

# the Lumberjack

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**FUMING LIBRARY**—Toxic odors have been permeating the library, making it not only difficult to read but difficult to breathe. The lacquer being applied inside is said to be of "minor" toxicity but ventilation is required and intake should not be prolonged. Exterior spraying was stopped last week when fumes entered open-air intakes.

## LWV woman saw debate 'sidestepping'

by Kevin Cloherty

Millions of people have watched the historic debates between President Ford and Jimmy Carter on their television sets but only several hundred have been able to see them debate live.

Sally Upatisinga, president of the Eureka League of Women Voters (LWV), is one of them.

The San Francisco LWV, host of the second debate at the Palace of Fine Arts, gave one ticket each to the 82 local chapters in California. Upatisinga, who has been active in the Eureka chapter for five years, said the debate was "much more exciting than the first debate."

"Governor Carter was on the offensive. When he said Kissinger was the president of foreign policy he laid the groundwork for the debate," Upatisinga said.

"I don't think either of them won the debate. I think they sidestepped the questions. The one Carter really gave an answer on was the question of an oil embargo. Aside from that I don't think he gave any specific answers."

Upatisinga described the security at the debate as "incredible."

"We had tickets with numbers on them and they had to correspond to the numbers on the master list. The Secret Service checked all our bags before we could go in."

"I could understand that because San Francisco is where Sara Jane Moore tried to assassinate President Ford."

Being one of the members of the audience made Upatisinga feel like one of the elite.

"I rode up in a taxi and the road was barricaded. A policeman asked me if I had a ticket so I said 'yes' and he removed the barricade. My taxi zipped right up to the door. It does something to your ego," she said.

Even with the security, some demonstrators managed to get in through a door at the reception following the debate.

"They (policemen) forced them out with their long riot sticks," Upatisinga said.

It is difficult to be informed on all the issues and to be able to know if the truth is being told. Upatisinga said she thought Ford made a mistake regarding a list of companies that contributed goods to Israel. She also expressed amazement over the questions asked of the candidates.

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### Eureka chapter organized

## NOW for more support

by Marcia Vanderlip

The recently formed chapter of The National Organization of Women (NOW) will vote Oct. 25 on which five of 11 tentative projects to undertake as a group.

Some of the topics to be considered are abortion, health care, high school women and monitoring of Affirmative Action and equal employment including the halting of discriminatory practices in higher education.

Judy Edson, a local attorney and president of the new chapter, said the group was developed because of the need for a group to take a strong position on women's issues. NOW has been doing that on a nationwide basis.

"This is a rural area with a rural population

which makes it very difficult for women to work as a group to achieve whatever goals they feel are appropriate. So, we hope that by organizing this group the support we'll get on a national level will help us," she said.

"We do feel that women on campus are much more familiar with the concepts of equality on the basis of sex. Because of the role nature and lack of transiency most residents are not so sophisticated on the issue of woman's roles and we wanted to approach them in the most unthreatening way possible."

"For that reason, we will be moving somewhat more slowly, more cautiously than perhaps some

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## Candidates strengthen political differences

by Beth Willon

The answers to the debated issues appeared vague, but the personalities of the candidates were clearly seen at the debate sponsored by Arcata For-Ever Monday night.

The double-debate between 2nd District Assemblyman Barry Keene and Republican challenger Jerry Spencer, and 3rd District supervisorial candidates Sara Parsons and Paul Wilson, gave Arcata community members a chance to ask questions of the candidates.

Although the majority of topics debated at the Arcata High School auditorium were not new, the candidates had an opportunity to strengthen their political differences.

In Spencer's opening statement he said he would try to keep the color down on his neck during the debate.

He said it was literally impossible for any man to resolve

all the problems on the Northcoast.

"In the last eight months the Northcoast has had four big plants shut down up here. That pertains to 1,200 jobs," Spencer said. "We have a right to have our voice heard in Sacramento that we need jobs and progress and growth too."

Keene said the only statement he agreed on with Spencer was he too could not solve all the problems on the Northcoast.

"The real issue in this election is not what is to be accomplished on your behalf but how things are to be accomplished on your behalf."

In regard to the federal and state funding for senior citizen programs, Spencer said it would have to start at the federal level and come down to the state level.

"This is one of the problems that is a problem for almost any part of the country," Spencer said. "I think this country has

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## Membership drop closes frat' house

by Ellen Smith

The last remaining fraternity house at HSU, Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), will be put up for sale soon.

The sale signifies the end of an era that began for TKE at HSU in 1960.

Lack of participation and a dwindling membership are two factors that aided the TKE's Board of Trustees with its decision to dissolve Humboldt's chapter. This year, only four

students are active members and live in the TKE house, at 1390 I St., as compared to 12 last year.

Brad Lambeth, a junior in fisheries and a TKE member, said they tried to stimulate some interest at the beginning of this quarter by sending letters and going to the dorms knocking on doors but there was no response.

He said, "People who come to Humboldt just don't want to get

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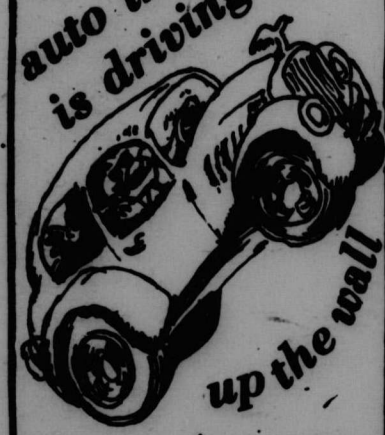


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**DEFOLIANT DEBATE**—The spraying of a herbicide which has been used in Humboldt County for more than 20 years was the controversial topic discussed in the Multipurpose Room last Friday. Participants were, from left, Dan Faulk,

AS president; Tim McKay, Northcoast Environmental Center; Hugh Black, forest service; Frank Johnson, forest service; Pete Haggard, Agricultural Commission and Tim Spallino, Agricultural Commission.

## Defoliant foes battle forest service

by Sammy Reist

**Editor's note**—The forest service has decided to resume spraying the defoliant, 2,4,5-T, since this story was written.

The forest service had delayed the spraying last Friday and again Monday.

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors refused to take any action Monday on Supervisor Raul Murguia's motion that the board ask the forest service to halt the spraying.

The supervisors refused to second Murguia's motion, which was made after presentations against the sprayings. The presentations came from HSU student Sean Kearns, who spoke as a member of Humboldt Tomorrow, from Associated Student President Dan Faulk, from John Amodio, a representative of the Northcoast Environmental Center and from HSU ethnic studies teacher Bobby Lake.

2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4,5-T), a widely used herbicide in agriculture and forest management, was the subject of a debate in the HSU Multipurpose Room, Friday.

It is used to promote growth of a desired plant by killing or stunting the growth of other plants which could otherwise slow the desired plant's growth by competing for resources. It is used to keep highways clear and was used in Vietnam to eliminate cover used in guerilla warfare.

### Forest service use

The current controversy is centered around U.S. Forest Service plans to use 2,4,5-T in Six Rivers National Forest. Hugh Black of the U.S. Forest Service said at Friday's debate the levels the forest service uses are of no danger. "It is a toxic material but so are vitamins, salts and sugars."

Black said that the forest service uses two pounds per acre and is careful not to get it into streams. The average amount used in Vietnam was 26 pounds per acre.

Black also said that there is no evidence that 2,4,5-T is concentrated in the food chain like DDT. He said it is normally excreted through the urine rapidly.

Tim McKay of the Northcoast Environmental Center, represented the people who are concerned about the possible dangers of 2,4,5-T. "People come up with uniform symptoms from diverse places. There is enough of a doubt to say that it shouldn't be sprayed on people."

Some of the health problems that might be caused by 2,4,5-T include cancer, various allergic reactions and birth defects.

A private timber company east of Miranda sprayed 2,4,5-T which got into the water. People and animals fell sick and it was believed that the contaminated water caused this.

Dave Woods, from Miranda, was in the audience for the debate and he said his wife had been sick from 2,4,5-T. He is opposed to more spraying of the herbicide.

### Limits diversity

Another problem is that 2,4,5-T, when sprayed over large areas, limits the diversity of the ecosystem and by doing so, degrades wildlife habitat. The hardwoods and the brush that are sprayed are important for deer.

In a report prepared for a symposium on herbicides and vegetation management at Oregon State University, Corvallis, H. Gratkowski of the U.S. Forest Service said, "When any environmental factors are changed or species are eliminated from a community, interrelated changes can occur in a chain reaction through the ecosystem. Many of these changes can be obscure or long-term effects difficult to foresee but with an end result that may completely negate any short-term benefits we may achieve."

### Dilute in streams

The forest service uses helicopters for their spraying. Black said that one-third of the spray goes into the atmosphere. He said the amounts that get into the streams deteriorate and are diluted so that it is below the detectable amount of 10 parts per trillion.

Black said they also only spray when the stand of trees is dormant, otherwise damage could be done to the new growth of Douglas fir.

Black said the other alternatives for brush clearing are not feasible under most circumstances. Prescribed burning would be one way but it is difficult.

### Hand cutting used

Another way could be hand cutting. Johnson said this is being done on a small scale. This is supported by people who also feel it would be a good way to bolster Humboldt County's sagging economy. Black said this would be too costly and would mean that fewer acres could be treated.

He said it is necessary to think of returns on the investment put into the forest.

Johnson said that although the forest service has no commitment to the timber industry it is very important. "If the timber industry did not exist we would have to create one. The product is for the use of the people."

Both sides feel strongly that they are right and as yet there isn't enough evidence to know for sure one way or the other. But as McKay said, "There is enough controversy to say that the facts aren't in and perhaps humans shouldn't be used as guinea pigs."

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# Flu vaccines scheduled

by Penny Chase

The recent, widely publicized deaths associated with swine flu inoculations will not deter the local program.

Norman Headley, M.D., director of the Health Center believes the deaths will have little effect on Humboldt County.

"It depends on how many more people die and what the circumstances are," he said.

"I have heard from many sources the deaths were not connected to the vaccine."

## Scheduled times

Swine flu inoculations are scheduled to be given at HSU Oct. 26 and 27 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the UC Multipurpose Room.

According to a pamphlet from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Atlanta, Ga., four groups of people should not take the vaccine without a physician's consent:

- Children under the age of 18,
- People allergic to eggs,
- People with a fever and
- People who have received another type of vaccine in 14 days prior to receiving the swine flu vaccine.

## Personal reasons cited

# Three SLC members quit

by Dan Lamoreaux

Three SLC members resigned from that body at its last Thursday's meeting.

The three ex-members are Sean Kearns, Luis Herrera and Patty Brubaker.

SLC Chairman Gary Berrigan said Herrera resigned so he could try out for the wrestling team.

Kearns resigned because of pressures from "increasing personal and academic commitments," Berrigan said. Brubaker had not submitted her written resignation, but told Berrigan she wanted to quit.

No plans have been made to replace them on the SLC.

The SLC elections this quarter

Headley said taking a swine flu shot is comparable to buying car insurance.

"You don't know that you'll have an accident when you drive your car but you buy insurance to protect yourself. This is a way to protect yourself if an epidemic does break out."

The vaccine is actually an inoculation of dead swine flu viruses. According to the CDC, it takes about 30 days for the body to build an immunity against the virus.

## Vaccine side effects

Possible side effects of the vaccine are fever, chills, headache or muscle aches within the first 48 hours and tenderness at the site of the shot for several days.

A talk show has been set for tonight from 7 to 8 on KHSU-FM and an open forum is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 25, at noon at the UC Kiosk to answer questions about the swine flu vaccine.

According to Sara Traphagen, HSU health educator, it's not a good idea to wait to take the vaccine.

"If people don't get the vaccine and an epidemic does break out, there may not be vaccine available or, if it is, it may cost money."

may also end up short some workers. The council was informed that an election commissioner has not been selected yet.

"Without an elections commissioner, we can't hold elections," Berrigan said. "I hope somebody comes along soon."

Youth Educational Services (YES) Director Bruce Siggson reported to the council that YES will obtain the Hagopian House from the Ethnic Studies program.

1600 to 700

"We'll be moving from the Comstock House, which has a floor space of 1600 feet, to the Hagopian House, which has 700 feet. So our room to work in will


be cut by at least half."

Siggson said the space reduction would be because the second story is closed off until the building is brought up to fire codes.

"We hope that we'll be able to keep both houses, because our expanding programs need the space," Siggson said. "But looks like we'll have it for only another year and a half."

For the interim period that YES would have both houses, Siggson offered the AS government the use of the space.

Also at the meeting, Berrigan said he will form an "advance committee on athletics" to deal with the upcoming contract talks with the athletic department.






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# Letters to the editor

## Article stand questioned Parsons election crucial

Editor:

The question of The Lumberjack supporting a political issue or candidate via its editorial page remains confusing despite the excellent article by Karen Petersen and Sally Connell's editorial in last week's Lumberjack.

An editorial by Tom Ruppel in the Sept. 29, 1976 issue of the CSU Fresno "Insight" said trustees have also obligated school papers to provide free editorial space to those who wish to respond to an election-related editorial. This seems to have an important bearing on the editorial controversy. I wonder why no mention of this proviso was made in The Lumberjack.

Also not reported by The Lumberjack are the reasons for the trustee's editorial policy. While I doubt a reasonable basis

for their decision, I would appreciate being able to analyze the board's position from a knowledgeable perspective rather than relying primarily on emotions.

The board seems to be operating on a perverted sense of what an "education" constitutes. Most students, if they think about it at all, consider their time spent at college to be a "real experience."

Arcata is part of the real world. It is a lumber town and also a college town. HSU happens to have a pretty good newspaper that serves not only the university but the community as well. The community obviously recognizes the inter-relationship and capitalizes on it by advertising in The Lumberjack.

That editorials occasionally stir controversy has long been an indication of a vital and healthy newspaper—a paper that is read and responded to.

The trustee's censorial position appears to limit the interaction of the paper with the community. The trustees seem to believe a cosmic transformation takes place with the presentation of a diploma, which produces a qualitative change from an incompetent student to a responsible adult. Prior participation in the real world is apparently unnecessary, undesirable and in certain circumstances, illegal. Pre-diploma attempts at responsibility and concern about the world outside the campus are stifled.

I find more valuable the philosophy which advocates learning about government, economics, social systems and institutions via participation. Learning by experience predates the CSUC approach by several thousand years; perhaps a combination of the two would result in better informed and more aware responsible citizens.

Lindsey McWilliams  
HSU student

The Lumberjack wants its "Letters to the Editor" column to become a forum for wide-ranging ideas. The deadline for letters is Friday at noon before the next issue. Authors must be identified by major and year if they are students, title and field if faculty and community residents should be identified by town. Letters must be free of libel and within reasonable limits of taste. All letters are subject to condensation.

Editor:

The election of the 3rd District Supervisor this Nov. 2 is of great importance to all members of the HSU community.

The election of Sara Parsons will guarantee that at least one member of the board will be progressive, open-minded and sensitive to the needs of the university community.

Parsons has a record of courage and integrity dating back to her election as the first integrationist on the Atlanta, Ga., Board of Education.

For seven years she fought for equality and quality in education.

Parsons has consistently supported resource recovery and recycling.

She is sensitive to the concerns of minorities and women.

She has supported the peoples' right to vote on the Humboldt Wastewater Project.

These are just a few of the issues on which she has provided strong leadership.

Paul Wilson, her opponent, on the other hand, represents a narrow, self-interested point of view. He has NOT provided leadership on the Arcata City Council. His attendance record does not demonstrate his heavy

commitment to the job.

Wilson can take at least partial credit for the Arcata Freeway project. He supported it from beginning to end.

Wilson opposed the peoples' right to vote on the Arcata Freeway Project.

He opposed the petition to place the Wastewater Project before the voters.

He supported the Butler Valley Dam Project which was overwhelmingly voted down by the voters.

Wilson only recently has warmed up to the student vote, now that he realizes that it can win or lose the election for him.

In the past, he has vocally and publically opposed student participation in local politics.

Blunt honesty doesn't go far when it is combined with unresponsiveness and insensitivity.

The Board of Supervisors has never had a woman member. There have been few supervisors in Humboldt County history with Sara's integrity and courage.

Sara Parsons is the right woman for the job.

Wesley P. Chesbro  
Arcata City Councilman  
Sara Parsons for Supervisor

## Health efficiency debatable

Editor:

What's wrong with the Health Center?

Last year, if you walked in you got a nice smile and got to see the doctor within a half hour. Now, you get, "I'm sorry, you're at the wrong window." (The same receptionist meets you at the other window.) "Now, what can I do for you?"

All I needed was a physical, but

she doesn't have the doctor's hours and can't give an appointment till November.

What the hell is going on?

The Health Center gets a new building and their efficiency drops to near zero?

Are they just playing Kaiser Hospital?

Maybe we should move them into the Kiosk.

Brian Morrison  
Range management

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# Letters to editor

## Library claimed 'hazardous'

Editor:

If you think the only kind of pollution resulting from the library construction is noise pollution, you're wrong.

Last Monday, an intense odor permeated the library. The odor was from a concrete sealer being sprayed on the library exterior near the open-air intakes. The problem with this chemical goes beyond its unpleasant lacquer, glue-type smell. It contains xylene, a hydrocarbon of "minor" toxicity. "Minor" is defined, "Only slightly hazardous to health."

The danger of inhaling xylene is rated, from one source, as "moderate," i.e., "may involve both irreversible and reversible changes not severe enough to cause death or permanent injury." From another source: "Minor residual injury may result from some accidental exposures if no treatment is applied."

A toxic dose for humans can range from 100 to 300 ppm. Evidently, these concentrations were reached Monday as toxic effects were felt.

Students complained of headaches and nausea but the most drastic effects were felt by library staff. They and others who "stuck it out" complained of sore throats, difficulty in breathing, pressure in the lungs and sinus, dizziness, burning eyes,

blurred vision, disorientation along with severe headaches and nausea.

Last Monday, when concern increased, the head librarian, David Oyler, consulted the construction foreman and chemical manufacturer. The concerned manufacturer advised, first, to get people with respiratory and heart problems out and, second, to ventilate.

Unfortunately, like so many environmental problems, the damage was done before pre-

cautions were taken.

For the xylene problem, a solution has been reached but too late.

The library, however, is far from finished. Interior application of paint and lacquer have begun.

If you are concerned about these problems and interested in working toward a solution, please contact me.

Elaine Carlin  
junior, oceanography  
822-0729

## Housing statement clarified

Editor:

I would like to clarify an incorrect statement attributed to me in last week's Lumberjack article "Desirable Housing Scarce."

I definitely do NOT feel that there is enough housing for students in this area. This is strongly evidenced by several factors:

1-the steady stream of students, down to about 35 daily since school started, still coming into my office looking for housing.

2-vacancies posted through our office are made up almost entirely of "share-type" situations in order to make the unit more affordable in terms of rental rates.

3-the increasing inquiries as to

over-night camping, spaces to park vans, R.V.'s and trailers and places to pitch a tent.

4-the more stringent standards employed in the outlying areas that are not as accustomed to "students" as tenants and therefore somewhat reluctant to rent to them.

5-the fact that on-campus housing provides for approximately 15-16 percent of the Humboldt student population, leaving some 6,500 students to acquire housing off-campus.

6-finally, students comprise only approximately half of the total renter market, so they are competing with non-student tenants for limited rental vacancies.

Patricia McCoy  
off campus housing coordinator



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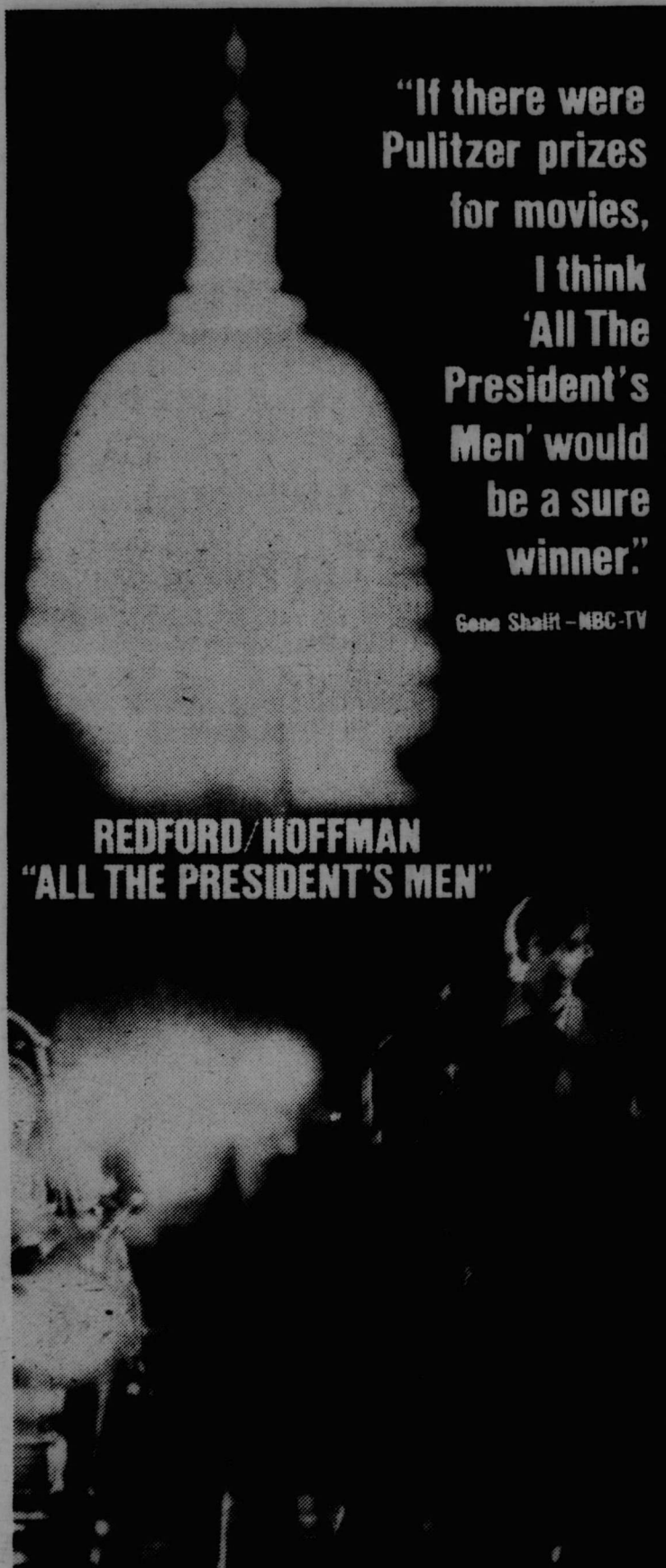
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**FARM WORKER PROPOSAL**—John Corbett, county supervisor, left, faced Dennis Wilson, member of the Committee of Fair Labor Laws, in debate concerning Proposition 14 last week by the UC Kiosk. Corbett argued for the initiative, saying farm workers should have the right to organize. Wilson said the law is already covered by previously enacted laws.

## Farm initiative drags locally

by Jerry Blair

Although Proposition 14 seems to be attracting a lot of attention in other parts of California, it does not seem to be generating much excitement in Humboldt County.

Both Rep. Don Clausen (R-2nd District) and his opponent Oscar Klee have declined to take positions on the initiative, along with State Sen. Peter Behr.

Assemblyman Barry Keene (D-Eureka) and his challenger Jerry Spencer are both opposed to the measure, although for varying reasons.

### Four provisions

The proposition has four basic provisions:

1. It would make into law the Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, which could then only be repealed by another initiative. This law sets up a five-member board to supervise farm worker elections and rule on unfair labor practices.

Elections would be held at harvest season, and growers would not be able to fire workers who participate in union activity. Also, unions could not strike unless they have won an election and been declared the legal bargaining agent for the workers.

2. The proposition says the legislature "will give" money to the labor board to do its job.

### Controversial provision

3. One of the most controversial provisions of the proposition says that union organizers would be given access to workers on growers' property during election campaigns. Meeting times would be limited to one-hour periods before and after work and at mid-day.

Growers contend that this is an infringement on their property rights, but union officials say this would be the only way to reach all the workers.

4. Lists of growers' employees, with home addresses, would have to be provided to unions that file notices of intention to hold an election.

### Privacy infringement

Growers contend that this would be an infringement on the workers right to privacy, but union people say that because of the short

harvest season and the movement of workers around the state following the crop harvests, this provision is needed.

Keene said that while problems had risen earlier this year with funding for the labor board, money for the administration of the law has been placed in the budget.

Also, Keene said the measure has no binding effect on the legislature to provide for the board even if it is passed.

### Access rights

Keene also said that in terms of access rights for union organizers, the existing act goes far beyond any federal or state labor law in the country.

"By enacting the Proposition 14 proposals, we are in fact limiting the flexibility of the board to develop satisfactory regulations based on experience," Keene said.

Spencer agreed with this. He believes there is a need for labor adjustment.

"I think the National Labor Relations Board would be of great help here," Spencer said. "A one shot thing like this just won't work. Things have to be fitted and tried, which is the reason for collective bargaining."

### Damage levies

Spencer also said that another problem with the initiative is the provision for threefold damages to be levied on growers who are found practicing unfair labor practices.

"This initiative has no protection for the farmer," he said. "He is being squeezed and forced to go begging. I'm in favor of the small farmer and believe he has the right to farm the land for himself and his family."

Keene also said that farm worker rights provided for under the 1975 law will remain intact regardless of the success of Proposition 14.

"This measure is counterproductive as far as the interests of farm workers are concerned," he said. "It merely fulfills a threat made to the legislature if certain 'non-negotiable demands' were not met. And the unfortunate thing is that all of the reasonable demands have been met."

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# Prop. 14 sparks debate

HSU students could have heard two representatives speak from opposing sides on Proposition 14, an initiative which will appear on the November ballot.

Dennis Wilson, representing the Committee of Fair Labor Laws spoke for NO on Proposition 14. John Corbett, county supervisor argued in favor of Proposition 14.

Kevin Gladstone, SLC representative, was moderator. After a brief history, given by Gladstone on the history of the labor relation acts in California, the debate began.

## Positive thinking

Corbett said he believes farm workers should have the right to organize. Yes on 14 would mean "positive thinking." Corbett went on to say that Yes on 14 would put an end to secret elections, give unions the right to organize and would give farm workers information so they can vote intelligently.

Corbett gave justification for Proposition 14 by comparing all other forms of labor to agricultural labor, saying they already have labor rights. Corbett said the existing laws have many restrictions on farm workers.

Agricultural land owners can say who their workers can and can not talk to, Corbett said.

Dennis Wilson, on behalf of the "Committee of Fair Farm Laws" is doing work to get Proposition 14 defeated on the November ballot. He believes there is a functioning Labor Relations Board already in existence and doing the same job this initiative

is supposed to cover.

Wilson believes that the initiative doesn't give anyone free elections, and it will be up to the statutes.

"It will be a form of government interference," he said. The initiative as Wilson sees it, is one that is going to cost taxpayers money.

Anything to be changed must go through the California Legislature and if it comes to a citizens' vote it will be held every two years, unless money could be found for a special election.

Arguing against the fact that farm workers already have the right to vote for a union, Wilson said proponents fail to realize that if Proposition 14 does pass it will infringe on farm workers rights.

## Based on facts

"If Proposition 14 does pass it jeopardizes the right of the farmer and the farm worker. The farm workers are getting the short end of the stick," Wilson said. He stressed that social problems are still present and the initiative will change nothing except the need for another election.

After the 10-minute opening speeches a 15-minute rebuttal was allotted to each representative.

Corbett believes Yes on 14 is based on the facts. "Looking at old laws and getting the big picture will work out for the peoples good."

Corbett said labor organizations should be able to organize.

Proposition 14 doesn't interfere with the property rights of the farmers because the unions will be allotted specific times to be on the property—one hour before work, at lunch hour and one hour after work.

Corbett's closing remarks brought enthusiasm from segments of the crowd as he went on to say that people for NO on Proposition 14 have always fought against a measure like this.

It was sent to the legislature and blocked. The Supreme Court refused to hear the case, and now Corbett said, they're asking the California people to defeat it.

Corbett said Proposition 14 has "obvious merits." He said every other segment of America has rights. Farm workers he believes need Proposition 14 to meet their needs and bring peace to existing conflicts.

## Rules make sense

Wilson in his brief rebuttal stressed that the access rules as they stand now should not be changed. The agricultural labor laws that were passed and signed into law Aug. 28, 1975 gave farm workers free elections. "The access rules, as presently written, make sense."

Wilson urged the students to read the proposition carefully and to weigh each side.

Kevin Gladstone, moderator for the debate said, "Students can absorb the aspects, and a majority will form opinions of the proposition by listening to a debate like this."

Gladstone went on to say that events like this are important to get the word out.

# Legislation increases vets' benefits

Money, usually an interesting subject, will be involved in important changes for veterans.

According to Richard Rugen, HSU veteran's representative, there are from 800 to 850 persons on campus who receive veterans benefits.

Monthly benefits range from \$270 for a single person with no dependents to \$366 for a person with two dependents. Each additional dependent adds \$22 to benefits.

## Ford signed increase bill

A bill signed by President Ford two weeks ago, will give veterans an 8 percent increase in benefits. This bill will also give veterans an unqualified nine-month extension and the opportunity to get a \$1,500 loan.

Rugen said, "These benefits probably won't be seen until December because it will take that long to get the paperwork through."

As the program is now run, ex-servicemen are entitled to 45 months of college-degree schooling benefits. Disabled veterans with a 10 percent disability can receive up to 48 months of benefits.

Beginning Dec. 31, the "GI Bill" will be different.

## Savings program

Men and women who entered under the new volunteer army will be put on a savings program. For every one dollar the serviceman puts in, the government will back it with two additional dollars.

Veterans are also entitled to fringe benefits. Home loans and dental care can be applied for one year after active service.

The VA hospital in San Francisco cannot refuse treatment to a veteran because of inability to pay. Rugen said it is best to check with the Health Center to determine the extent of the illness before heading for San

Francisco.

Rugen said the rumors stating veterans receive extra money are untrue for HSU.

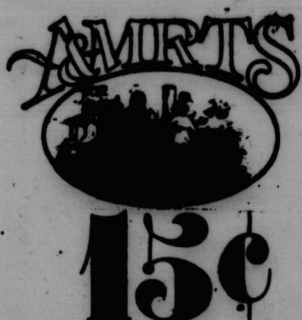
"HSU has one of the best run programs of the California State University and Colleges system (CSUC) programs. The number of units and the withdrawals are all checked on. A yearly survey is done and there have been no discrepancies in over payment."

"Our office has been operating successfully for three years. New programs evolved and people know that if they need help or referrals, our office is here to help them."

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## 'Free and equal'

# Alliance with men sought

(Continued from front page)

of the members would like. But we feel it is important to serve that segment of the community," she said.

The chapter will meet in Eureka because, Edson said, "We don't want to get so tied up with the university that we alienate the community."

Men are welcome to join NOW as well.

Michele Drier, a member of the executive board of NOW and the director of the North coast Women's Center, said, "The basic purpose of NOW is to bring free and equal partnership with men."

### Men are included

Edson said, "In my view and that of a lot of other people, the women's movement is a means of achieving human individuality," and therefore includes men.

Except in specific cases, the local chapter will generally comply with the national NOW stand on the issues.

Edson pointed to the abortion issue as one of the main priorities on the task force list and expressed hope for the possibility that "the right to chose might somehow be appreciated."

### Pro-choice stand

Drier said, NOW does not take a "pro-abortion stand" but rather a "pro-choice stand."

Another priority, according to Edson, is to start communicating with high school girls and "give them a chance to air their needs and their relation to women's issues."

"We're also very concerned about women who are trying to move up in administrative and prestigious positions to give them some kind of support system and support structure."

As a woman in this position, she said, "it gets lonely from this point of view."

There are 20 members in NOW but Edson

## More minorities

# Recruitment required

by Kathryn Houser

The enrollment of minority groups at HSU has dropped from 752 in 1973 to less than 400 in 1976.

HSU Ombudsman Earl Meneweather said this in his \$5,000 fund requisition to HSU Resource Allocation Committee for a Minority Outreach and Recruitment Program.

"In order for HSU to maintain minority enrollment, we need to recruit," he said, adding HSU has not actively recruited since 1973.

### Need new students

When the minority enrollment goes down, Meneweather believes, "everyone is short-changed in the cultural exchange."

The purpose of the Minority Outreach and Recruitment Program would be to make minority communities in California aware of what HSU has to offer students.

The recruitment teams would meet with persons from all facets

of HSU, including admissions and records, financial aid, housing and academic affairs.

The teams would then contact high school administrators in the communities they want to reach.

### Program direction

The program would be geared toward minority students who:

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Meneweather believes many people feel there is "potential among minority students but no money."

"There are thousands of minorities who can afford to come to HSU."

### Particular interest

Particular interest would be with those potential HSU students from inner cities.

"What we need is a good recruitment program," he said. "Letters saying 'we'd love to have you' just will not work."

"It is the obligation of the university to solve the problem."

"The problem is not just one of multi-cultural depravity, but social adjustment and atmosphere for incoming minority students."

### Familiar faces

"All new students need activity and support. Minorities, particularly, need to see more familiar faces downtown and in classes."

"Decline in minority enrollment curtails activities for minority students."

Although, according to a headcount by Meneweather, there are 12 new black students at HSU this quarter, 26 black students were lost through graduation, transfer and withdrawal.

"The black students are saying, 'Get us new faces,'" Meneweather said. "I can't blame them."



**SEEKING SUPPORT**—Judy Edson, local NOW chapter president, is hoping to make the new Eureka NOW more cohesive with the help of national publicity and long-term residents.

reported there are 40 or 50 others who desire to join.

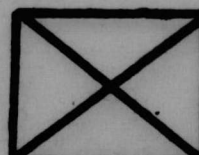
"Membership is \$15 annually and, because it is a calendar, many will join in January to save money," she said.

"Most of the people who sit on the board are extremely busy people, we appreciate and welcome everyone's energy and time."

The next meeting will be held Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District building on 7th and K Streets in Eureka.

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# Food stamp use affected by students, county cost undetermined

by Robin Hashem

The impact of college students on Food Stamp Program caseloads can be seen in welfare charts and statistics, but the financial effect of student use on Humboldt County is not as easily discerned.

Joseph M. Ormond, supervisor of the program validation unit for the Humboldt County Welfare Department, said, "There's no denying it, the student population does affect us."

Ormond said, "The intake for food and medical (cases) jumps right up in October."

The 1974 Food Stamps Characteristics Survey published by the California Health and Welfare Agency reported that 7.9 percent of the cases reviewed statewide involved college students.

The survey indicated that most students receive food stamps on a zero-purchase level, non-assistant basis. This means that they get their food stamps for free but do not receive other public assistance.

Figures supplied by the eligibility and grants division of the Humboldt County Welfare Department indicate students comprise approximately 17 percent of the households receiving food stamps at a zero-purchase level.

Ormond said student impact on the Medi-Cal caseload is "not as great" as on the Food Stamp Program.

Students tend "to utilize the food stamps more than they use Medi-Cal because most students are healthy. They're young."

Ormond said students also have access to low-cost health insurance through colleges. Most students wait until they sustain an injury before they apply for Medi-Cal.

"Anytime you are involved in some kind of major injury you can go back and get Medi-Cal to cover three months prior to the month in which you apply. So it's not a question of you've got to apply right now to get it tomorrow like it is with food stamps."

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A student must prove his/her parents are not legally claiming him or her as a dependent before the student can receive food stamps. To do this the student fills out a form provided by the welfare office.

Ormond said that by using this form the welfare office "can accurately determine whether the parents are providing any income or intends to provide any income for the tax dependent."

Although the welfare department has figures on how many students use food stamps, it has no way of determining how much the student use costs Humboldt County. That determination is lost in the larger question of the cost of the program to the county.

Ormond believes in terms of county economics, the county benefits more than it loses from the Food Stamp Program.

According to Carl Bersch, staff services manager for the Humboldt County Welfare Department, the total cost of food stamp administration in this county is approximately \$538,000 annually. Of that, the county pays a yearly fee of about \$183,000. Federal and state money pays for the difference.

The county fee is used strictly for administrative costs. These costs include rent, overhead and issuance costs.

The actual stamps are provided by the Department of Agriculture.

Bersch said it costs Humboldt County 30 cents per \$1 benefit. The costs in some counties ranges as high as 88 cents per \$1 benefit.

In Bersch's opinion, the program is "at best a break even deal" for the county.

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Effie Yegge

Out of the 1,125 employees working at the Arcata plant of the California Barrel Co., Ltd.

before it shut down, more than 300 were women . . . and they certainly were not all secretaries.

J. J. Krohn, manager of the Arcata plant, never hesitated to hire women to work in his factory or office.

## Only single women taught

After Effie Yegge married in 1940 she found it impossible to get a teaching job in Humboldt County. Only single women got the jobs.

She went back to HSU and took a commercial course and was hired immediately at the Arcata barrel factory office.

"I was one of many women in the office," she said. "I was the receptionist. Anyone wanting to see Mr. Krohn or any of the executives had to see me first."

Yegge handled the petty cash, figured log scales and paid the freight bills.

"I gave first aid when it was needed because I had nursing experience.

"When the company found out if they hired a graduate nurse, their insurance rates would go down, they hired one," she said.

### Warmhearted operation

Yegge thought of the Arcata barrel factory as a very warm-hearted operation.

"There was no feeling of superiority between the office women and the factory women," she said. "Everyone was treated equally. It was really a family affair."

Promotions in the plant were handled by seniority.

"I did not think it was right that seniority came before efficiency. But the unions controlled the plant," Yegge said.

Yegge was one of the few workers closely associated with Krohn.

"I worked with him every day and so did my husband," Yegge said. "He was small in his

mind and did not feel any importance. All of the workers respected him at the plant."

### Bonuses given

When the plant closed down, Yegge said Krohn gave all the office help and key people \$100 for each year they worked.

"I received \$1,600 and my husband \$2,600. We were really set financially for a while," Yegge said.

Yegge worked in the plant office for 14 years. "I have done a lot of things in my life because

people have given me the privilege to work," she said.

Yegge moved from her home in Blue Lake after the eighth grade to go to high school in Arcata.

After working her way through high school by living with a family in Arcata and doing housework, Yegge went to HSU.

"I lived at Trinity Hospital and worked as a nurse in order to get my room and board. This way I could go to college and get my teaching credential," she said.

### Swine flu

The Red Cross asked her to help nurse during the swine flu epidemic in 1918 because she had experience at the old Trinity Hospital, now the University Annex.

"At first I was making house calls but then a hospital was set up in the Arcata Women's Club," Yegge said. "I had my credential and was teaching at the time but my school closed down for six months because of the flu."

After teaching in the area for a few years, Yegge went to the University of California at Berkeley and got her junior high school credential. She then went to USC to get her supervisor's credential. She married Robert Yegge and moved back to the Arcata area.

"I've gone to school all my life," Yegge said. "I got my teaching credential from HSU but not a degree. I was five units short."

"After the barrel factory closed down I went back to HSU in 1961 and carried 15 units," she said. "I finally graduated at the age of 68."

"I was teaching at McKinleyville Junior High while getting my B.A. at Humboldt. They hired me at McKinleyville when I was 63 years old and retired me when I was 73."

Yegge taught English, reading and music for 15 years at McKinleyville High School.

"My main interest was teaching younger people. I wanted them to learn they could do anything they want," Yegge said. "There is always a way. I proved that to myself."

'Many of us old timers are still confused about what happened between the union and Roddis Plywood Corp. when the barrel company closed down,' former employee.

The barrel factory was located at 8th & K streets.

## 37 years later, 'I would go back'

In 1939 Irene Knapp Voss went to Cabco's Arcata plant personnel manager, Murrell Warren, to ask for a job.

"I went directly to his home and knocked on his door," Voss said. "I told him my father, Frank Knapp, worked at the factory and I was his daughter. I heard they were hiring women."

At 18 years old, Voss was just one of the women to be hired at the Arcata plant.

"I got a terrible reputation at the time," Voss said. "Not only was I working with a factory full of men but I was wearing pants to work!"

Text by Beth Willon

Voss worked for a year making 25 cents an hour before she could join the union and make 35 cents an hour.

"Those were fair wages at that time for a girl my age," Voss said. "Of course my wages went up as I continued working at the plant for the next 17 years."

### Grating cleats

Working in the wirebound box division, Voss operated the machine which grated cleats to make crates.

"I got to be so fast that they made me the only grater," Voss said. "I could grate 1,500 to 2,000 cleats a day. When I finished my quota I could make bonus cleats and a little extra money."

"The women were generally faster workers than the men."

Voss married an Arcata plant worker, Bill Adams, shortly after she began working. He was killed in 1943 on the way to San Francisco where he was to meet his wife on leave from the army.

### Had to work hard

"I had a one-year-old son and very little money at this time," Voss said. "I was a widow for the next 23 years and I had to work hard."

During World War II, Voss said there was a great influx of women into the Arcata plant. The majority of the women were supporting their families while their husbands or fathers were in the service.

"After the war started, women worked in all divisions of the factory," Voss said. "They lifted the heavy materials used to make barrels and worked all the machines. No extra privileges were given to any of the women."

Voss said another damaging factor to her reputation was her airplane flying.

### Flying great release

"I was a widow and many people thought a woman in my position should not be flying around," she said. "It was a great release for me so I ignored the comments and went flying all the time."

"I was hitchhiking to Eureka one day, which was safe at the time, and a salesman picked me up," Voss said. "He was going to take his plane out of Murray Field and asked me to go. I decided to take lessons after the ride."

"I used to fly to work all the time and land behind the factory," she said. "Whenever I would be late for work I'd circle around the factory to let my boss know I was coming in."

### Rumor disbelieved

Voss said she heard the rumor that the plant might close after it was sold to Roddis but she never believed it.

"I was lucky to get a job as a meat wrapper shortly after I lost my job at the Arcata plant. Many were not as fortunate," she said.

"If the Arcata barrel company ever opened again I would go back," Voss said. "There aren't many jobs a person can say that about."



Irene Voss





—From the James Lundberg collection.

## Barrels: microcosm of Arcata life

Working at the Arcata plant of the California Barrel Co., Ltd. (Cabco) was like belonging to a large family. The company was the heart of Arcata for more than 50 years. When Cabco's Arcata plant sold out to Roddis Plywood Corp. in 1956 many of its 1,125 employees were left without work.

"Almost everyone in Arcata worked at the barrel factory at one time or another during the years it operated," former employee Rachel Black said. "With the majority of Arcata residents getting their income from the plant it really damaged the business community when it shut down."

Text by Beth Willon

John L. Koster founded the California Barrel Co. in San Francisco in 1883 to make sugar and syrup barrels for the Spreckles Sugar Company. Koster turned the company over to his son Frederick J. Koster in 1905. He remained president until the company sold out in 1956.

The Arcata Cabco plant was built in 1902 because of its access to timber. The plant was managed from 1906 until 1956 by Julius John Krohn.

"My father worked in the California Barrel Factory in San Francisco for a few years and then was sent to Arcata in 1904 to become bookkeeper for the plant," said Louise Hitt, daughter of the late Krohn. "Although he was manager of the Arcata plant for 50 years he never owned any part of the company except stock."

Manager sympathetic

Krohn was regarded as a man with much concern for his employees.

"He tried to keep everyone on the payroll," former employee Effie Yegge said. "He would never retire a person because they were too old to work. Even if they could only push a broom around, he would keep them."

"He would go out of his way to let college students work part-time so they could also go to school."

Hitt said, "During the Depression my father gave everyone a three-day work week in order to avoid unemployment. Only one member from each family could work at the plant during those years."

Before Depression

Prior to the Depression years, the Arcata plant was making barrels, kegs, veneer and flakeboard. In 1928 the wirebound box department became part of the plant.

"California Barrel Co. didn't know anything about

wirebound boxes and if the Depression hadn't come along they never would have been making them," Yegge said. "My husband, Robert Yegge was the owner of the wirebound company in Oakland."

"His company could not pay California Barrel for the veneer they had been buying because they couldn't collect for the boxes they had sold. Those were hard times," she said.

Started wirebound department

"My husband and his partner sold out to California Barrel and they started a wirebound department in the Arcata plant," Yegge said. "We moved to Arcata and my husband became planner for the plant."

The wirebound boxes were made to ship vegetables, refrigerators and stoves.

In January, 1956, Roddis Plywood Corp. bought out Cabco's Arcata plant for over \$12 million. Two weeks after the sale the entire Arcata plant closed down. The employees were not informed of the closure until they were clocking out.

Stunned employees

The shut-down of the Arcata plant stunned the employees as well as the community. The explanations were varied and to this day remain so.

"After Roddis bought the plant, the office personnel, the foremen and the executives who worked for the Arcata plant signed a contract saying we would stay with Roddis for 18 months," Yegge said. "I was the receptionist for Mr. Krohn so I signed the contract."

"All of us in the office knew Roddis was buying the plant mainly because they wanted the timber but they insisted they would try to keep the plant operating."

According to Yegge there was a final meeting with Mr. Krohn, the Roddis management and members of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union.

Contract terminated

"The Roddis management wanted to draw a new contract with the union, not because they opposed the union but because they wanted their own settlement," Yegge said. "The union officials refused to change the contract. After three minutes of negotiating, the union officials walked out and the plant was closed down."

According to the Arcata plant's payroll manager, Jo Marsh, Roddis did not want the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union because they insisted on continuing to operate the entire plant.

"Roddis officials told the union they could no longer run all the departments of the Arcata plant because the

price of wood was going up. They could not compete with the paper industry," Marsh said. "In order to terminate the union contract, Roddis had no choice but to shut the entire plant down."

Union deceived

The union personnel had another version concerning the closure of the plant. The secretary-treasurer of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, Stanley Jordan, said the union was used as a cover-up for Roddis Plywood Corp.

"The only reason Roddis bought the plant was for the timber," Jordan said. "Roddis knew they weren't going to keep the plant operating when he purchased it from California Barrel."

"At the meeting we had with the Roddis officials, they agreed to our demands of keeping the plant operating. They lied to us."

President responsible

The president of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union was the late Louis Sedlacek. His daughter, Dee-Dee Cook, said her father was shocked when the factory closed down.

"My father heard rumors after the plant was bought by Roddis that it was going to shut down. He went and talked to Mr. Krohn and other executives and they denied the rumor," Cook said.

"Finally they told him the plant was closing a half-hour before it shut down," Cook said. "They had lied to my father and left him feeling responsible for all his unemployed workers. He was completely dumbfounded by the whole thing."

Employees dispersed

After the Arcata plant closed down some of the employees got jobs at HSU doing maintenance work, some went with Roddis, and others became mill workers. Many of the employees were too old to find jobs and went on unemployment.

Roddis tore down many of the buildings on the 29-acre site because they were not being used. They remained a plywood plant for the next two years.

"Many of us old timers are still confused about what happened between the union and Roddis Plywood Corp. when the barrel company closed down," said one long time employee. "But I'll tell you one thing that is for sure. It was a company with a big heart and the life-line of this town for many years."



# Subdivision creeps into ranch lands

by Susan Crowe

Large tracts of unused ranch land, located primarily in the southern part of Humboldt County, are currently in tremendous demand by developers who want to subdivide and sell them.

"One reason for the recent boom is that the restrictions for subdivisions keep getting stricter. People want to beat next year's restrictions," Stephan Lashbrook, employee of the county planning department, said.

Initially, subdivisions will increase the tax base for the county.

In the long run, however, the county may have to put out more money than they receive in taxes to supply roads, schools and sewers, Lashbrook explained.

Larry Henderson, also of the county planning department, said a comprehensive countywide general plan is currently being drawn up. He said the plan will try to keep a balance between the population growth and the number of subdivisions created.

"We found that the number of lots created exceeded the population (growth) by five times," Henderson said. "The plan will contain a delineation of areas to be developed, and a delineation of areas to be conserved."

How is it that Humboldt County ended up with so much unused ranch land?

Gerald Partain, professor of forest economics at HSU, explained that when the southern area was settled over one hundred years ago the land was used for grazing. The timber on the land, which was mainly douglas fir, was not used until the 1940s.

Before World War II, Partain explained, the ranchers were "burning into the trees" so they would have more land for grazing. But after the War, the market started in douglas fir.

Made more from timber  
"All of a sudden the ranchers were making more off their timber than their grazing lands. If they had been making \$10,000 off of their animals, they were making five times that much selling timber," Partain said.

Of course, their expectations from their land were greater, Partain explained. But it was not long before the ranchers ran out of timber. "It was all old growth . . . virgin timber that had never been cut.

"They (the ranchers) had to fall back on grazing," Partain said. Because the ranchers had been used to a much higher income, they started to say to themselves, "Now I can't make a living off this ranch," and the subdividing and selling started.

Lashbrook said the early settlers' great grandchildren who have inherited the land often

have no interest in farming. "Some leave, some lease the ranches out and some of the ranches fall into disrepair."

Some justification  
There is some justification for subdividing the land, Lashbrook said.

"A young person who is well motivated could make 60 acres productive, where maybe he couldn't make 1,000 acres (productive)."

This could be done through a "truck farm", which is a small garden operation, Lashbrook said.

Although much of the land already subdivided was cut into parcels of 20 to 40 acres, the planning commission is studying the possibility of setting a future minimum lot size of 160 acres.

Partain said, "The smaller the unit, the greater the unit cost for managing it." This includes the cost of access roads and fencing. "You can't carry as many cattle on 40 acres as you can, say, on 160 acres," Partain said.

Stanley R. Mansfield, planning director for the county, said many of the 20 and 40 acre parcels are being bought by middle-aged couples who hope to retire up here.

"The majority are from out of Humboldt County.

'Dream' land  
"Most who buy the land don't build on it. They see it as a 'dream'," Partain said. "This kind of subdividing doesn't make for good utilization of the land."

It is possible for ranchers to put their land into the Williamson Act and it will be taxed on the basis of its yield, not its market value. The act was established in 1965 in California to set up agricultural preserves.

However, there is a clause in the act that states no one can subdivide the land for 10 years, Lashbrook said.

Lashbrook said many people don't want to go into the Williamson Act, because if they have a couple of bad years they might want to subdivide and sell off some land to make ends meet.

Substantial savings possible  
"Less than 10 percent of the non-prime agricultural land in Humboldt County is in the Williamson Act," Mansfield said. If one puts their land into the act, they can recognize "substantial savings," he said.

When subdivision requests come before the planning commission for approval, some things the commission takes into consideration are: the slope of the land, the type of road leading into it, the lot frontage; whether or not it can handle a septic tank and the availability of water, Mansfield said.

Partain said the accessibility of water is very important. "You have to have the right kind of geological structure to hold it (the water) and the water has to be close enough to the surface to get to it.

"Now the laws just say the land has to have adequate water, but this is not sufficient," Partain said. People who buy the land may have to spend \$6,000 to drill a well to get to it."

Henderson said there are about 100,000 people in the county now, and by the year 2000 about 125,000 people are expected. "We can accommodate a lot of development. There is a big potential for industrial growth, but the people aren't here. We have the space but where do we want to do it?"



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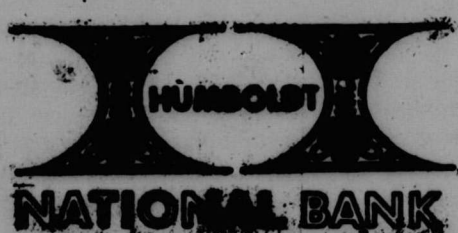
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## Faculty jobs threatened

by Katie Shanley

HSU may lose some faculty positions next fall. According to Richard L. Ridenhour, dean of academic planning at HSU, faculty positions may be cut if there is a continued decline in enrollment.

"I think the possibility is a real one," Ridenhour said.

Ridenhour said the number of faculty positions is dependent on the number of full-time-equivalent (FTE) students enrolled.

### Student-faculty ratio

FTE is basically the number of students who carry 15 or more units per quarter. This year there are 6,700 FTE students and 400 faculty positions. This means that for every 16.7 FTE students, there is one faculty member.

According to Ridenhour, a significant decline in next fall's enrollment would reflect in the number of faculty positions kept. He expects a decline.

"Although enrollment is down a little this fall, we didn't reduce the number of faculty positions. We shifted more positions to the areas where enrollment is high."

Those areas which have steady enrollment are natural and biological sciences, as well as nursing and other vocation-oriented subjects.

### Enrollment drop

Humanities and social sciences have witnessed a decline in enrollment.

Ridenhour attributed the increased interest in science-related fields to students' concern about future employment and a growing awareness of environmental issues.

"This campus used to attract many students during the late 1960's when there was so much campus unrest," he said. "Students came here to escape the rat-race. Enrollment in the social sciences was high because of the social concerns

during the late 1960's and early 1970's. Now these concerns are not foremost."

Ridenhour suggested two possible courses of action HSU may take regarding the enrollment pattern for next fall.

### Fend for themselves

"We can allow areas that can grow to grow. Other areas, such as social sciences and liberal arts, would be left to do what they can."

A second action is to hold the growing areas constant by restricting enrollment. HSU is already limiting the number of students allowed to enroll in the more popular subjects.

This means many students who hope to come to HSU to study such specialized programs as forestry, fisheries or wildlife management may be disappointed next fall.

If there is a significant decline in enrollment in social science and liberal arts next fall, HSU must deal with a loss or shifting of faculty positions.

### Seniority a determinant

Ridenhour said seniority would be part of the basis for keeping a faculty member. He also added that "teaching service areas" would be significant in determining if a faculty member would stay.

"Teaching service areas define what a faculty member does in the department. So, a political science teacher who can also teach business economics is at an advantage. If enrollment is down in one teaching service area, he can teach in another. Seniority in the teaching service area would be a basis for keeping a faculty member," he said.

Ridenhour cited the recent decline in enrollment as a reason to doubt the projected 6,900 FTE student enrollment for next fall.

"I personally feel we will fall below the target enrollment of 6,900. How much we might fall is hard to say. We will have to wait and see."





Photo by Hal Lindsay

**NO PRETENSE**—Rick Humbert, associate director of housing and food services, says he will enjoy working at HSU because of positive student-faculty attitudes. He was recently hired here after leaving the University of Utah.

## Students' acceptance no pretense, applauded

by Sharon Zoumbaris

Rick Humbert, associate director of Housing and Food Services, is not a man who hides behind a degree.

"I feel that I can become a positive influence on how people see minorities and their role on campus and in the community," he said.

He is impressed by what he calls, "the team concept in management," at HSU.

Humbert said the ability to work with others seems evident not only within Housing and Food Services, but throughout the campus. He sees a different type of person at HSU illustrated through a relaxed atmosphere and absence of formality.

### Fiscal responsibilities

The 28-year-old associate director is chiefly responsible for fiscal matters in the Jolly Giant Commons and Lumberjack Enterprises. He doesn't believe his age will be a hinderance in working with others.

"I have come a long way, and I feel ready for a challenge that this job will offer and the growth possibilities that will be open to me through the experience," Humbert said.

A native of Philadelphia, Humbert began his schooling at the University of Philadelphia, and finished at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Of the many reasons for his move here, Humbert noted main ones as being the beauty of the area, the job and the opportunity to effect changes within the system.

"The Housing and Food Service here at HSU is among the best in the state. However, change and improvement of anything is possible," Humbert said.

"I like the students here, they have a basic acceptance of each other without a lot of pretense or phoniness."

He believes that because of positive attitudes from students and co-workers, he will have no trouble with evaluations or criticism on a surface level.

### 'Jaws' off coast

A 25-year-old McKinleyville man was bitten Monday by a blue shark off the coast of Moonstone Beach.

William Kennedy was surfing when the shark, estimated to be about 10 feet long, bit him in the thigh.

Kennedy received a cut five inches long and one inch deep, a spokesperson for the sheriff's department said. He was treated at Mad River Hospital and released.

According to the Coast Guard, blue sharks are common to the area, but do not commonly attack swimmers.



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## YES offers free university

by Harold Stanford

Youth Educational Services (YES) is sponsoring three new programs for students at HSU this year, an on-campus extension of the Humboldt Free University, a "Well Body" Clinic and a Five-H program for underprivileged children.

The on-campus extension facility of the Humboldt Free University, as it is envisioned, will be conducted in collaboration between the free university and YES. It will be called the Experimental College.

Bruce Siggson, executive director of YES, located behind the library, said that YES is supplying the setting, phone, duplicating machine and some funds for the on-campus extension.

Previously, the free university has been an off-campus organization. It offered classes in alternative subjects such as spinning, holistic healing and astrology. Class leaders are referred to as guides, rather than teachers.

### Will stimulate students

Matina Mullen, director of the university, hopes the on-campus extension will stimulate more participation by campus faculty and students. She sees the free university as supplying the "hard

energy" to the project with YES helping with the administrative aspects.

"The on-campus extension could help to bridge the gap between Humboldt State and the Arcata community. It could bring more community people into contact with HSU and vice versa," she added.

The Experimental College will have an open house from 4 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 21 at the YES house.

YES's planned Well Body Clinic will be directed by Marilee Jensen, a registered nurse on campus.

### Alternative health plan

"We want to provide an alternative type of health care. We can teach people how to do their own physical exam. We want to teach people how to stay well," Jensen said.

Jensen said the clinic would not dispense any heavy medications. For that service, patients would be referred to the Health Center.

"We will supply pregnancy testing and counseling, non-chemical medication and birth control information," Jensen said.

"We want to teach people to be sensitive to their bodies. We want them to realize early when they are sick so that they can be treated most effectively.

"I think there's a need for this kind of clinic. A lot of times there's a need, but people still

don't use it," she said.

Siggson said he thought the clinic may help students who do not feel optimally comfortable at the Health Center.

### Supplementing Health Center

"But I see the Well Body Clinic as supplementing the Health Center, not competing with it," Siggson said.

"The clinic would serve only HSU students. Any students with serious illnesses would be referred to the Health Center."

The clinic would operate in the YES house, but times and an opening date are not scheduled.

YES will be offering this year a Five-H program in conjunction with the local 4-H Club. The fifth "H" stands for HSU. In the program, HSU students will work with local underprivileged children to offer them learning experiences.

"Five-H will be modeled on the YES day-camp program in Eureka. We want to take the kids to the zoo, to the forest, for a boat ride on the bay—that kind of thing," Siggson said.

The YES operation is scheduled to move from their present location to Hagopian House on Mill Street in winter quarter, 1977.

"But we want to keep the current house, too," Siggson said.

"We're expanding programs and the Hagopian House space is even smaller than what we've got now."

## Two candidates vie for supervisorial seat

by Chris Yarrow

Voters in Humboldt County's 2nd district will choose a new supervisor in the November election.

Raul Murguia, current 2nd district supervisor and chairman of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, is not running for re-election. The 2nd district supervisor represents those living in southern Humboldt County, which stretches approximately from Garberville to Fernbridge.

Murguia, considered the only liberal on the board, will be replaced by one of two conservative candidates running for the office.

### Position contenders

They are John A. Pelletier, 47, Fortuna constable and businessman and Harry P. Pritchard, 48, state forest ranger.

Pelletier thinks southern Humboldt has long been ignored by what he calls "the Eureka dominated Board of Supervisors." He wants to give the

people of southern Humboldt a voice.

Among issues Pelletier is concerned with is taxation. He has promised to vote "no" on any tax increases because he feels the taxpayer is receiving less and less return for his investment.

Pelletier said the county must increase its tourism effort and return bed tax revenues to the locality which collects them.

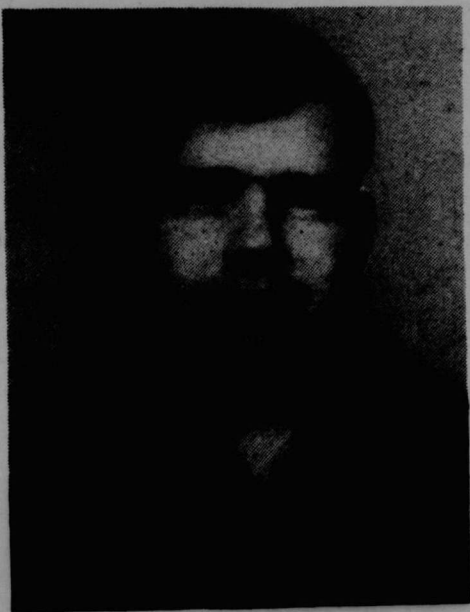
Pritchard is also concerned with taxes and is in favor of a careful inspection of the budget before increasing any taxes.

Pritchard, reluctant to bring up issues, said, "By the time you study an issue and make up your mind on it there's another one in front of you."

He stresses his qualifications rather than the issues and said each issue must be taken up as it comes.

Pritchard has served for 11 years on the Weott Community Services District Board of Directors.

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# Cops change policy, image

by Ann Tapie

The University Police Department (UPD) has taken a new name. It is now called the Department of Public Safety—Police.

UPD Chief C.A. Vanderklis, Jr. said the name change is partially the outcome of a new approach.

"We are becoming more of a dual hat. The



C. A. Vanderklis, Jr.,

## Department of Public Safety

preventive as well as the after-the-fact investigative," said Vanderklis.

Following a two-year pilot program at California State University at Northridge, a "Public Safety Model" was developed.

### Crime prevention

The principle of the "Public Safety Model" is to prevent crimes before they occur by determining the cause.

"To eliminate crime you have to eliminate the cause," said Vanderklis.

The model requires that police determine why a crime occurred. If the crime was a burglary of a building then the efficiency of the locks, windows and doors would be inspected. Vanderklis said the landscaping of the building could also be inspected. Buildings with excess shrubbery could hide a burglar.

### Model replaces separation

Vanderklis said the model would probably take the place of a total separation between the UPD and the Arcata Police Department (APD) that was being considered by the chancellor's office last year.

Arcata Chief of Police Jim Gibson said the "Public Safety Model" sounded similar to many he had heard of.

"I think there is a great deal that can be done in the area of crime prevention through physical planning," said Gibson.

Gibson said the UPD has the opportunity to instigate physical planning to prevent campus crime.

### Affect planning

"Chief Vanderklis should be able to put input into the university at the time of construction that will allow physical planning to be incorporated in the actual contract plan," Gibson said.

Gibson said, "The APD up to this point, because of man power, commitments and so forth, has been reactive. We haven't had the time to put into physical planning."

Gibson said the APD can only suggest, not

insist, that people use physical planning when designing a structure.

The UPD will also be increasing its personnel by four officers.

### Statewide effort

Vanderklis said this decision came from the chancellor's office and is a state wide action to increase all of the state university and colleges to a minimum of a 11 police officer force.

Applications are now being taken for these positions but Vanderklis said, "I'm not seeing any appointments being made before the end of the month."

The UPD pays better than the APD with their beginning officer salary starting at \$1,192 per month as compared to the APD which starts their officers at \$979 per month.

### Salary higher

The University Police Chief salary range is also slightly higher than the Arcata Police Chief salary. University police chiefs' pay ranges from \$1,481 to \$1,785 per month compared to the Arcata Police Chief which has been budgeted to receive from \$1,453 to \$1,766.

Gibson said Vanderklis knows the APD officers and he is "recruiting strongly for my personnel."

Vanderklis denies this statement and said, "I have not personally recruited or encouraged any of my officers to recruit anyone from the APD. I cannot deny that members of his department have applied for the positions."



Arcata Police Chief

## N. J. Gibson

Gibson said he is aware of "one or two of my officers that have applied."

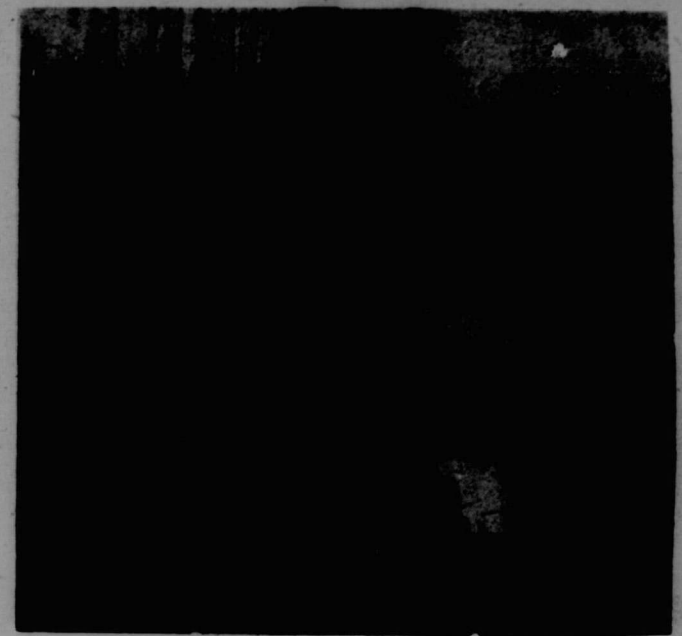
### Good working relationship

Vanderklis said decisions now have to be made between the APD and the UPD concerning the most effective way to work together.

He said that both police departments need to coordinate their efforts so it can be decided "how we can best supplement each other."

Gibson said, "There is an effort on someone's part to show that there are problems between us and them that just aren't there. Any problems that come up we can sit down and resolve."

Vanderklis said he and Gibson have "always enjoyed a good working relationship" but he added "from time to time you have to look at that relationship and see how you can improve it because time never stands still."



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## Last frat dissolved

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into an established sort of thing."

Lambeth believes the TKE house is the best and most inexpensive housing in Arcata. The members pay an initial \$100 for membership then split the monthly cost of running the house. Non-members pay \$100 per month for rent and utilities.

"What hurts so much is that the house has so much potential. It's just the word fraternity that turns people off," Lambeth said. "It reminds them of swallowing goldfish and things like that but we're really a mellow group here."

There are 305 TKE chapters in the U.S. and Canada. Any member can visit a chapter and have a free place to stay, Lambeth said. The local house has room for 18 residents.

The house used to have a full time cook, directed activities and work days but now, with the low membership, there is no cook and not much in the way of organized activities.

"A lot of the people that were

supposed to come back didn't show up," Lambeth said.

The TKE Board of Trustees, made up of past members who remained in the area, held a public hearing last week and decided to sell the 68-year-old house.

"It was a hard decision for the board to make since they have a lot of good memories of the TKE house too."

The house may be a single family dwelling or turned into a boarding house, Lambeth said.

Lambeth said that before they sell the house the TKE's will have one more barbeque and party like the ones they have had in the past.

## City trees cut

An unidentified person was seen cutting trees at the end of Granite Avenue Sunday, Oct. 17.

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Spanish Club; Nelson Hall 119; 1 p.m.  
Two-hour gymnastic workout; West Gym; 7 p.m.; 25 cents.  
American Fisheries Society meeting; Wildlife 206; 7 p.m.  
Social Dance Club; PE 148; 7 p.m.  
Art-visiting artists; Founder's 152; 7 p.m.  
Biology department meeting; Science 133; 7:30 p.m.  
Chinese cooking extension class; Art 23; 7:30 p.m.  
Ski Club meeting; Natural Resources 101; 7:30 p.m.  
Hatha Yoga class; Multipurpose Room; 8-9:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 21**

President's Committee on Nature of HSU; Nelson Hall 120; noon.  
Student Legislative Council; Nelson Hall 106; 7 p.m.  
Backpacking, Leisure Activities; Nelson Hall 119; 7 p.m.

Experimental college open house—YES House; 4-7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 22**

Two-hour gymnastics workout; West Gym; 8 p.m.; 25 cents.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 23**

Women's soccer; soccer field; 1 p.m.  
Natural birth control seminar; Founder's 125; 10 p.m.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 24**

Recreational volleyball; West Gym; 4-7 p.m.

**MONDAY, OCT. 25**

Birth control and pregnancy counseling; Health Center—Women's Clinic; 9:30-11 a.m.  
Two-hour gymnastics workout; West Gym; 7 p.m.; 25 cents.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 26**

Preventative dental program; Health Center; 2-4 p.m.; appointment only; two dollars.  
Hatha Yoga class; Multipurpose Room; 3-4:30 p.m.  
Birth control and pregnancy counseling; Health Center—Women's Clinic; 4-6 p.m.  
Bellydancing, beginning through advanced; Multipurpose Room; 7 p.m.

## Marina sites reviewed

by Sammy Reist

The Humboldt Bay Harbor District is considering two sites for a proposed marina.

In a meeting on Oct. 14, the harbor district decided to continue studies on Woodley Island and Elk River Spit to determine which site would cause the least environmental damage.

The state Coastal Commission recently denied a proposal for a marina project on Woodley Island. This denial followed a Sierra Club appeal after the regional coastal commission granted a permit for the marina. The new Woodley Island proposal would involve a reduced marina.

In an interview after the meeting, Lucille Vinyard, chairperson of the North Group, Redwood Chapter of the Sierra Club, said the Sierra Club will support the site that is proven to be the least damaging to the environment.

**Will leave marsh intact**

Some of the changes on the Woodley Island site the Harbor District is considering are, rerouting the access road which originally would have destroyed a pond and leaving eight acres of salt marsh intact, said Jack Alderson, chief executive officer of the harbor district. He said other changes would be worked out with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the California Coastal Commission.

Gary Monroe, of the California Department of Fish and Game, said in a letter to the harbor district that the Elk River spit alternative could cause more environmental damage than the reduced Woodley Island site because it would involve more of a loss of wildlife habitat.

One of the problems the harbor district must deal with is time. Alderson said that the proposal must be ready by the first week in November to get on the Coastal Commission's December agenda. He said if the proposal doesn't make the December agenda, Caltrans might not be able to fit engineering plans for the off-ramp into their schedule in time to start construction in the summer.

Alderson said the entire project might be delayed a year if the off-ramp isn't started this summer because it would make access to the island difficult. He said that at the current rate of

inflation this would add considerably to the cost of constructing the marina.

Vinyard said that another problem the harbor district has deals with marina use. She said the state Coastal Commission would like to see the marina restricted to commercial use. This isn't possible because the California Department of Navigation and Ocean Development (DNOD) is providing a loan for construction of the marina. A project that uses DNOD funds must be available to everyone on a first come first serve basis.

Vinyard believes the Coastal Commission's denial of the original Woodley Island permit opened many people's eyes to environmental problems. "The harbor commission didn't consider all the alternatives. That's what all the hassle is about. Now they are being more careful about other projects as well."

**Environment more important**

Vinyard also said that the delay is worth it. "The cost to the environment is 10 times more serious than inflation."

She said the Sierra Club has not yet decided which site they favor and will not until they are certain which would cause the least environmental damage.

The harbor district hopes to come to a decision by their next regular meeting on Oct. 28 so they will be able to meet the coastal commission's November deadline. The studies done before that time will be very important in determining the fate of the proposed marina.

### Bird season opens

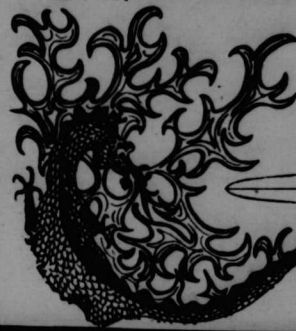
Humboldt County water fowl hunters are oiling their guns and stocking up on ammunition for opening day.

The duck season officially starts this Saturday, and continues till Jan. 23.

In addition to a valid hunting license, state and federal water fowl stamps are needed. Ducks, geese, coots and snipe are all fair game starting Saturday.

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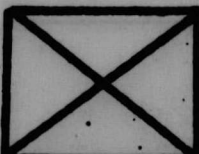
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**HUSTLING BOOTER**—Chuck Huntington, in the light jersey, brings the ball up against San Francisco State on the HSU baseball field. Huntington is rated as one of the finest

## Baby-faced walk-on leads soccer team

by Gary Gundlach

That "baby-faced kid" that HSU soccer coach Bob Kelly didn't consider a prospect has turned out to be one of the best players he has ever had on his soccer team.

The surprise star is Chuck Huntington, a junior fisheries major at HSU.

Kelly said Huntington had approached him on the first day of practice three years ago.

"At the time I was in a hurry and Chuck didn't even look like a soccer prospect," he said.

Huntington went to practice that day to work out. While Kelly was watching the team practice, one of his assistants called his attention to Huntington juggling a ball with his feet and head.

Kelly paid more attention after that.

### Player of the year

Huntington is from Davis where he was player of the year in his senior year of high school.

Huntington said he came to HSU because of its fisheries program and in his words, "There's lots of places to hike and fish."

He also likes Arcata because it is not a big city.

Huntington said he wasn't sure he would play soccer at HSU, but the coach persuaded him to.

He said he got interested in soccer through his neighbor in Davis who was from Argentina.

The 5'10" center-forward said being a star in a sport that isn't well known doesn't bother him.

### Lack of exposure

"I think it is just a lack of exposure that has kept soccer from becoming more popular," Huntington said.

He believes in five or six years

soccer will be as popular as baseball and football.

"The problem here is lack of scholarships and the weather," he said.

Kelly said Huntington's strong points are ball control and "a sense of what has to be done."

Besides being an outstanding soccer player, Huntington is also a student with a 4.0 grade point average.

### Award consideration

Kelly said he will be considered for the NCAA student athlete award after his senior year.

Don Clancy, HSU's representative to the NCAA, will promote Huntington.

Kelly said professional soccer scouts have shown a lot of interest in Huntington.

"I'd like the chance to try out for a pro team," he said. "But I'm not pinning my hopes on it."

"I'm setting my sights on a permanent job in fisheries," he said.

Commenting on this year's team for which he has scored seven goals, Huntington said, "We haven't reached our peak yet. We could play a lot better but there are five new players in the starting line-up."

Kelly agreed that the team hasn't even come close to its potential.

"We get better every game though," he said.

Both Kelly and Huntington think the next two games with Davis and Chico are important.

Both teams are favored in the Far Western Conference race.

Kelly feels Huntington has a good chance to make it in the pros and he will be paying more attention to the "baby-faced kids" he meets.

Photo by Phil Dresser  
players in the Far Western Conference, and has been considered as a professional soccer prospect.

## Sports Roundup

### Football

The Lumberjack football team will take a week off from Far Western Conference action to play Portland State in Oregon this Saturday. Humboldt will face Portland following two consecutive FWC victories.

The 'Jacks defeated Sacramento State on the Hornets field, 22-13 this past weekend. The victory keeps Humboldt in a tie for first place in the league with UC Davis. Davis also defeated a league foe, downing Hayward State, 25-14. Both HSU and Davis are now 2-0 in league. Overall, HSU is 3-2.

Coach Bud Van Deren's team had to rely on backup quarterback Sonny Stupek in Saturday's game, when starter Tim Nowell injured his ankle in the first quarter.

### Water polo

Humboldt State's water polo team will also concentrate on some non-conference activity this weekend, when it swims against Southern Oregon College Friday, and an all-star squad Saturday at home.

HSU picked up its ninth victory of the year against two losses, when it defeated conference opponent Sacramento State, 24-6, last Saturday. The victory gives the team a conference mark of 2-0.

Last Friday, Humboldt defeated Napa College 13-2.

### Soccer

Rob Kelly's soccer team will be in Chico Saturday to play a conference game against the Wildcats. Humboldt's record dropped to 4-3-1, overall, as the 'Jacks were beaten by UC Davis last weekend, 3-0.

With the loss to Davis, HSU is now 2-2 in Far Western Conference competition.

### Volleyball

Barbara Van Putten's women's volleyball team will be in Sonoma again this weekend for three games, following last weekend's Sonoma Tournament.

HSU finished seventh, in the eight-team tournament Saturday. The "B" team placed fifth out of seven. Humboldt was defeated by Sonoma, Chico, and the University of Nevada at Reno. Its lone win came against Sacramento State.

The volleyball team lost a conference game to UC Davis last Friday, in Davis. The Aggies took two games, 15-5 and 15-4.

### Cross country

The Lumberjack cross country runners begin Far Western Conference running Saturday on the road, with a three-way meet in San Francisco.

The 'Jacks face San Francisco State, and Chico State in the meet.

Last Saturday, HSU placed sixth in the Stanford Invitational cross country meet in Stanford. Gordon Innes placed the highest for Humboldt, with an eleventh place finish.

### Swimming

The women's swimming team will have a week off, after competing in the relays at Chico last weekend.

The team placed seventh in the 11-team competition, collecting 32 points. Fresno State won the relays, with a total of 104 points. HSU picked up one third place, in the 100 yard breast stroke.



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## LWV president witnesses debate

(Continued from front page)

"I was really surprised that they waited until the end and then asked a short question about the Mayaguez report that had come out that day and nothing about Earl Butz was asked," she said.

If the candidates' answers were confusing, Upatiranga believed the questions were worse.

"I think the people who asked the questions liked the sound of their own voice. The questions were just incredible. Not only did they ask long questions, but they had many parts."

The audience was told not to clap, laugh at inappropriate times, or speak into any microphones. On the whole they behaved, but Upatiranga said there was an audible gasp when President Ford said Eastern Europe was not dominated by the Russians. She agrees with the decision to not show the audience during the debate.

### Should judge debaters

"People should judge the debater's facial expressions, not the expressions of the people watching them," she said.

"A lot of people have asked me if the LWV is wasting a lot of money sponsoring the debates. I don't think so. We get to see the candidates for 90 minutes at a time instead of 90 seconds.

"The LWV has taken a lot of criticism because Eugene McCarthy wasn't allowed in the debates, but there are 162 candidates for president. That's the word that came down from the league. I don't know how the league could have chosen really viable third party candidates. They would have been foolish to do it.

"I would hope that they encouraged some people who weren't going to vote to do so. It distresses me that maybe less than 50 percent of the eligible voters are expected to vote this year."

## Parking plight improves

by Joyce Esser

The parking problem at HSU is "a lot better this year," said Jim Carson, HSU parking control officer.

"There are a lot fewer violations," Carson said.

"It's almost too early to say anything about the parking situation because the first week of classes students are so busy they don't really care where they park."

This year the parking committee decided to start ticketing violators on the first day of classes, where as in the past, police gave students a 4-5 day period before they began ticketing.

Carson said the HSU Police Department gave press releases to The Lumberjack stating this, and posted 1,000 or so warnings on cars and on campus.

Carson said the biggest problem is the dorm parking in the Jolly Giant lot. "Students need a place to park right now," he said, "and there just isn't enough space yet.

"The transit system has had a good effect. A lot of people use it."

The fee lot at the end of B-Street "has also been very effective," he said.

This lot is for students who don't want to buy a quarterly

permit for \$10, but want to park on campus occasionally and not worry about being ticketed.

"The usage of the lot has increased just about every day," Carson said. The average spaces sold each day this year are about 125 when last year there were at least 125 empty spaces each day.

The University Police, in conjunction with Dean Oden Hanson and the Campus Development and Utilization Committee, have been working with members of the Chancellors Office to update the parking situation, said Chief Art Vanderkils of the University Police.

## G-O Road plans proceed

Plans for development of an area in the Six Rivers National Forest which includes the controversial uncompleted portion of the Gasquet-Orleans Road have begun, according to R.E. Burke, forest supervisor for the U.S. Forest Service.

Burke announced at a press conference yesterday that management of the Eightmile-Blue Creek Unit, located in the forest north of Hoopa, will proceed according to a general plan of management as dictated by an environmental impact statement.

The last appeal against the project was settled yesterday, allowing the forest service to continue with plans. Those against development of the unit were seeking to turn it into a wilderness study area.

The plan, call Alternative E in the environmental report, will allow timber harvesting and

other land-use planning such as road and recreational areas in the Eightmile-Blue Creek area.

The decision on whether to complete the Gasquet-Orleans Road is pending a detailed project environmental analysis.

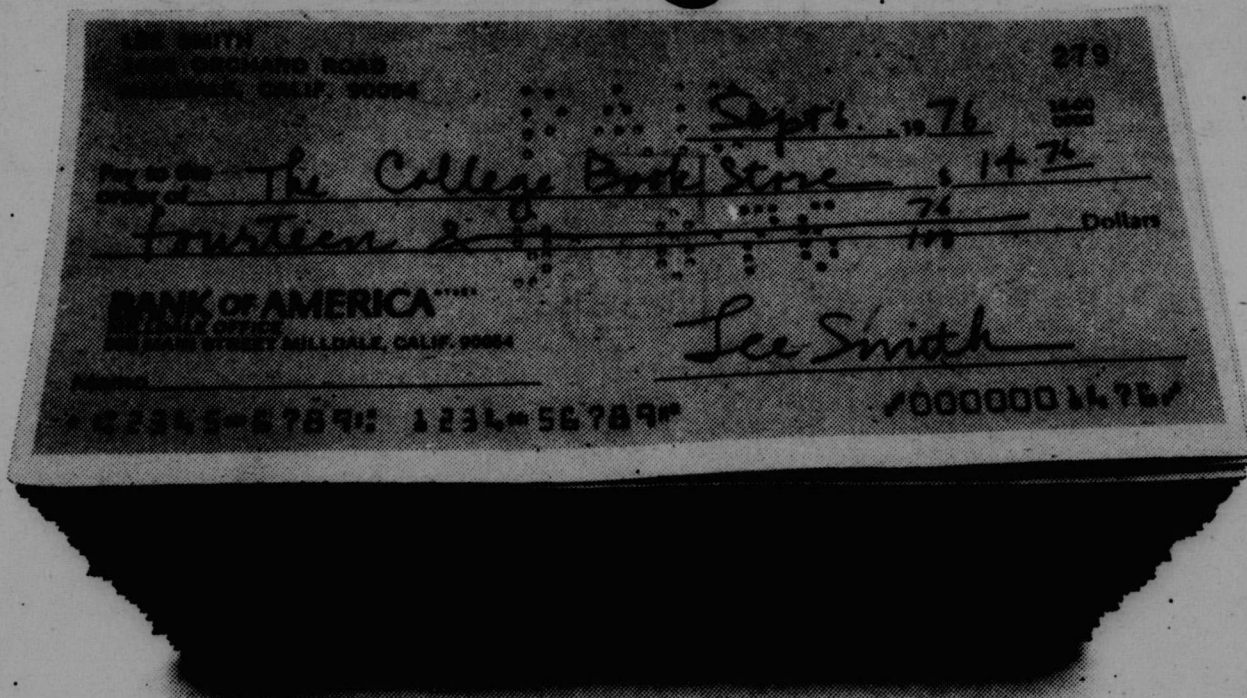
The decision is expected in February, Burke said.

Construction of the road has been the subject of debate since its conception because a portion of it would run through sacred Indian grounds near Chimney Rock. Native Americans have said it would violate their right to freedom of worship.

Fourteen organizations, ranging in spectrum from Straight Arrow to the Northcoast Environmental Center, will participate in the planning and decision on completion of the road.

Yesterday's decision is a go-ahead order to allow such planning to proceed.

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