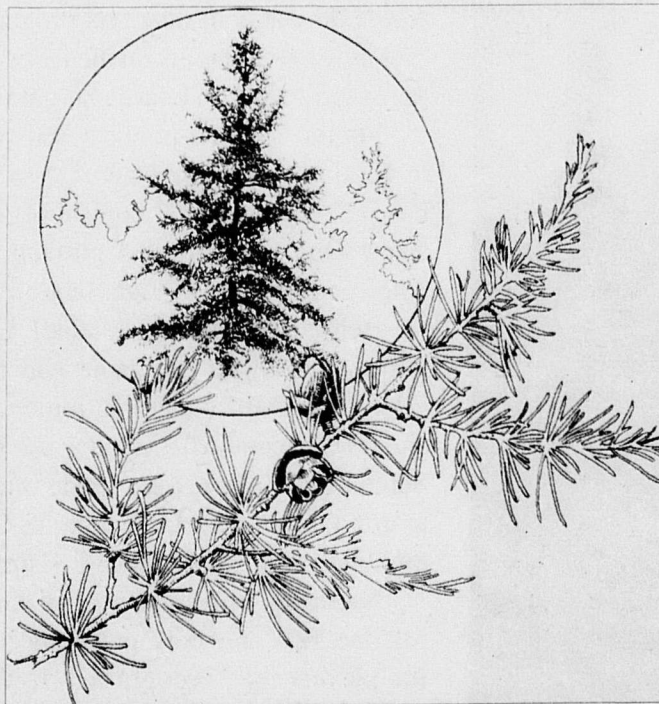
So, thank you HSU for offering a Native American Studies program and an Indian Teacher program.

And thank you, especially, for hiring Marlon Sherman and allowing him to educate and influence people like me.

I encourage all HSU students to take at least one class from Marlon while you have the opportunity.

Lauren Taylor

2008 HSU alumna



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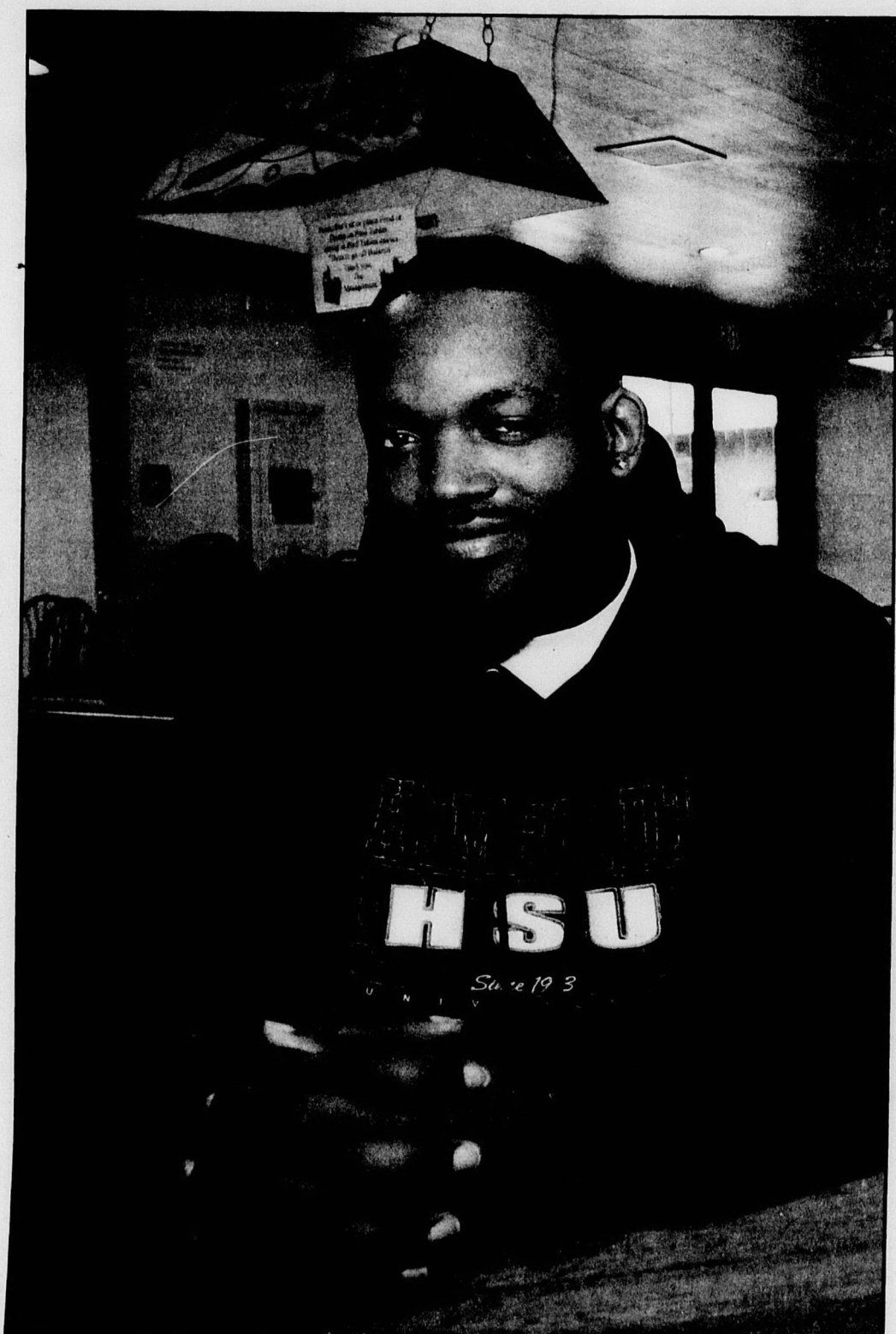
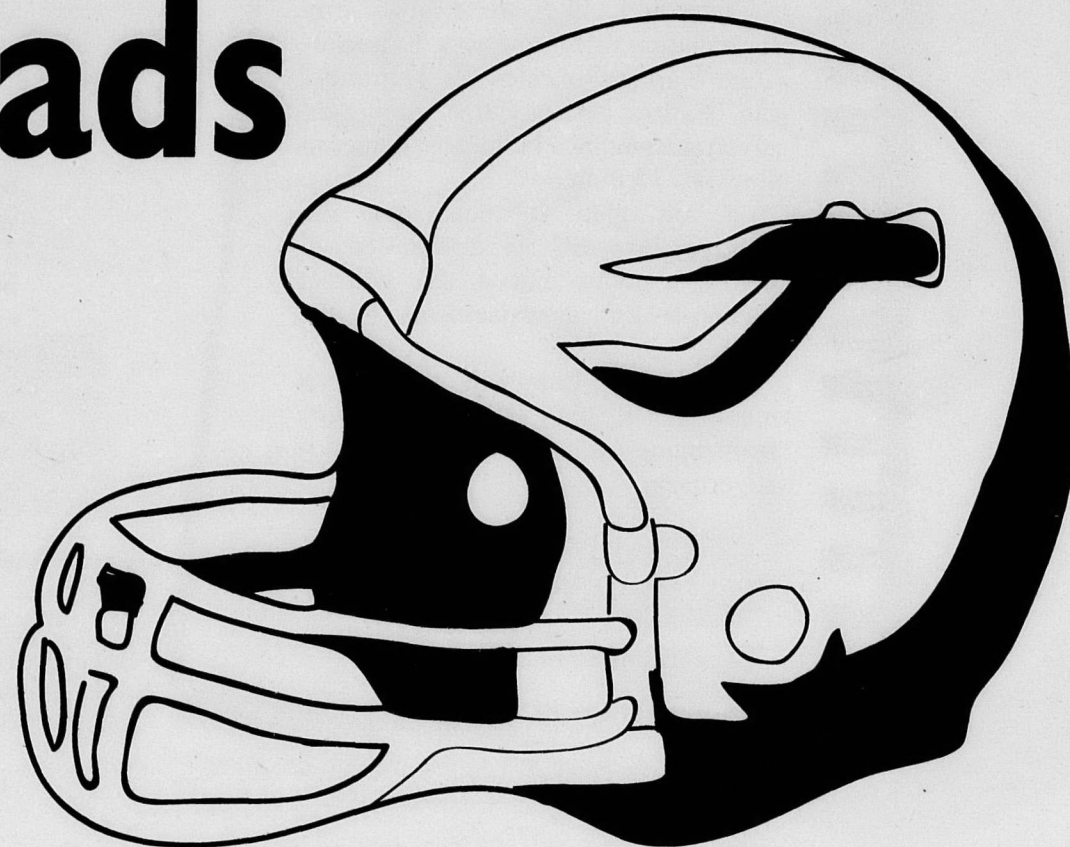
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All submissions must be received by 4 p.m. the Friday preceding publication.

Rough road leads to HSU

Deunn Willis
Staff Writer



Senior Barry Davis Jr. relaxes between classes in The Depot on Monday, May 4.
Allyson Riggs

Sam Cooke sung about change happening in the 1960s, but for the HSU football team, a change may happen soon with the help of senior defensive back Barry Davis Jr.

Davis, who is a double major in Kinesiology and Religious Studies, has faith this upcoming season will demonstrate a turnaround in the attitudes of everyone on campus.

"Coach Smith is a good coach and he knows where he wants to take this program," said Davis. "He motivates players on the team and seniors such as myself to get on board and get us there."

For the 6'1, 200-pound defensive back, the road to HSU had more obstacles than the show "Fear Factor." Davis, who is the son of Alene Turner and Barry Davis Sr., started playing football in Los Angeles at Crenshaw High School.

Being a standout in football, Davis only experienced the highs the game had to offer, earning First Team All-League his junior and senior year, and First Team All-City his senior year as well. Scholarship offers were made and Davis decided to go to Grambling University in Louisiana, where the lows of the sport became visible to him.

Spending only one year at Grambling, Davis felt the bias the new coaching staff had toward the players they brought in. He felt that the road at Grambling would be too rocky to stay on, so he decided to go back to Los Angeles and try his luck at the junior college level.

At Los Angeles Southwest College, he became a First Team All-Conference selection after playing just one season.

The light that shined on Davis in high school and that was lost at Grambling, started to shine once again with him earning another scholarship to Prairie View A&M University in Texas.

But Davis didn't even finish one semester there

due to complications once again with the coaching staff.

"It's not like I am a poison to a team," said Davis. "All I wanted to do is play ball and southern coaches have their opinions of out-of-state players before they even meet them. Essentially, they know you need them more than they need you, so they treat players however they want. How you deal with it is your own business."

Davis just wanted to finish his education. He still had a desire to play ball at the collegiate level though, so he came to HSU. He is now a veteran player in Defensive Coordinator Shay McClure's defensive scheme.

While Davis is happy to be going into his senior season, players are happy they had an opportunity to play with him, such as senior Recreation major Adam Fountain.

"Barry Davis will be a great asset for HSU in his senior campaign," said Fountain. "He provides veteran leadership on and off the field, along with being one of the hardest working players on the team."

While the football season is just a few months away, HSU fans, such as Alumni Marcus Johnson, are eager to see what Davis will accomplish his last season as a Jack. "Barry is a big corner who can also play safety if the defensive line can get some pressure," said Johnson. "I will not be surprised if Barry doesn't return at least five interceptions this season for touchdowns."

Compiling 44 tackles and one interception this past season, while playing hurt, Davis is very optimistic. "With myself finally fully healthy, I am looking forward to this season. I am preparing my body for battle."

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Commencement on the water

Womens Rowing Team passes up graduation walk to qualify for NCAA Regionals

Tyler Collins
Staff Writer



Tawny Neal, Angela Zepp, Elana Pasquel and Ali Prieto compete in a novice four by four race in the Jack's first and only home competition earlier this semester. Stock photo. | Elizabeth Sorrell

May is already here, which means two things: the end of school and the end of HSU sports. Luckily for rowing fans, the HSU Women's Rowing Team has nothing but open water ahead of them. They traveled to the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships last weekend in Sacramento. This weekend, they are off to the Dad Vail Regatta, and will then attend the NCAA National Qualifier after that.

With such a successful season already in the bag, Coach Robin Meiggs gives credit to her crew. "It is one of the largest, most cohesive groups I've worked with in years. Our success as a team has been building all season, with one of the largest regattas yet to come."

Meiggs said the work the team has put in has paid off. "Our results over the season actually support that the team is gaining speed and getting faster (with the exception of two events)," she said. "We hope that all boats will go faster, which is what we have been working for."

With none of HSU's boats eliminated in the first rounds, the crew made it into five grand finals in the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship, the HSU novice lightweight-four boat finishing best out of the five races, taking fourth. The team finished up the regatta with two fifth places, a sixth, and a seventh.

Though not placing in the top three in any events, HSU still beat out a large number of teams to make it to just one grand-finales race. Meiggs accredited the team's lack of placing to the poor conditions and lane draw on Sunday of the event.

"On Saturday we did great, but Sunday with the lane we were in, the weather was against us and made us 20 seconds slower than the previous day," said Meiggs.

Freshman novice rower Molly Fisher added thoughts about the weather and lane conditions. "Things got hectic, but we didn't give one inch back. The weather pushed us back, we could of finished differently if the conditions were in our favor."

With three huge events for the Crew, all within such close proximity of each other, the team is trying

its best to stay strong and keep rowing to the end, as well as buckling to finish off the last few weeks of the school year. "Stress and the lack of sleep are wearing on everyone," Meiggs said. "We have tried to prepare the team for the 'inverse power curve.' We call it the inverse power curve, because the season culminates with exams."

Racing in the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia on May 8 and 9, nine HSU Crew members will take on 20 Division II and III teams from across the nation. This event will feature an interesting cross regional form of competition that will truly show what the rankings are like at the national level.

Crew teams can't be compared on a conference level, because of different conditions such as wind and water, so many teams in one place will really show who is on top.

"Dad Vail will show us exactly who will be taking the team bids for nationals," Meiggs said. "It will also give us a chance to see where we are in relation to other teams, and since we are competing out of our region, we will get a chance to get a national rank for the first time."

If HSU does well at Dad Vail, then an opportunity to go to nationals is possible, but if not then the hopes are gone, still leaving the NCAA Regional Qualifier ahead.

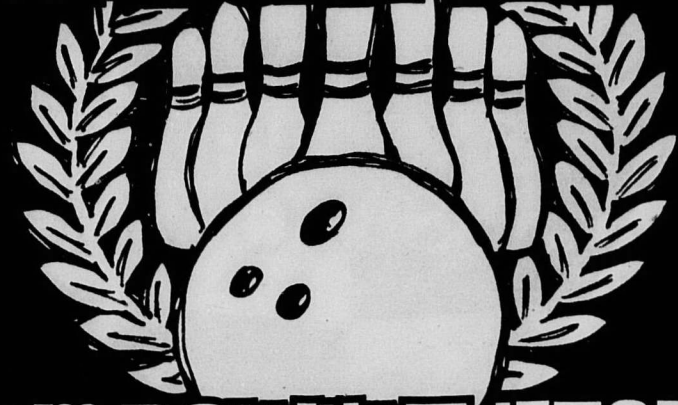
"The team is trying to go into this race with each row the best we can make it," said Fisher. "We all just really want to put our name out there racing against all the 'big dogs'."

Heading to the NCAA Qualifier just four days after returning from Philadelphia on May 14, four graduating seniors will be missing their graduation ceremony to compete in the qualifier. "We will hold our own ceremonies at the race course," said Meiggs. "But nothing replaces the real thing."

"I actually hope that I will be able to graduate at the event when I am a senior," said Fisher. "We spend so much time together the whole year that I will still feel like my family is there with me."

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HSU to host West region Championships

Rory Smith
Sports Editor

Despite losing in last week's California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship tournament, HSU softball will host the NCAA Division II West Region Championship's first round this coming weekend.

The Jacks went into last week's tournament ranked No. 1 in the California Collegiate Athletic Association and still hold that position even though they lost both games.

The tournament starts on Friday. HSU plays No. 8 ranked Sonoma State at 4 p.m. in the second game of the afternoon. The Jacks have played Sonoma State six times this season and split the series 3-3. The Jacks lost to Sonoma State when they played at the CCAA tournament last week. When asked the about the loss Coach Frank Cheek said it wasn't so much about what they did wrong, it's about what they did right. They stole three bases in five opportunities including a key double steal that led to two runs.

CCAA pitcher of the year Lindsey Emmel will get the start for Sonoma State and junior Gracie Perez will start for the Jacks.

The winner of the double-elimination tournament will move on to the Super Regionals beginning May 15. The location of the event has yet to be determined.

Regardless if they win or lose this weekend, Coach Cheek thinks that the season is a success.

Tickets for the tournament are \$5 for students and \$7 for the general public.

Coach Cheek said, "There is no reason why we can't win if we bring our A game. If you bring your B game you're going to lose."

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The Jacks Softball Schedule

NCAA West Region Championship
Arcata, Calif. (Humboldt State, Host)

Friday, May 8

Game 1 - #4 Cal State Stanislaus vs. #5 Montana State-Billings, 11 a.m.

Game 2 - #1 Humboldt State vs. #8 Sonoma State, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9

Game 5 - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 11 a.m.

Game 6 - Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2 (loser eliminate), 1:30 p.m.

Game 7 - Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 5 (loser eliminated), 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 10

Game 9 - Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 7, 11 a.m.

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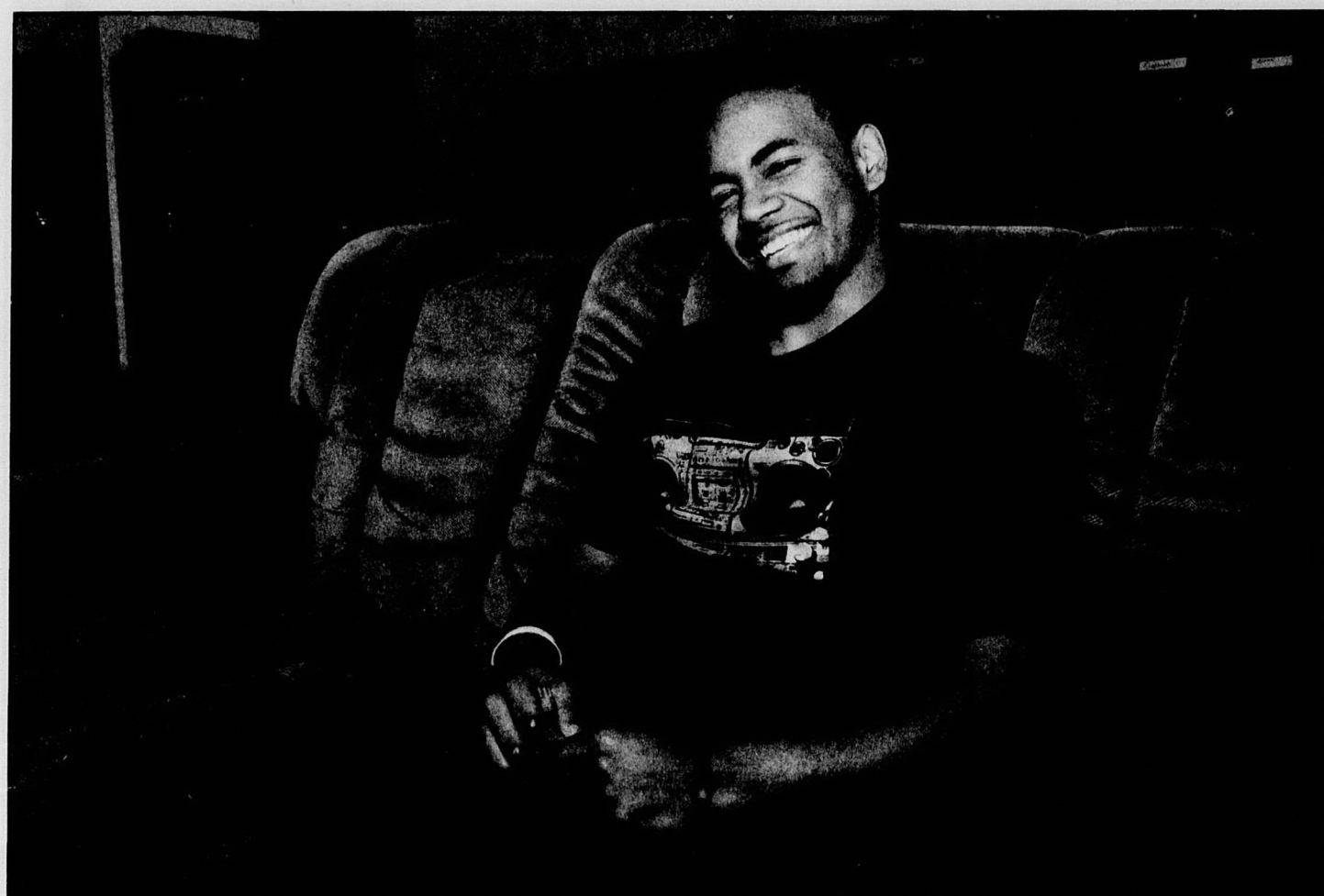
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Miles away from HSU

Wide receiver seeks greener pastures

Deunn Willis

Staff Writer



Sophomore Kevin Miles, former HSU wide receiver, hangs out in the Jacks football locker room for the last time Tuesday, May 5, as he prepares to transfer to UC Davis for a shot at Division I football. | Allyson Riggs

For HSU sophomore wide receiver Kevin Miles, this semester marked his last time as a Jack. Miles put on the HSU green and gold jersey for the last time this spring, enjoying every second embarrassing, laughing and battling his former comrades on the field.

With Miles leaving the Jacks, HSU will have to find a new target at the wide receiver position. Miles led the team in receptions with 46 yards, and compiled a substantial amount of special yardage. HSU has really lost a big-play threat.

Standing a little over 5'8", 180 pounds, Miles will be missed by the Jacks and teammates such as senior defensive back Barry Davis. "Finding teammates like Kevin Miles is hard. Someone who is willing to run that extra lap or spend that extra set on the bench press when everyone around has left is rare."

With two productive seasons under his belt, Miles now has an opportunity to try and play at the Division I level, at UC Davis.

"Here at HSU, I came to a fork in the road because now I have a chance to go to the school I wanted to go to out of high school and try my luck at a Division I school," said Miles.

Being a standout football player in high school at Del Campo High, Miles was an all-state defensive back. He earned First Team All-City and All-Section honors, was named Cal League MVP, and got a vote to the all-star game.

Due to his size, Miles was not heavily recruited out of high school. So with limited options available, his high school football coach contacted UC Davis and

HSU. With the SAT 2 still a requirement for Miles, with limited time left in the semester, he decided to attend HSU after visiting the campus in spring of 2007.

"I never really cared about being a scholarship athlete," said Miles. "I just wanted to play ball however it was available to me."

Miles' opportunity to show his talents at a higher level has made former teammates, such as senior business major Travis Sherrod, proud. "Miles has an abundance of talent and I am excited to see him play here or at Davis. He let the world know that the little guys can play ball anytime he touched the field."

While it's a joyful time for Miles with his big plans for the future, he says he will miss the brotherhood he had with his teammates.

"No one can take that from us; the wins, the defeats, the practices, or the blood sweat and tears that 60-plus guys shared for my two seasons as a member of the football team," Miles said. "I am going to try to make an impact there like I did here, because hard work always has a way of paying itself off."

With his big-play capability on both sides of the ball, UC Davis may have found a new born star. Only time will tell if Miles will be a difference maker at the Division I level.

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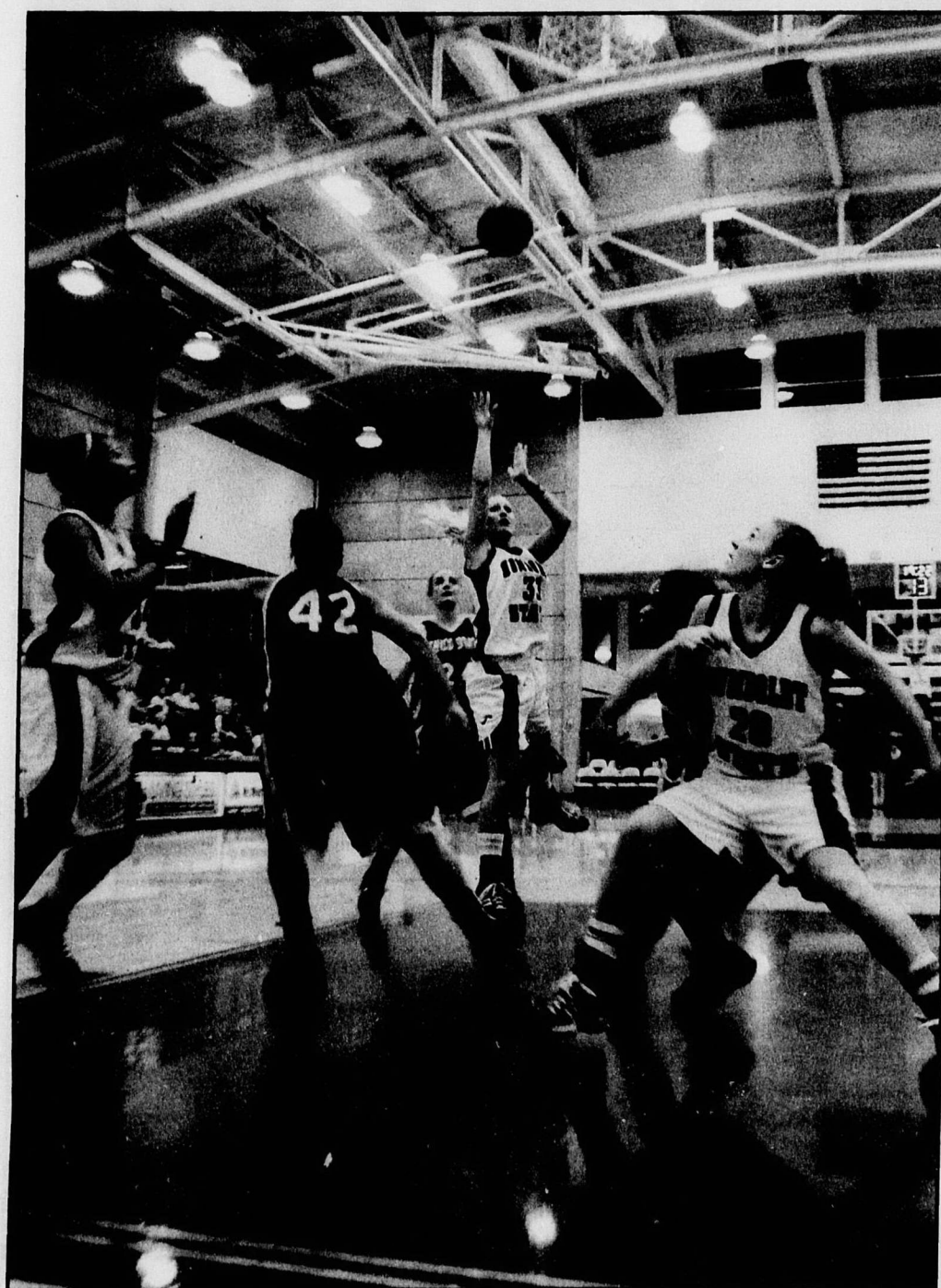
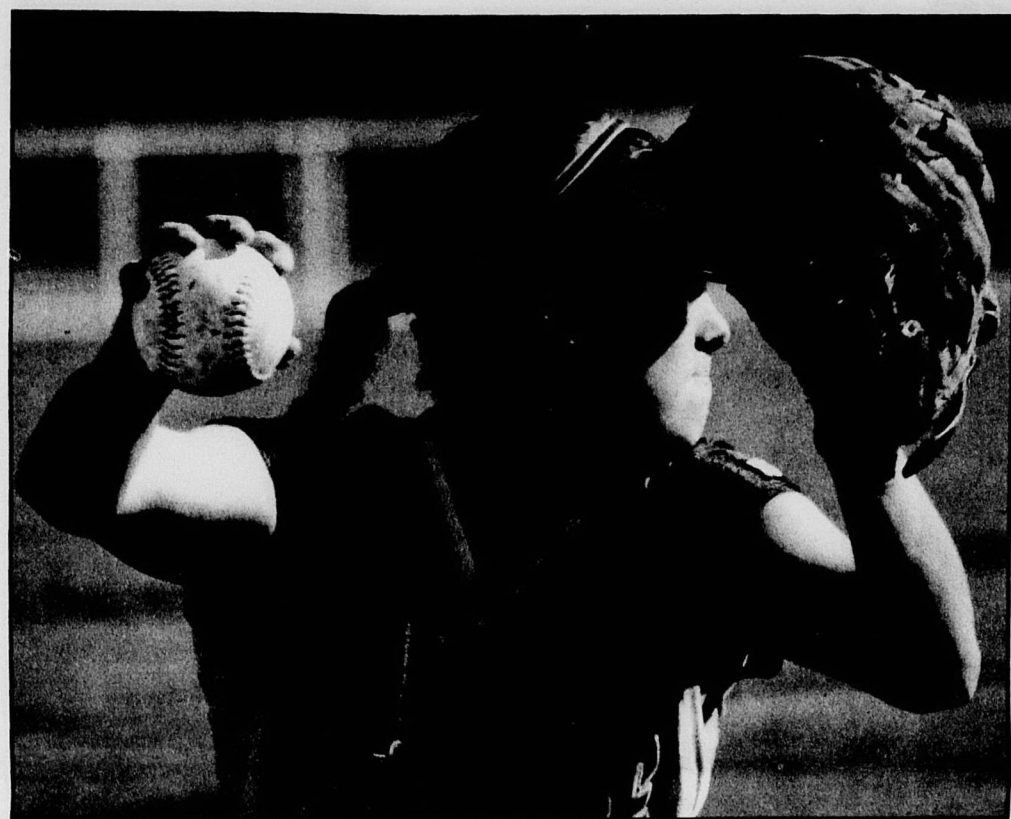
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Sports in Review

A glance back at some proud moments for HSU sports teams this spring

Photos by Elizabeth Sorrell

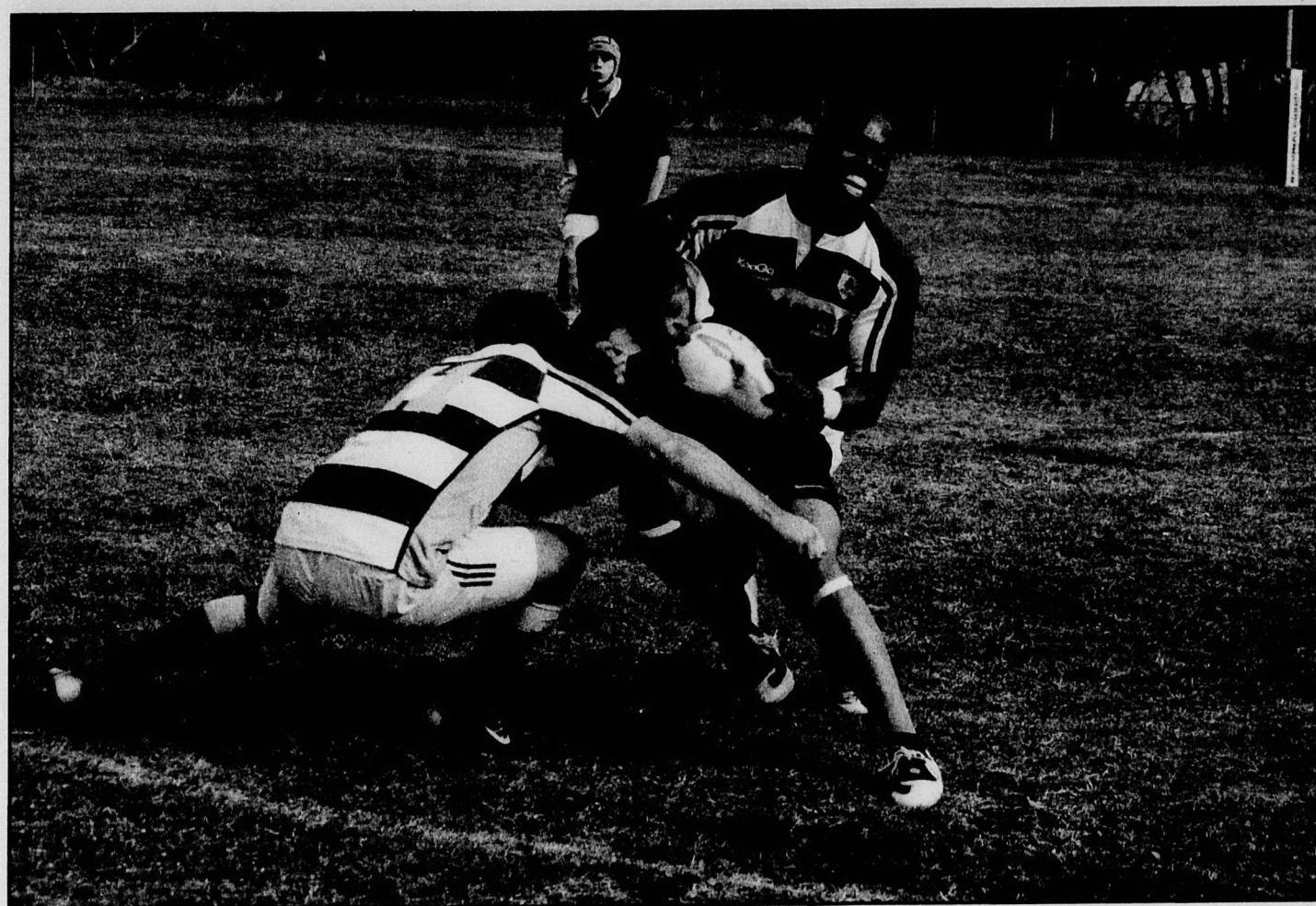


Upper left: Francesca West warms up before a game against the Seawolves during the game on Feb. 20.
Left: Taylor Kilgore positions herself for a clear shot as teammates Brittney Taylor (left in white) and Katie Franci (right in white) block contenders during a game on Feb. 13.
Right: The Women's Rugby Club push up one of their own to catch the ball during a game on Jan. 30.

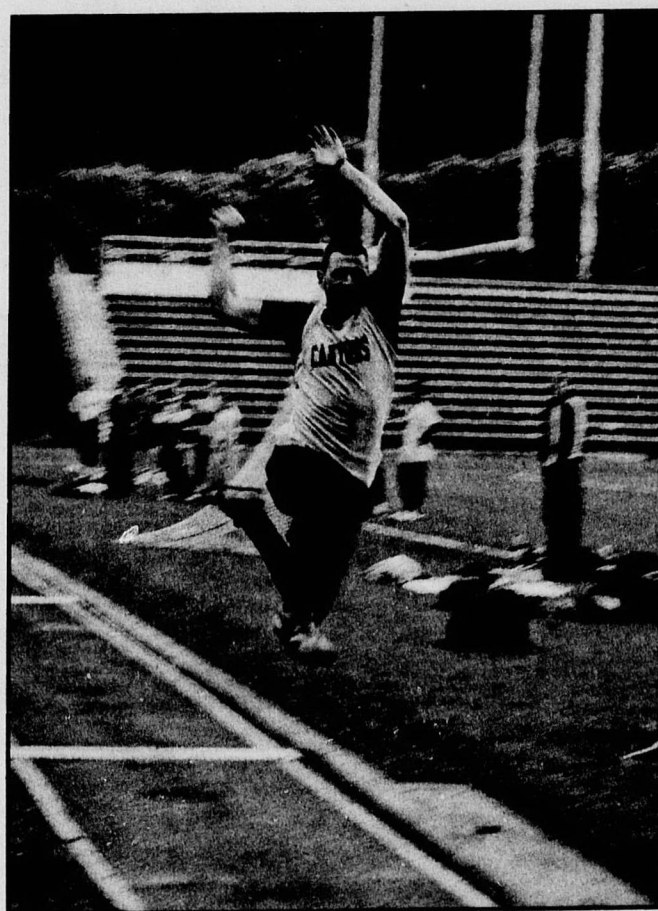
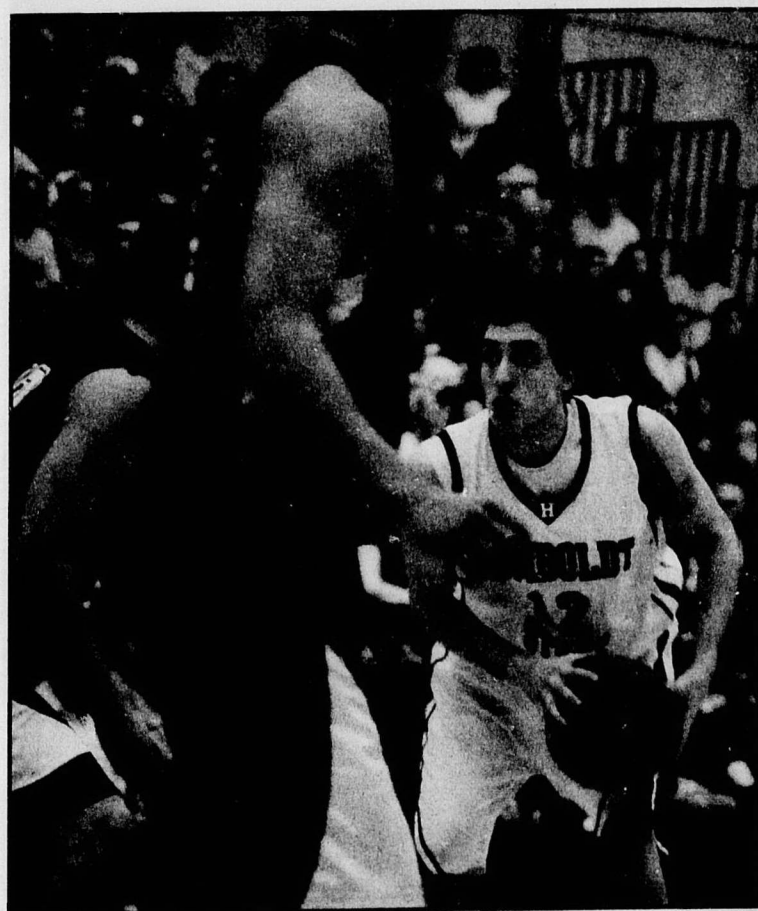
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Sports in review

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Above: Traken Pleasant and Chaliun Muir work together to take down an opponent during the rugby game on Jan. 30.
Below left: Ernie Spada prepares to make his way through defenders during a game on Feb. 1.
Below right: Decathlete Brian Belue takes part in the long jump during HSU's Green and Gold Open on Feb. 28.



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May 6 - May 12

WEDNESDAY

May 6

Reggae and Dance
Where: Jambalaya, Arcata
Time: 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

May 7

AM Jazz Band
Where: Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU
When: 8 p.m.
Cost: \$7 General, \$3 Students and Seniors, Free for HSU Students with I.D.

Ten-Minute Play Festival
Where: Gist Hall Theatre, HSU
When: 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Cost: \$5 General, \$3 Students and Seniors, Free to HSU Students with I.D.

Evening of Dance
Where: Van Duzer Theatre, HSU
When: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Cost: Free or \$2 donation for dance program

FRIDAY

May 8

Last Day of Classes!
Where: HSU Campus
When: All day.

Humboldt Symphony with Pianist Ching-Ming Cheng
Where: Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU
When: 8 p.m.
Cost: \$7 General, \$3 Students and Seniors, Free for HSU Students with I.D.

Ten-Minute Play Festival
For more information, see May 7 listing

FreeLove Circus
Where: Studio Theater, HSU
When: 7 p.m.
Cost: \$3

Little Women (The Musical)
Where: CR Forum Theatre, College of the Redwoods, Eureka
When: 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$6 - \$14

HSU Symphonic Band
Where: Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU
Time: 8 p.m.
When: \$7 General, \$3 Students and Seniors, Free to HSU Students with I.D.

SATURDAY

May 9

Upstream Battle (Film Screening)
Where: Science B Rm. 135, HSU
When: 7 p.m.
Cost: \$5

Ten-Minute Play Festival
For more information, see May 7 listing

Humboldt's Biggest Pajama Party
Where: Arcata Community Center, Arcata
When: 7 - 11 p.m.
Cost: \$20 Women in advance, \$25 at the door. \$5 Children under 12 years old, \$7.50 at the door.

HSU Jazz Orchestra
Where: Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU
When: 8 p.m.
Cost: \$7 General, \$3 Students and Seniors, Free for HSU Students with I.D.

Little Women (The Musical)
For more information, see May 8 listing

Community E-Waste Event (Recycling Collection)
Where: Harpst Street Parking Lot, HSU
Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Chubritza (International Folk)
Where: Mosgo's Arcata
When: 8 - 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

May 10

Mother's Day
Where: Everywhere
When: All day.

His Girl Friday (Film)
Where: Arcata Theatre Lounge, Arcata
When: 4, 6:05 and 8 p.m.
Cost: \$5 for showings before 6 p.m., showings after cost \$7

Humboldt Symphony with Pianist Ching-Ming Cheng
Where: Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU
When: 8 p.m.
Cost: \$7 General, \$3 Students and Seniors, Free for HSU Students with I.D.

4th Annual Mother's Day Brunch (Fundraiser for the Emma Center)
Where: Bayside Grange, Bayside
When: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Cost: \$15.

University Singers and Humboldt Chorale

Where: Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU
When: 8 p.m.
Cost: \$7 General, \$3 Students and Seniors, Free for HSU Students with I.D.

Arts Spring Fling
Where: Westhaven Center for the Arts, Westhaven
When: 1 - 4 p.m.
Cost: Free
Music by the Compost Mountain Boys

MONDAY

May 11

Arabic Cultural Presentation
Where: Kate Buchanan Room, HSU
When: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Cost: Free

Arab Dance Workshop
Where: Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, Arcata
When: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$35

The Sound of Moolah (Play)
Where: Arcata Playhouse, Arcata
When: 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$3 - \$11 donation sliding scale

TUESDAY

May 12

All Ages Punk Show (Featuring punk, ska, thrash, metal and skate bands)
Where: Arcata Theatre Lounge, Arcata
When: 8 p.m.
Cost: \$5

Dates to Remember

Last Day of Finals! Fri. May 15
Where: HSU Campus
When: All day.

Commencement Ceremonies Sat. May 16

Where: Redwood Bowl, HSU
8:30 a.m. - College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Noon - College of Professional Studies
3:30 p.m. - College of Natural Resources and Sciences

Deadline to be out of the dorms Sat. May 16 10 a.m.

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Shay Park and Jolly Giant Creek Cleanup Event Sat. May 16

Where: Shay Park between Alliance Rd. and Foster St.
When: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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STOMP Wed. May 27
Where: Van Duzer Theatre, HSU
When: 8 p.m.

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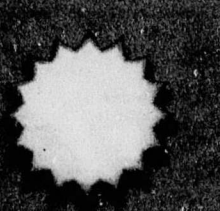
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A nice break from the weather

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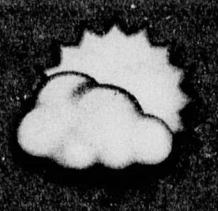
FRI 5.08



Sunny and warm for the first day of class

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SAT 5.09



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SUN 5.10



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