



Brown may limit fee increase

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By Damon Maguire
Campus editor

Fees for Humboldt State University students will increase next year by only \$55 instead of \$216 if Gov. Jerry Brown's budget proposal is passed by the state Legislature.

Brown's fiscal 1982-83 budget calls for a 2-1/2 percent cut in the California State University system budget and a \$55 fee increase per full-time equivalent student.

This works out to approximately \$41 per student, Ed Del Biaggio, director of administrative services, said.

Brown had earlier told the CSU it would face a 5 percent budget reduction for the next fiscal year.

The proposed \$216 fee increase would have been one result of this cut, compensating for a \$50-million deficit in the CSU budget resulting from the 5 percent reduction.

Under Brown's new proposal, though, the total CSU budget reduction is \$25 million, and students will pay approximately \$115 per quarter.

Although the CSU budget reduction was halved, the student fee hike was reduced by three-quarters.

Del Biaggio said he did not know why student fees were lowered so much.

The \$115 charge breaks down to a \$72 student services fee, \$28 in various HSU fees (\$13 to the University Center, \$10 to Associated Students, \$3 to the instructionally related activity budget area and \$2 to facility maintenance) and the proposed \$41 charge for three quarters.

The fee will be less than full-time

HSU students paid this quarter because of the \$23 emergency surcharge for winter and spring quarters.

That surcharge resulted when Brown ordered the CSU system to make a 2 percent cut in its present budget due to revenue shortages in the state budget.

Because of a new policy by the CSU Board of Trustees, part-time students will pay the same amount as full-time students, Del Biaggio said.

Associated Student's President Jeff Lincoln said he was elated by Brown's budget proposal.

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Rose Armstrong, left, and David Louter, right, share a somber moment at Friday night's decommissioning vigil.

Staff photo by Cici Davidson

Candle-light vigil, anti-nuclear rally hits PG&E plant

By Jennifer McGauley and Neil Boyle
Staff writers

An anti-nuclear demonstration held this weekend focused attention on alternative energy sources and marked the formation of the Humboldt Bay Project Office.

An extension of Redwood Alliance, the HBPO organized Friday night's "speak-out" at Eureka High School and all night candle-light vigil.

The HBPO's plans culminated with a Saturday rally outside the gates of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co.'s Humboldt Bay nuclear power plant.

About 220 persons attended Friday evening's "speak-out" for a nuclear-free future. The meeting featured Humboldt County Supervisor Wesley Chesbro and Michael J. Manetas, chairman of the Citizen's Energy Advisory Committee. Musical entertainment also was provided.

The goal of the North Coast's anti-nuclear movement "is really two-fold," Chesbro said.

"The first is ... permanent decommissioning, which means the dismantling of the plant. The second part is to continue the full-scale transition to renewable energy sources in the county," he said.

"I think it's important that the plant be decommissioned so that the potential health and safety problems if there was an earthquake are removed."

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No dam on Eel; bill recalled

By Valerie Moore
Staff writer

A state Assembly bill that threatened the protected status of the Eel River was withdrawn last Tuesday by Assemblyman Richard Lehman, D-Fresno.

Lehman's bill, AB 392, would have removed the Eel River from the protection of California's 1972 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, which prevents any new dams on five Northern California rivers, including the Eel.

A hearing of the bill was scheduled for the Jan. 12 meeting of the Assembly Resources and Energy Committee, but Lehman withdrew the bill before the meeting after finding little

support from the committee's 13 members.

Committee member Doug Bosco, D-Occidental, announced earlier this month that the defeat of the bill was his top priority for the year.

"With the current composition of the Resources and Energy Committee, no bill will pass that would allow damming of the Eel River," Mitch Stogner, Bosco's senior assistant, said.

The Assemblyman's lobbying efforts were influential in securing some committee members' opposition to the bill, Stogner said.

But Michele Griffith, president of the Humboldt State University chapter of Friends of the River, said, "It's only politics. There are certain advantages

for Bosco in saying he's against damming the Eel River. He's just watching out for his votes."

A few HSU members of Friends of the River wrote letters to Bosco in opposition to the bill, Griffith said.

The group is glad to see the bill withdrawn, but is still wary, Griffith said.

"If you keep something like that from happening once, you have to fight it every year," she said.

Lehman, whose Assembly district includes much of the Central Valley farm belt, believes taking the Eel River water is only a matter of time, according to Joe Hoy, administrative assistant to Lehman.

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Founders Hall safe; ceilings reinforced

By Theresa Hyland
Staff writer

The ceiling in a Founders Hall room that failed during last quarter's Thanksgiving break has been replaced, and others in the building have been reinforced and certified as safe, according to George Preston, director of plant operations.

The ceiling in Room 159A, in the northwest section of Founders, collapsed for still undetermined reasons, Preston said.

"We really don't know what triggered it," he said.

There were no injuries from the collapse.

Nails which supported the plaster

had penetrated the joists (ceiling support beams) only 1/2 inch. Present building codes call for 1-1/2 inch penetration, Preston said.

The building was closed for repairs the week before fall finals.

Room 159A has a new dry-wall ceiling, and other ceilings in the building have been reinforced with clear-grade redwood 1-by-6 inch boards. All ceilings now meet building code standards, Preston said.

The work, done by plant operations and local carpenters, was completed Dec. 22.

"Every single ceiling in the whole building was checked," Donald Lawson director of campus projects and research, said.

The ceilings were checked for type of plaster, nail type, and width between joists, Lawson said.

Ceilings that did not require work included those in the basement and the Blue and Gold Room. There was no danger from those ceilings, Lawson said.

The reinforcements in the strengthened ceilings were attached directly to the original ceiling joists with metal bolts, Dave Carlson, an engineer for campus projects and research, said.

Some of the boards are not visible because they are bolted to the original ceiling, he said.

The original ceilings are 15 to 16 feet above the floor. Beneath them are visi-

ble ceilings of lift-out panels, Carlson explained.

Typically, the space between the two ceilings contains pipes and other utilities, he added.

The architectural recommendations made by Trump and Sauble, a Eureka architecture-and-planning firm, were carried out for less than \$48,000, Preston said.

The funds, from the California State University chancellor's office, came from a budget used to meet unforeseen costs of this type, Preston added.

The ceilings in Gist Hall, Jenkins Hall and Nelson Hall East and West were checked last week for similar problems, Lawson said.

Survey shows quality education has priority

By Tim Wright
Staff writer

An increase in the student-to-faculty ratio is the least preferred alternative for dealing with proposed budget cutbacks in the California State University system, according to a survey of Humboldt State University students.

It appears "people are really concerned about the quality of their education," Tory Starr, assistant to Dean of Student Services Edward M. Webb, said.

Starr helped compile the survey.

Published this month, the survey was conducted last October after it was

revealed that full-time students might be forced to pay an additional \$300 in fees next year.

But recent changes in the budget-cut proposals indicate full-time students may only pay an additional \$55 next year.

Only 5.9 percent of those surveyed preferred an increased student-to-faculty ratio. Many students — 32.3 percent — said they would rather see cutbacks in the care and maintenance of the campus.

Increased admissions standards were preferred by 25.9 percent of those polled.

A limit on the number of students

admitted to a majors program was unpopular — only 6.5 percent liked this alternative.

There was an almost even split in preferences regarding the increase of fees. The increase was "most preferred" by 29.2 percent of those surveyed, and "least preferred" by 29.4 percent.

The students who said they would be greatly affected by the proposed fee increases tended to be financially independent, have family incomes of less than \$20,000 per year and were employed year-round. Many said they would drop out temporarily if the fees were increased.

If fees were increased, 31 percent

said they would leave HSU. Those students indicated they would transfer to other schools, or drop out temporarily or permanently.

"I am hopeful that our loss of students due to the fee increase would not be anywhere close to 31 percent," Robert Hannigan, dean of admissions and records, said last week.

The student survey, implemented by the Student Legislative Council last October, was designed to determine student reaction to the impending budget cuts and subsequent fee increases. The survey consisted of a random sampling of 1,029 students in 50 classes.

Students pay increased textbook prices

By Michael Byers
Staff writer

Textbook prices are going up every quarter and will continue to increase, according to Lynn Crosbie, Humboldt University Bookstore manager.

"Textbook prices are increasing about 11 percent a year," Crosbie said. "I don't know what we can do about it. Publishers determine textbook price."

Crosbie was told by several publishers that despite inflation, the textbook industry did not raise prices in the 1970s. They said increasing prices is their attempt to catching up with inflation and the increase in printing costs.

"Ducks, Geese and Swans of North

America," a required textbook for students enrolled in Wildlife Management 120, was priced at \$24.95 last quarter. It now sells for \$29.95.

Crosbie said publishers determine discount price. Discount price is the amount HUB pays a publisher for a book.

"The standard discount on textbooks is 20 percent," Crosbie said. "I don't know any other business that makes 20 percent (mark-up). Other businesses have a mark-up that can range from 50 to 150 percent, depending on what the market will bear."

Unlike businesses that slash prices to liquidate inventory, Crosbie said textbook retailers return unsalable books to publishers.

HUB would rather pay to ship books back to the publisher rather than cut prices to liquidate inventory.

"There is no way that you can make a profit on textbooks," Crosbie said, "because the cost of paying rent, employees, freight, phone and heating the building add up to more than 20

percent."

Store policy, including store revenue expenditures, is decided by the University Center board of directors, Crosbie said.

Chuck Lindemann is director of the University Center and a member of the UC board of directors. "I say textbooks are a loser. Our operating costs are running between 23 and 24 percent," he said.

"When people come in and say you're ripping us off because you're making these exorbitant profits on textbooks — it's bull. Our mark-up (on textbooks) is below our actual operating costs."

"Our philosophy is to only take profit on those things that are nonessential."

"We do sell non-texts and school supplies in a large volume," he said. "And we make a profit on these." But, "it is not as much as we make on T-shirts."

Crosbie said most non-texts, or "trades," as they are known in the

book industry, have a 40 percent discount.

Jack Hitt, owner of Northtown Books in Arcata, said he carries the required and recommended books for four HSU classes.

"We used to handle a lot of texts," Hitt said. "But we were becoming more of a text store and we didn't want that."

Hitt said it is possible to make a profit on textbooks "but it's a lot easier to make it in the trade book business."

It is difficult to determine the number of books to order by anticipating class enrollment, Hitt said.

He calls it a "a very tricky business. Used books is where you can make money — but you have to (order) in volume."

Hitt suggested some ways students can save money on textbooks: hold book fairs where students can swap and sell books; check the used book selection at bookstores; and share books with classmates.

Eel

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"Unless the state makes a conscious decision to adopt a no-growth policy in California, the Eel River will eventually have to be used," Hoyt said. "It's a simple matter of logistics."

"Assembly bill 392 is dead," Stogner said, "but there's a good chance a similar bill could surface."

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Latest SLC resignation adds to vacancies

By Garth Rogers
Copy editor

The student representative for the Health and Physical Education division resigned from the student legislative council at last night's meeting.

In her letter of resignation, Nancy Wilson stated she has too many other demands on her time, and cited both her classes and her participation with the Lumberjack Days committee as examples.

Wilson's resignation is the second this quarter and the third this year.

Jeff Chaney, representative-at-large, resigned at last week's meeting, and Jennifer Engle, interdisciplinary studies and special programs representative, resigned last quarter.

SLC President Jeff Lincoln said Wilson's position would be advertised around campus "for about two

weeks." The SLC personnel committee will review the applications and conduct interviews before making a recommendation to the council.

The council will then vote to select a new representative.

Also at last night's meeting, a set of proposed code changes was submitted to the council which would require all resolutions adopted to include a clause stating, "Be it resolved by the following members of the student legislative council"

The proposed code changes would also require all resolutions to be "submitted by an A.S.-recognized club or organization or be co-authored by four or more SLC members," the proposal

stated.

"All resolutions shall be presented at the meeting of the student legislative council and shall be postponed until the following regularly scheduled meeting.

"There shall be no discussion of the measure at the meeting at which it is presented," the proposal stated.

This last code change could be suspended only if postponement would make a timely resolution meaningless, the proposal stated.

The council also discussed the types of resolutions that should be included as part of its regular business. The issue, however, was tabled by a 7-6 vote for further discussion next week.



The councilmembers felt it would be best to discuss the proposed code changes at the same time as they discuss the resolution issue. They also felt student participation in the discussion was important, and the delay of a week would allow time to notify students.

SLC Chairperson Michael Quinn announced that an open faculty forum will be held to discuss a proposed HSU switch to the semester system. The forum will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in Founders Hall 152.

Faculty members will vote for either the quarter or semester system on Jan. 26 and 27.

That vote, however, will only be advisory. President Alistair McCrone "makes the final decision on everything," Lincoln said.

Briefly

Dental check-ups

Dr. Maureen Brandman, an Arcata dentist, is now offering free dental check-ups at the student health center. She will be at the health center every Friday morning. Appointments can be made through the health center clerk at 826-3146. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. No treatment will be given.

Off to Europe

There are job opportunities in Europe this summer.

Students can work in the forests of Germany, on construction in Austria, on farms in Sweden and Denmark, in industry in France and in hotels in Switzerland.

Similar jobs are available in Ireland, England, Spain, Scandinavia, France, Italy and Holland.

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For information and application forms, write to American-European Student Service, Box 70, FL 9493 Mauren, Liechtenstein (Europe).

Film to be shown

The film "Tristana," in Spanish with English subtitles, will be shown Thursday at 7 p.m. in Founders Hall 152. Admission is free.

Films of fiction

The films of fiction and fantasy are part of the 16th International Tournee of Animation and come from seven countries. They were selected from international competitive festivals by animation artists, producers, programmers, and historians who are members of the sponsoring organization, the International Animated Film Association.

All styles of animation are presented, including the new computer produced techniques.

The films will be shown at 7:30 and 10 p.m.

The \$2 tickets can be purchased at the University Ticket Office, Uniontown Hallmark in Arcata, and Windjammer Books in Eureka.

Financial aid forms

Application forms for California's 1982-83 Cal-Grant financial aid pro-

gram are available in the financial aid office in House 93.

Applications must be submitted by Feb. 10. Late applications will not be accepted, according to the financial aid office.

Le recreate

The Arcata Parks and Recreation department is offering the following new classes:

- International Folk Dancing, every Friday from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Arcata Presbyterian Church, 11th and G Street. Please wear soft-soled shoes. Cost is 50 cents.

- Aerobic Exercise for Women, every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 14th and D, Arcata. Cost is \$14 per month or \$2 per class. The first class is free.

- Total Fitness for Women, every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Cost is \$15 per month.

- Men's and women's work-out sessions combining aerobics, stretching and dancing at the Community Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per month.

- Social Dance, at the Community Center on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Six classes will be held, beginning Jan. 14, at a cost of \$30 per couple or \$20 for a single person.

For information, or a brochure covering all winter classes, please stop by the Parks and Recreation office, 736 F St., Arcata.

Council to consider ads, street lights

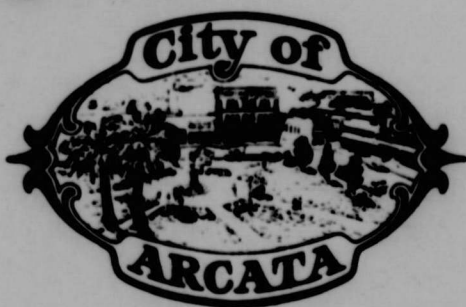
Interior bus advertising for the Arcata & Mad River Transit System will be one of the issues considered at tomorrow night's Arcata City Council meeting.

Sharon Batini, manager of the Arcata public transportation system, has been working with an advertising consultant and will propose a one-year program to experiment with this possibility.

Batini said the program could generate \$3,000 to \$4,000 in revenue if all the space in the buses was sold.

Batini also requested tomorrow's public hearing to amend a grant application to include the addition of a grease pit in the A&MRTS shop facility.

In other action, Arcata Planning Director Mark Leonard will request a time extension for the Arcata Energy



Committee in designing a draft of guidelines for utilizing solar designs. The committee was given a one-year period starting January 1981 to devise these proposed guidelines. A staff recommendation will be made to the council to allocate \$5,000 from the Arcata street lighting account to hire a researcher from Redding to assist in the acquisition of street lights.

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Viewpoints

The powder keg

And now wary, fearful eyes turn to the Humboldt Bay nuclear power plant.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. officials are trying to decide whether to reopen or decommission the nuclear plant which was closed in 1976.

While the company's reluctance to decommission the plant because of potential revenue loss is understandable, there are more important issues to consider when making such a decision.

The nuclear-power industry is a prime example of technology run rampant, heedless of the possible consequences.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (which is supposed to maintain safety standards) and the industry have long claimed that nuclear power is the safest method known to generate electricity. The "safety record" of the industry has often been pointed out as proof.

The near-disaster at Three Mile Island retired that claim.

Although Humboldt Bay is smaller than Three Mile Island, it sits dangerously close to a fault that authorities say could unleash a major earthquake.

If such should strike, and the protective shielding that contains and protects the radioactive core should rupture, we might witness a disaster that would make the recent Bay Area mudslides look like a picnic.

Core "meltdown" and a release of radioactivity could kill thousands of North Coast residents.

When balanced against the potential loss of life inherent in such a disaster, the amount of money PG&E would lose by decommissioning Humboldt Bay is insignificant.

But it is doubtful that, if left to make the decision themselves, either the NRC or PG&E can come to that conclusion.

Rather, it is for us to pull our heads out of the sand and urge — no, demand — through demonstrations and messages to our elected representatives that the Humboldt Bay nuclear facility be decommissioned posthaste.

North Coast residents have proven they can live comfortably without the facility.

We must decide what is of more value to us — human life or corporate dividends.

We cannot continue to sit on this powder keg.

An Eel and a dam

Once again the Eel River is safe from the threat of further dam construction. But the situation may only be temporary.

A proposal by Assemblyman Richard Lehman, D-Fresno, to remove the Eel from the list of protected Northern California rivers was withdrawn by Lehman last week before the bill left committee (see front page story).

Lehman introduced the same bill last year, but withdrew it prior to an Assembly hearing when severe doubts arose about its chances for approval. Assemblyman Doug Bosco, D-Occidental, said he would make the defeat of this bill his top priority for 1982.

Removal of the Eel from the list of protected rivers would allow the State Department of Water Resources to plan water development projects on the river.

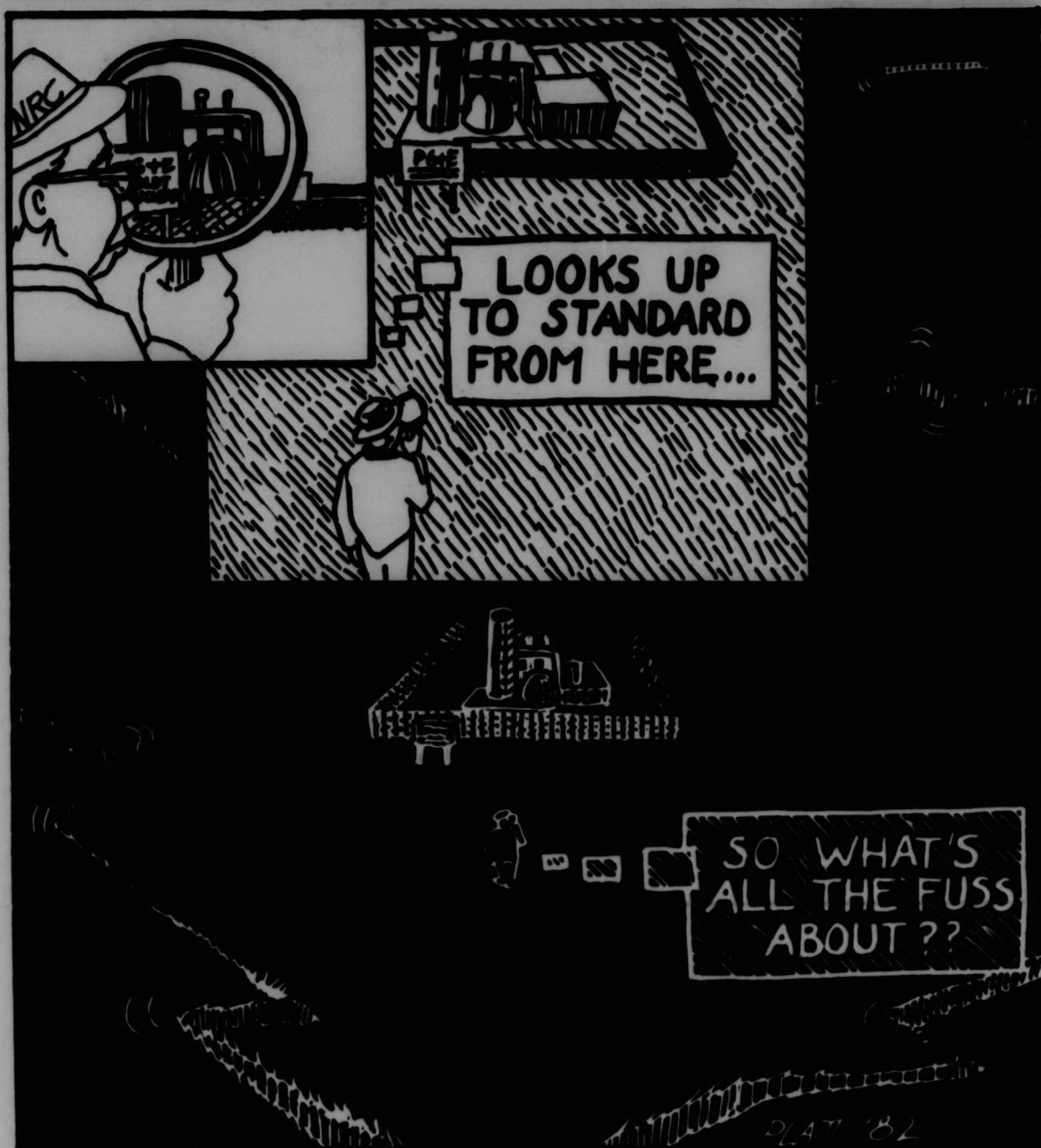
The Eel is not safe from dams now, but no new dam has been built on the river for the last 60 years. Better conservation practices on the part of the state and its farmers would appear to warrant more consideration.

According to a newsletter from the Natural Resources Defense Council, various types of irrigation are being studied to reduce the threat of water loss.

Rather than providing less expensive water to these farmlands, which would still be needed from California's rivers, it might be more feasible to provide discount costs to farmers to build these newer methods of irrigation.

Perhaps California should adopt the policy of other states and tax farmers who waste water during irrigation. This makes the farmers more conservation-minded, for they are charged only for the water they use, measured by water meters.

Rather than tampering with these North Coast rivers, why not look for alternate possibilities. For the time may come when the rivers will be too low to regulate the water flow.



Letters to the editor

Realism

Editor:

I'd like to respond to Danny Skopp's view that was published Dec. 9 in which he condemned Humboldt State University students for protesting fee hikes. Mr. Skopp told us to cut down on beer, take fewer ski trips and hotbathe less often, etc. This suggestion is outright ridiculous.

For one thing, I know very few students who make it a point to hit the slopes or the hot tubs on any kind of regular basis. Secondly, personal spending on such activities as having some beers on the weekend is not only our way of coping with the many student burdens but is, at times, socially essential. But it in no way relates to a state-supported, tax-supported institution such as the California State University. Mr. Skopp simply generalized all students as well-off, money-splurging spenders. He completely ignored the accepted prediction that the fee hikes will definitely take their toll in enrollment, thus jeopardizing an education for many.

But, above all this, it was his almost unbelievable conclusion that made it necessary for me to reply. He stated, "When my mother was your age, she was running from the Nazis.... you've got it made." With this attitude, I would assume that we should ignore fighting the economics of nuclear power because many people dealt

with slavery at our age. We should ignore the astronomical military spending because many people dealt with the Great Depression at our age. And we should ignore all the federal cuts of the Reagan administration because many people actually died in Vietnam at our age.

I can sympathize with Skopp's position, but if we all took such a selfish stand due to the tragedies of the past, the solution picture to the problems of the present and future would not look optimistic.

To top it off, The Lumberjack titled his letter, "Be realistic." Well, all I can say to all the Danny Skopps out there who justify ignorance to present problems because of tragic past occurrences is "be realistic."

John McKenna
Journalism

1939 to 1981

Editor:

The year is 1939. The English prime minister Neville Chamberlain visits a grinning Adolf Hitler and literally begs him not to pick off any more European countries and to save the world from an all-out war. But Hitler knew that Europe was militarily weak and in 1940 the Germans rolled over Europe. World War II had begun. For the young and almost young this is but history. For those who lived

through it, it is hard to forget. A bitter lesson.

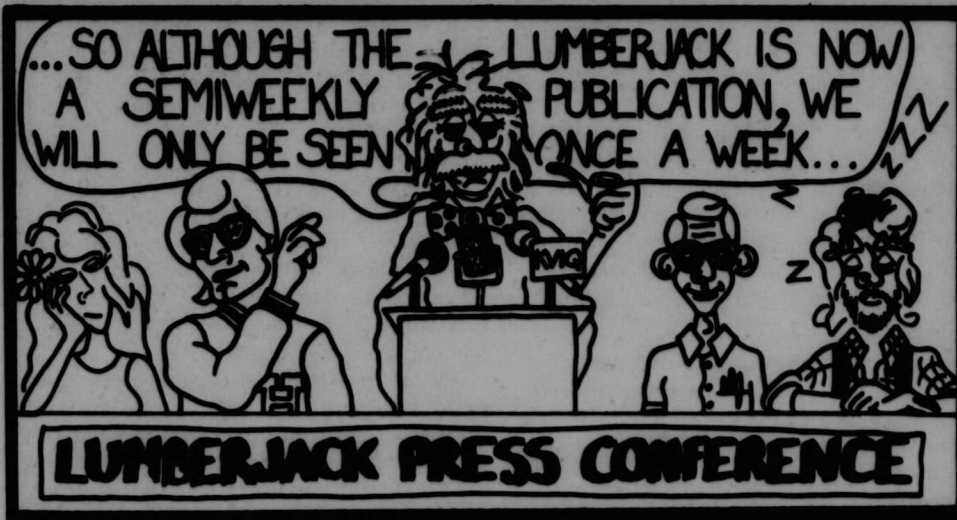
The most frightening thing is that history is about to repeat itself, 1939 all over again. This time it is the Soviet Union crushing those who want to be free. Military spending is number one on the Soviet list. Populations are held in a tight grip — no demonstrations for peace over there. Building walls to keep their people in, they have nothing to offer the world other than oppression and hardship. Communist world domination is their goal (Kruschev: we will bury you). They are ready to strike, regardless of the cost in human lives. If they, like Hitler before them, can get away with the situation in Poland, there is no stopping them.

So far, a strong America has kept the Soviets at bay, but we are not strong anymore. In 1939 the world was confronted with power-hungry nations armed to the teeth. Today it is the Soviet Union; but this time, there will not be a strong America to stop them. Divided, riddled and confused by activist communist propaganda often disguised as fighting for popular causes, we don't stand a chance. Western Europeans live under a constant fear of Soviet invasion. It is in the back of their minds all the time, while we Americans play our little political and other

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HUMBOLDT JACK

by Scott Bailey



More letters to the editor...

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games. In May 1940 the superb German war machine ground to a halt when the Dutch, using their ages-old defense, opened the dikes and inundated the land. The Nazis then bombed Rotterdam, promising more if we did not capitulate. Today, Soviet missiles are aimed at every major city of Europe as ever so many Rotterdams.

Western Europeans have two choices: resist communist aggression and die by the millions, or be subjected to Soviet pressure and stay alive. They have chosen the latter. The communist-organized "peace" demonstrations are intended to keep U.S. missiles away from Russia. The reaction to the crisis in Poland shows it more clearly. Knowing better than to make the Soviets angry, they are not about to join the United States in any kind of action. The Poles are crushed, like other nations before them, and the free world looks idly on, again. Future victims, are already lined up. In the United States, the Jane Fonda (remember "Hanoi Jane?") and the Tom Hayden-types are going full blast. Too many gullible Americans are marching right along and are played for political suckers. It is time to wake up, folks! Poland is the last warning. We take our freedom for granted because the majority of you never lived without it, and many of you don't even take the trouble to vote. In May 1940, a dark night descended on Europe, and overnight,

freedom was gone. It can happen again — and it will. The Soviets already are manipulating Western Europe. Will we be next? Think about it.

J.G. Wynands
Bayside

Illegal fishing

Editor:

Who in the world with any common sense, dignity of any degree or the least bit of respect for any living organism would dynamite a fish?

I am responding to the article in the Dec. 9, 1981 issue of The Lumberjack by John Greydanus on the illegal fishing tactics used on the Mad River for the capture of salmon and steelhead.

To watch an avid fly fisherman at work on one of the beautiful Pacific Northwest streams is a beautiful sight and, from my experience, the true fisherman does not necessarily need to land any fish to enjoy the experience.

I cringe at the thought of these people (nematodes, I would presume) standing on the bank trying to snag, shoot or dynamite a beautiful fish that is making its way upriver to spawn. Both salmon and steelhead must endure all types of obstacles in their lifetime which are both natural and man-made. After most of these obstacles are avoided they now must make their way upriver to spawn and start a new generation on their way.

It is very maddening to know there are actually people

in beautiful Humboldt County who only think of themselves or just don't think at all.

I was very mad to hear of these people and their dreadful actions towards the salmon and steelhead. But at the same time, I was happy to see they are now exposed and will hopefully be caught and taught to respect our wildlife.

Scott R. George
Junior, geography

NATO hypocrisy?

Editor:

Recently the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the urging of the United States, issued a proclamation to the military government of Poland. The communique was sent to put pressure on the Polish government to re-establish civil liberties.

Also spelled out in the communique was a direct warning to the Soviet Union, reminding Moscow to "respect Poland's fundamental right to solve its own problems free from foreign interference."

Meanwhile at Fort Bragg, N.C., 1,600 El Salvadoran soldiers are being trained by our own Green Berets. After being schooled, these soldiers will be returned to El Salvador, where nearly 60,000 people have been killed in the last three years. Many of these victims were civilians that were opposed to the U.S.-backed military junta.

Could it be that the people of Poland have fundamental rights that are denied the people of El Salvador? Double

standards by the policy makers of our country, such as the one presented by this current situation, seem to belie any claims we might make as a nation concerned with preserving human rights.

I encourage all those concerned with preserving global peace to contact our government servants and point out the hypocritical position our nation has officially taken concerning the dilemmas in Poland and El Salvador.

Daniel T. Buckley
Arcata

Restore romance

Editor:

I can no longer remain silent. Over the years, I have watched the feminist movement with more than a passing interest. As a member of the male population, I have had to get used to women in hard hats, unisex clothing, the death of miniskirts and tight blouses and the final indignity of women with "hairy legs." Besides the economic chaos being wreaked upon corporations like Nair and Schick, I find hairy legs on women aesthetically displeasing. Can you imagine what the James Bond poster for "Your Eyes Only" would look like if those legs had hair on them! I, for one, would doubt James' ability to extricate himself from that ticklish situation. I am also reminded of that immortal playwright, who said these lines.

"Fain would I kiss my

Julie's leg...

Which are dainty and hairless as an egg."

Will would have to change his style today, or else stock up on dental floss. It's not that I am ideologically opposed to the feminist movement, it's just that I enjoy the traditional feminine woman and see nothing wrong with masculine men. My perception is that the pendulum has swung too far and men and women are confused about sex roles.

To combat this confusion, I am proposing a new counter-movement. For men, I propose Men United Against Feminine Foolishness. This organization will bring back hairy chests, gold chains and wolf whistles. It may take some time to get M.U.F.F. off the ground, but if it doesn't peter out, I foresee members becoming more confident of their masculinity.

For the women, I propose Foxy Ladies United Against Feminine Foolishness. This organization will bring back coquettishness, flirting and, hopefully, miniskirts. They will also distribute free razors to radical feminists and demonstrate proper shaving techniques on campus. It is my hope that organizations like M.U.F.F. and F.L.U.F.F. can end the so-called "war between the sexes" and restore romance on this campus.

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City manager ready to tackle problems

By Timothy VanderVeen
Staff writer

He is built like a bear and has the stature to handle any problems which might arise in Arcata.

Rory Robinson, Arcata's new city manager, is a man who is serious about his job, his relationships with city employees and life in general. And Robinson has definite goals for Arcata.

Robinson moved here from Cotati, Calif., just south of Santa Rosa. As the city manager there, Robinson went through years of an innovative, avant-garde city administration.

As the city continued to create controversy, Robinson tired of waiting for the dust to settle. When his restlessness became evident to other members of the Mendocino-Sonoma Managers Group, he was urged to move.

So when former Arcata City Manager Roger Storey enrolled at Harvard, Robinson said goodbye to "state of the art" government in Cotati and said hello to Arcata.

In his Arcata office, there are numerous mementos on his wall from former co-workers and city employees. Framed commendations and photographs attest to his professional and creative energy.

Robinson is a modest, well-directed man. He has a sense of humor which shines right through.



Staff photo by Richard DuBrau

Rory Robinson

"I think you have to have humor in anything you do," he said. "If you can't laugh at it, then I wouldn't do it."

A sign over his bookshelf says: "I shall remain blameless," which is a good reflection of Robinson's humor.

"I've never been one to really take myself too seriously," he said.

But Robinson is serious about his work. He knows Arcata must expand its economic base beyond fishing and timber. He has already taken steps to create an environment conducive to the change he says is needed.

So far, most of his influence has been felt by city employees as they received their largest Christmas bonus

ever. And they will soon benefit from a new exercise gym now under construction.

These benefits come at a time when most employees are moving toward unionization. Funding for these benefits came from savings projected within city departments and from a grant the police department received. Volunteer help is completing the exercise gym.

The gym is important because "it keeps people healthy. It works off their stress and they don't get sick as often," Robinson said.

The "care and feeding" of employees is very important, he said.

"It's my philosophy that the greatest resource a business has is its employees; and if you can't keep them happy you're not going to keep them productive," he said.

"We seem to have an excellent group of employees that do a very good job."

Robinson's first serious employee problem could come from those same city workers, who turned to union representation to secure better wages and benefits in an effort to keep up with inflation.

Robinson did not face a union in Cotati, but seems prepared for the issue. Employees will be forced to pay increased dues just to have someone else negotiate their wages, he said. There is a limit to what a union can do, he said.

"I don't know what professional representation does for you when the city flat out runs out of money," he said.

Robinson favors limiting pay increases if it means keeping employees.

"I don't think the bottom line is to lay people off so that others can get a 10 percent raise," he said. "If the city has the money then we should adjust for the cost of living."

Relations with employees and other work issues might create stress for this vital man, but he has his own methods of escape and recreation. He rolls up his sleeves and climbs under the hood of his '41 Chevy or Model-T street hot rod.

Robinson is as serious about his cars as he is about his job. He and his wife take their cars on the show circuit from time to time. They also enjoy showing them off on the highway.

A man who lives life to the fullest, Robinson, in his 39 years, has learned to temper life with humor, to do the best job he can and to keep at it until the job is finished.

Robinson is new to Arcata and its government. But he has adapted well. He even has an emergency necktie in his office (framed in glass) for those unforeseen formalities. So far, no such emergency has arisen, but he'll cope nicely if it does.

Or else he'll retreat to his garage.

Students saved from snowy peak

By Chris Crescibene
Associate editor

Two Humboldt State University students who recently completed an HSU snow survival course were discovered early Monday morning in good condition after spending more

than 10 hours lost in freezing temperatures on Oregon's Mount Ashland.

Ann Alter, 19, and Karen Tanaka, 22, were found on the north side of the mountain at 1:30 a.m., eight hours after a search was launched by the Mount Ashland ski patrol, Jackson County sheriff's deputies and U.S. Forest Service personnel.

Temperatures on the peak dropped to 21 degrees with 10 to 15 mph winds at 9 p.m. Sunday, Karla Clements, a spokeswoman for the Jackson County sheriff's office, said.

After the rescue, the women were transported by Forest Service personnel to the city of Ashland, about 14 miles away. From there, they were taken by Jackson County sheriff's deputies to their vehicle, Clements said.

The women apparently received no hospital care, Clements said. A spokeswoman at Ashland Community Hospital said they were not treated there.

Clements said Alter and Tanaka told sheriff's deputies they realized they were lost at 3 p.m. Sunday. The women said they built a shelter, started a fire and waited to be rescued.

"They did the smart thing," Clements said.

Searchers found the women by following their ski tracks, Clements added.

The HSU students' rescue came less than two weeks after the discovery in the same area of the body of a 25-year-old man who froze to death. Clements said the man was an experienced skier who apparently ventured too far into the wilderness.

The fatality was the first in the Mount Ashland ski resort's 17-year history.

Smokers can quit in eight sessions

The American Lung Association is sponsoring a class called Freedom from Smoking.

The eight-session class starts Feb. 8 and continues for seven weeks. Classes will be at Eureka High School's main building, in room 115, from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Woodwaste power plant economically viable

By Shannon May
Staff writer

The commercial advantage of woodwaste-and-burnable-garbage generation of electricity over continued fuel oil generation was highlighted at two public meetings last Tuesday.

Humboldt Bay Power Co., co-sponsor of the meetings with City Garbage Co. of Eureka, seeks to build a 40-megawatt power plant fueled by waste products that have traditionally been considered worthless.

The proposed plant, to be built on the Samoa Peninsula, would produce electricity by burning fuel made of 90 percent logging-industry wood residue and 10 percent non-recyclable burnable garbage.

Such a plant could provide between 30 and 50 percent of the county's energy needs, according to Humboldt Bay Power's figures.

"Prior to OPEC, we had a situation here where woodwaste was considered exactly that. Nobody considered it as having any value," Lloyd Hecathorn, the company's president said at last Tuesday evening's meeting in Eureka.

"Our contention is that there is energy value in hog fuel and we wish to pay for hog fuel," Hecathorn said.

Hog fuel is the leftover wood from logging operations. Typically, the fuel has been gathered into piles and burnt at the logging sites.

But the rising cost of fossil fuels gives the company the ability to use what had previously been wasted, Hecathorn said.

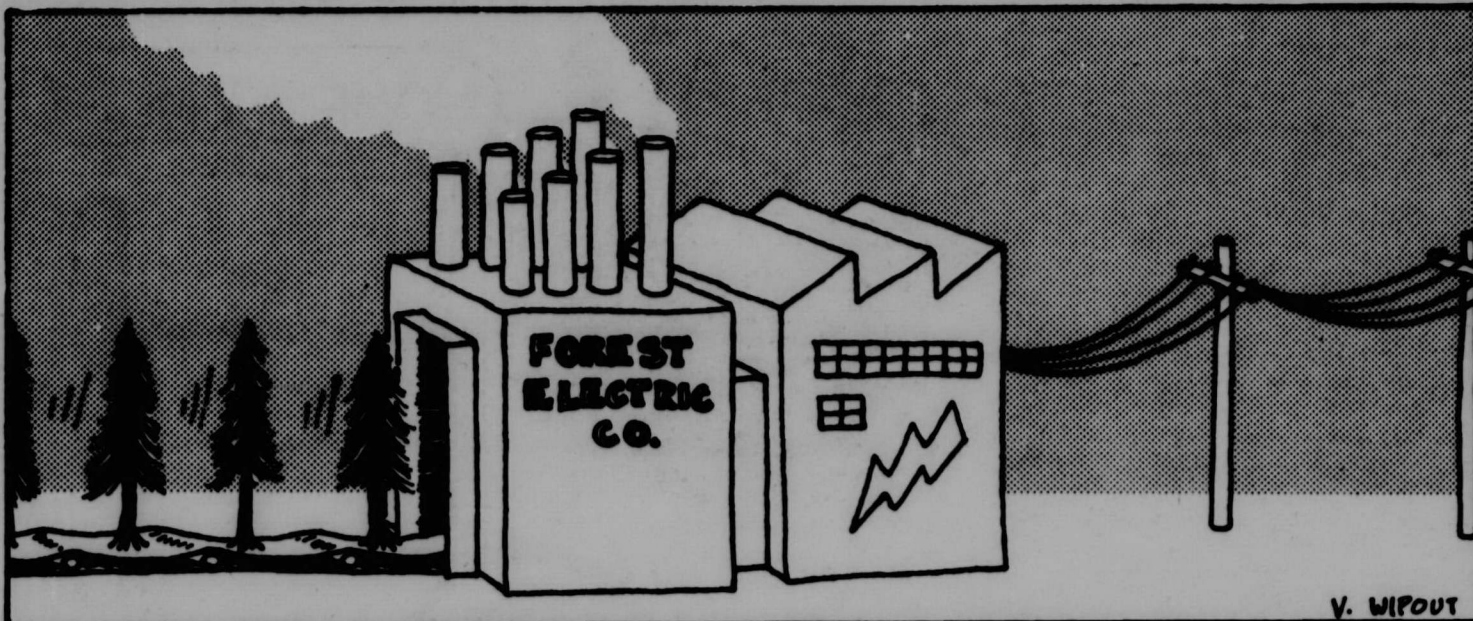
By using woodwaste and non-recyclable garbage to produce electricity, dependence on oil could lessen, making the county more energy self-sufficient, he said.

The possibility of selling such generated electricity to Pacific Gas and Electric Co. was first considered by the county's board of supervisors in the early 70s, according to Kaye Strickland, chairperson of the County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and moderator of the meetings.

The supervisors saw the unused slash and burnable refuse as an untapped source of energy. But in 1976 the board decided not to pursue the construction of a woodwaste power plant using public funds, Strickland said.

"The county felt it (a woodwaste plant) would be better off in the private sector," Hecathorn said.

The county and state had been work-



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ing on the feasibility of such a plant when Humboldt Bay Power stepped in to continue the project, Hecathorn said.

"We feel it's a very feasible project. PG&E has been most supportive throughout the years," he added.

Since 1976, HBPC and City Garbage have worked together under a grant from the State Solid Waste Management Board on the planning of the project.

City Garbage would supply the plant with non-recyclable burnable wet garbage.

The companies sponsored Tuesday's meetings — one in Arcata and one in Eureka — and had a panel of private consultants and public officials familiar with the project present to answer questions.

Most of the questions during the Eureka meeting were concerned with the financial and environmental aspects of the project.

The approximate \$400,000 in grants that is available for planning the plant is just one-quarter to one-half the amount needed, Neal Johnson, of the Waste Management Board, said at the meeting.

Hecathorn said the money to finish the project-planning and construction of the plant will not come from taxpayers but from other sources.

"We've been approached by several banks," some of which have funded power companies throughout the United States, Hecathorn said.

"We anticipate no problems in financing."

Hecathorn estimated the project's

cost at between \$65 million and \$70 million.

"We'll finance it probably through a number of sources," he said.

The project is in the permit stage. On Nov. 20, Humboldt Bay Power filed for its first permit with the Humboldt County Air Pollution Control District.

Because no rezoning is necessary for the proposed plant, the permit-filing before the pollution control agency — rather than the planning commission — is only the first step in a long line of permit applications.

Charles Sassenrath, from air pollution control, said the agency will act as the lead in the project and oversee progress being made.

Ultimately, if the project meets all other permit specifications, the HCAPCD will be the agency which authorizes the plant's operation, Sassenrath said.

Construction of the plant has been tentatively scheduled to begin in fall 1983. But that date depends on the companies receiving all the various permits and meeting all requirements.

Hecathorn addressed public concern about air pollution from the plant by saying, "By holding RDF (refuse derived fuel) down to 10 percent, we can comply with all of the pollution regulations."

But the possibility of inadvertently gathering nutrients needed in reforesta-

tion in logged areas during the woodwaste collection process was questioned at the Eureka meeting.

"We'll not be out there raking the floor and taking everything. It's a site-specific specification. We will be working directly with logging operations," Robert Anderson, a forester for Humboldt Bay Power, said.

The collection of woodwastes will be done in such a way as to leave sufficient amounts of nutrients for nutrient recycling, Anderson said.

"From annual logging residue there is more than twice as much hog fuel available" than necessary for the plant's operation, William Bertain, Humboldt Bay Power's attorney, said.

Some of those attending the meeting objected to a lack of information available to the public on the plant's effects.

Bertain said the meetings were to inform the public of the progress being made with the project.

Since Humboldt Bay Power is a private company, it is not required to provide all the specifics of the plant's operations.

Hecathorn said an environmental impact report may not be required for the project.

Sassenrath said it will be determined by the end of the month whether or not a report is necessary.



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Elementary schools adapt to fund cuts

By Gene Biggins
Staff writer

The Arcata and Eureka elementary school systems face new challenges because of shrinking funds for public education, the Eureka and Arcata school superintendents said in recent interviews.

Buster McCurtain, Eureka schools superintendent, and Don MacLean, Arcata's superintendent of elementary schools, said that while many changes already have been made in both cities' elementary school systems, more will be necessary for the schools to survive.

At stake, ultimately, is the quality of education children receive in public schools, they said.

Public schools suffer from diminishing funds partly because of Proposition 13, but mostly because "the state Legislature is not giving education a high priority at this time," McCurtain said.

The Legislature is functioning contrary to the state's constitution, according to McCurtain.

The constitution requires that "education shall have first priority" in appropriations decisions, he said.

"Political pressure on legislators influences decisions as to which programs will receive appropriations ... right now the dollars are going to the branches of government that are making the strongest lobbying efforts in Sacramento," he said.

The people responsible for the

"Today's challenge calls for a different type of administrator ..."

education of children don't have the time or the money to send someone to lobby in Sacramento, so education doesn't have a strong voice there, McCurtain said.

Those legislators who really care about education don't receive the support they need to pass good legislation for education, he said.

Parents are going to have to get more involved in local government to insure that the quality of education won't suffer from the lack of adequate resources, according to McCurtain.

"All people hear from the media — whether it's television, newspapers or



magazines — is that education isn't working."

The types of education stories covered by the news media in recent years "gives the public and the Legislature the impression that education isn't a good area to be investing money into."

"But it is a good investment in the future. Here in California we have the best and largest public education system in the world."

"We need to remind people of this," McCurtain said.

Only 3 percent of California's population graduated from high school at the turn of the century, but now 75 percent of the people born in California graduate from at least high school, McCurtain said.

"California has the largest learned population of people in the world."

McCurtain suggested that if enough parents wrote to their legislators stating "I want your active support and vote for legislation which provides adequate funds for a quality education in California," there would be a "significant change" in education funding.

Politicians definitely "weigh papers to make their decisions," he said.

Another element in the decline in funds is a decrease in enrollment over the last decade.

Eureka's elementary school enrollment was a little more than 3,500 in

1971, but has dropped to 2,300 this year.

In Arcata, enrollment has fallen to 750 from a peak of 2,000 in 1968, according to MacLean.

Appropriations and enrollment are directly tied together — if enrollment drops, so does the amount of funds.

To cope with less money, Eureka's school-administration staff tries to cut

... "the state Legislature is not giving education a high priority at this time."

overhead costs, but "does not tamper with the number of teachers or the quality of the classroom instruction," according to McCurtain.

Overhead cuts include reductions in the numbers of custodians, principals, and secretaries; cutbacks to reduce energy and utility bills; and consolidation of school sites — closing some

schools.

McCurtain sees more parents becoming involved in education decisions as some neighborhood schools become targeted for closure.

But he wishes more parents had been involved all along in an issue as important as the education of their children.

"After all, that is the future of America," he said.

McCurtain said he would like to see California continue as the leader in education and the development of technology and social services.

MacLean said Arcata faces a slightly different problem because of the fund reductions.

"Today's challenge calls for a different type of administrator than in the past — sort of a fiscal manager," he said.

He takes pride in successfully managing the schools with ever-shrinking funding while still "maintaining the essential services to insure that children continue to receive a good, sound, general education," MacLean said.



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"I consider it a definite victory for students overall. I'm overjoyed. I didn't believe the government would listen," he said.

Lincoln credited lobbying efforts by students, teachers and trustees for causing Brown's turnaround.

Lincoln said it will take a concerted effort by students to see that Brown's budget is passed by the Legislature.

"The war has shifted from the governor's office to the Legislature. We have to see that they pass it," Lincoln said.

Passage of Brown's budget is far from certain, according to recent news reports.

'I consider it a definite victory for students...'

The state faces a \$766-million deficit which Brown hopes to eliminate by "speedups" in the collection of taxes, cuts in spending and a freeze on state and school construction.

Because state law requires a balanced budget, a failure in Brown's tactics might mean further cuts and/or taxes.

Brown's budget also depends on voters rejecting two June tax-proposals which would mean a \$325-million loss to the state.

One proposal would eliminate state inheritance and gift taxes, and the other would permanently index state income taxes (adjust them to the rate of inflation).

Brown's 2-1/2 percent cut in the CSU budget still means a loss of \$25 million for the system. This is in addition to a \$20 million cut he ordered a few mon-

ths ago.

However, Del Biaggio said, "The impact of a 2-1/2 percent reduction as it relates to HSU will be minimal."

The reduction would not be across the board and would be subject to other factors, Del Biaggio said.

There is an unidentified \$3.7 million cut for the CSU system in Brown's budget which could still affect HSU, Del Biaggio said.

"I'm sure the campus will participate in that (the unidentified cut) to some degree," he said.

Brown also has included a \$3-million allocation in the CSU for development of engineering, computer science and mathematics programs.

It is not known whether HSU will receive any of that money, according to Del Biaggio.

HSU President Alistair McCrone said in an interview last week that HSU is expected to receive \$33 million next year.

"With that allotment, we can do a lot of good. It can deliver a lot of good academic services," he said.

"But it will be tight. It will not be comfortable. We will meet our obligations to most, but we could do more with more money," he said.

In an effort to bring in more money to the state, two professors' unions are gathering signatures for an initiative which would raise taxes on corporations.

The United Professors of California and the Congress of Faculty Associations support the "split-roll" tax initiative.

The bill would increase property taxes for corporations while maintaining property-tax benefits from Proposition 13 for homeowners and renters.

Lincoln said he thought the California State Student's Association would also support the initiative.

Hearings on Brown's budget will begin in March. The bill will be returned for the governor's signature next summer, according to Mike Carter of

the governor's office.

Nettie Sabelhaus of Senator Barry Keene's office said the senator has not decided how he will vote on Brown's bill.

Assemblyman Doug Bosco was unavailable for comment.

Anti-Reagan rally set for today

By Damon Maguire
Campus editor

Reagan administration policies affecting the environment, the local economy, human rights, and foreign and domestic policy will be discussed during a noon rally today on the Humboldt State University quad.

Billed as a "people's rally," the event is sponsored by several campus and community groups.

Participating groups include Choices, Students for Choice, Students for Peace, Humboldt-El Salvador Support Committee, Campus Women for Shelter, and MEChA, a Chicano-students group.

Glenn Strachan, of Choices, a pro-abortion group, said the groups united to alert people to the negative impact the present administration is having in their concerned areas.

"We want to make people aware of the Reagan administration," he said. "The groups came together in a common concern."

Ron Quaccia, of the Humboldt-El Salvador Support Committee, said, "We'd like to show that these issues are interconnected."

Arcata councilwoman Julie Fulker-son, the rally's keynote speaker, will talk about human rights.

Music, street theater and additional speakers will be featured at the event.

The rally also starts four days of activity by the El Salvador support committee.

With a nation-wide week of support for the people of El Salvador, the club plans a protest march in Eureka for Wednesday, a refugee-relief benefit at Jambalaya on Thursday, and a candlelight march on the Arcata Plaza Friday.

Cultural event, dinner planned

Humboldt State University will have its first multicultural event on Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.

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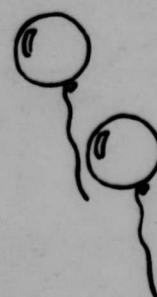


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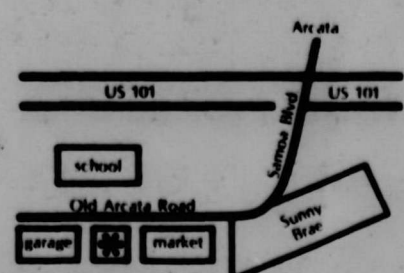


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The Lumberjack goes semiweekly; grows with journalism department

The coming of a new year is traditionally a time for change. It is a time to evaluate the past and prepare for the future. For the staff of The Lumberjack, 1982 has arrived with a change that has taken nearly 52 years to effect: the twice-weekly publication of the paper.

On Sept. 17, 1930, The Lumberjack began to appear weekly through the school year on the campus of Humboldt State Teachers College.

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ning are done on campus. The printing, however, is still done off-campus, at the Arcata Union.

The Lumberjack has five video display terminals, a typesetter and a headline machine.

"If we're not the best-equipped school in the state, then we're one of the best," Seemann said.

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"I see going twice-weekly as a stepping along with the journalism department," he said. "As the department has grown, it is just natural that The Lumberjack must also grow."

More than 50 students are on the staff of the paper this quarter, and there are more than 200 persons enrolled as journalism majors at HSU.

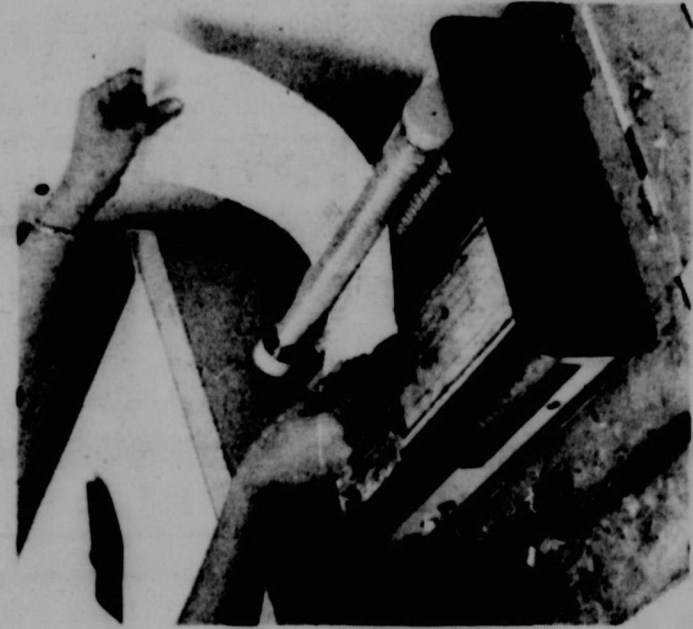
Howard Seemann, The Lumberjack's adviser since 1970, has seen numerous changes at the paper, and he welcomes the change to twice-weekly.

"There are two major advantages to going twice-weekly. One is that more people become involved in making decisions that directly affect the paper. Another is that it will provide a better service to the campus," Seemann said.

The most dramatic change in his 11 years as adviser, however, has been the modernization of technology, Seemann said.

"When we first started, our type was being set in a garage in Arcata," he said.

Today the typesetting and all aspects of newspaper repor-



Finished copy is put through a hot wax machine to hold it in place.

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"In the 11 years I have been adviser we have always ended the year in the black," Seemann said. "The students are not paying anything directly for The Lumberjack. It's a free newspaper."

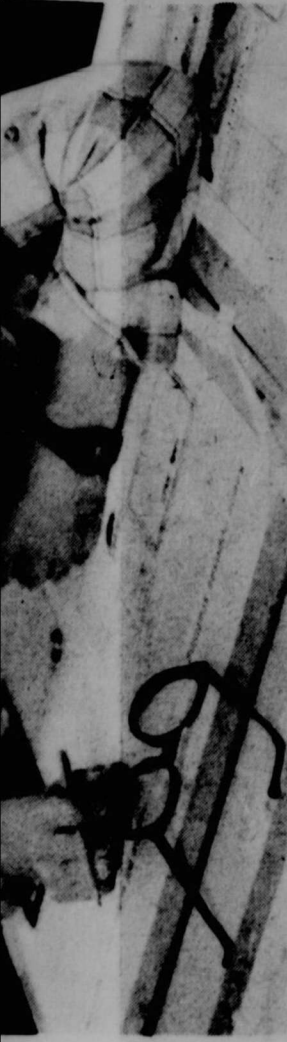
"The Associated Students, along with the state, have been very supportive in buying equipment for us," he said.

Appearing twice a week will not alter the budget, Seemann said. The number of pages published will remain the same. The circulation for each of the Tuesday and Friday issues will be 6,000.

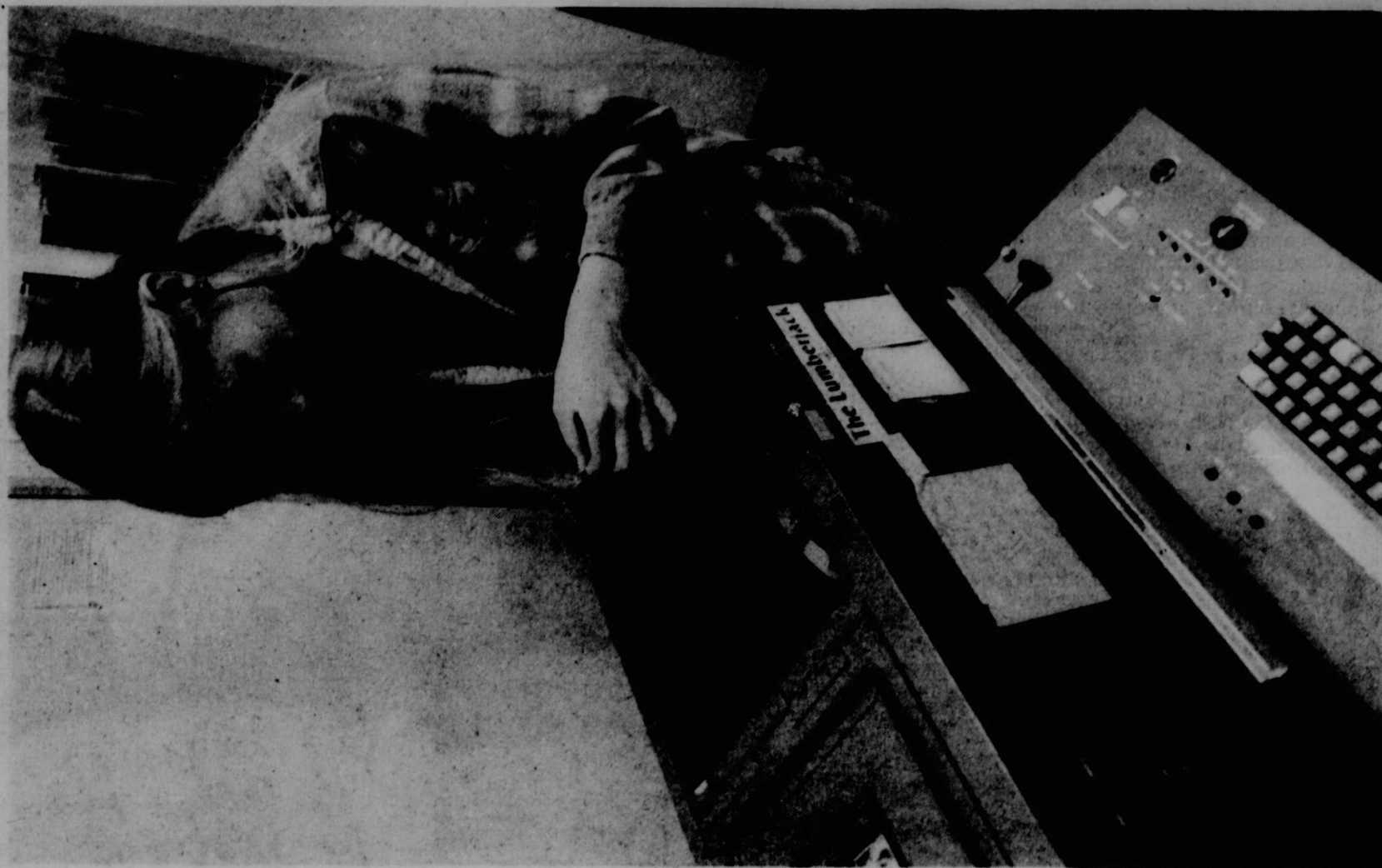
"If we find that we can't do it financially, then we will go back to once a week," Seemann said. "There will be no disgrace. It will be a great learning experience."

Weber agrees with Seemann.

"The only way one ever develops is by taking a risk and trying new things," he said. "After this quarter is completed we might find out that HSU students don't care for their paper to come out twice as much. Perhaps they will prefer a weekly."



Lumberjack Editor Tad Weber reads between the lines before the finished pages are sent to the Arcata Union for printing.



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Protest

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intervenor against the PG&E plant, were recognized by the National Regulatory Commission in 1976 as having legal standing in the case.

California's first commercial nuclear reactor, the 63-megawatt Humboldt Bay began operation in 1963, becoming only the fourth reactor in the nation.

But the plant was closed in 1976 for seismic reasons.

"The Humboldt nuke is not the only thing on shaky ground," Chesbro said.

"The prestige and credibility of PG&E as a responsible operator of a nuclear power plant, if there can be such a thing, is in the last gasps of dying."

Manetas said that of the \$150 million spent on energy in Humboldt County in 1980, \$135 million left the county.

"It went to PG&E, Exxon, Gulf and all the energy companies that supply and import energy into Humboldt County," he said.

"Those of you who recently got your PG&E bill are probably as shocked as I was because of the 40 percent rate increase (that) has gone into effect.

"Most corporate executives and most people from PG&E would say that those prices are going to continue to increase, and increase at an ever-faster rate," Manetas said.

As a positive solution to Humboldt County's energy needs, Manetas suggested alternative energy resources.

"We live in Humboldt County, which is a very rich county in a variety of natural resources."

Manetas cited wind, ocean and sunlight as possible renewable energy sources.

"All of those resources can generate jobs in Humboldt County, and the dollars that are spent for these energy sources would remain in the county."

The toxic wastes produced by hard technologies such as nuclear power and coal could be reduced by switching to other energy sources, Manetas said.

The opening of the Humboldt Bay Project Office also commemorated Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

The Redwood Alliance spokesman, Carl Zichella, criticized PG&E for building a nuclear power plant in "one of the most seismically active areas in the state."

"We had a 7.0 earthquake Nov. 8, 1980," he added, "There are three faults within 4000 ft. of the plant."

He cited the Little Salmon, Bay Entrance and Booner Point faults. "The Little Salmon's the most dangerous," Zichella said.

Aside from geological difficulties, the plant has been plagued by operational problems.

"Since 1965 PG&E had so many problems that PG&E's president asked the Atomic Energy Commission to increase the allowable release limit for nuclear power plants," Zichella said.

"They were releasing so much radia-

tion at that plant, they couldn't comply with emission standards," he said.

Zichella will represent the Redwood Alliance at the third Public Utilities Commission hearing on the costs to decommission nuclear power plants being held in San Francisco this week.

"We're going to suggest that the money be collected from the rate payers but be set in a separate, outside fund, not incorporated with the utilities assets," Zichella said.

He added that in the event of a nuclear accident the utility companies "could go bankrupt and all the money would be lost, and then the rate payers would have to pay again."

Redwood Alliance has estimated the cost of decommissioning Humboldt Bay Nuclear Power Plant at \$35 million, while the cost of bringing the reactor up to current Nuclear Regulatory Commission standards could exceed \$300 million.

Other speakers included Betty Taylor from the Redwood Alliance Educational Collective, Nicole Wood, Tim Skaggs, and Father John Rogers of the Newman Center in Arcata.

Entertainers included Phoenix Rising, Don Barry, Tim Cain, Ede Morris and the Friends of Everyman's Center.

Following the "speak-out," about 75 protesters gathered outside the PG&E office in Eureka for a candlelight vigil.

Jerry Martien read poetry, and a skit titled "The Nuke of Holocauster" was performed.

About a dozen protesters remained through the night. On Saturday morning, they marched five miles to the South Bay Elementary School to join approximately 125 other protesters in marching to the Humboldt Nuclear Power Plant.

When Zichella announced that two new nuclear power plants in Washington had been cancelled, the crowd cheered.

Escorted by police, the sign-carrying marchers walked two-abreast from the school to the power plant's gates a quarter mile away.

After reassembling, the marchers listened to more speakers and sang songs.

Ava Craddock, board representative of the North Coast Environmental Center, said, "PG&E has repeatedly



Staff photo by Cici Davidson

Joe Broderick displays his anti-nuke feelings.

put off the decision to retro-fit or decommission while awaiting word for a go-ahead at their Diablo Canyon reactor.

"All nuclear power plants must eventually be decommissioned. The longer it's delayed, the more expensive it will be. Humboldt Bay could be the first commercial nuclear reactor to be decommissioned," Craddock said.

"At Diablo, PG&E's quality-control was a shocking failure," she said. "At Humboldt Bay, PG&E intimidated workers who protested safety viola-

tions and radiation leakages."

Only a five-person delegation was allowed to enter PG&E's property to hang wreaths and cast seeds as a symbolic botanical revitalization of the land.

Calvin Rube, Yurok headman and dancemaker, joined poet John Ross as special guest speakers outside the gates of the plant.

Craddock, who said PG&E had proven itself incapable of acting responsibly, called the number of persons who attended the rally "marvelous."

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State parks acquire Big Lagoon property

By Martin Melendy
Staff writer

A 54-year effort to purchase land at Big Lagoon finally was successful last month when the state park system acquired 800 acres of redwood forest land, according to a Save-the-Redwoods League press release.

For \$4.3 million, the league purchased Louisiana-Pacific Corp. land valued at \$12 million, Claudia Rohl, an L-P spokeswoman, said in an interview.

The land had been earmarked for state park use since 1928, according to Carl Anderson, a California Department of Parks and Recreation area manager.

"There would have been no purchase without the Save-the-Redwoods League. This secures public access

forever — to practically the entire shoreline of a unique lagoon," Anderson said.

During the next few months, title will be transferred to the parks department. The state will reimburse the league for \$2 million of the league's acquisition money.

The property, 22 miles north of Arcata, borders a three-mile stretch of Highway 101, and is open for public use, John B. Dewitt, the league's executive director, said.

There would have been no sale unless the park was named in honor of Harry A. Merlo, president and board chairman of L-P, Dewitt added.

Since 1928, when the Big Lagoon property was first tabbed as a potential state park site, the lumber companies that owned the land — Little River,

Hammond, Georgia-Pacific and Louisiana-Pacific — abided by the league's wishes and did not log the site.

An attempt eight years ago to buy the land was unsuccessful, Dewitt said, because L-P was bitter about the expansion of Redwood National Park.

But the league persevered, he said. "We continued to raise funds, and when state money bogged down and Louisiana-Pacific approved the sale for the 1981-82 fiscal year, the league had to buy now or forget it."

With Patrick's Point to the south and Prairie Creek Redwoods to the north,

the Big Lagoon state park will complete a chain of shoreline parks.

The corridor of purchased land contains old-growth redwood, alder, Sitka spruce and Douglas fir. Mammals living near the lagoon include blacktail deer, black bear and Roosevelt elk, Dewitt said.

"I particularly like the habitat for its waterfowl (mallard and pintail ducks) and the beautiful elk herd that uses the wetlands," Anderson said.

Cutthroat and steelhead trout fishing in the lagoon is also good at times, he added.

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PG&E rate increase approved

Average monthly utility bill to rise by 14 percent

By Mark Chappell
Staff writer

For Californians, this year may be a bit darker and colder than the previous one.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. was granted a \$909.4 million rate increase by the California Public Utilities Commission at a hearing Dec. 30 in San Francisco.

As a result, the average monthly residential bill will increase by \$9.03, a 14 percent increase.

PG&E had originally asked for a \$1.56 billion increase which Chairman Fredrick W. Mielke Jr., said was necessary to make up for a loss during the past 10 years.

Mielke said the loss was a result of not billing customers for approximately \$1.4 billion in provided services.

"The problem, simply stated, is that rates have been consistently fixed at less than what is needed to cover fast-rising costs. No business can continue for long by selling its product below cost, and we are no exception," Mielke said.

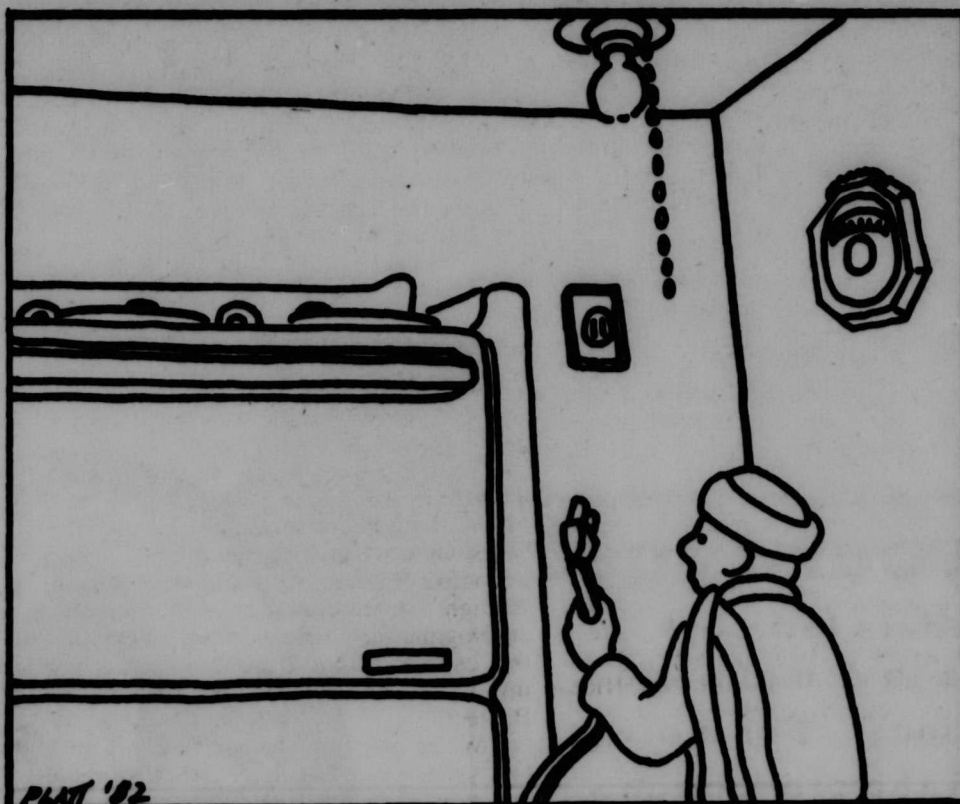
The CPUC said reasons for the rate increase include high inflation and high interest rates.

The rate increase, which has been in effect since Jan. 1, is a general increase which the CPUC allows every two years.

In addition to the general rate increase, PG&E had six fuel adjustment rate increases during 1981, to offset the rising cost of fuel oil.

PG&E will have to cut back on its services to customers to stay within the budget, Mielke said.

Wes Reed, customer service representative with PG&E's Eureka office, said the San Francisco office is studying the areas where it must curtail spending.



"We will probably have to curtail service in the area of new construction and new homes," he said. "We will take care of existing customers the best we can."

Reed said there will be cutbacks on some maintenance projects, such as replacement of worn-out equipment.

This might result in power outages, he said.

Forecasts by the California Energy Commission and PG&E predict rate increases are going to be a regular thing, Larry Goldberg, project manager for Arcata's municipal solar and conservation feasibility study, said.

Goldberg said it is just a matter of time before the government will take steps to deregulate and levy a windfall

profit tax on natural gas.

He said this would mean more money in the federal treasury especially when gas prices could double in the next 10 years.

Goldberg said the energy rate increases will have its most significant affect on people with low or fixed incomes.

"Their incomes are increasing much more slowly than energy prices are going up."

He said by the year 1990 14 percent of Arcata's population will be using 25 percent of their income to pay for energy.

Reed said PG&E is cooperating with

various governmental agencies to provide assistance for people in the low-income bracket.

For example, PG&E's Zero Interest Program provides interest-free loans of up to \$3,500 to people with low incomes. The loans are to help pay for weatherization.

Revenue from this rate increase will not go to aid the troubled Diablo Canyon plant.

According to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, construction costs are not to be figured into the power company's rate bases.

River presented

A slide show entitled "Scenes of the Remote Colorado River" will be presented by Ray Peart, management assistant to Redwood National Park, at a meeting of Friends of the River today.

The slide show will be held at Humboldt Federal Savings, 1063 G Street, Arcata, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Friends of the River will meet at 6:30 p.m. The upcoming River Month and related activities are to be discussed.

The public is invited.

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A contra dance to benefit the Arcata Community Recycling Center will be held Saturday, Jan. 23, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Dows Prairie Grange in McKinleyville.

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Student aid

Federal cuts in loans, grant programs may change 20-year trend in education

By Stephen Crome
Staff writer

Funds for student aid programs have been reduced this year and proposed large national cutbacks are expected to further decrease aid in 1983, according to the Humboldt State University financial aid office.

"The general direction of aid availability has been up, up, up, but that is changing now," Jack Altman, financial aid director, said.

Altman said financial aid originated in 1959 in an effort to increase the attendance of college by students from low-income families.

"The aid program was started with a belief in equality of opportunity," he said.

Financial aid programs help eligible students cover education costs. HSU students have five main sources of aid: the federal government; the state; the university; foundations, community, business and service organizations; and banks, savings and loan institutions and credit unions.

Financial aid is presented to an eligible student in an award package. The package will usually be a composite of grant, loan and college work study. Grants, unlike loans, are not repayable.

Federally sponsored award programs include Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and National Direct Student Loans.

Programs sponsored by the state include Guaranteed Student Loans, Educational Opportunity Grants and the State of California Student Aid Commission Grants.

The College Work-Study program locates jobs with government or non-profit agencies so that students can earn their way through school.

The large cutbacks nationally proposed by the federal Office of Management and Budget would eliminate new money for student loan programs and state grants.

"Cutbacks of approximately 40 percent in Pell Grants, 30 to 40 percent in work-study, 25 percent in SEOG, and 11 percent in NDSL are being proposed to President Reagan and would be effective next year if accepted," Altman said.

He added that these cutbacks might affect enrollment.



"Enrollment would be affected to some extent if the GSL program should be reduced," he said.

The GSL program's total borrowing figure for 1981-82 was over \$4 million.

Altman said the financial aid office's most difficult job is determining how limited student aid funds will be rationed.

"We never really had enough money. Now, with the budget getting tighter, we must raise the question of who is eligible for aid," he said.

In order to ration limited funds, priorities and criteria for aid eligibility were adopted Oct. 16, 1981, by the Student Financial Aid Commission.

Most students who applied for aid this year have received it, but the financial aid office has received a few letters from people who couldn't attend because they were unable to meet the new eligibility requirements.

Students have had some complaints with the eligibility requirements for the GSL program, Barbara Skinner, financial aid office receptionist said.

An applicant whose family's adjusted gross income is greater than \$30,000 a year will have to demonstrate need in order to receive a GSL. Independent students will receive no

more than 55 percent of available NDSL, Work-Study and SEOG funds.

Student eligibility for bank loans also has changed.

"Students used to get bank loans without having to state parental income on the application. Now dependent students have to do this," she said.

"In 1981, we were out of money early in the year. This year's funds are running low, but we are not out yet," Skinner said.

"The hardest thing for me is when I

have to tell people that we are out of money," she said.

Marlene Bradbury, supervisor of financial aid accounting, said HSU loan recipients have had an excellent repayment record for the last five years.

"HSU has the lowest default record of all 19 schools in the California State University and College system," she said.

A loan account goes into default status when the student fails to make the scheduled payment.

"Our collection staff works with the student to resolve the default status of the loan," Bradbury said.

"If the student does not provide the loan institution with an acceptable payment arrangement, then the account is referred to an outside collection agency for handling," she said.

University services are withheld until the student makes a payment or pays the loan in full.

"There is also a possibility of litigation if the student defaults on his loan," Bradbury said.

When students default on loans, the funds available for future needy students are decreased, she said.

"It is very expensive all the way around to collect on a bad loan," she said.



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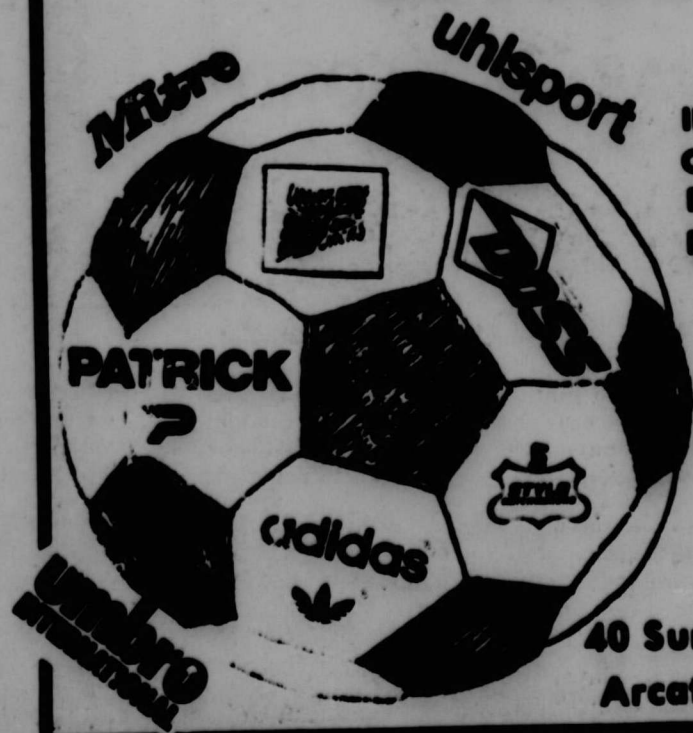
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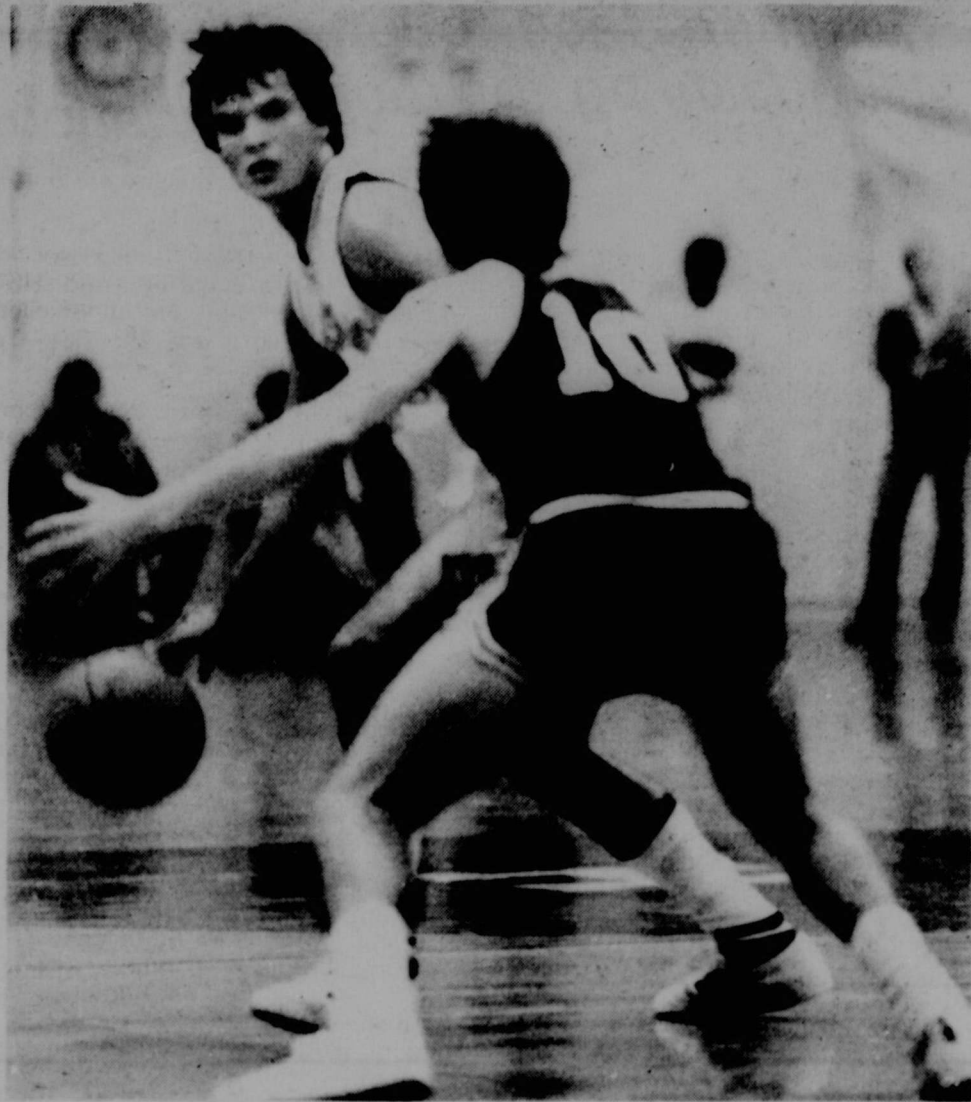
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Dean Diaz traded his cleats for high-tops and leads in assists.

Sports

Intensity

One ingredient missing for women's basketball success

By Bill Hennessey
Sports editor

The lack of intensity could prevent the Humboldt State women's basketball team from being consistent winners, according to Coach Diann Laing.

The Lumberjacks own a 5-7 overall record but find themselves 0-3 in Golden State Conference play after weekend road losses to San Francisco State, 71-44, and Cal State Hayward, 57-62.

"We have promise of doing some pretty good things," Laing, who has coached the team a total of four years, said, "But we don't have the intensity we need."

"We're not 'blitzing the quarterback' as individuals," she continued. "Other teams will do that. Some people are naturally go-getters; some are not. We don't go out and fight and scramble."

Sophomore forward Christi Rosvold said the 'Jacks had trouble "being serious and keeping interest and concentration" on the game for 40 minutes. The team "needs more desire to win."

In Saturday's loss to Hayward, HSU led by nine points at intermission. But according to Rosvold, who led all scorers with 25 points, the team came out "flat" in the second half and gave the Pioneers the game. (The Lumberjacks' 32 percent field goal percentage

also contributed to their defeat.)

Center Becky Yates said coming out flat in the second half has plagued HSU in most of its games this season. Until last weekend, the 'Jacks have played even with their opponents in the first half, scoring 263 points while yielding 262. But in the second half, HSU surrendered 316 points while scoring 279.

Most of the players, however, believe they can turn their early-season performances around and possibly challenge defending champion San Francisco State for the GSC title.

"We're getting progressively better," guard and leading scorer Wendi Kassis said. "We've improved every game, and we're just smoothing out the rough edges."

"The teams we've played so far are beatable," Kassis added. "We have the talent to win."

Rosvold said, "I've been getting depressed about our team because we haven't won in conference. We're 0-3 when we should be 2-1."

She said she thinks HSU should have beaten Chico State Jan. 9 in the East Gym. But the Wildcats prevailed, 81-73, as they shot 57 percent from the floor compared to the 'Jacks 42 percent.

Basketball team splits pair of two-point games

By Tim Gruber
Staff writer

After a hard-fought 59-57 defeat at the hands of San Francisco State Friday night, the Humboldt State University men's basketball team regrouped to defeat Hayward State, 55-53, the next night.

HSU was coming off a Jan. 9 loss to defending conference champion Chico State, 65-55.

"I was encouraged by the game," Coach Tom Wood said. "I think it showed we can play well in the conference."

The 'Jacks played well in Friday's loss to San Francisco, the 1980 Far Western Conference champions. HSU shot a blistering 56 percent from the floor while San Francisco shot 41 percent.

But the Gators made 72 percent of their free throws while the 'Jacks made only 58 percent, a decisive factor in the game.

Freshman forward Cliff Dyson led the 'Jacks with 15 points and six rebounds. Guard Joe Hash had 12 points, and senior center Ken Billman had 11 points and five rebounds.

"The SFSU defeat was a tough one, but the team played really well," Hash, a sophomore, said.

The Lumberjacks didn't play as well on Saturday but still won. The 'Jacks overcame a horrid shooting performance — a mere 32 percent — as they rallied to victory over the Hayward State Pioneers.

Down by 15 points at halftime, the 'Jacks, led by forward Marvin Penner and Dyson, entered the second half and overpowered the Pioneers to win.

Penner, who led the 'Jacks with 13

rebounds, said, "I'm disappointed in my overall performances but at least we beat Hayward."

Dyson led all scorers with 21 points and also added nine rebounds.

"The win against Hayward will give the team momentum going into next weekend's games," Hash said.

"An 8-6 record is positive; a 1-2 record in conference is somewhat disappointing," Wood said.

"It's still a long season. We just have to regroup and play well the rest of our games," Wood said.

A conference crown is possible if the 'Jacks win all their remaining home games.

Humboldt also must win at least half of its remaining road games, Wood added.

The Lumberjacks continue conference competition Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. against Stanislaus State University and Sacramento State University, respectively.

"Our guys need to win badly," Wood said. "All along our goal has been to win the conference. We can make great strides toward that goal by winning both games this weekend."

• Through the first 14 games, Dyson leads the team in scoring with a 12.7 average. Hash's 11.0 is second while Billman's average of 10.9 is third.

• Penner is leading the team in rebounds with 90, while Dyson and Billman trail with 89 and 70, respectively.

• Dean Diaz, who doubles as a defensive back for the HSU football team, has a commanding lead in assists. His 64 dish-outs is well ahead of runner-up Hash with 34.

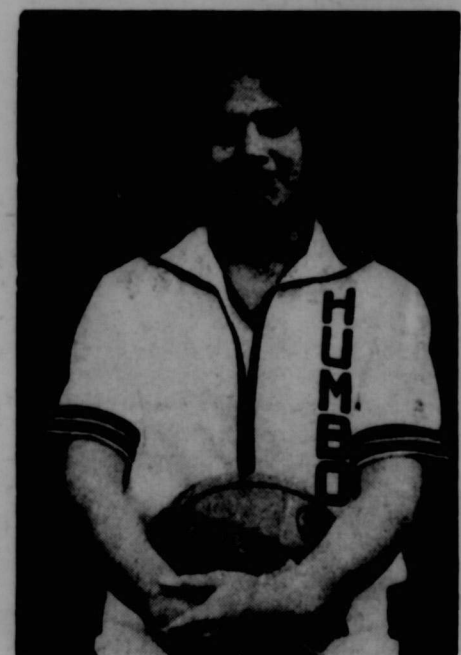


Christi Rosvold

Kassis, who's averaging 18 points a game, contends San Francisco was beatable — if HSU had played that team under different circumstances.

"We had a hard time because we just got off the van from traveling all day," she said. "We just didn't adjust to the drive."

Yates, the most valuable player from last year's 2-14 team when she led the



Sports Information photos

Wendi Kassis

conference in rebounds and minutes played, said the team is vastly improved and will "surprise some people" in the second round of GSC play.

"Both coaches (San Francisco and Hayward) said how improved Humboldt was," she said.

The 5-foot-11 center wouldn't rule out a conference championship. "It's

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Staff photo by Wayne Miller

Dave Navarro (bottom) is 11-7-1 and the top HSU wrestler.

Sixth-straight title dim

For the first time in several years, the Humboldt State University wrestling team is not the favorite to win the Far Western Conference title.

The 'Jacks, who are seeking a sixth-straight crown, have struggled throughout the season and may not make the conference championships, which will be held Feb. 13 at HSU. Only the top four FWC teams qualify for the tournament.

HSU was surprised in its first two conference matches earlier this month when it bowed to Sacramento State, by forfeit, and UC Davis, 22-15.

The Lumberjacks lost to Sacramento

when Coach Eric Woolsey and his assistant Marty Nellis were ejected, and the referee forfeited the match to the Hornets because HSU was without a coach.

Woolsey is protesting the decision.

Prior to both losses, neither Sacramento nor Davis were expected to crack the top three in the conference, Woolsey said.

The 'Jacks face San Francisco State University tonight at 7:30 in the East Gym. A loss would severely damage any hopes the 'Jacks have of making the championships.

The Gators are considered the team to beat in the FWC.

Swimmers face tough Chico; still qualifying for tournament

By John Surge
Staff writer

The women's swim team will face its toughest competition when it travels to Chico Saturday for a Golden State Conference dual meet.

The Chico State Wildcats are probably the top team in the FWC and are also highly rated in the nation, according to HSU swim coach Pam Reisenweaver.

Last Saturday in Ashland, Ore., the 'Jacks lost to Sacramento State while beating Southern Oregon State.

Sacramento totaled 121 points, HSU 75 and Southern Oregon 74.

"A lot of the girls weren't too healthy," Reisenweaver said. "One of our best swimmers (Anna Chong) didn't make the trip."

Junior Nancy Marsh finished first in the 200-meter freestyle with a 2 minute, 6.72 second clocking and first in the 50-meter butterfly in :29.51. She also captured second place in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 5:40.72.

Senior Debra Ann Fleming took first place in the 50-meter breaststroke in :34.14 and second in the 100-meter individual medley in 1:08.33.

Junior diver Kelli Pearl placed second in both the one-meter and three-meter diving competitions.

Junior Jennifer Reasoner captured a second in the 1,000-meter freestyle in 11:55.68 and third in the 50-meter backstroke in :33.55.

Against Chico, Reisenweaver said the team members will swim in events other than their specialties to give them an opportunity to qualify for the GSC

championship in as many events as possible.

That way, each swimmer can choose which events to compete in based on times opponents have been swimming.

"We have several swimmers that look strong in several events," Reisenweaver said. Debbie Fleming and Nancy Marsh "look strong and have good attitudes."

The coach added that almost all members of the team have qualified in their specialized event.

Intensity

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not out of the question," she said.

Kassis agreed. "Humboldt has the talent to do it; we've just got to put it together."

But Laing was not as optimistic.

"I can't make any wild claims (that) we have some awesome players," the coach said. "We don't have that kind of talent. We're a lot better than last year, and we can beat some schools."

"Realistically, we can win the remaining games at home and split on the road. We can be within 10 points of everyone in our conference. Hey, last year Hayward beat us by 20, and San Francisco clobbered us by 50."

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Child abuse

Emotional scars carried into adulthood; victims form support group for students

By Linda Bonniksen
Copy editor

The emotional scars caused by child abuse can last beyond childhood, according to three Humboldt State University students who formed a support group for child abuse victims.

The support group was formed in November by Glenn Strachan, a 24-year-old social-science graduate student, and two women, who will be called Ruth and Mary. All were the victims of child abuse.

Together, they helped prepare themselves for the Christmas break, a difficult holiday for those who long for family ties but have strained relationships with parents.

Glenn, Ruth and Mary are opening their support group to other students who were abused as children. They said their child abuse backgrounds enable them to be compassionate and insightful when listening to a person discuss an abusive childhood and the problems that creates in adulthood.

"We feel better because we found each other — we understand. Counselors — they don't know. They sympathize because they don't know," Glenn said. "So somebody can rest assured that he will be in a group where people do know. They don't question. They don't say, 'Oh, I don't believe you.'"

Glenn said his abuse began when he was born. It did not end until he was 17, although he left his parents' home at age 15.

He described his mother as an alcoholic, who told him he was conceived when his father raped her.

"My mom told me ... she could have had an abortion. She wanted to get an abortion. She told me 'I let you live.'"

Glenn said his mother pushed him down stairs, threw knives at him and struck him.

He suffered mental abuse as his mother forced him to sit 12 hours at the dinner table every Thursday night for four years. He wasn't allowed to leave the table until school started Friday morning, he said.

Glenn said he was forced to wash

forgiveness, Glenn said. She would open her arms and ask him to hug her. When he complied, she would strike him and tell him to never trust anyone.

Glenn said he looked to his father for protection.

"I wanted my father to protect me and save me, but he never did."

Glenn described their relationship not as father and son, but as comrades-in-arms. During his mother's drunken rages, Glenn and his father would hide together, he said.

"My father would joke about it — 'Isn't this exciting?'"



After his mother would pass out, Glenn would clean up the house while his father went out to buy whatever she had destroyed — his father's way of pretending nothing had happened, he said.

Glenn was abused by a natural parent, but Ruth was abused by a new member to her family.

Ruth described her childhood as happy until her mother remarried when Ruth was 12 years old.

She said her stepfather mentally abused her, "the constant verbal abuse of 'You're stupid, you're ugly, you don't have anything to say.'"

Her stepfather threatened her with loaded guns, threw turpentine at her face, burned her clothes and ransacked her room, she said.

She lived with his constant hate until she was thrown out of the house at 17, Ruth said.

Mary was never physically abused, but her father's addiction to prescription drugs made her homelife unhappy, as her father became destructive and irrational, she said.

She once watched her father being put into an ambulance and wondered what impact his death would have on the little security she knew.

Mary diminished her fear by blocking from her mind whatever she witnessed, she said.

"I would have done anything to make it (her homelife) be secure, and for a long time that meant denying that it was even going on, denying that I was scared, that things were so shaky," she said.

Glenn, Ruth and Mary are afraid of the effects of their brutal childhoods

on their adult lives.

Glenn said he believes child abuse is perpetuated through the generations. His mother was abused by her father and he was abused by his mother. Glenn fears their tradition of abuse will follow into his family, that he will abuse his wife and child.

"You ask some men if they're going to hit their wives and they'll say 'What? Me hit my wife?' It's not something they have to worry about. But if you ask me, I'll give you a 10-minute story about the steps I've taken to insure that I'll never hit my wife."

Glenn and his wife, Chris, have made a pact that if he ever hits her, their marriage will end. He said he protects children from abuse by not having any.

He doesn't believe his experiences as a child abuse victim will make him a more compassionate parent, he said. He still has too much anger that he doesn't know how to channel. Until he learns how to control it, he will not start a family, he said.

Glenn said he fears the voices in his head that say "I'm no good" will prove to be true.

Ruth fears being unable to keep her memories in the past, and that the pain of abusive experiences will cause her to fail in the things she does, she said.

"The day I moved out I just decided to forget it, to deny it, to just assume that it was over and it would never touch me again. Every time I feel ... those experiences and my feelings because of those experiences affecting my life now, it scares me to death — 'Oh, my God, am I going to have to live with this for the rest of my life?'"

"It's like tentacles reaching out to grab me and suck me under and it makes me feel just as screwy as the person who did this to me," she said.

Ruth is convinced, however, that she will not abuse her children.

"I think it stops with me. I truly believe that. I think it stops with me because I've recognized it. I've said this (keeping child abuse memories from affecting adulthood) is what I need to work on."

"I'm going to learn how to love myself, how to feel comfortable with myself, how to express anger ... and then let it go and not let it seethe inside to the point where it just explodes," she said.

"I don't ever want to derive my sense of being or my sense of being powerful and assertive at the cost of telling somebody that they're shit."

Mary fears that her ability to block out the pain of her father's drug addiction will leave her unable to distinguish between pleasant and painful experiences.

"When you block out whatever hurts," she said, "then you block out everything else. You block out joy and pain."

Mary said she wants to become "comfortable listening to myself."

"If I hadn't had to block out all that terror, then maybe it would be easier for me to have a listening relationship with myself, where I would be able to hear 'Oh, I feel anxious here,' or 'I feel scared here,' or 'I'm liking this situation.'"

"Now, I've had to tell myself 'Okay, open your ears, listen to yourself, respond to yourself and love yourself.' Just being in that state of mind is really unfamiliar to me and it really makes me feel scared," Mary said.

By participating in their support group, Glenn, Ruth and Mary are able to help relieve the inadequacies they feel and to prove that what their

abusers said and did to them has no validity, they said.

Ruth said a vital part of the support group is its ability to listen.

"I remember telling a man that I was becoming close to about my childhood one night, and he shut me down cold. He basically said, 'Look, I'm not your counselor and I don't want to hear about it.' That hurt me more than he'll ever know," she said.

Ruth said the support group wants to hear the stories.

"These people understand. They don't think I'm feeling sorry for myself. They don't think I'm trying to get something from them. They don't think I'm using it as an excuse."

Ruth said their child abuse stories are not told in a "can-you-top-this?" fashion.

"There's a place, though, for the stories," Glenn said. "We talk about what our parents did to us ... so we can't trust people or why we can't love people or why we don't like being touched. I felt comfortable explaining to them why I don't like being touched and the only way I can explain it is by telling the stories."

Glenn, Ruth and Mary agree the purpose behind opening their support group is to help people recognize child abuse as an irrevocable part of their childhood. This might help minimize its effects on their adulthood.

"This stuff happened to us ... but what's the best thing we can do for ourselves now to not have it blemish our futures?" Mary asked.

Ruth said the support group can't guarantee that a person's life will

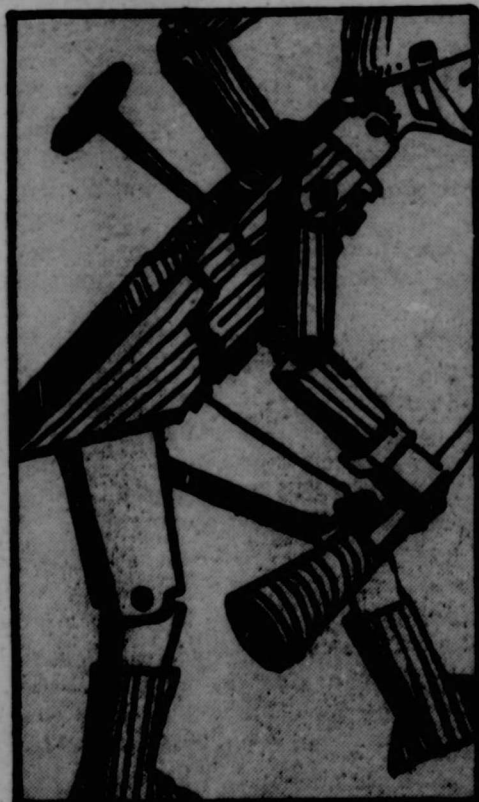


change dramatically by attending, but "they have to believe that it's going to work for them like it's working for us."

HSU students who were abused as children are invited to join the group, and may call Glenn Strachan for more information after 6 p.m. at 442-4110.

Ruth said people have to realize they were not the cause of their parents' need to abuse.

She said, "You have to come up to a brick wall and say 'It wasn't my fault,' and that's one of the hardest things to do."



windows for five hours at a time. But his work never satisfied his mother, and she always insisted he begin again.

His mother also played cruel pranks upon him, he said.

After she would abuse him, she would apologize and beg for