

A photograph of a forest fire. In the foreground, there is a large pile of dry sticks and branches, some of which are burning. A fire is also burning on the ground, spreading across the forest floor. In the background, several large trees are visible, some of which appear to be charred or partially consumed by the fire. The overall scene is one of a wildfire in progress.

Humboldt

The Magazine of Humboldt State University | Spring 2009

Fire on the Mountain

We've turned the West into a tinderbox. Now what?

Spring 09

From the President 2

News in Brief 3

Holly Hosterman and Paul “Yashi” Lubitz 12

From garage workshop to global design.

A Beat of Their Own 14

40 years in, the Marching Lumberjacks are still the best scatterband in the universe.

At Home With Study Abroad 20

International enrollment quadruples over five years.

Fire on the Mountain 24

A century of misdirected fire policy has left the West a tinderbox. Now what?

Behind the Scenes—A Winters Tale 32

Alumni News & Class Notes 38



Thank you

A record number of alumni gave to Humboldt State last year — fully 10 percent. That's the highest percentage in the CSU system. Thank you! We are proud that so many alumni supporters helped keep the Humboldt experience within reach for today's students. Let's keep the record going.

www.humboldt.edu/giving • 707-826-5101



Marketing & Communications
1 Harpst Street
Arcata, CA 95521