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## 7,000 MILES FROM HER REVOLUTION

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Sara Akl awakens as her phone rings. It's her Mom. She tells Sara the news. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak stepped down. Sara thinks it's a joke. She thinks this could never be true.

Just days ago Akl calls her Mom. The phone rings, no answer - and so on to infinity. It rings like a screamed echo. Akl worries about her family - 7,195 miles away in Alexandria, Egypt.

"The Internet was cut off for a couple of days and I've been trying to watch the news unfold until the Internet and the phone lines came back and I was able to hear from my family what was really going on in the streets," says Akl, "It was the most horrible two days of my life."

Akl is at HSU on a one-year aca-



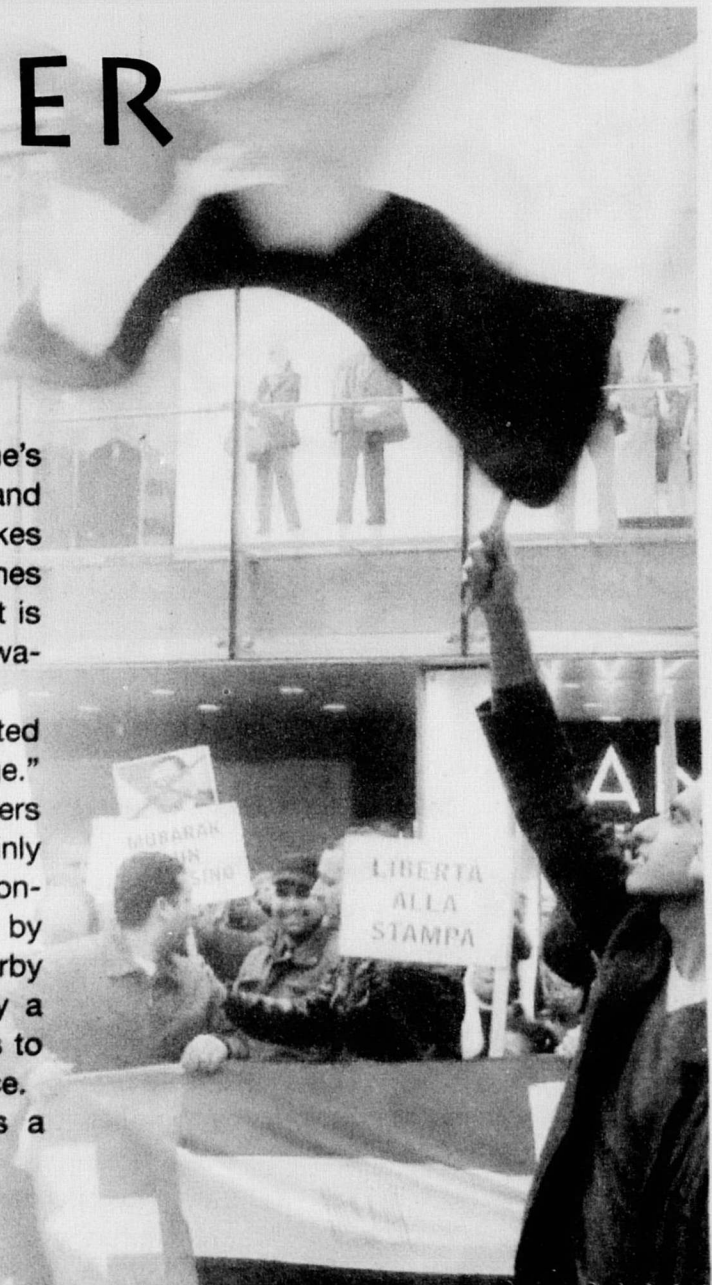
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**Sara Akl watched her friends revolt in her native Egypt from HSU.**  
| Catherine Wong

demic exchange program. She's a senior English major and speaks four languages. She likes Humboldt. The ocean beaches remind her of home - except it is warm enough to swim in the waters of Egypt without a wetsuit.

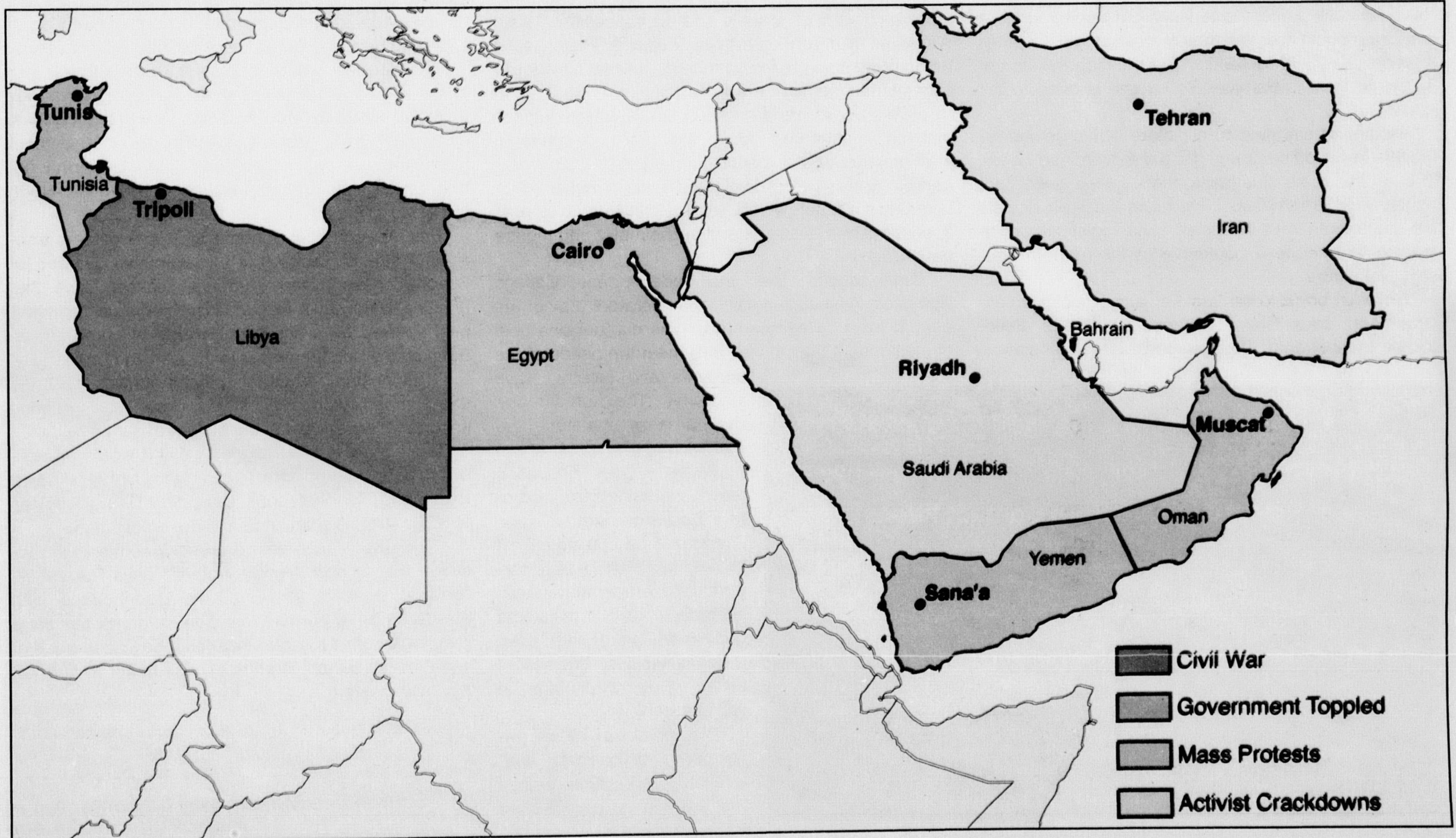
The Egyptian revolution started Jan. 25 with the "Day of Rage." Tens of thousands of protesters revolted throughout Egypt - mainly in the capital of Cairo. The demonstrations in Egypt were fueled by acts of civil resistance in nearby Tunisia. Like gunpowder lit by a fuse, the Arab world continues to erupt with acts of civil resistance.

"I felt [the revolution] was a long time coming," says Akl.

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Sherif Abu-Elwafa protests Hosni Mubarak  
Courtesy of Sara Akl

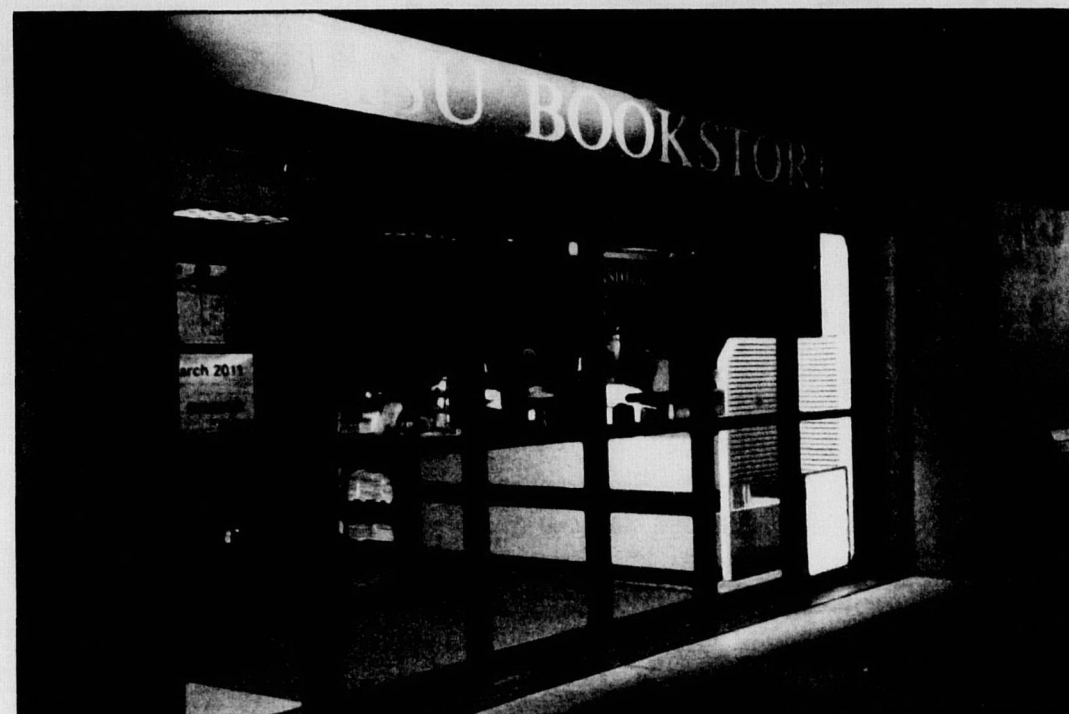




# BOOKSTORE BUDGET

DIRECTOR TO PRESENT AN OPTION TO LEASE OUT  
OPERATIONS TO A CORPORATE BOOKSELLER

**Scottie Lee Meyers**  
Staff Writer



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**The HSU Bookstore may have to lease to a corporation to fix its budget. | Catherine Wong**

The Humboldt State University Bookstore sits behind the clock tower – literally behind the hands of time. A projected \$358,000 deficit this fiscal year looms over the bookstore which means a corporate bookseller like Barnes & Noble could come to Humboldt State.

The University Center Board of Directors -- a 14-member group of HSU students, faculty, alumni and community members -- meets Thursday to hear a presentation by Interim Executive Director Dave Nakamura. Nakamura will assess the store's finances and options for future operation. One option that Nakamura will present is to lease out operations to a corporate bookseller like that of industry giant Barnes & Noble College Booksellers. The meeting will start at 5 p.m. in the UC Banquet Room and is open to the public.

Nakamura sits next to a picture of his golden retrievers in his office above the Kate Buchanan Room. Though he wears blue jeans and a fleece sweatshirt, his answers aren't casual. He takes time to calculate his statements. "It's financially and logistically challenging to operate a bookstore in the modern era," says Nakamura.

College bookstores are in a competitive environment, says Stacy Waymire, executive director of Independent College Bookstore Association.

The competition grows with websites like Amazon, HalfPricedbooks and Bookrenter. "Anyone with a textbook and a computer is a competitor," Waymire says.

The Independent College Bookstore Association is a cooperative of institutional collegiate bookstores. Its mission is to help institutional bookstores like HSU's compete against lease-operated or privately-owned bookstores. Waymire says 60 percent of collegiate bookstores are institutionalized and 40 percent are leased operations.

"I think you can run a successful college bookstore as any number of models and be successful," says Waymire. "But you have to be well-run. There would be no point if you're losing money, you would want to change management or services."

HSU's bookstore is unlike others. It offers services that many campuses don't. The bookstore operates a full service postal station and accepts PG&E payments. It's also the home of the University Ticket Office and Copy Center which provides tickets to events sponsored by CenterArts and by the music and theatre departments.

Organizations like the Independent College Bookstore Association say lease operators are not the best fit for a college campus. "The number one goal of institutional bookstores is to meet the needs of the students and faculty," says Waymire, "The number one goal for lease operators is to make a profit."

Follett Higher Education leads the collegiate corporate bookstore industry. Joe Skaggs, vice president of marketing at Follett, says corporate lease operators would alleviate the bookstores budget deficit. Follett pays a commission to the school based on a percentage of gross sales.

"We purchase all the inventory and basically that inventory represents dollars that are tied up on the shelf

waiting to be sold," says Skaggs, "We monetise the inventory within the first 30 days of the arrangement so that the school has a check for the value of the inventory and can reinvest it in other things."

Skaggs says they rehire all existing employees at the store. The HSU Bookstore has eight full-time employees and about 40 to 50 student employees.

In 2006, Sonoma State University's bookstore faced a situation much like HSU's. A local independent business - North Light Books - owned and operated Sonoma's bookstore. After financial struggles, the university decided to terminate its contract with North Light and bring in Barnes & Noble College Booksellers.

The decision was unpopular with faculty and students. In protest, some university professors gave their textbook orders to now off-campus North Light Books. According to the Associated Press, "over 50 percent more professors gave their book orders to North Light than the year before, ordering some 575 titles. North Light had to expand to meet the need."

Erik Dickson saw Sonoma State's bookstore transition firsthand. Dickson is the executive director for Sonoma's Associated Students. Dickson says that bringing in Barnes & Noble caused a division on campus, spurred by a natural suspicion of corporations. But it also brought cheaper textbooks and profitability.

"The most important thing that it did was that it led to a campus discussion," says Dickson, "Do we bring in corporations? What is the culture of our campus?"

The culture at HSU suggests that it would be difficult to bring a corporation like Barnes & Noble or Follett to campus. Ron Rudebock, Director of Dining Services at HSU, tells the story of Starbucks on campus.

"The Depot once sold Starbucks coffee in the location that is now Muddy Waters," says Rudebock. "Several students at HSU were disappointed with Starbucks as a corporation. The students felt there were local coffee roasters that could do just as good of a job - if not better - and that it was better to support the local roasters."

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**The University Center Board of Directors meets at 5 p.m.**

**Thursday, March 3 in the University Center Banquet Room.**

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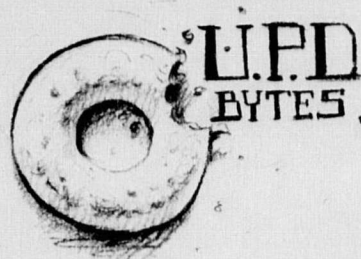
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**Wednesday, March 2**

11:34 p.m. UPD received a report of harassment at "unknown." It helps to know where you are when you call for help.

**Thursday, March 3**

1:32 p.m. A suspicious road flare was found burning in the middle of the street at LK Wood Boulevard and Granite Avenue. Police found it extinguished, and so extinguished the investigation.

9:04 p.m. Police got a call about an assault near the ATM next to the Depot. Neither the victim nor assailant were found but if they were Irish they were likely drinking beer together in the Depot after the fight.

**Friday, March 4**

7:23 a.m. A suspicious package was reported near the the bus stop at Library Circle. It was gone when police arrived, prompting a sigh of relief as emergency evacuations are a lot of work.

**Saturday, March 5**

1:05 a.m. UPD dispatch got a silent 9-1-1 call from the call box on LK Wood Boulevard near College Creek. No emergency was found but another false call came from the call box on Granite Avenue at 2:34 a.m. Fake 9-1-1 calls: fun until you get caught by the people that don't think it's funny.

1:21 a.m. A Campus Apartments resident called police about a prankster who was knocking on windows and running away, in a throwback to an era preceding doorbells and the Ding-Dong Ditch.

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Compiled by Josh Aden

## NEW EQUIPMENT FOR UPD DISPATCH

**Edgar Burgara**  
Staff Writer

The University Police Department will renovate its dispatch equipment and console furniture. The estimated cost is \$100,000.

About \$80,000 of that will go to upgrade UPD's 9-1-1 technology. The other \$20,000 will purchase new dispatch console furniture.

The new 9-1-1 equipment and installation will be paid for by State of California's 9-1-1 Office funds in Sacramento, said UPD Chief Tom Dewey. "No CSU or HSU funds are being spent on the 9-1-1 phone equipment."

The renovations, which begin after commencement and will be completed by the start of fall semester, are part of a statewide initiative to update dispatch center.

University dispatch supervisor Becky Schuette said, "The new 9-1-1 equipment system will allow dispatchers to more accurately respond to wireless voice, text and video." The sys-

tem will also allow dispatchers to view the geographic location of callers using GPS, if it's activated on their phone.

The use of GPS will provide dispatchers with live longitude and latitude coordinates of moving devices. Because not all cell phones use GPS, the dispatch center will still have to use its current method of finding the caller's location based on cell phone towers.

The other estimated \$20,000 of the renovation project will be used to replace broken dispatch furniture. Chief Dewey said, "Most or all of the console furniture will be purchased using State 9-1-1 office funds."

University dispatcher Jan Schessler, who prefers to work night shifts because of the more interesting calls, said "It'll be nice to have new console furniture." It's limiting that the console desk no longer adjusts to fit the four dispatchers who alternate shifts, said Schessler.

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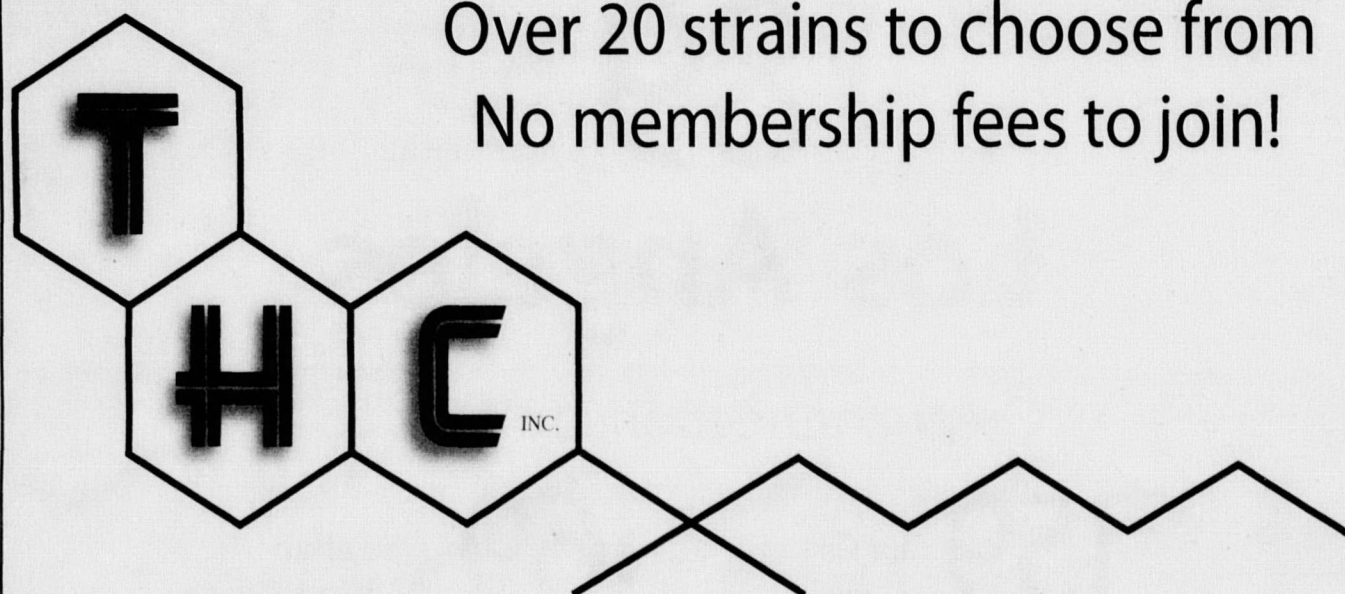
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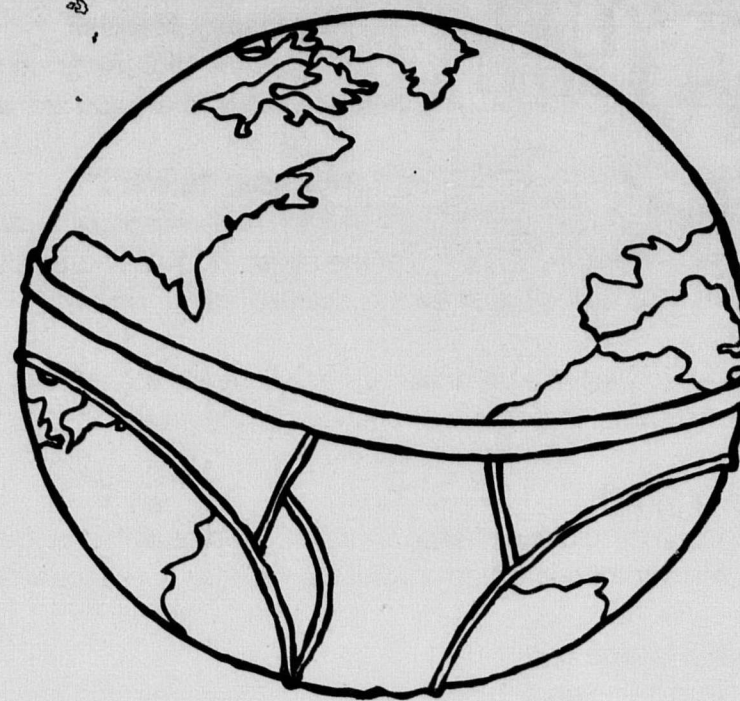
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Nine boys were killed in a NATO air strike in a rural area of Kunar Province. The boys, aged 9 to 15, were mistaken for insurgents while gathering wood on a hillside. General David Petraeus, who commands the nearly decade-long NATO mission in Afghanistan, personally apologized to Afghan President Hamid Karzai. Karzai rejected the apology and pointed to civilian deaths as fueling the insurgency there.

### China

Police in China arrested at least 17 foreign journalists last week as crackdowns on media, activists and Web activity ramp up in the wake of unrest in North Africa. More police are on the streets in potential protest areas and Web pages with key phrases referencing Egyptian protests are unavailable. China has meanwhile increased security and shut Tibet off from foreign travellers. The restrictions come ahead of the third anniversary of anti-government demonstrations that saw Tibetans attack and kill 22 ethnic Han Chinese people.

### Cuba

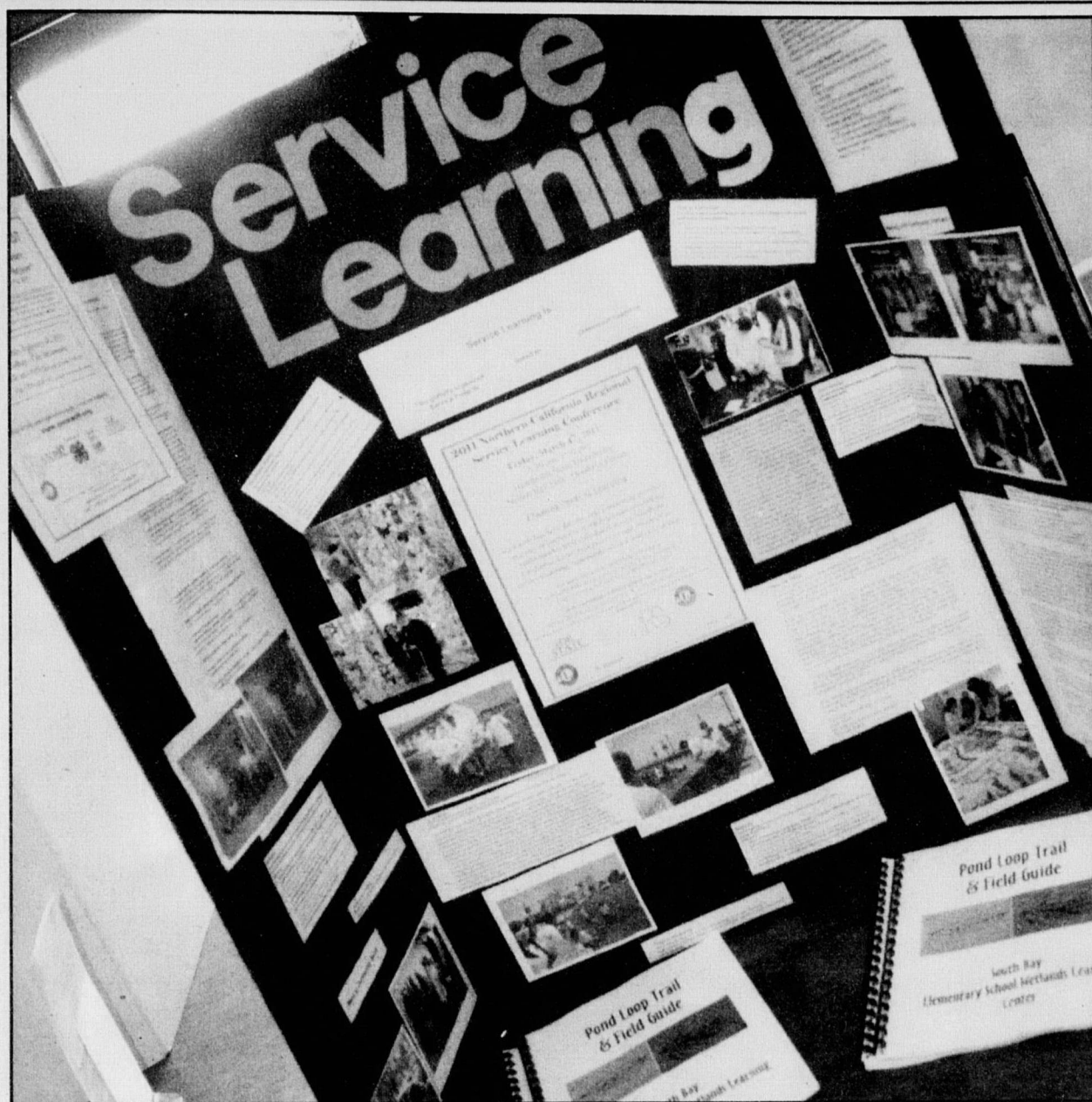
The trial of an aid worker from the United States ended, but the verdict has not been announced. Alan Gross was arrested in 2009 for setting up illegal Internet connections, which Cuba charges as crimes against the state. The United States called for his release and stated that increased relations with Cuba cannot continue until Gross' release.

### Kosovo

Officials from Serbia and Kosovo agreed to meet for diplomatic negotiations for the first time since Kosovo declared independence in 2008. Both parties hope entering the European Union-sponsored discussions will increase the chances of entrance for the two Balkan E.U. hopefuls. Topics will include Kosovo's airspace, telecommunications and economics.

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 HSU's Service Learning Program hosted the Regional Service Learning Conference on Friday, March 4th. | Stephanie Giles

# SERVICE LEARNING

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE CLASSROOM

**Stephanie Giles**  
 Staff Writer

Junior oceanography major Madelyn Walker is a student leadership intern for the Service Learning program at HSU. Interns are in charge of organizing events such as the Day of Caring, Plant a Row for the Hungry and other student volunteer opportunities. "I make connections with the community to get volunteer opportunities for students," Walker said. She agrees that this program is important for students to become involved in and is a fun way to learn and reach out to others. "You meet community needs while re-enforcing what you learn," she said.

Humboldt State is one of 23 CSU campuses highlighted for its Service Learning program. With a faculty development program, community partners and student leadership interns, students involved in Service Learning experience hands-on learning while serving the community. Open since 2000, the Service Learning program gives students an opportunity to make a difference in the community, while applying what they learn in the classroom.

"Research shows that the Service Learning program is beneficial for students because they apply what they are learning in real life situations," said Anni Bolick-Floss, the director of

the program. Bolick-Floss works with faculty, community partners and student interns to organize events and write grants. "This program involves academic-based service learning that deepens students connection with the community and their studies," she said.

Stacey Baker, the community partner, helps to connect faculty who are involved in the center with community partners. "Students are making real-world connections," she said. "There are amazing projects being conducted in the community."

HSU hosted the Regional Service Learning Conference Friday March 4, with English professor Corey Lewis as keynote speaker. Lewis talked about service learning, the importance of community outreach and his book, "Reading the Trail." Lewis read a quote by Sir Edward Hall that captured the mission of service learning. "You're only one person. You can't do everything, but you can do something, and that can make a difference."

One of Lewis' classes involves students working on the Arcata Educational Farm which grows food as a community service. "Students get the opportunity to make a difference in the world," Lewis said. "They also have the opportunity to make a difference in themselves."

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Campus signage will be posted that morning and an emergency test text message will be sent out to those who have registered their cell phone number through the HSU Account Center (remember, if you have changed vendors, you need to re-register your cell phone number and vendor).

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# AROUND-THE-CLOCK TUTORING ONLINE

**Danny Froloff**  
Staff Writer

Students at HSU now have additional help when it comes to academic success. When the Redbull energy stimulates your mind in no focused direction and your scholastic desperation closes in, Tutor.com can come to your aide with 24 hour support, seven days a week.

The new service is the next plan of action to improve student retention. Although associate dean of student retention Jyoti Rawal is was not available for comment, HSU spokesperson Paul Mann explains via e-mail, "The new project is funded from \$10,000 in state lottery funds."

This "pilot" project is aimed at helping students manage course work at times inconvenient for faculty and staff. The website, available through the Learning Center has specialists in all subjects including higher level math courses.

Jennifer Kohn, public relations representative for the online company, says the program's success is in part due to "accessibility and availability of quality instructors. It helps with the stress and pain associated with school by giving immediate help to students struggling."

The tutors are qualified instructors and former teachers from the U.S. and Canada. "We have some tutors that are engineers and even some NASA scientists," said Kohn.

The site offers assistance on homework, test preparation, and help with special projects. "Across the country we see about 6,000 sessions daily and these are about 20-30 minute sessions on average," said Kohn.

The website allows students to navigate a virtual classroom in a familiar chat-styled forum, while a digital white board allows students to work out more complex problems under supervision of people with experienced know-how. Other features include voice-chat, Spanish-language tutoring and an iTunes application for hand-held devices.

In 10 years of operations, Tutor.com has demonstrated enormous success including garnering attention from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Last December, they were awarded a \$1.8 million grant to provide professional educators with technical instruction on educational technologies and mathematics. The company also provides free tutoring for over 2,000 public libraries across the country.

The Learning Center's tutorial coordinator, Michelle Myamoto, recommends students use the new service in partnership with face-to-face tutors to maximize success. For students with learning disabilities or other issue "tutoring is available for free through organizations such as E.O.P., I.T.E.P and selected athletic programs."

"Our program has a 95 percent approval rating," said Kohn. This is gauged by a user response survey filled out after every session. Users rate the quality in terms of whether the service helped with completing assignments, improving grades or helping build confidence.

Check out the Online Tutoring Center at <http://www.humboldt.edu/learning>

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## REVOLUTION continued from Page 3

"The reaction from the government was too violent. The national security is the most terrorizing institution in Egypt."

Egypt's uprising lasted for 18 days before it culminated on Feb. 11 when Hosni Mubarak, Egypt's president for the last 29 years, resigned. Egypt's constitution is suspended and the military is in power, where it vows to stay for six months or until elections can be held.

Egypt's Health Ministry says 365 people were killed and 5,500 were injured in the unrest. The British Broadcasting Corporation says more than 1,000 people were arrested.

Akl's parents did not join the

protest because they live near an Egyptian military base. "There's been really tough security in the streets," says Akl. "So they weren't even able to go down and get groceries for a while." But most of Akl's friends went to join the other hundreds of thousands of demonstrators in the streets.

Like most people her age, Akl uses Facebook to keep in touch with her friends. Her friends quickly became a news source as they updated their profiles. She says they posted statuses that read "We are not going to leave. We are staying here, no matter what happens."

She is encouraged by the sensitivity HSU students have shown

her. Classmates asked about her friends and family and how she felt about the uprising. Even those who didn't know anything about it were interested to hear.

Akl will return to Egypt after the spring semester. "I'm really nervous about going back, I don't think I'm ready," says Akl. "So much has changed and I'm nervous about how I'll be when I go back. It will be really weird going back because it's a complete change." But when she does get back, she knows exactly what she wants to do. "The first thing I'm going to be doing of course is to see what I can do to join the cause."

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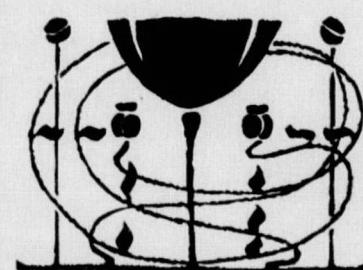
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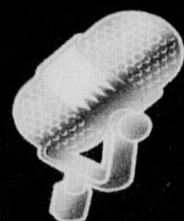
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## Meet the Musician



### Quail Quotes from Quailfish

Local band Quailfish sings stories of vikings, blood and girls with a surprising twist in sound. Quailfish invades house parties in Arcata and makes crowds break out in a wild dance. The band includes HSU students Nathan Payne and Hayden Waller who both strum acoustic-electric guitars while singing. The band also includes students Dillon Glusker picking the bass and Will Bookout on the drums. Junior psychology major Katie Voskuyl is a Quailfish fan. "Their style of music is so unique from other bands I've heard," she said. Voskuyl goes to the house parties that the band hosts, featuring performances from other local bands and DJ's. "They support other musicians while they share their home, their music and their passion," Voskuyl said. The Lumberjack asked Quailfish some questions.

A little over a year now.

: Just kinda off the top of our heads.

: Well, specifically, I had been saying the word "Quail" with other words all day, and eventually "fish" found its way into the equation.

: We liked the way those two words sounded together, and the idea of a Quailfish is pretty great to think about.

: Slayer! And other metal influences.

: I was in a jam band when I was in high school so that's what influences my sound.

: Classic and alternative rock.

: Instrumental music.

: It's hard to put a label on it.

: I would say we're a mix between these three bands: Modest Mouse, Wilco and My Morning Jacket.

: I like to call it acoustic dance rock.

: We've played at Blondie's a couple times, and Local Lixx on KRFH. Also the Northern Rockies Folk Festival in Sun Valley, Idaho.

: We play at Quailhouse a lot because every time we play at someone else's house, it gets busted, but the cops love us.

: We try to play at other peoples' houses, and we would like to do more of that. If anyone wants us to have a show at their house that won't get noise complaints, they should let us know!

: We are going to record in Portland over spring break and we are playing the Northern Rockies Folk Festival again over the summer.

: More shows.

: We want to play in Madison Square Garden, but in its future

form: Madison Cube Garden. And on the ISS (International Space Station).

: Life, blood, vikings, and girls.

: Yeah I'd say that about covers it.

: My songs are about life and the three T's: trials, tribulations and triumphs.

: I just drum. My voice comes out through my drums.

: The babes. We call them Quailbait.

: (laughs) That and the energy.

: Those are the big two (laughs). We like to see people dancing to our music.

: Yeah the fun atmosphere of a show.

: Have as much fun as possible.

: Don't take yourself too seriously.

: Be patient.

: Have a good time, and also realize that if you want to get anywhere, you have to make an effort.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



**Stephanie Giles**  
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### Northwest Norse Quest

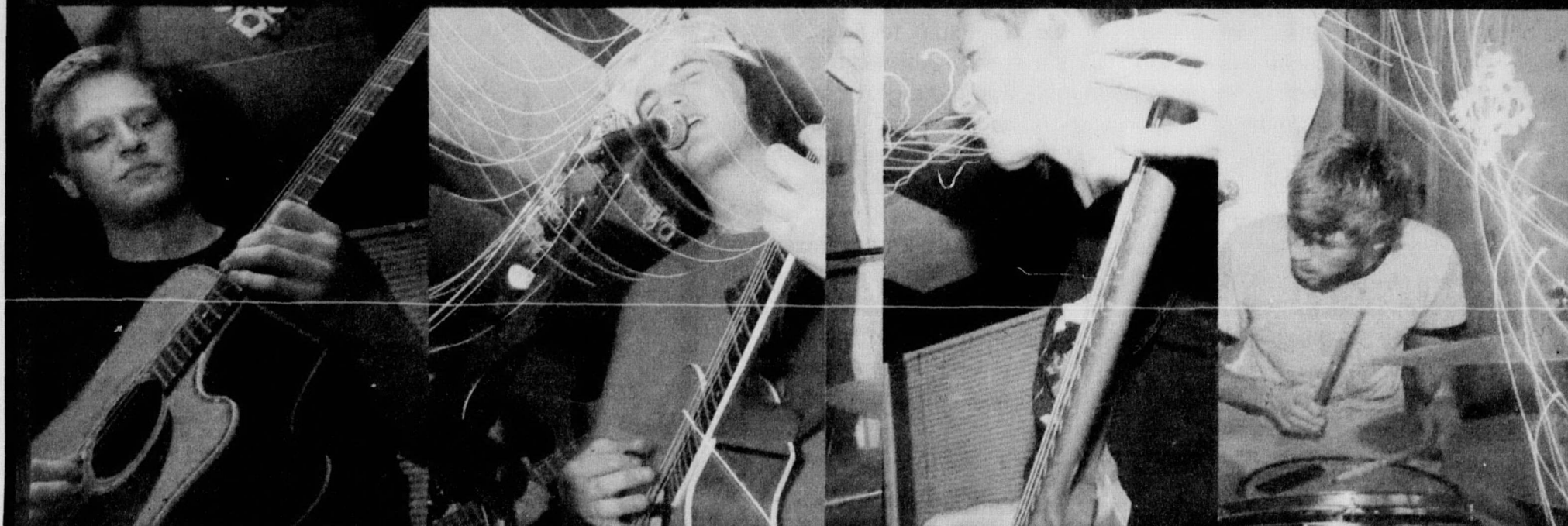
There it stood, too beautiful to measure.  
Dark stained wood, filled with glistening treasure.  
It was a brutal quest wrought with little pleasure.  
But now the men who stood there would live a life of leisure.

It had been written in the ancient scrolls  
That five men from the north would find a sum of gold.  
Their beards were frozen and all their blades were cold.  
Their perseverance would have their story told.

Ride to it, ride.  
Ride across the ice.  
Ride to it, ride.  
Ride across the ice.

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# WORD ON THE STREET:

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## How will the rising gas prices affect your life?

**Clay Hutton, nursing**

**junior:** It'll probably influence how much I go back to where I live because it's pretty expensive to go back and forth, but not too bad because everything is pretty close. It's a pretty good transit system around here too, so if worse comes to worst, I can always take the bus.



**Amanda McKaskle, pre-med ju-**

**nior:** Rising gas prices have affected everything from some studies that we've done for classes. They have to be closer...people aren't willing to drive as far. Just being able to go anywhere between classes.



**Steven Butler, computer science junior:**

They probably won't affect my lifestyle choices, but they'll obviously cost me more money. \$3 versus \$4 a gallon isn't going to make a big difference on the car I drive. I take the bus to school right now to save money, and I'd probably do the same if it was \$2 a gallon.



**Christopher Kirk, forestry production**

**senior:** I'll be spending more money on gas which means I'll have less money to spend on other things.



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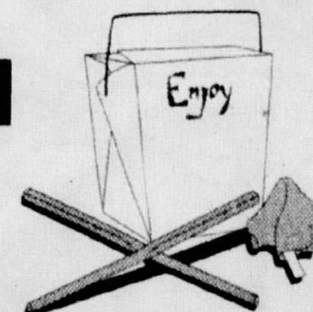
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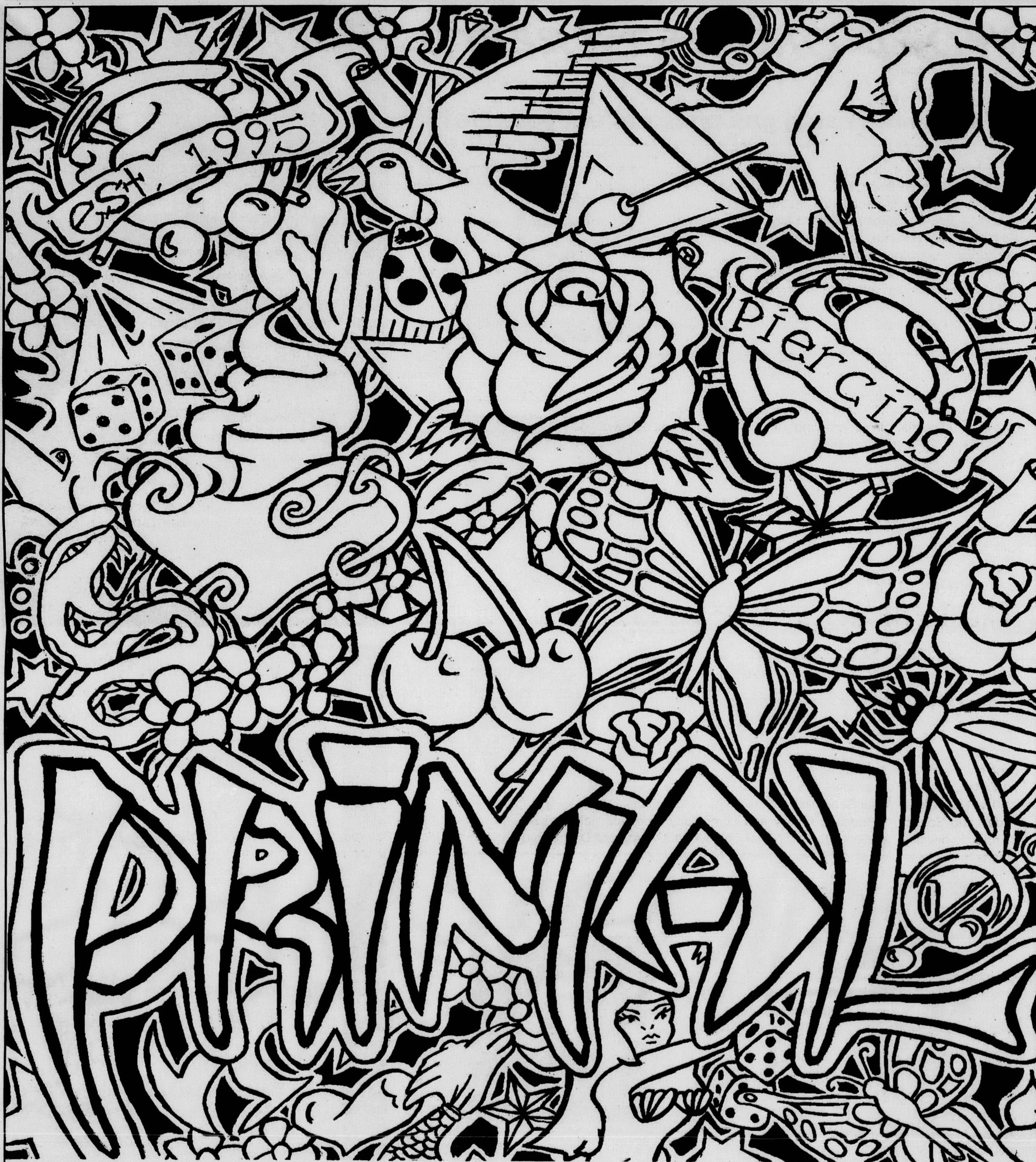
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choir, which performed a medley of songs from the  
musical "The Sound of Music." The group was led by  
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## NO FRIENDS ON POWDER DAYS

**Kaci Poor**  
Staff Writer

Brandon Jones walks into the Bank of America on the Arcata plaza. This is the Humboldt State student's last stop on his way out of town. As he withdraws money, he explains to the bank employee that he is going down to Mt. Bachelor to celebrate the New Year on his snowboard. Be careful, the woman behind the counter says, an HSU student just died snowboarding in Whistler. His name was Cooper Plaxco.

"I just broke down, right there in the middle of the Bank of America," says Jones. "Cooper was my riding partner."

Jones is one of the presidents of HSU's snowboarding club, the Snowjacks. Plaxco invited him along on his family trip to Whistler, but Jones could not afford the plane ticket. "I should have been there with him," says Jones.

Plaxco, an HSU sophomore, was reported missing Christmas Eve. His body was found Christmas day.

Resort officials say Plaxco died after crashing into a creek. He was within park boundaries, but off the groomed ski trails. High winds, heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures created low visibility, a possible explanation for Plaxco's death. Officials say 5 ½ feet of fresh snow fell that week. Though Plaxco arrived at the resort with his family, he was riding alone when he crashed.

Alex Gautreaux was also alone when he died snowboarding.

Low visibility and a storm warning were reported when Gautreaux, a recent HSU graduate, arrived at Mount Shasta on Feb. 17. The mountain was covered in fresh powder and the National Weather Service predicted three to seven more inches by nightfall—the perfect powder day.

Like Plaxco, Gautreaux was reported missing around nightfall. His body was found three days later in a tree well. He was completely buried in the fresh powder that fell since the search began. It is likely he asphyxiated.

"No friends on powder days," is a popular saying among snowboarders. It decorates stickers and tee-shirts and even has its own website. It conveys the popular opinion among boarders that the call of fresh snow is strong enough to leave even

your best friends behind.

While the saying is unfamiliar to Kevan Malin, an experienced rider with 15 years under his belt, he understands what it means. "You just want to get out there and be by yourself on a nice powder day," explains Malin, who is also the store manager of the Outdoor Store. "Especially if you are with an inexperienced rider or someone who is slower. It's difficult not to leave them behind."

But powder days are dangerous if you are alone. For both Plaxco and Gautreaux, ideal conditions led to tragic endings.

An ongoing tally by the San Francisco Chronicle reports at least 16 deaths across the Western United States this winter season. Of these deaths, several have been caused by situations similar to Plaxco and Gautreaux's. Experienced boarders, riding

alone, find themselves in life threatening situations with no one nearby to help.

Paul Baugher, risk manager for Crystal Mountain Resort in Washington, says Gautreaux died in a Non-Avalanche Related Snow Immersion Death. There are two ways immersion deaths occur.

The first is when a rider falls into a tree well. A tree well is a deep hole formed around the base of a tree. This hole is hidden by snow that sticks to low branches. Tree wells are especially dangerous if a rider falls in headfirst, like in Gautreaux's case, because they are strapped to a board and unable to pull themselves upright.

Studies show that 90 percent of people who voluntarily put themselves into tree wells are unable to then rescue themselves, says Baugher. The second type of immersion death occurs when a rider falls into deep powdery snow and becomes trapped.

Malin says the best way to avoid trouble, like getting stuck in snow, is to stay with a group of people. Jones agrees. "Even though it can be hard, you need to find a group of people with the same skill level as you," he says. "No one wants to be waited on, and no one wants to wait."

Malin also advises that snowboarders keep a few safety basics in mind while

### Snowboard Safety Tips

- Never ride alone.
- Be courteous. Let other riders know if you are coming up beside them by calling out.
- If you're a beginner, stay on the groomed surfaces to avoid dangers like tree wells.
- Check weather conditions and know the mountain routes before you go.

Always attach your leash. It's the easiest way to keep from hurting another person.

- Make sure your board matches your weight. A lighter person needs a shorter board while a heavier person needs a longer board.
- Beginners should look for boards with flexibility.

Protect your head, wear a helmet and goggles.

Butt, knee and wrist pads help prevent minor falls from becoming major injuries.

- Beginners should look for soft, flexible boots.
- Pliable boots allow for more mobility when falling at odd angles.

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February 17th at 7:44 p.m, Mount Shasta Ski Park Facebook Page:

"Awesome Powder Day at The Park!!!

Don't miss the epic dump of light cold fluffy powder!!!!!!"



## MEN'S RUGBY DEFEATED



(CENTER) Justin Walker is a little too late in stopping a kick. The men's rugby team lost against Sierra College over the weekend, 32-0. | Elizabeth Sorrell

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riding. First and foremost, always wear a helmet. "It only takes one of the thousand times your go riding to fall and hit your head. Then that's it. You're done," Malin cautions. In addition, boarders should remember to be courteous. Call out when passing someone on a run and keep your leash attached to show other boarders respect and avoid injury.

"Snowboarding is like surfing. I wouldn't just go out and tackle Mavericks, one of the biggest waves in the world, without knowing I could handle it," says Malin. "Snowboarders just need to remember to use common sense and be prepared."

In all sports it is better to be safe than sorry. In snowboarding the easiest way to do that is to ride with a friend--even on powder days.

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# COACH STEVE KINDER: THE INSPIRATION BEHIND THE COURT

Stephanie Giles  
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Coach Steve Kinder led the HSU's men's basketball team to College Collegiate Athletics Association (CCAA) in his first year as head coach. With a communicative coaching style, and an inspirational outlook on the game, Kinder became an HSU coaching legend, winning CCAA coach of the year.

"It's an unbelievable feeling and we're so excited for what we have accomplished," Kinder said. "We couldn't have dreamed this would happen." The men's basketball team is ranked third nationally, with a winning record of 25-2 and an undefeated home game streak of 15-0. "Winning CCAA and staying undefeated on our home court is something we are extremely proud of," Kinder said.

Kinder grew up in San Diego and attended Esanito High School, where he played basketball. He continued playing and picked up the Javelin at Mara Costa Junior College before transferring to HSU. Kinder played on the 1985 team, under coach Tom Wood, when they became CCAA champi-

ons.

Initially, Kinder planned to be a high school basketball coach. After returning to HSU with a graduate-level assistant coaching job, he knew he would someday take over HSU's basketball team. "I had a personal expectation to try to win as many games as possible, continue the fund-raising efforts and to keep the community happy with us," Kinder said.

Kinder believes the best decision he made as head coach is the coaching staff he hired, known as the "4 four-headed monster," according to Kinder. "I believe in the delegation of

authority, sharing the coaching responsibilities," Kinder said. "I'm really proud of the communication and contribution between everyone involved," Kinder said.

Director Dan Collen said this year's men's

Dan Collen  
Athletics Director

*"He's committed to the  
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really bleeds green and gold."*

basketball season the best records he's seen in the history of HSU under the coaching of Kinder. "I could not have asked for a better fit for HSU than Steve Kinder for men's basketball," he said. Kinder worked as assistant coach for 20 years, which made for a natural transition to head coach. Collen is positive Kinder will continue the head coach position. "He's committed to the community and to HSU," Collen said. "He really bleeds green and gold."

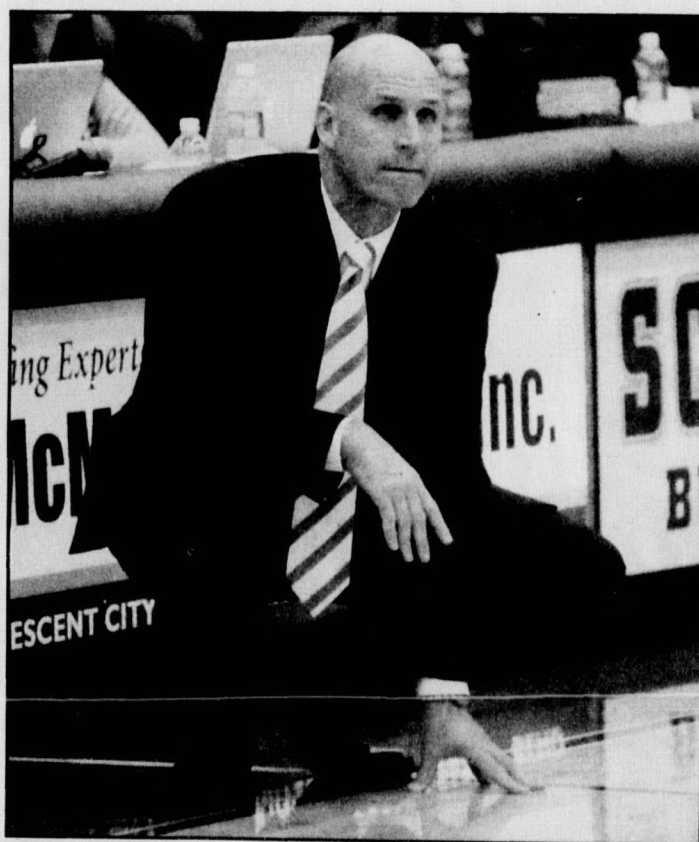
Assistant director of the Athletics Department Tom Trepiak is excited about Kinder and the men's basketball team's success.

"Coach Kinder has done a fabulous job leading the team to its current level of success," he said. "Kinder always has a high level of enthusiasm, not only on the court, but off the court as well."

With three young daughters, all involved in various sports, and a wife who runs marathons, Kinder is always on the move. His passion for life, sports and cookie dough ice cream doesn't stop.

"I love checking in to hotels when we travel with the team and watching them enjoy a college experience as an athlete," Kinder said. "The celebrations in the locker room after we win a game are fun too."

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Coach Steve Kinder watches the Jacks defeat other team. Photo Provided by Athletic Department



# THE RAIN CAN'T STOP WOMEN'S RUGBY

## WINNING STREAK CONTINUES

**Nichole Parada**  
Layout Editor

Mud flew from the rugby players' feet as they ran across the field. Thick rain made it difficult to catch the ball. But the rain had no effect on Humboldt State's women's rugby team.

The team continues its winning streak with a victory 12-0 over University of San Francisco. The Jacks had great control of the ball from the start. They tackled USF's offense and cleared the ball to create new plays. Aoibheann Cline, known as "Bean" to her teammates, was passed the ball. She broke through USF defense and grasped for a "try". A try is scored when a player reaches the other team's try-zone and touches the ball to the turf in a controlled way.

Each try is worth 5 points.

"We know that they were a strong second-half team," said Bean. "So our goal was to come out, tear through them in the first half and rack up those points and just sit on our lead and play strong defense." After Bean scored 5 points she made a perfect 2-point kick to make the score a total of 7 points.

The Jacks started their season with a hard loss against Santa Clara 14-7. The team worked hard in practice and concentrated on their weaknesses on the field. They have improved their performance and their winning is certainly proof of it. Coach John Mooney was proud of how

much his team had improved.

"Each week for practice we choose something different to work on and every time we work on it they come out for a game and do it."

Katelyn Smith, also called "Dakota", was a strong asset for the Jacks. She tackled well and prevented USF from reaching the goal line. With the field muddy and soaked from the rain, Lellani Carrera also came through for the Jacks by kicking the ball clear when San Francisco crowded the team's try-zone. It was from one of Carrera's kicks that Bean again scored, which made the score 12-0. She unfortunately did not make the 2-point kick.

By the second half the Jacks were up by 12 points. "We normally have a fast back line and that is one of our biggest strengths," said Fehrenbach. "Because of the rain, that wasn't really an option for us, the mud definitely slowed us down." Fehrenbach gathered a kick from Carrera, and ran the ball to the goal line for a try. Fehrenbach was stopped by the sound of the whistle. A penalty was called on the Jacks.

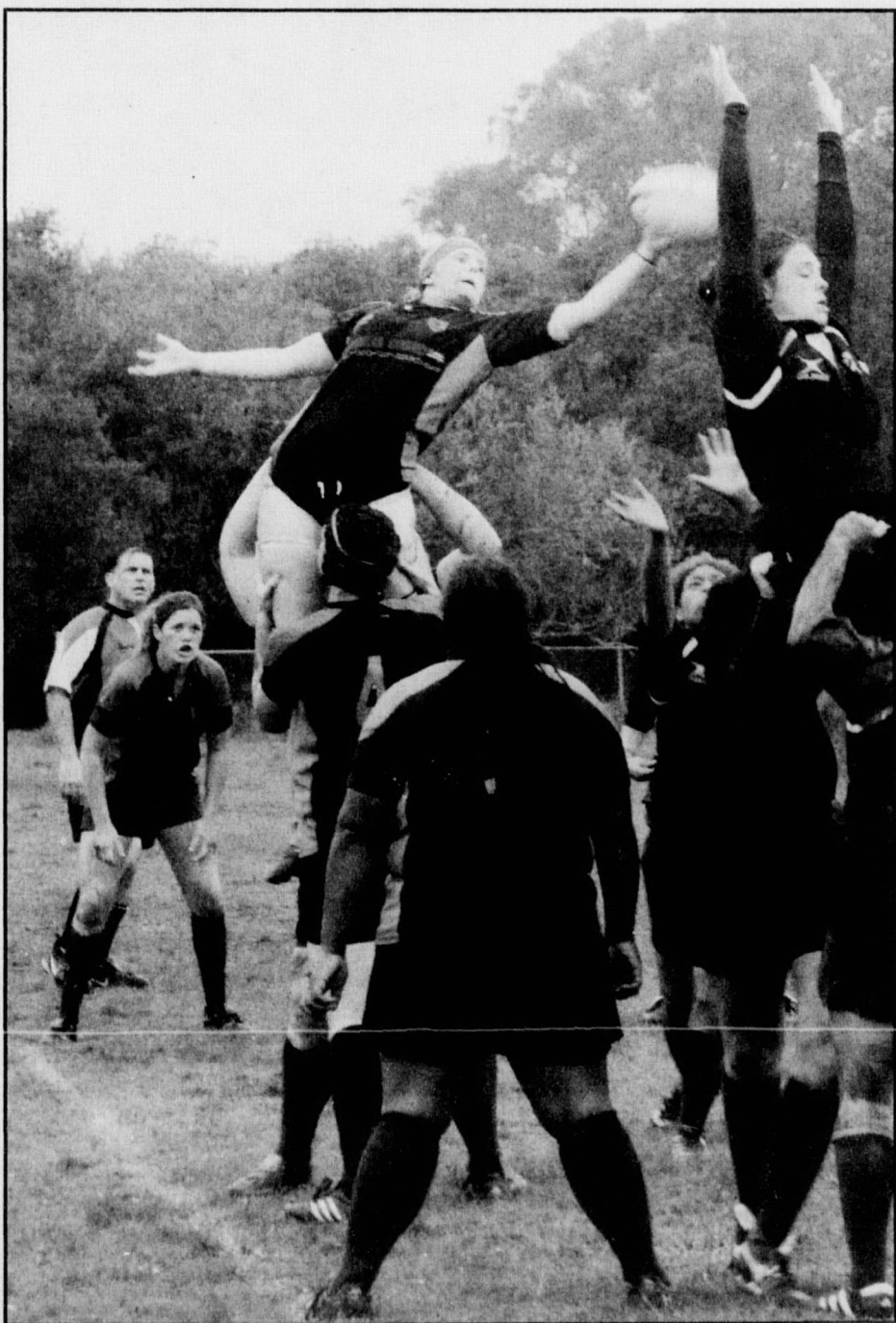
By the end of the match sliding the ball was the only way to have control of the ball.

The Jacks celebrated a great victory covered in mud. It was their third win in a row and HSU women's rugby placed second, just behind Santa Clara.

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(LEFT) Anna Feick (reaching up for the ball) win the line-out toss for the Jacks.  
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Staff Writer

A sport that packs stadiums at high schools and colleges alike in the East Coast, lacrosse culture has trickled westward. Only two Division I lacrosse teams and a handful of Division II teams lie west of the Mississippi River. "West Coast lacrosse is still very small. It is just starting to gain respect," said Cesar Lopez, a junior midfielder for the Jacks.

On the chopping block four years ago, the Humboldt State University Lacrosse Club has seen a complete turnaround. A competitive member of the Western Collegiate Lacrosse League once again, the team put itself in a position to continue growing and improving. In 2007, Tony Silvaggio took over as head coach. Now a member of the Lacrosse League for three years, he sees a growing interest on campus. But this growth has been limited.

"Right now, we have about 13 committed players on the team...and there's at least 30 guys who go to school here, have played the game before, but have no interest in playing," said Silvaggio.

This isn't to say lacrosse is a dying sport. The 2010 season saw 12 men's teams and 20 women's teams make their NCAA debuts. However, spreading the word about the sport and recruiting for the team are two different things, the latter being a particular struggle for the lacrosse club at HSU. "We're in the quad encouraging people to try out or at least see a home match...but it's really a challenge to try and get players to stay in the sport," said Silvaggio.

Sophomore Tyler Olray picked up the sport his freshmen year, after he saw the lacrosse

booth at the clubs fair. The club is now digital, with its own website for prospective students and potential players. The team has done more than hand out pamphlets to stir interest. It is trying to create the same passion the East coast holds for the game. "The club has been bringing in people who can talk for the history of the sport and also educate the kids. Last year we had Chief Oren Lyons of the Iroquois Confederacy from New York as a guest speaker," said Coach Silvaggio.

The oldest and only competition native to North America, it's surprising how little most people know about lacrosse. Created and

played by Native Americans mainly in the New England area, lacrosse is a physically intense sport that combines aspects of soccer, hockey and football. Its popularity on the East Coast stems

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Junior, midfielder

from fast-paced, aggressive and high scoring matches. Yet, many people living in the West coast have never actually seen a full lacrosse match. "I never played Lacrosse before coming to HSU...I knew my [Chico] high school had a team, but you never really heard about it," said Psychology major Tyler Olray.

Humboldt State University's Lacrosse Club has seen a revival. Piggybacking on their success and momentum since 2007, the club hopes to double their roster and continue growing. "We have a pretty young team this year, a lot of players who are just now picking up their sticks...The sport has done a lot for me, I hope it can for the younger players too," Said Jeff Bhuttati, a junior goalie for the Jacks lacrosse team.

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# SKUNK CABBAGE TRAIL

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## Hey Hikers,

This week, check out the Skunk Cabbage Trail. The name alone conjures images of musky, dank, swampy pathways through forests.

Lucky for you, the actual Skunk Cabbage Trail is anything but that. Leave the parking lot and enter a surreal world of deciduous trees and skunk cabbage. Many things make this hike unique, but the absence of redwood trees is something to take note of. However, lush moss-covered spruce and hemlock trees are a welcome replacement.

Huge stumps are markers of clear-cut logging from the mid 1900s. Sitka spruce from this area was used for making World War II airplanes. The land is now part of the Redwoods National Park Coastal Trail. Don't worry though, this out-and-back hike is good for all levels of ability and provides various types of scenery.

About a mile-and-a-half into the hike, you will cross Skunk Cabbage Creek. Chances are you'll smell it before you see it, but keep your eyes open for a glimpse of a large bed of skunk cabbage. The leafy green

plants might surprise you with glimpses of bright yellow flowers sprouting from their centers.

At the two-and-a-half mile mark, you'll come across a coastal overlook. Take in the sights from about 600 feet up before slowly descending down over the next mile-and-a-half miles to the beach. Turn back up into the forest to return the way you came. For the adventurous, follow the Coastal Trail north along the beach as far as you feel comfortable with.

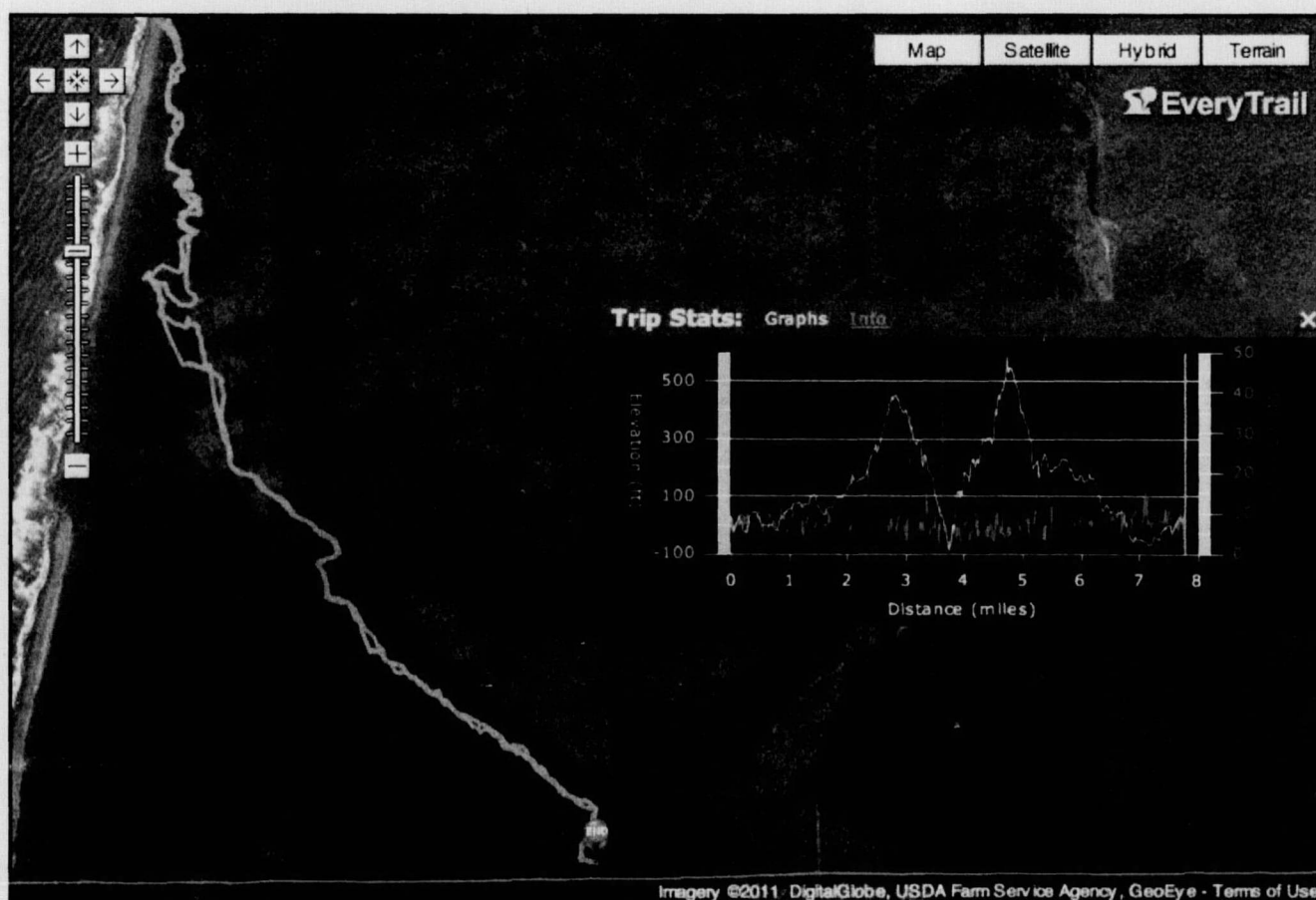
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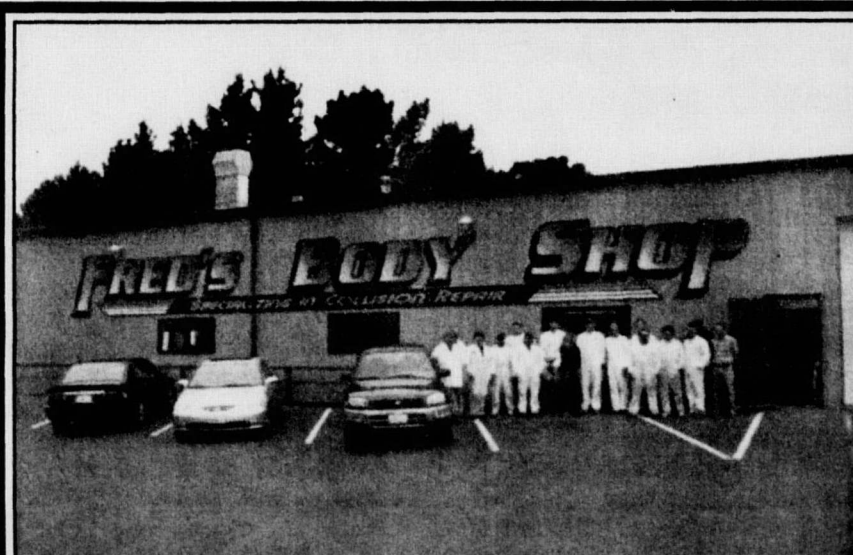
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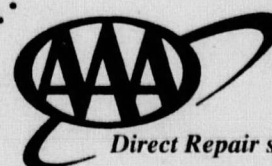
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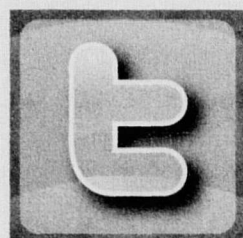


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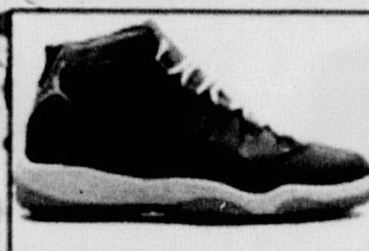
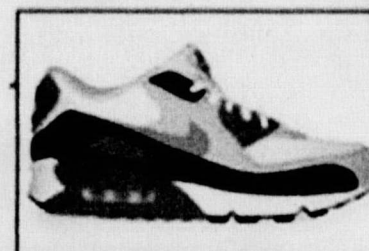
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## EDITORIAL

### Sacrificing for a Solution

People around the world watch events across North Africa and the Middle East, awed by the force of calls for self-determination. Student-led protests demand rights. Dictatorial governments in Egypt and Tunisia fall. Gaddafi's regime in Libya continues a bloody battle to maintain control of the country while HSU students gripe about gas prices.

Instability in the most important petroleum-producing region in the world causes oil prices to shoot up. This is deeper than paying more for gas. It means falling stocks in an already struggling economy. It's not the titans of Wall Street that suffer in that scenario, it's the half of the planet living on less than \$2.50 a day. The U.N. Food Price Index hit a record high in January and that doesn't account for what damage increased gas prices will do to the food market.

The situation shines harsh light on some fundamental realities world leaders would rather not acknowledge. It's apparent that despite the democratic rhetoric spouted by the United States, U.S. foreign policy supports oppressive regimes in other nations when economically convenient. It is equally apparent that we cannot keep doing this in the information age. Demonstrations around the world may mark a new era where even the United States government will be held accountable.

Scarier than the hypocrisy of U.S. policies is the suicidal nature of an economy based on oil. The world system is based on the extraction and consumption of resources, and the key resource is oil. It'd be great if there were limitless resources, but the earth is finite, last we checked.

Crisis aside, oil's not going to get cheaper in coming decades. It's going to get harder to extract as reserves dry up. What does that mean for a global economy? Trade, food, energy—everything is based on oil. The world's production system will grind to a halt. That is, unless we take a hard look at reality and change. We can't make change, you say? Our brothers and sisters in Egypt, Tunisia and Libya would beg to differ.

As supporters of the revolution we need to stop bitching about higher gas prices and realize it's an outcome of revolt, a revolt that we believe must continue.

*What can be done to change? Tell us online at [thejackonline.org](http://thejackonline.org) or send your letters to [thejack@humboldt.edu](mailto:thejack@humboldt.edu).*

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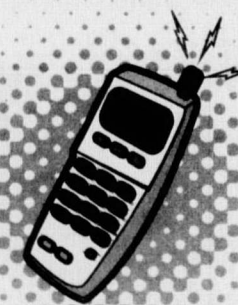
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## SEX COLUMN

### Dirty Little Secrets

"Oh boy, tell me your fantasy, tonight I'm dressing up for you." -Katy Perry, Dressing Up

by Catherine Wong

What's your fantasy? Sexual roleplay is when you act out a role in a sexual fantasy. Your involvement in the role depends only on you and your partner. The scenario could be simple and makeshift (one line during foreplay) to detailed and elaborate (a full script and outfits). Any role can become the base material for a sexual experience, and there is no limit to what objects an individual could consider sexual. The point of roleplay is to live out a personal fantasy.

Some assert that interest in roleplay suggests dissatisfaction with their current lover. Why should you be fantasizing about other scenarios? Shouldn't you be happy with your current situation? Roleplay is a way to escape real-life sexual restraints. You can imagine yourself in situations that are unlikely, if not impossible. It does not indicate unfaithfulness. Feelings of instant attraction to a person outside of the relationship is normal. The hormone dopamine causes those sparks to fly on instinct.

Picking a scenario for roleplay is fairly simple. What turns you on?

Nurses? Firemen? According to Loveline, 75 percent of women fantasize about firemen. There are many different types of play. Different roles allow for feelings of power, guilt and innocence. An authority fetish is exactly what it sounds like: involving authority figures. The Sexy Cop or the Hot Teacher. This can also tie into uniform fetishes--naughty school girls and doctors in coats. Gender play, on the other hand, involves people acting out a gender different from their biological sex. Master-slave relationships also exist within the roleplay umbrella. Rape fantasies also fall under this category. If the name of the game is non-consent, remember your safeword.

Roleplaying may feel rather ridiculous at first. But essentially it's just like acting. You're acting out a character within a scene. The key to roleplay is commitment. You don't want to abandon ship in the middle of your pirate captain fantasy do you? Follow-through with the character. The more convincing your character the more accurate your fantasy. Actors study their roles before a performance. Given that this is your fantasy, you are probably pretty well-studied.

### And All That Jazz

by T.K. Harris

As a kid I would look out of the window of my mom's car and see 88 cents per gallon on the front of the gas pump. At the time I didn't really know what that meant. 15 years later gas prices are nearing \$4 per gallon in California.

The LA Times reports the average cost of gas in California is \$3.84 per gallon. Not bad compared to the 76 gas station down the street from my house, which is up to \$4.09 per gallon. I haven't seen other gas prices around Arcata, but the word on the street is we have the highest in California.

As an Alaskan, where gas prices are usually higher than the rest of America's gas prices, I thought it was funny. California is getting a taste of what Alaska deals with. Living here now, I don't think it's funny. It feels like as soon as I moved to Arcata gas prices went up.

So is there anything we as a nation can do? For our wallets' sake and the environment's, we can join the recent campaign to drive less. But this is always a good idea, high gas prices or not. The idea of the campaign is to ride your bike to school, walk to work, carpool. Just drive less.

The safest bet is to prepare for Mad Max times. Stock up on leather jackets, spiked bracelets and baseball bats. Invest in a dirt bike or a dune buggy. And make sure you have lots of containers to carry gas in, because when it all goes down, he who has the gas has the power.

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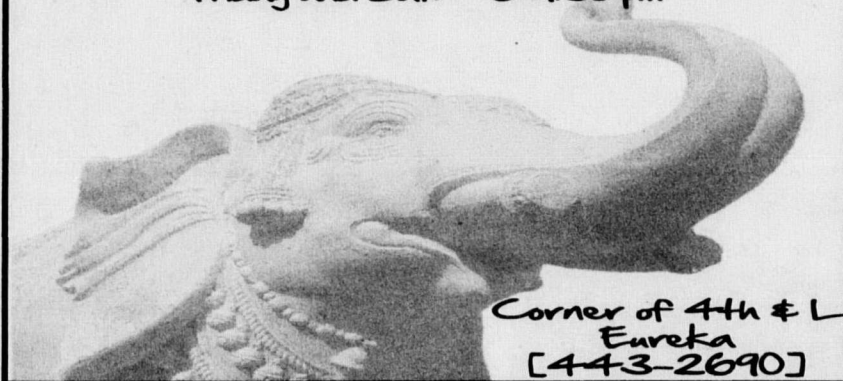


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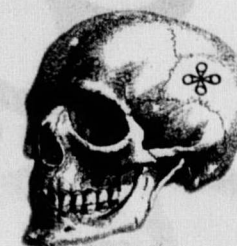
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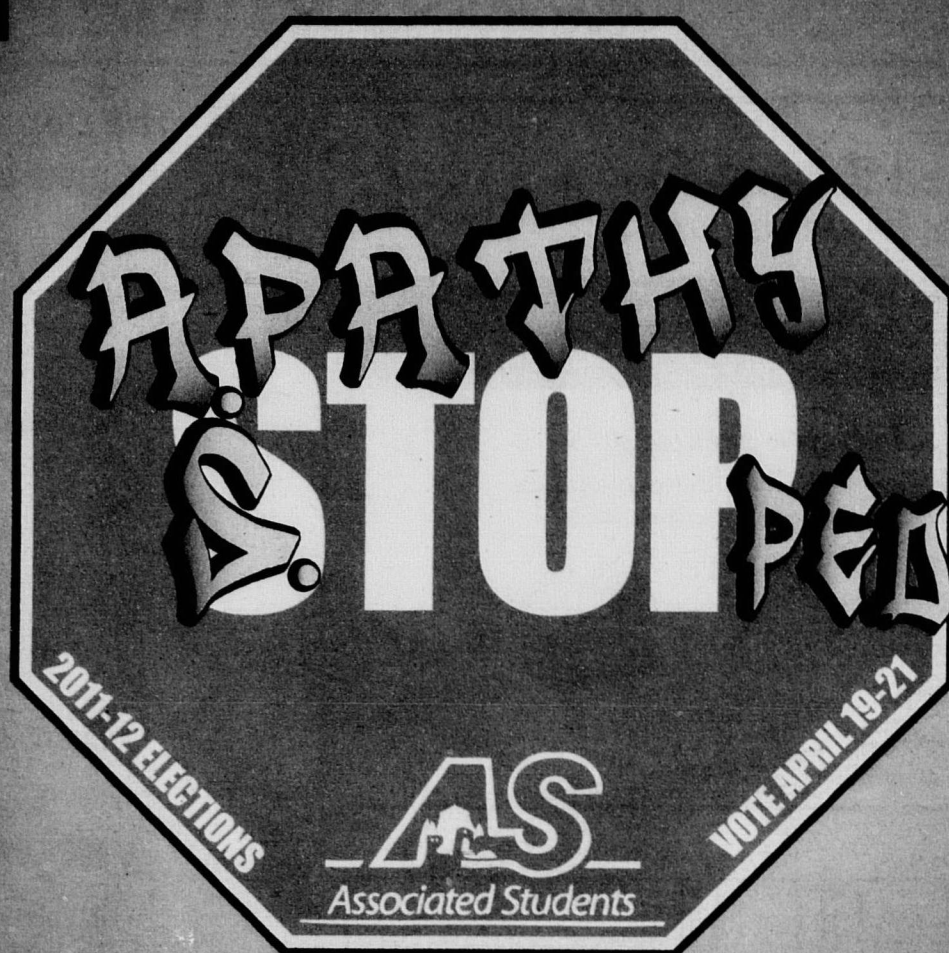
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