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Students Stuck in Dormitory Limbo

by Sam Armanino

Julien Parra, a first-year transfer student, walks into his temporary dorm room in the corner of Sunset Hall. He shares the room with two other students on the waitlist for a permanent dorm.

The group of transfer students will go their separate ways once they get dorms they can call home for the rest of the school year.

“I’m not very picky so I didn’t care so much,” Parra said. “We are already a month and week into the year, so it’s not too bad.

The students pointed to multiple

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The Vagabus is Coming



Members of the Vagabus and their furry companions travel and work on community service projects hoping to give back to the community. | Aren Fikes

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What is Title IX?

Campus organizations spread awareness of Title IX and what it offers survivors of sexual assault

by Alex Hasenstab

The words “Title IX” can be seen all around campus this week on signs, written in chalk and even on people’s clothing. Most have heard of Title IX. It is known either positively or negatively as the federal law that created equality in sports. However, most people don’t know what the law entails.

“It’s difficult for people to read and understand a law,” Celene Lopez said.

Lopez is a Check-It peer educator, and she and representatives from other organizations are part of a campaign to spread awareness of Title IX.

Although Title IX has a huge impact on each campus, many people don’t know what it is.

“Is it an out of state thing? Because we’re not from here,” said senior Matt Mazur.

He was not the only student who was uninformed about Title IX.

“I feel like I’ve heard of it, but I’m not sure what it is,” senior Claira Mittman said.

Title IX is a federal law that came into effect in 1972. The law prohibits sex discrimination in education.

Although the term sex discrimination is broad, in 2011, the U.S. Department of Education began an active campaign to use Title IX to hold universities accountable for addressing the high rates of sexual assault, intimate partner violence and stalking in campus communities.

Title IX requires campuses to provide victims of sexual violence of all genders with options and information about campus resources. It encourages campuses to meet the needs of the victims including reassigning housing, having priority access to counseling and health services and rescheduling coursework.

The campaign, which began as a project from students in the Act to Stop Sexual Violence class at Humboldt State, hopes to inform students of their rights under the law.

Lopez explains Title IX is meant to protect people of all genders to their right to an education without being subjected to sexual violence and discrimination.

The main goal of the campaign is to inform students about resources that are available to them if they are ever subjected to violence or discrimination.

“We can offer access to campus advocates, we change people’s classrooms if necessary and we can give people priority access to the counseling services,” Lopez said.

A victim or survivor of sexual violence has options on campus to help them. The campus advocate team, which is run by the North Coast Rape Crisis Team, is available as support to students who have been subjected to sexual violence. The team is not required to report any information given to them. Students also have the option to talk to therapists at Counseling and Psychological Services. Additionally students can anonymously report an incident to university police department without revealing their identity.

Carla Contreras, a representative of the Latino center for academic excellence, is also part of the campaign.

“People feel like it only affects sports and Greek life, but it affects so much more than that,” Carla Contreras said.

Contreras and other campaign representatives are working as mandated reporters, people on campus who must report cases of sexual violence, gender discrimination or anything else that violates Title IX to the dean of students.

“Whether I’m on campus, at a party, at work, it doesn’t matter, I’m still a mandated reporter,” Contreras said, “but I have to let people know before they talk to me.”



Two representatives from the Latino Center for Academic Excellence, Carla Contreras and Zee Zitaly, help launch the Title IX campaign. | Alex Hasenstab

HSU staff and faculty, Community Advocates and RAMP mentors are required to report acts of violence to the dean of students. However, the survivor has the right to choose whether to file an official report or not. Regardless of their decision the campus advocate team can assist them with their choice.

The campus advocate team can be reached at (707) 445-2881 and the dean of students can be reached at (707) 826-3504. More information can be found at Humboldt.edu/IXimpactsus and on Facebook and Instagram with the username IXimpactsus.

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UPD BYTES

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Tuesday, Feb. 16
9:44 - Siemens Hall

Female laying on lounge in second floor women's bathroom. Party evaluated for 5150 (Involuntary Psychiatric Hold), does not meet criteria.

Forget socially acceptable behavior. She can sleep where she wants.

Tuesday, Feb. 16
11:16 - Jolly Giant Commons

Strong odor of marijuana was noticed in the area of the front desk. Did not require officer to respond.

Smells like an inside job.

Wednesday, Feb. 17
13:36 - B Street across from Facilities Management


Reporting person reported subject in a tree. Officer contacted and admonished subject.

What, is climbing trees illegal?

Sunday, Feb. 21
1:08 - Redwood Bowl

Vehicle driving around the track. Vehicle left out the east side entrance. Officer checked track, signs of a vehicle driving on it but did not observe any damage.

Really, no drift marks? Have fun with it at least.



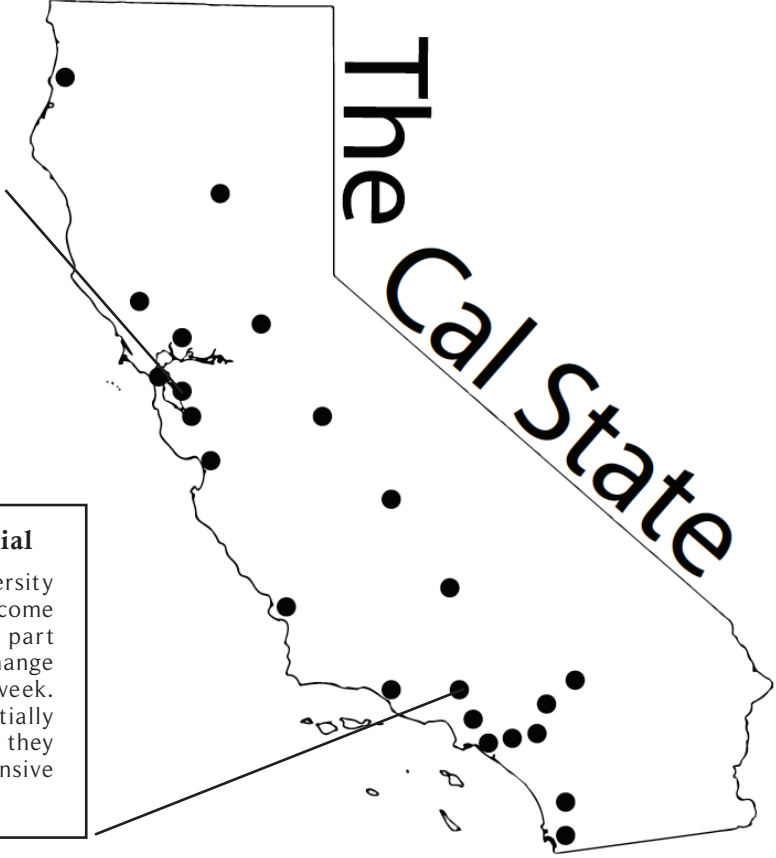
San Jose State - Spartan Daily

Three former San Jose State University students, found guilty of misdemeanor battery of their black roommate in 2013, have avoided a hate crime conviction. Jeff Rosen, Santa Clara County district attorney, said hate crimes are difficult to prove because prosecution has to prove racial motivations behind the "prank gone wrong." The defendants stand trial for a number of incidents, including writing the N-word on a common room white board and displaying white supremacist iconography.

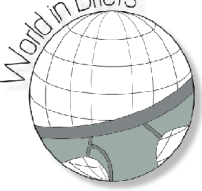
CSU Northridge - The Sundial

Students at California State University Northridge are learning to become more inclusive in their language as part of the campus' second annual "Change Your Words, Change the World" week. The campaign demonstrates potentially offensive words, explains how they are offensive and offers non-offensive alternatives.


Compiled by Connor Malone



World in Briefs



Compiled by Connor Malone
Sources: Reuters, BBC



1: Atlantic off Brazil
2: European Union

Atlantic off Brazil 1

A massive object burned up in the atmosphere over the Atlantic off the coast of Brazil on Feb. 6, the BBC reported. The event has only just recently become known, and was the largest of its kind since the object that exploded over Chelyabinsk, Russia in 2013. No one was injured.

European Union 2

After pieces of plastic were discovered in a Snickers bar in Germany, Mars Inc. has recalled candy bars and other products in 55 countries, Reuters reported. All recalled products were manufactured in a factory in Veghel, Netherlands and sold to both European and Asian countries. Americans' chocolate is safe.

HSU plans to increase student housing by 24 beds

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things wrong with the room they are in, including a broken window and mold growing on the ceiling tiles.

“Our room is freezing,” Parra said. “It gets really cold at night and our window is broken. It honestly looks like a bullet hole.”

The three transfer students aren’t the only ones living in temporary housing. On the other side of the dorm complex are two other students living in a similar room. However, they are there by choice. Two roommates had already moved out when Erik Spitzer and his current roommate requested the large room for their permanent home.

“It’s been a hassle just being moved around so much,” Spitzer said.

The two roommates have been comfortably living in the room now that two of their temporary roommates moved into permanent dorms. They had a heating unit installed as well as a makeshift couch built from beds.

“It’s either really quiet or really loud,” Spitzer said.

Both the community and Humboldt State are looking into further development to properly support the growing population of students.

Coleraine Capital Group, Inc., a private housing developer, proposed plans to the city council to build a new building complex designed specifically for student housing.

According to David Loya, deputy community development director, the project is still in the early stages of development but he thinks the city council is generally in favor of the planned student housing development.



The living space of roommates Julien Parra (left) and Raymond Garcia (right) of the Sunset Hall temporary room on Feb. 20 | Sam Armanino

“Our estimate is at about six to nine months for these types of projects,” Loya said.

According to Stephen St. Onge, housing director, Humboldt State is planning to expand campus housing. In fall 2016, there will be a bed increase from 2,047 to 2,071 by adding 24 new rooms on campus. Twenty of the new rooms will be freshmen singles.

“It’s really hard,” St. Onge said. “We are already maxed out for space. Hopefully it helps.” He said, referring to the new spaces.

St. Onge also said that student housing is at 98 percent capacity



A whole and crack in a window in the temporary room in Sunset Hall on Feb 20. | Sam Armanino

and there is currently nobody on the waitlist. He said there has been an open waitlist for the past three fall semesters and he expects the

same for fall 2016. The people living in the temporary housing will be moved by Feb. 27.

“My goal is to have more efficient housing at a lower cost,” St. Onge said. “We need to house more students to make [HSU] more academically supportive.”

****Julien Parra, Raymond Garcia and Austin Felciano were transferred into permanent housing on Monday.*

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More Taxation, Still No Legalization

Senator McGuire proposes a 15 percent tax on medical marijuana

by Sue Vuna

Senator Mike McGuire is proposing a 15 percent tax on medical marijuana that will increase the tax to 23.75 percent and bring in an estimated \$100 million in state revenue.

Detrimental to Patients

Just beyond the hustle and bustle of the Arcata Plaza, situated on the corner of Sixth and J Streets is the Humboldt Patient Resource Center. Customers flock in daily to purchase the little leafy green plant intended to naturally treat ailments ranging from nausea to nerve pain, muscle spasms and cancer, just to name a few.

If Senator Mike McGuire’s proposed bill to enforce a 15 percent excise tax on medical marijuana passes, Proposition 215 cardholders (verified by state law to purchase medical marijuana) will be left to pay a 15 percent tax on top of the already existing 8.75 percent sales tax in Arcata. This rounds out the total tax to 23.75 percent, which is almost a quarter of what the product is worth.

Mary Ellen Jerkavich, director of the Humboldt Patient Resource Center, says the hike in the cost of medical marijuana will be

detrimental to patients.

“A lot of people can’t afford medicine. You can’t get it paid for by your insurance company, unlike you would if you had a pharmaceutical drug,” Jerkavich said. “So patients are left paying for it out of pocket and when you become sick and catastrophically ill, you can’t afford to spend much more than you already are.”

Commitment to Statewide Regulation

Senator Mike McGuire, who represents residents throughout the North Coast in counties including Humboldt and Mendocino, introduced The Marijuana Value Tax Act

in Sacramento as the result of a pledge he made earlier in the year to ensure mandatory regulations are set on medical marijuana. McGuire said in a press release:

“We made a commitment last year as we were working through the huge undertaking of setting statewide regulations for medical marijuana that we would follow up with a statewide excise tax.”

The Marijuana Value Tax Act is the next step in McGuire’s quest for medical marijuana regulation throughout California. It follows closely after his Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act which passed last October. The Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act passed as a three-bill package

including AB 243 and 266 which ensured strict regulations on the growth and distribution of marijuana.

Cash Crop

The 15 percent tax proposed by McGuire is estimated to generate an additional \$10 million in revenue.

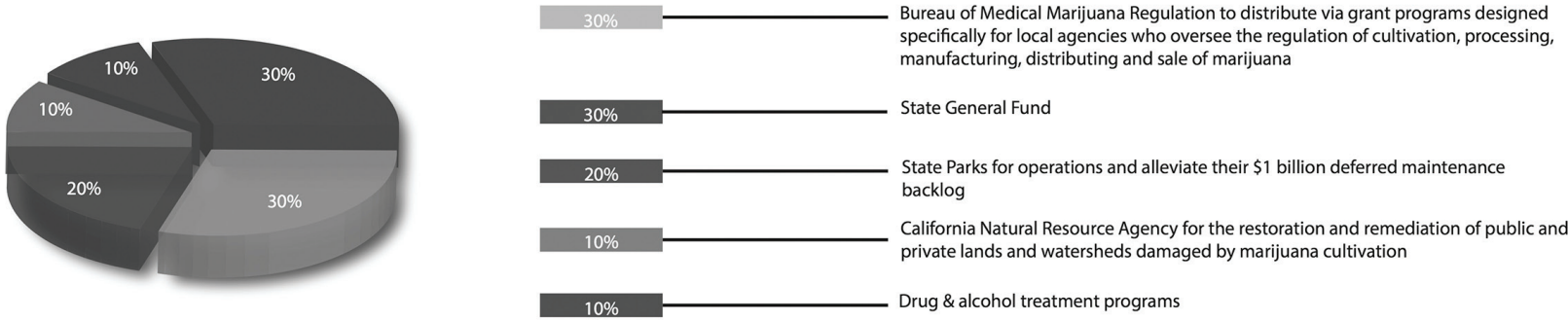
“This needed revenue will make our communities stronger by focusing on the impacts of cultivation and use of marijuana, including funding local law enforcement and neighborhood programs, state parks, drug and alcohol treatment and environment rehabilitation,” McGuire said in an official press

release.

McGuire provides a clear-cut breakdown of how the funds from the tax will be allocated (refer to pie chart). While the surge of revenue is great for the state, Jerkavich feels this particular tax may not be the best for medical marijuana.

With Alaska, Colorado, Oregon and Washington already blazing the trail for legalizing the recreational use of marijuana, and with California on the brink of possibly following suit, Jerkavich said: “They should wait and do it on recreational instead of putting it onto medical marijuana patients.”

How Tax Funds will be Distributed:

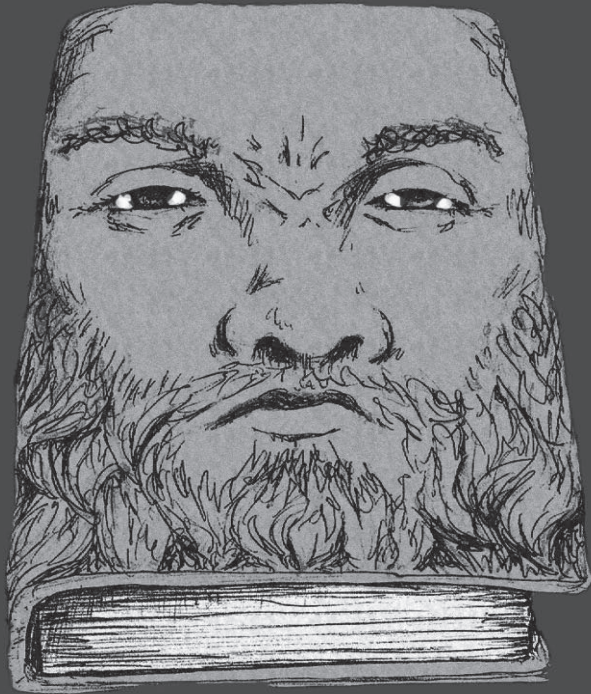


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Source: Senator Mike McGuire Press Release

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EBT at the Marketplace

HSU becomes one of the first to accept government food program

by Catherine Virgen

Electronic Benefit Transfer cards provided by a government-subsidized food program are now being accepted at Humboldt State. This makes HSU one of the first universities in the California State University system to accept EBT cards on campus.

This had been an ongoing effort that was put into motion almost two years ago. The main reason it took so long was no one in the system knew what steps to take. However, Ron Rudebock, HSU dining services director, and other HSU staff made it happen.

"A lot of different people played roles in this, but also the students would ask a lot of questions," Rudebock said. "It was great having customers ask for it but in a positive way and hoping we would be successful with it."

The cards are currently only accepted at the College Creek Marketplace. Staff, students and faculty will be able to use their cards to purchase groceries like

canned food, fruits, frozen goods and vegetables.

The cards are only accepted at the Marketplace as of now because it is the only place on campus that follows the regulations the government has put into place for the use of the cards.

HSU's next goal is to be able to change the government EBT card regulations for on-campus students.

"There is some discussion with the legislation about sort of changing the rules a little bit more on college campuses, and opening

"We are already getting tons of emails and calls from other campuses who are asking how we got through this bureaucracy."

— Jen Maguire

HSU professor and social worker

it up, but that's in the future," Rudebock said.

HSU's action has had a ripple effect at other campuses. HSU professor and social worker Jen Maguire commented on how many other institutions are sending HSU staff emails asking how they made it happen.

"We are already getting tons of emails and calls from other campuses who are asking how we got through this bureaucracy," Maguire said. "We didn't even know it was possible."

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HSU Fraternity on Probation

by Oliver Cory

A Humboldt State fraternity is on probation with the university and its national office.

In September, 2015 HSU's Chi Phi fraternity was suspended because of a recruiting video that showed members of the fraternity with red solo cups, a keg and someone with writing on their face. HSU's policy considers making people drink alcohol, do drugs or put substances on their bodies as forms of hazing. The university and the Chi Phi national office investigated for months to figure out if the fraternity hazed its members.

"Humboldt State found that they didn't haze," HSU public information officer Jarad Petroske said. "They violated university policy as it pertains to alcohol."

Petroske said the probation with the Chi Phi national office lasts until May 2016. The probation with the university lasts until December 2016. Petroske said during that time the dean of students will meet with the fraternity regularly to make sure the fraternity still has high enough grades and has not violated university policy.

During the investigation, the fraternity could not recruit new members, but since that ended the fraternity has begun recruiting again.



The Vagabus is Coming

by Joanna Quintanilla

Steven Boutwell was a train hopper and hitchhiker when he decided to make a post on Reddit to bring together travelers who would want to go to towns and volunteer, eventually making it to Argentina.

“I woke up the next morning and I was like, ‘Oh my god -- this thing went viral,’” Boutwell said.

After six months of planning and a loan of \$2,000 from a Huffington Post journalist, Boutwell was able to purchase a school bus and begin his travels with similar-minded people.

With a brightly painted school bus, done by students at an elementary school, and then vandalized two weeks ago in Crescent City – and five other vehicles in tow, the Vagabus is composed of 11 other hitchhikers and travelers, as well as seven dogs. Now officially a non-profit organization, the group is a self-directed project under the Eureka based non-profit organization, The Ink People.

Surviving mainly on donations, the group hopes to make it through the U.S., stopping to volunteer in any community big enough to have a dot on the map.

“We kind of stay sustained through donations,” Vagabus member William Benedict IV said. “Some people donate food or clothes and the thing is, we

need fuel so we have people who will donate.”

Their second bus was donated by an Arcata business, LPL Financial.

“His one condition was that if he gave us the second bus we couldn’t park by his business anymore because the buses were scaring away his customers,” Boutwell said.

Despite their bus sometimes being viewed as a nuisance by Arcata residents, the Vagabus members have actively participated in the community during their stay.

“We’ve worked at the food bank, we’ve worked with the Salvation Army, we’ve teamed up with Food Not Bombs,” Benedict IV said. “If people just need help, we help. There was a lady who just had ankle surgery and we went over there and we helped her with some landscaping and chopping trees.”

The group hopes to work with veterans and nursing homes; anywhere they can lend a helping hand.

“We create an environment which really fosters learning and positive thinking and self-growth and development,” Benedict IV said.

With the original Vagabus, the collective made a work-trade agreement with the Spoon House in Arcata to use their wood workshop to fit the larger



Two members of the Vagabus take a break from organizing and rearranging their communal living space. | Aren Fikes

bus with a kitchen to help make meals on the road for both themselves and the communities they visit.

“They’re really productive and happy and we were singing in the garden,” Spoon House resident Chelsea Troyer said.

“It’s been nice.”

Members of the Vagabus collective expressed their interest in having Humboldt State art students paint their bus.

“We have two buses if you want to put your murals, your art, to go travel around the U.S.,

possibly [Central and South America],” Benedict IV said.

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James Schaeffer carries Hadi Ajina (green) and Dev Richards (orange) on his back while Matt Redbeard asked him if he is warm at the Random Acts of Comedy show at the Arcata Theatre Lounge on Feb. 20. | Jami Eiring

Hilarity Begins at Eight
Random Acts of Comedy
performs at the ATL

by Jami Eiring

James Schaeffer hobbled across the stage with two people draped across his back.

“Are you warm?” Matt Redbeard said.

“Aw man, so warm!” Schaeffer said.

Schaeffer and Redbeard were playing a game called “living scenery.” The two people draped across Schaeffer’s back, Hadi Ajina and Dev Richards, were acting as coats. The game involves two players that must

act out a scene and use the players dressed in full-body spandex suits as human props.

The four are part of the improvised comedy group called Random Acts of Comedy. This year marks the seventh season of the group performing at the Arcata Theatre Lounge. They have a live show on the last Saturday of every month.

“This is our hobby,” Schaeffer said. “We do it for fun.”

Laura Montagna, the producer of the group, started Random Acts of Comedy because she said it is important to have humor in one’s life.

The group, with nine total players, rehearses on Tuesdays and occasionally hosts workshops where inspiring improv actors can see the nuts and bolts of comedy up-close and personal.

Montagna said when it comes to improv, the players need to trust each other.

“They need to take a ‘yes’ stand,” she said. “The process of accepting what’s given to you and then just going with it.”

Montagna is thrilled about this season because there are three women on the team.

“It’s usually a sausage fest,” she said.

Random Acts of Comedy began as a small show that performed on a temporary stage on the “dance floor” with a small audience. Now, locals looking for a good laugh fill the entire theatre.

An audience favorite was “Scenes from a Hat,” because they get to write down scenes the improvisors must act out. With all seven players lined up on stage, Dan Barney, the host of the group, read off an audience suggestion and one or two players at a time step forward to act out a scene. A memorable one from the night was: “Fun games to play with old people.”

Richards and Redbeard walked up together.

“Knock, knock!” Richards said.

“Huh?” Redbeard asked in an elderly voice.

“Knock, knock!”

“What?”

“Ding, dong!”

“Mother?!”

And laughter filled the theatre walls.

“Tonight was mischievous,” Barney said. “Prompts from the audience can throw them off and watching them try to get through it is like messing with little kids.”

A few of the games did not go quite as planned, but the players worked together to get through it and the show finished with laughter and cheers.

“We often remember to love, laugh and add our own twist to things,” Montagna said.

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During the game “living scenery” James Schaeffer (standing left) uses Hadi Ajina like a broom and Matt Redbeard (standing right) uses Dev Richards as an alter at the Random Acts of Comedy show at the Arcata Theatre Lounge on Feb. 20. | Jami Eiring

SMOOTH WEIRDOS

by Patrick Maravelias

A seven-bedroom house in Sunnysbrae overflows with people, to the point where smoking a cigarette entails a 20-minute journey to the back door. Furniture is haphazardly thrown to the sides of the room to make space for drums and multiple amplifiers spotted with knobs and buttons. Gallon bottles of E&J’s brandy are being passed around as anticipation for the show begins to increase. A band of degenerates from Temecula, CA known as “Smooth Weirdos” takes the stage.

Sean Bendon tunes his guitar and adjusts the microphone. Eric Simpson tends to his scarlet-red bass guitar and Nick Flores adjusts the knobs on the hand-me-down drum set (Flores and Bendon switch instruments about halfway through their set). The back of one of the amplifiers reads “Who the Fuck is Kevin Harris,” a question no one seems to be able to answer. Bendon yells into the microphone to get everyone inside, and within minutes a packed room of mostly people in their 20’s are dancing, moshing and flailing.

“I hate my life! It’s a waste of time,” Bendon screams into the microphone.

A back deck built around an enormous redwood tree creaks under the weight of the crowd who is passing around joints and cigarettes. Two pitbulls playfully nip at audience members and frantically try to make sense of the situation.

Smooth Weirdos formed in January, 2014, about a year be-



Nick Flores and Eric Simpson (Left to Right) during a very cramped band practice. | Patrick Maravelias

fore moving to Arcata to attend school. They started playing house shows, mostly at college parties, which usually got shut down before their sets could finish.

“There’s been shows where we can’t play ‘cause our fucking equipment breaks,” Bendon said. “We played the Card House once and we played like one song before the cops came.”

Smooth Weirdos’ music is a unique blend of what the band refers to as “swing-core:” the bones of old-school thrash punk mixed in with a cocktail of Southern California beach rock and new-age hardcore. The three members of the band switch off playing instruments throughout the set depending on whose song

is being played. Their individual musical roots give each member their own personal edge and unique sound.

“I got whiskey dick music,” Simpson said. “I don’t know if you’ve ever gotten whiskey dick but when you get that, and you just get that deep, angsty sadness. That’s what I really try to bring out in my music.”

Flores has more hardcore punk roots to his music, while Bendon simply compares his music to weed.

“It’s nothing crazy, it’s nothing insane,” Bendon said. “But it’s gonna make you feel good.”

The band has graduated from only playing cramped house parties, and have played shows at venues like Richard’s Goat and

Blondie’s.

They independently produced a self-titled album, played an hour-long set on the radio for KRFH and are launching a website in the coming weeks which they plan to flood with their work as well as anything or anyone else they feel like featuring.

“Whenever people see anything we do, we want them to feel included,” Bendon said.

Smooth Weirdos does not limit themselves to just a band. They consider themselves an art collective, and everyone within that collective is a Smooth Weirido. They often collaborate or play shows with other local bands like Pervert or The Velvet Touch. Both Flores and Simpson make hip-hop beats in their

spare time for side projects or just for fun.

“I want people to get into the thought process of just, ‘do what the fuck you want to do,’” Flores said. “Just do what makes you happy, all the time.”

Smooth Weirdos will be playing March 4 at the “Lebowski,” and March 11 at Blondie’s with touring bands from Southern California: Second Best, The Apollo Era and Flashes of Computation. They will also be launching their website shortly. More information about Smooth Weirdos can be found on their Facebook.

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Mellow, Gentle, Earthy and Melodic

HSU marimba group performs at Fulkerson Recital Hall



The HSU Marimba Group took to the stage on Sunday, Feb. 21. | Erick Montano

by Erick Montano

Their hands are swift as gyrating harmonic beats jump from highs to lows. The players are captivated in an almost trance-like state, moving with the rhythm produced by wooden panels. The movements are complicated but spellbinding in unison.

“I wouldn’t be surprised if their heartbeats were matching too,” Kevin Riley, an environmental science major, said.

The instrument? The marimba.

The marimba slightly resembles a xylophone and consists of wooden bars. Once it is struck it produces a sound sent down the resonators, which amplify it below. The marimba produces a different sound than its cousins the xylophone and glockenspiel.

“It’s the marriage of pitch

and or melodic playing and rhythmic percussive style,” Eugene Novotney said, a professor of music and director of percussion at HSU.

Fulkerson Recital Hall was alive with music Sunday night with pieces inspired from different times and places from around the world, including Africa and Asia.

The HSU Marimba Group is a subset of the percussion ensemble. They aim at unifying every other year.

Every semester the group is up and running and there are always people coming and leaving, “just like any sport team,” Novotney said.

The history of the marimba can be traced back to Central America and Africa. Like Africa’s beautiful culture and scenery, the HSU Marimba Group

transported its audience to Africa’s early beginnings.

The first two songs originated from Ghana and the last song, “African Song,” took the crowd to Zimbabwe.

The songs were playful and adventurous. The beats were steady, like in their first song “Kpanlogo,” bringing the audience on a joyful musical journey. It is rich in tradition and inviting.

“They completely executed that performance,” Keanna Riley, who attended the show, said. “The moment they walked onto that stage, it was just unbelievable. It was an amazing experience.”

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Looking at the Environment Through a New Lens

New art class merges science with photography

by Andrew Butler

What appears as a “normal” photo of a beachhead could actually contain clues of humankind’s disruption of the environment. Art 395, a new class taught by professor Nicole Hill, offers environmental science and art majors the opportunity to study the environment through a photographer’s lens. The class was created by Hill and environmental science department chair Sarah Ray. “I sent an email around asking if anyone wanted to combine a class with environmental science,” Ray said. “Nicole jumped at the opportunity. We went out to coffee and conceived the idea for a combined art and science class. Nicole took it from there.” The class is still in its first semester but Hill is excited about the ways Art 395 can broaden students’ understanding of the environment. “The goal of the class is to explore how we can translate the environment into a visual, artistic structure,” Hill said. “It’s about communicating through the visual versus the written word.”

Hill, a photographer herself, cares about the environment locally and worldwide. She is particularly fascinated with landscape photos and how they convey messages. “We think of landscapes as beautiful images with messages of calm and peace,” Hill said. “We don’t take enough time to look at ugly images, or images that aren’t aesthetically pleasing. Their message and what they represent are just as important.” “Ugly” landscapes, such as those areas of the world that have been damaged or polluted, are of particular interest to environmental science majors like Sylvia Bellhouse, a junior. “Looking at the environment like a photographer makes you give it deeper thought,” Bellhouse said. Bellhouse confessed she wasn’t sure what the class would be like, and that she wasn’t completely convinced she would enjoy studying the environment in such a way. “My adviser (Sarah Ray) told me about it and recommended it,” Bellhouse said. “I love photography so I tried it out. I

like it a lot.” This class is part of a larger movement by Humboldt State to make classes interdisciplinary, meaning they include multiple areas of study. Majors in this section include international studies and critical race, gender and sexuality studies. In its fifth week, students in Art 395 are currently assembling a photo montage. The goal, Hill said, is for the students to give ideas of what the photos mean and compare that to what the photographer intended. “Photos can be abstract, out of context or have too much information,” Hill said. “The meaning can be lost or confused, which can create environmental problems.” Hill acknowledged this concept may seem odd and the meaning of a landscape photo is important. “A rock quarry out of context can appear as a magnificent work of art when photographed,” Hill said. “We tend to forget that this quarry may have upset ecosystems and ruined habitats.” Art 395 is centered around taking photos of landscapes



Photo by Cela Wexler

that appear plain or without an underlying message, and unwrapping them to find hidden truths. The world is vast and as full of beauty as it is of humankind’s scars. Learning how and why those scars are and have been formed requires an array of

viewpoints. Art 395 adds an important one. “Landscapes may seem neutral,” Hill said. “In reality, they are very complex and deep and deserve to be treated as so.”

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Background photo by Jenna Batchelder



Biology - Armadillarge

Evidence of an ancient armadillo-like mammal the size of a small car has been found from DNA in a fossil recovered in Argentina. The prehistoric animal, which scientists have dubbed “Doedicurus,” had a large bone shell and a spiky clubbed tail like that on an Ankylosaurus. The Doedicurus died off around 10,000 years ago with the end of the most recent ice age, along with other massive mammals such as the sabre-toothed tiger and the giant ground sloth. Scientists found the ancient armadillo lived in South America, but some could have made it as far north as Arizona. Because of the Doedicurus’ place in history, it is likely it interacted with early humans. I’m expecting to see one in “Ice Age 5.”

Space - I’ve Got a Golden Ticket

Tickets to space now run a measly \$250,000. Richard Branson, founder of Virgin Galactic, just unveiled the cost of admission for his company’s new spacecraft, the VSS Unity. The ship can carry eight people: six passengers and two pilots. Branson has already promised astrophysicist Stephen Hawking a free ride. In flight, the VSS Unity will fly 62 miles into the air to float in space and give passengers an experience of lowered gravity, before returning to Earth. Now college isn’t the only thing worth going into debt for!

Marine Biology - Eight Arms, Twelve Feet

A 12-foot-long squid was caught by fishermen ten miles south of Eureka. The 70-pound clubhook squid carcass is currently at the HSU marine laboratory in Trinidad. The animal belongs to the third largest family of squids and can grow up to 16 feet long. The only larger species are the colossal and giant squid. Scientists at the lab are hoping to display it to marine biology students, but are keeping it frozen and preserved otherwise. Who knows? Next time you go swimming at the beach, you might come out an expert.

Ecology - Without a Doubt, a Drought

As drought conditions intensify, scientists believe the arid climate will creep farther and farther east in the United States. Nobody knows how fast the drought will move, but as long as it does, it will continue to erode forests and dry watersheds. Scientists state the climate is changing too fast for forests to adapt and eastern forests are especially susceptible. Not only this, but if California’s drought reaches far enough east to hit the Great Plains region, our food crop could be in danger as well. To make a joke about something this serious, you’d need a pretty dry sense of humor.



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El Niño Alien



Professor Dawn Goley measures the total body length of a dead striped dolphin in front of the Science B building at Humboldt State University on Jan. 31, 2016. | Provided by HSU MMSP Permit.

Foreign dolphin species found dead in Crescent City

by Luke Basulto

Dawn Goley sliced into the gut of an eastern pacific dolphin; blood spilled at Humboldt State.

The carcass of the striped dolphin washed up at a beach near Crescent City on Jan. 30. The North Coast Marine Mammal Center in Crescent City received a call about a dolphin.

Paul Ruiz-Lopez, Juan Chavez and Brianna Rodriguez of the Marine Mammal Education and Research Program (MMERP) were sent to retrieve the dead mammal.

Dawn Goley, professor of marine biology and director of MMERP, along with her students, performed an examination of the remains on

Jan. 31. No cause of death could be identified.

“The dolphin had shrimp in its stomach so we do know it didn’t die of starvation,” Goley said.

Max Moore, a wildlife student involved in the dissection of the dolphin, felt it was a great opportunity for students but could have dealt without the smell.

“I had never been to a necropsy before,” Moore said. “It smelled like a rotten fish market times 10.”

The striped dolphin prefers tropical waters in warmer regions of the world. Therefore, a body washing up on the cold shores of Northern California is a very uncommon occurrence.

“This is the second or third striped dolphin we have found in the past 70 years,” Goley said.

“This is a warm example of an El Niño in the California current,” Elliott Hazen said, a research ecologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). “This could be causing tropical species like the striped dolphin to follow a prey type north from the equator.”

Goley said the discovery of this dolphin is important because it gives us an idea of the current condition of the ocean.

When animals like this are found and examined it helps gives scientists an idea of what could potentially happen in the future. Species like the striped dolphin are considered “indicator species,” meaning the health of the environment can be reflected in how healthy populations of this animal are.

“If this happens more frequently, then we know that there may be a bigger issue,” Goley said.

The remains of the dolphin will be used at Humboldt State for use

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HSU Professor of Marine Biology



Professor Dawn Goley dissects the carcass of a dead striped dolphin in front of the Science B building at Humboldt State University on Jan. 31. | Provided by HSU MMSP Permit.

— Did You Know? —

- Even though striped dolphins are rare in Humboldt County, they are one of the most abundant and widespread dolphin species in the world.
- Striped dolphins can reach lengths of about 9 feet and weigh up to 330 pounds!
- When striped dolphins jump out of the water, they are known to rapidly spin while airborne, known as “rototailing”.
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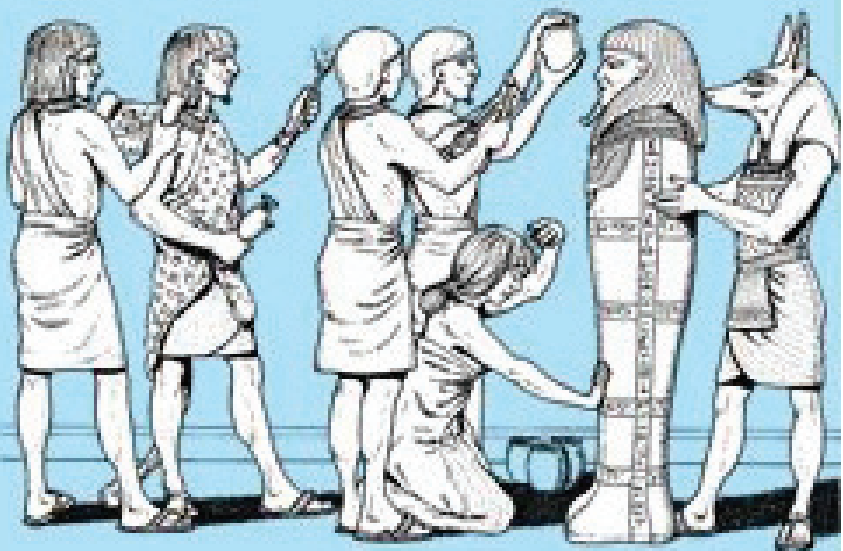
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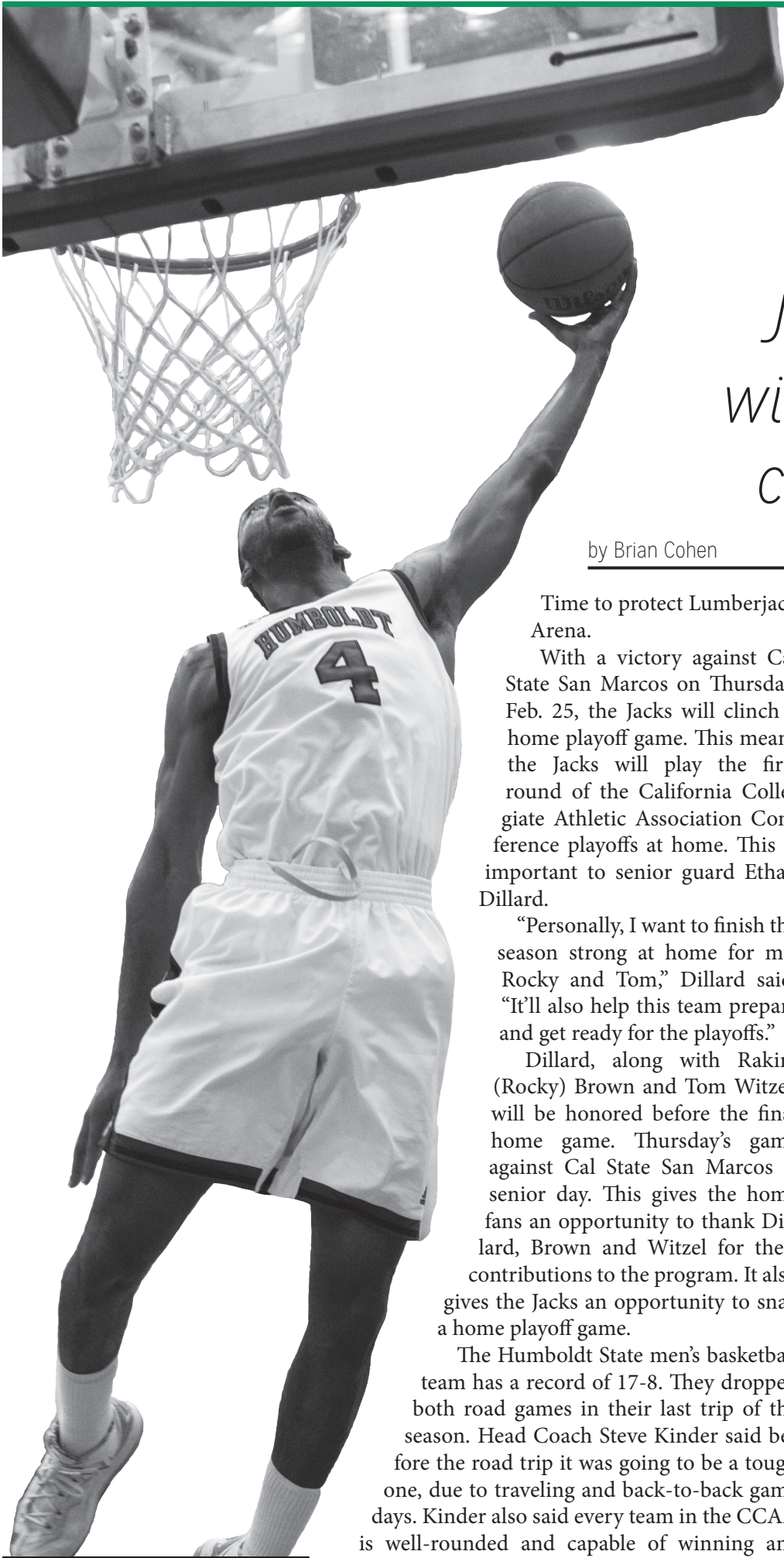
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Rakim Brown shoots for the home team against Cal State Monterey Bay last Saturday. HSU won 87-76.
| Jessica Ernst

Protect the House

Jacks need home win to secure home court opportunity

by Brian Cohen

Time to protect Lumberjack Arena.

With a victory against Cal State San Marcos on Thursday, Feb. 25, the Jacks will clinch a home playoff game. This means the Jacks will play the first round of the California Collegiate Athletic Association Conference playoffs at home. This is important to senior guard Ethan Dillard.

“Personally, I want to finish the season strong at home for me, Rocky and Tom,” Dillard said. “It’ll also help this team prepare and get ready for the playoffs.”

Dillard, along with Rakim (Rocky) Brown and Tom Witzel, will be honored before the final home game. Thursday’s game against Cal State San Marcos is senior day. This gives the home fans an opportunity to thank Dillard, Brown and Witzel for their contributions to the program. It also gives the Jacks an opportunity to snag a home playoff game.

The Humboldt State men’s basketball team has a record of 17-8. They dropped both road games in their last trip of the season. Head Coach Steve Kinder said before the road trip it was going to be a tough one, due to traveling and back-to-back game days. Kinder also said every team in the CCAA is well-rounded and capable of winning any game on a given night.

“Playoffs are on the horizon,” Kinder said. “It’s good for us that the team is hitting on all cylinders. Rocky and Tom are back and Malik is playing at a high level. He is the quarterback of the team.”

Malik Morgan, a sophomore guard, was awarded with CCAA freshman of the year honors last season and has continued that success into this

season.

“Malik can create his own shot at any time, but has the pass-first mentality,” Kinder said. “He’s always looking to get others touches and involved in the game.”

Dillard talked about the play of Morgan and Brown as well as the expectations for the rest of the season.

“We have a good attitude and trust with each other, and players like Rocky and Malik playing well,” Dillard said. “We expect them to play well, but they also expect us to do the same thing. It’s just a matter of trusting that we will as a team do it.”

Kinder and sophomore guard Will Taylor feel the team is hitting their stride and ready to start shooting on all cylinders. Taylor said the team chemistry is what drives the Jacks into the postseason.

“We all play for each other and all are playing for a common goal,” Taylor said.

Once the playoffs start, it’s all about survival of the fittest. The playoffs are a single elimination tournament where each game is important. The records are thrown out the window and each of the eight teams in the tournament get a new chance.

“You get into the playoffs and its new life,” Dillard said. “It’s a new day.”

The Jacks’ future destination will be determined by how they fare against San Marcos. With a win over San Marcos or a loss by Cal State Monterey Bay, the Jacks would host a lower-seeded opponent at home on March 1. With a loss, the Jacks would have a tougher journey, having to play a postseason game on the road. Postseason play would then continue in Stockton, California. If the Jacks can survive and come out on top in the tournament, they would have a chance to advance to the Division II Western Regional Championship on March, 14.

“It’s hard not to play out the circumstances in your head,” Taylor said. “The coaches do a good job of preaching one game at a time, especially this team. We can’t look past one game.”

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by Paul Matli

Humboldt State men and women’s basketball are trending toward the postseason. HSU track and field had a successful opening meet, while bad weather postponed HSU softball’s first homestand of the season. Here’s the update for the last week in HSU athletics.

Humboldt State Men’s Basketball

Men’s basketball failed to clinch a first round playoff game in the California Collegiate Athletic Association Conference Tournament. The Jacks had to win one of their two games over the weekend to secure a home playoff game.

The team lost 108-100 to Cal State Stanislaus in a triple-overtime thriller. There were big games all around from the Jacks. Malik Morgan scored 22 points, Nikhil Lizotte and Thomas Witzel had 18, while Rakim Brown added 14.

The team lost to first-place Chico State the following day. Lizotte led the Jacks in scoring, again, with 17. Brown, Tyrus Rattler and Justin Everett joined Lizotte in double figures with 11, 11 and 10 respectively.

The Jacks’ final regular season game is this Thursday against Cal State San Marcos. The team can wrap up a home playoff game with

a victory.

The game tips off at 7:30 p.m. at Lumberjack Arena.

Humboldt State Women’s Basketball

The Jacks struggled with turnovers and defense in their 28-point defeat to Cal State Stanislaus. The Jacks turned the ball over 27 times and gave up a season high of 93 points in their 93-65 loss to CSU Stanislaus.

A’jaee Foster led the Jacks, scoring 14. Kiana Brown and Kelci Haueter joined Foster in double figures, netting 11 and 10.

The Jacks had four players in double figures in their win against archrivals Chico State. Brown (14 points), Amanda Kunst (10), Neika Puryear (13) and Teylor McMiller (10) all contributed to the Jacks’ 73-67 victory.

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Humboldt State Track and Field

The Lumberjacks’ shot out of the gates was strong at the annual Green and Gold Meet. This was the team’s first chance to prove themselves before the traveling squads are

picked for the rest of the season. Head coach Scott Pesch was pleased with what he saw from the Jacks on Saturday.

“I was very satisfied with the performances I was able to watch,” Pesch said. “My next step is to pick through all the of the results one page at a time and see how everybody performed.”

The Jacks next meet is the Kim Duyst Invitational in Turlock on March 4.

Just a reminder, thursday’s game against Cal State San Marcos is a black-out game. This means to wear all black to the game in honor of black liberation month. This is in conjunction with the African American Center for Academic Excellence.

Go Jacks!

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Intramural Schedule

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“B” League: Tuesdays, Forbes Gym, 7-11 p.m.
“B” League: Sundays, Forbes Gym, 7-11 p.m.
“Open” Co-ed League: Wednesdays, Forbes Gym, 8-11 p.m.

Co-Ed Dodgeball:

Co-ed League: Tuesdays, West Gym, 7-11 p.m.

Co-Ed Softball:

Sunday League: Field House, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Monday League: Field House, 7-11 p.m.

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Co-Ed Soccer:

“B” League: Sundays, Field House 3-7 p.m.
“A” League: Sundays, Field House, 7-11 p.m.
“A” League: Mondays, Redwood Bowl, 7-11 p.m.
“Open” League: Mondays, Redwood Bowl, 7-11 p.m.
“C” League: Sundays, Redwood Bowl 7-11 p.m.
“C” League: Wednesdays, West Gym, 7-11 p.m.

Badminton:

“B” League: Sundays, Field House 3-7 p.m.
“A” League: Sundays, Field House, 7-11 p.m.
“A” League: Mondays, Redwood Bowl, 7-11 p.m.
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“C” League: Sundays, Redwood Bowl 7-11 p.m.
“C” League: Wednesdays, West Gym, 7-11 p.m.

Flag Football:

“OPEN” Co-Ed League: Tuesdays, Field House, 7-11 p.m.
“A” League: Wednesdays, Field House, 7-11 p.m.

Volleyball:

“A” League: Thursday, West Gym, 7-10 p.m.
“B” League: Thursday, West Gym, 7-10 p.m.

Intramurals are Back at Humboldt State

Students are ready for another sports season

by Joseph Marmolejo

Intramurals are back at Humboldt State and the students are ready for another great sports season.

“It’s the perfect balance of intensity and fun,” Jalen Lewis, a junior business administration major, said immediately follow-

ing a close loss in his basketball team’s debut game of the spring 2016 intramural season.

Lewis has played on an intramural sports team almost every semester since his freshman year at HSU.

“I’ve been on a flag football team for a few seasons, but this was my first co-ed basketball

team I’ve been on,” Lewis said. “I played sports in high school, so this is a great way to keep competitive.”

HSU students like Lewis enjoy intramural sports because it’s a way for them to stay active.

Intramural sports take place within the boundaries of the school and are a staple on most college campuses. They provide an organized platform for students to join an existing team or form a team with their friends that competes against each other throughout the season. The school then hosts a few playoff games which eventually lead to the top two teams squaring off in the championship match for the coveted intramural championship shirt.

This semester at HSU students can participate in basketball, badminton, dodgeball, flag football, soccer, softball and volleyball. Most of the intramural sports leagues are co-ed, so many of the teams are filled with a mixture of both males and females.

This is the case for sophomore Ashley Groze, a journalism major who is currently playing her fourth season of co-ed basketball. Groze was on the winning side of the intense debut basketball game that tipped off the intramural season for students like her and Lewis.



An intramural basketball player drives through the lane in a co-ed basketball game on Feb. 17 in the Forbes gym | Joey Marmolejo

“It’s just something fun to do, especially when we win games like this,” Groze said. “In the past, I’ve mostly been on losing teams, but still enjoyed playing. I played basketball back in high school. I like how the games are organized and allow [students] to play with their friends.”

Playing sports in high school is a common quality among a lot of the students who participate in intramurals.

Fourth-year intramural sports employee and kinesiology major Katelyn Dakota Smith said intramural sports give students an opportunity to partake in something organized, reminiscent of their high school experience.

“For most of them, it’s an outlet that is similar to what they had in high school,” Smith said. “For others, it’s an opportunity to try something new.”

Smith has played on intramural teams in the past while at HSU, but now works as both a referee and behind the desk in the club sports office.

“You can really see the growth of the program,” Smith said. “Specifically for the dodgeball league, which started back when I started working in the office. There was a crazy game last night that proved how intense the students can make it.”

Although the games can be competitive, for the most part, the students are ultimately there to have fun.

This is the case for senior environmental resource engineering major David Rivera. Rivera is in his second season participating in co-ed softball. While talking about his intramural experience, he agreed with Lewis and Groze about their opinions regarding intramural sports.

“I like it because I’m on a softball team with some of my friends,” Rivera said. “It’s serious but it’s chill. It’s a good way to stay active and have fun with friends.”

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EDITORIAL

CFA Fight Affects All

It is not okay that the California Faculty Association has to resort to going on strike just to get some recognition for their 5 percent pay increase demand.

The CFA will be going on strike across all 23 California campuses. According to the CFA website, CSU faculty are paid poorly in comparison to their peers in higher education.

Some teachers think the strike will not happen at all. These teachers say the Chancellor’s Office, which will be making the decisions about any and all pay increases, will agree to start negotiating right before the strike is supposed to happen. Faculty say this would end the strike, but would probably mean they would only end up with a 3 percent pay increase, or maybe even less. The Lumberjack staff thinks it is not right for the California faculty to have to work so hard just to get the pay increase they

deserved all along.

Students have been supporting faculty and staff by participating in either the picket that took place last semester on Oct. 28 at Humboldt State, or during the Student Walk-Out which also took place last semester on Nov. 17. It is great some students are showing their support of the strike, but the fact is, many of students don’t even know what the strike is about.

The Lumberjack staff believes it is important for students to understand the strike and how it will affect them. Since there has been confusion at HSU about how to get information about it since President Rossbacher sent out an email, we would like to share that the CFA has prepared a helpful Student FAQ flyer, which explains everything you may want to know about the strike.

Corrections for Issue on 2/17/16

In “Student Health Center Diagnosed With Impaction,” it should have read “The Humboldt State Health Center has a policy...” Since the issue was printed, this policy is no longer in effect. It should also be noted, the Health Center and the Counseling and Psychological Services are separate departments that share a building.

In “Word on the Street,” Erick Morales’s name was incorrectly read, “Morlaes.”

Letter to the President

Dear Dr. Rossbacher,

As a student at Humboldt State University, I am concerned about the potential strike. I am concerned because I believe that professors are the keystone of this incredible institution and that the value of my education comes from interacting with them, not a syllabus. I believe that professors should be supported by the administration, especially when our professors have shouldered financial strain for years [in an attempt] to alleviate the growing costs placed on students. It is time that they were compensated. It is stated in the HSU vision statement, “We will be renowned for social and environmental responsibility and action,” however, the administration is discouraging social action (involving both faculty and students), has targeted protesters with cuts to financial aid and has proven to be irresponsible with the livelihoods of the campus faculty, many of whom must seek supplemental employment in order to “make ends meet.” It is because of the professors that I joined the university community, which is why I am concerned by the assault on the professors, students, and the resulting impact on educational pursuits at Humboldt State University.

In light of news of the potential strike, to receive an email from the administration that does not support the professors is a great disappointment. In the email, you wrote that HSU will work to maintain full operation with “minimal disruption to students, faculty, and guests” during the strike. This fundamentally misconstrues the nature of the disruption. The disruption is the administration. It is a disruption that the administration has cultivated growing numbers of overworked and underpaid lecturers, while decreasing positions available for adjunct professors. It is a disruption that diverse professors are fired without just cause. It is a disruption that the administration values numbers and statistics instead of fulfilling promises like housing for the rising numbers of incoming students, faculty in our classrooms or resources for our minority students when they experience the ugly face of racism in this community. Humboldt State University has served as an emblem for progressive politics and activism for years, thus the crackdown of the administration on students and faculty is a disruption. In light of this reality at Humboldt State, the students are told that the disruption comes from a demand for just compensation? The position of the university is deplorable.

Our “campus leadership team” has failed us. Yet, positive outcomes are made possible through uniting students, faculty and staff throughout our academic institutions. Solidarity with our professors is the only way to prevent further disturbances and is the precedent HSU ought to set for the future.

Out of respect for our educational pursuits, I challenge the position of the administration; with respect for our professors, I urge support for their requests.

Sincerely,

Nicola Walters
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The Virgin Chronicles

Boy-FRIENDS: Girls that have boys as best friends

We women are known for many things: our looks, laugh, sexiness, ability to bear children; the list is everlasting, really. Of course, we also have qualities that maybe aren't that great. We can be bitchy, rude, judgmental, paranoid, mean and pushy, AND we can be all of these at once. This list is also pretty long. But one other quality that we have is that we are all extremely jealous. We're jealous of others' hair, nails, wardrobe, shoes; there are countless things. But the one thing we are often jealous about are our men. It's this inescapable feeling we get.

When our man has a girl as a best friend, it automatically raises some eyebrows. Should we respect their relationship? Do we have the authority to ask him not to talk to her? I mean, it's his best friend, should we take her feelings into consideration?

The major issue here is trust. If you trust your man, you should know he would never do anything hurtful to you. If you don't, there's obviously some issues that need to get cleared up. What usually happens next is men are given an ultimatum, the classic "Me or Her." By

this time, the best friend has already found all this out through him. He either already knows what he wants to do or expects you to help him come to a decision. But is it your place to even help him decide? Because if there is one thing he should understand, it's that you would never want him to pick her over you, which is why he should decide by himself. You know he loves you but he might love her more. It is hard to believe because by this time, you've both invested so much time and emotion into your relationship. So, who does he pick? Her... usually.

Now here's what I went through not that long ago. Until then, I had never been the other girl or the friend, and let me tell you, it does not feel good. I've never been the one who was the problem and never thought I would be. Girls came and went into my man-friend's life and boys came into mine and we remained close. He was my go-to man. Sometimes you just need an unbiased view on life and a new perspective on your decisions; that is what he gave me.

Having a boy as a best friend was the greatest; he was amazing in every single way. When something great or something horrible happened, I always went to him about it. He treated me how I have always wanted to be treated. He was my shelter—the one who wouldn't judge me no matter what I did; he knew so much, and we shared so much. We have the same interests, like the same movies. He knows everything I like and I know everything he likes. He gave me advice, he listened to me and he genuinely cared.

There are four greater words than, "I love you," and those are, "I'm here to stay." It was an unspoken promise. You can't force people to stay because that's their choice. Friendships like that don't come often, but they leave so soon.

xx Miss Virgin

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Kanye No More

Breaking up with Yeezy

by Leo Piceno

Kanye, you changed on us.

"If Nike didn't have Drizzy, man they wouldn't have nothing," Kanye West said. "If Nike didn't have Don C, man they wouldn't have nothing." What happened to you, Kanye?

First off Kanye, your accusations are completely off. Nike is the most popular clothing line in the world. You know who represents Nike? All the top athletes in the world. Who does Adidas have? James Harden and Nick Young... Nick Young?! They're shouting out to a player on a song who only plays 12 minutes a game?! Miss me with that Kanye. Secondly, your song "Facts" has no facts in the song. Thirdly, your Yeezy 350 boost shoes are an exact copy of the Nike roshe run shoes.

Your Yeezy clothing line is garbage. Name me someone who wants to buy homeless people

clothing for over \$100. That's why the fashion industry wants nothing to do with you. Here's another thing you need to realize: we as fans do not and will not ever care about your gripes with the fashion industry. What we want is the music you used to make that was relatable to us. That's the Kanye we all learned to love.

You are mad at the world because you are not getting nominated for Grammys, but that's because your music isn't that good anymore. "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy" was a golden album, but you fell hard after this. "Yeezus" wasn't that good of an album, and this new overly-hyped album that recently dropped, "The Life of Pablo," does not live up to the hype.

It's like the older you get the more insane you become. You then go on to Tweet at Mark Zuckerberg to invest \$1 billion in your clothing so you can share your creativity with the world. Again,

nobody wants to invest in clothing apparel you can pick up off homeless people.

"We have to lower the price of textbooks...." Kanye tweeted.

You are a walking contradiction. You are ranting on about how books and education costs us a lot of money, yet you are selling white T-shirts for \$150!

Mr. West, I have no idea what happened to you. Where's the guy who made albums like "College Dropout," "Late Registration" and "Graduation?" You used to inspire your fans to attack life. I used to be one of your biggest fans. But now everytime you open your mouth I just look the other way.

I don't know who you are anymore and for that reason I'm walking away from you. I still have hope you'll come back one day, but until then I will continue to rejoice in the old music the real Kanye West left me with.

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Open Letter to HSU Administration: Do something.

by Connor Malone

Though the upcoming strike is between administration and faculty, students are feeling the pressure.

According to an email sent by President Rossbacher, individual students are responsible for understanding which teachers will be going on strike and which will not. Ahead of what is assumed to be a massive shake-up in students' schedules, administration makes no effort to ease the obstacles thrown in students' ways. We didn't ask for this and we shouldn't have to pay for it.

Is this really what it has to come down to? Each student is a client paying for service from the school. If nothing else, countless articles in The Lumberjack can serve as testament to Humboldt State miserably coming short of fulfilling their end of the agreement, which was understood when students first enrolled here.

HSU is wracked with student hunger, a lack of adequate housing and classroom seats, a crumbling infrastructure, exorbitant parking fees and a faculty that is doing the best they can to educate despite few incentives. These problems indicate a poorly administered institution.

Look, we're not asking HSU administration to solve all student problems. We're asking for something tangible. Small gains make sexy headlines and hollow commitments make for wonderful PR, but what good will this do for the disgruntled students and HSU graduates year after year? Or worse, what good is it for the 50 percent at HSU who dropped out before graduation? As a student, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to connect with inspiring and devoted people, but feel students have been shorted by administrators who have failed systemwide to maintain the integrity of our university.

The common response about these issues is that HSU administration is powerless to solve them because of lack of money. It's difficult to lend sympathy to executives who take pay increases ahead of negotiations for a long-anticipated faculty increase that never seems to happen. However, it's understandable if California State University presidents need to be paid more to keep the position competitive. Really, a person in a similar administrative position in the private sector would be making far more.

When incompetence reigns supreme from the California Capitol to Capitol Hill, students understand more than any other group that sacrifices have to be made. This is an issue of priorities. Who's really suffering from a lack of buying power? Who's feeling the lack of money more: executive administrators or the dwindling number of tenured faculty?

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Conquering your enemies, scaling an erupting volcano or riding a rocket into the clouds. We can't do all of these every day, but we can still listen to songs that make you feel as if you did. This is The Lumberjack's list of songs that make us feel badass.



puzzles page

by Jami Eiring

Where is this?



This photo was taken somewhere on the Humboldt State campus. Do you know where? Email your answer to thejack@humboldt.edu with the subject "ATTN: Where is this?"

Please send us your selfie at the location!

Last Issue's winners

Where is this? Gary Lester



Stumping Lumberjacks Tessa Anderson

Trivia Leslie Farrar

Email your answers to thejack@humboldt.edu
Winners get a \$5 gift certificate from Arcata Scoop.
Winners can pick up their prize in our office located in Gist Hall 227.

PUN OF THE WEEK

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off?
He's all right now.

CHALLENGE

We challenge you to take a selfie with President Rossbacher and send it to thejack@humboldt.edu

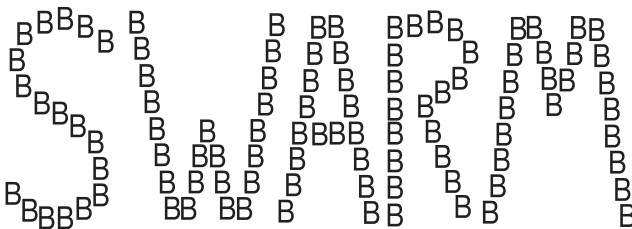
First to submit a selfie with the president gets a \$5 gift certificate for Arcata Scoop and will be featured in the next issue of *The Lumberjack!*



Lauren Lester

Stumping Lumberjacks Weekly Brain Teaser

Game created by Ian Bradley
Compiled by Jami Eiring



Use the image to guess the word or phrase. Pay attention to the size and position of the clues (top/bottom/left/right), repetition, direction (up/down/backwards/forwards), and the style.

Examples: "P walk Ark" would be "walk in the park" or "DEAL" would be "big deal"

Email your answer to thejack@humboldt.edu with the subject "ATTN: Stumping Lumberjacks"

Last issue's answer was "HORSEBACK RIDING"

Weekly Sudoku

Difficulty: MEDIUM

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Trivia Questions

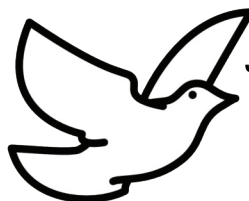
- 1) How much is the projected state revenue from the proposed marijuana tax?
- 2) What phrase is on one of The Smooth Weirdo's amps?
- 3) How long is the squid in the Marine Lab in Trinidad?
- 4) What intramural sports team is David Rivera part of?

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By
Edward Mast

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Review and award grants to campus clubs, initiatives and program on the A.S> Event funding Board, Humboldt Energy Independence Fund and the Diversity Program Funding Committee.

Review student academic issues in the Student Grievance Committee

If there is an issue that needs to be addressed, there is a committee for it. Join Now!

Use this QR code to apply or go to <http://www.humboldt.edu/associatedstudents/application>



* All students must meet the minimum academic qualifications to be a student office holder.*

Open Daily at Noon!

Thursday Feb. 25th

**THE BROTHERS
COMATOSE w/ The Easy Leaves**
9:30pm \$15

Friday Feb. 26th

**Local Band Night Featuring
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9:30pm \$5

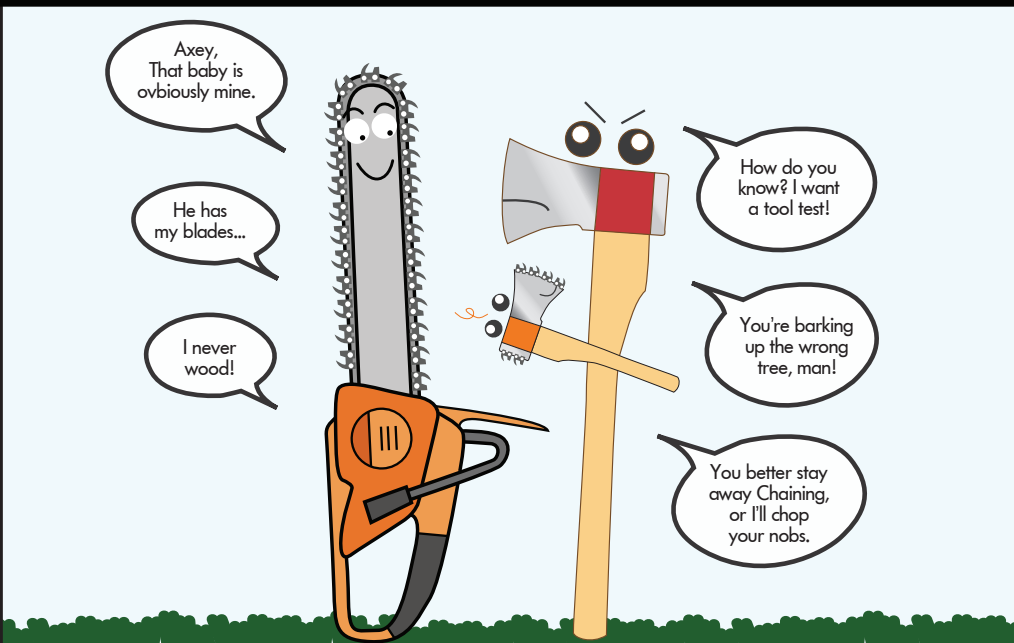
Friday March 4th

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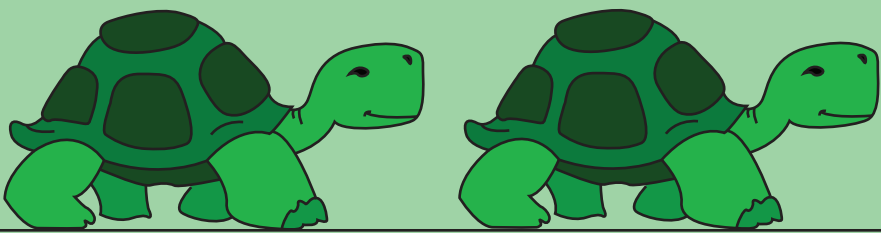
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Episode 5

The story of Axey
and Axene



Cartoon by Jami Eiring



Calendar

February 24 - March 1



Wednesday, Feb. 24

Betty Kwan Chinn

Betty Kwan Chinn will hold a lecture on local politics for the 12th Annual Victor T. Schaub Memorial Lecture. She has worked with the homeless population in Eureka for almost three decades. She has sought to assist the mentally ill, disabled veterans, runaways and drug abusers without judgment and without pay.

5 - 6:30 p.m.
Siemens Hall Room 108
FREE

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Turtle Races

Each drink you buy gets you a chance to be a turtle “jockey.” The winners of all four bouts have a chance to win an all-expenses-paid trip to Turtle Bay.

8 p.m.
The Logger Bar (510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake)

Thursday, Feb. 25

Canned Food Drive

Bring canned goods to the men’s basketball game to donate to the Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Outreach program.

Game at 7:30 p.m.
Lumberjack Arena

Thursday, Feb. 25

“Clearing Up The Confusion About Plastics”

The third event in Zero Waste Humboldt’s 2015-16 Zero Waste Solutions Series features Dr. Julie Layshock explaining the chemistry of food and beverage plastic packaging. Dr. Layshock teaches chemistry at Humboldt State, serves on the ZWH board of directors and advises their public education program.

6 - 7:30 p.m.
Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center (921 Waterfront Dr., Eureka)
\$10 donation

Thursday, Feb. 25

Trivia Night

Trivia hosted by Alec Cole with fabulous prizes and drink specials.

7 - 9 p.m.
Northtown Coffee (1603 G St., Arcata)
FREE

Friday, Feb. 26

Hepcat Ball

Dance with the HSU Swing Dance Club. No dance experience or partner necessary. Vintage dress encouraged. Photo booth all night.

7 - 10:30 p.m.
Gist Hall Basement
\$5

Saturday, Feb. 27

Dunes Climate Ready Public Meeting

Join Friends of the Dunes to learn more about the Dunes Climate Ready Study being conducted along Humboldt’s coastal dunes at an interactive public meeting. Understand which areas of the coast are most vulnerable to the negative impacts of climate change and test some adaptation strategies to help moderate them.

9 - 11 a.m.
Humboldt Coastal Nature Center (220 Stamps Lane, Manila)
FREE

Saturday, Feb. 27

HSU Symphonic Band & Jazz Orchestra

Enjoy an overture by composer Michael Kibbe, band classics and an anniversary tribute during the shared concert of the HSU Symphonic Band and the Jazz Orchestra.

8 p.m.
Fulkerson Recital Hall on HSU campus
General: \$8
Seniors and children: \$5
HSU students with ID: FREE

Monday, Feb. 29

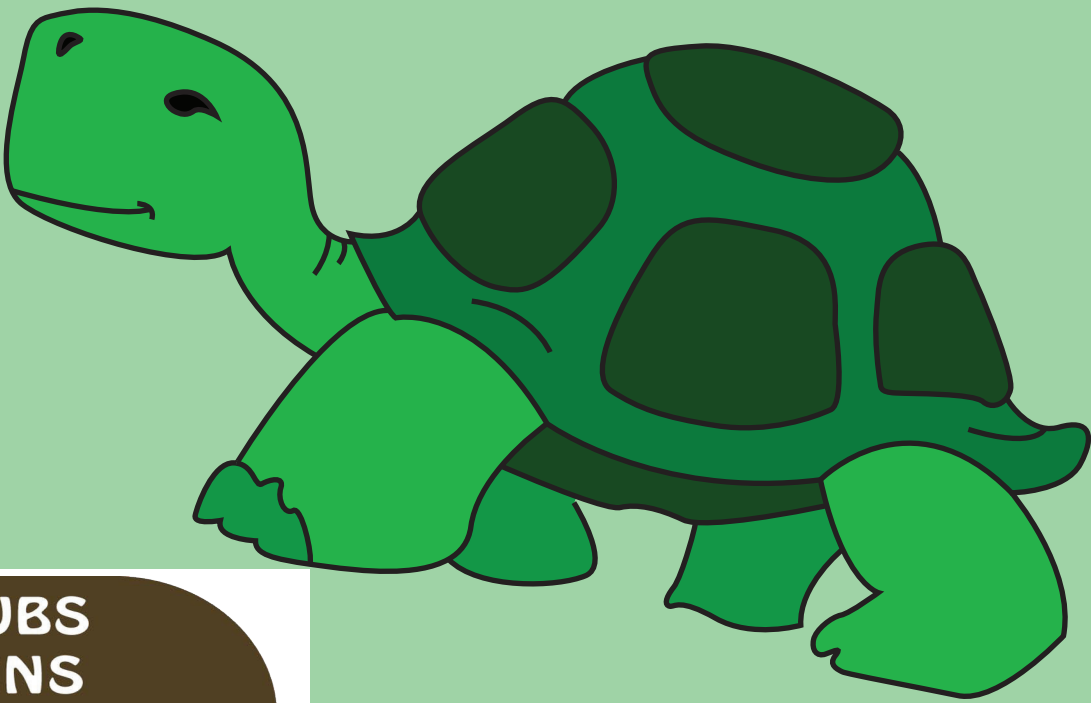
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Tuesday, March 1

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