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IRAQ DEATH TOLL
American soldiers killed
as of April 23, 2004: 734
Estimated civilian deaths: 8,958

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Your input counts, or does it?

By Paul Kolbe
STAFF WRITER

By now most if not all KCC students have filled out at least one teacher evaluation, but one might question the importance of these evaluations and their relevance towards teacher performance.

"I don't think they're that important," said KCC student Michelle Young, "I answer honestly, but I don't think it really affects the teacher."

According to Frank Abu-Sayf, who is the Director of Planning and Institutional Research at KCC, "the evaluations are more important than students think, although teachers are the only ones who will view them, evaluations must be submitted when applying for promotions."

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Department of Labor pays fair

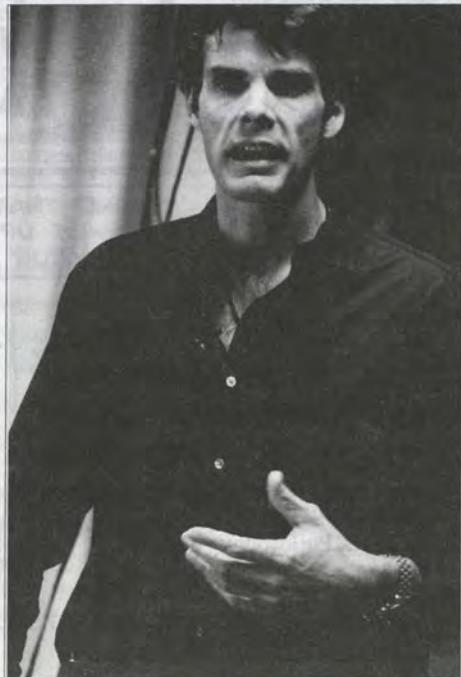
By Joshua Skurtu
STAFF WRITER

"Today workers win," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao in a recent press release. "The (U.S. Department of Labor's) new rules guarantee and strengthen overtime rights for more American workers than ever before."

The department felt that the regulations on overtime eligibility had not been substantially updated for over 50 years. The department felt these outdated rules created confusion for both workers and employers, generating wasteful lawsuits and failing to properly protect workers' rights.

"When workers know their rights and employers know how to pay workers, everybody wins," said Chao. "With the 'FairPay' rule, we are restoring overtime to what it was intended to be: fair pay for workers, instead of a lawsuit lottery."

Under the 50-year-old rule set, any worker who earns less than \$8,060 per year is guaranteed



Say it ain't so, Pierre Dr. Asselin is leaving KCC to take a position at Chaminade University. Kapio bids adieu, page 9

To soldiers with love: Boxes of feel good gifts take the edge off the distance

By Crystal Carpenito
STAFF WRITER

KCC student Kristina Schrull is finding the absence of her husband, Staff Sgt. Dave A. Schrull, difficult to cope with. She can't watch the news anymore and her son Damien doesn't understand why his dad has left home to fight the war in Iraq.

"How do you explain to a two-year-old what war is?" said Schrull.

Schrull and her son are one of 750 local families separated from their loved ones for 15 months due to America's ongoing occupation of Iraq.

The 84th ENG Battalion of the 45th Command Support Group in Honolulu was deployed on Jan. 24 to Balad, Iraq where they will spend Christmas this year. To make their holiday a little more cheery, Schrull has organized a care package drive to collect gifts for the soldiers.

"Their daily routine is waking up and going to work in the same dirty uniform, having several showers weekly and seeing nothing but death

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Politics and pizza: voters made their choices; some got pizza, too

By Justin Hahn
CO-EDITOR

The results are in from the most recent Student Congress elections. Of the 19 running, 10 were elected to go on to fill the vacant positions in congress.

These 10 newly elected congress members will meet in June to determine the complexion of the executive as well as at-large positions. The number of votes each candidate gleaned will not come into the picture in this process, as the decision will lie solely with congress members.

Two-hundred and fifty-one students — almost twice last year's turnout, but still less than 10 percent of those eligible — came to the cafeteria last Wednesday and Thursday to vote in elections to determine the composition of next year's Student Congress, and some candidates went all out to ensure they were among those chosen.

Fliers were put up, ice cream was dipped out, classes were addressed, and handshakes were exchanged. But perhaps most notably were the actions of John Datmagurun, who came in second out of the ten possible winners.

In his bid to become Congress' Public Relations Officer, Datmagurun freely handed out



'My name is John,' he said after giving away slices of free pizza to prospective voters.

slices of pizza and drinks to prospective voters.

"I'm here to get the word out," Datmagurun said. "A lot of students don't know who to vote for. They don't know anybody (on the ballot)

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U.S. Army photos revealed torture

Photographs showing the U.S. Army conducting interrogation through unconventional methods including positioned POWs in simulated sex acts.

Full Story @ www.cbs.com



Shoot baskets, not bullets

Former basketball star Jayson Williams found guilty of 4 charges stemming from the shooting death of a limo driver on Feb 14, 2002.

Full Story @ www.espn.com



Friends, but not forever

After ten years of laughs, loves and coffee addiction, Friends goes off the air.

Full Story @ www.eonline.com



Racism bad, sensitivity good

Ka Leo O Hawaii, UH Manoa's student run newspaper, has instituted a new sensitivity training program to enlighten minds and avoid outrage.

Full Story @ www.kaleo.org

VIEWPOINTS

We've got mail:

RATHER HAZY

I am writing in response to Mary Lee's article about the New Media Arts program that appeared in the April 20 issue of Kapi'o. I provided the reporter more detailed financial information than was included in the article, information I can provide upon request.

Detailed financial information and plans for future upgrades will be shared with New Media Arts students at an open meeting.

As I was quoted as saying, keeping the software and hardware at cutting edge is very expensive. The fuller perspective I provided, however, was not included in the article. Over the past few years New Media Arts has been steadily expanding and improving. In Fall 2001 a new AS degree in NMA was approved by the Board of Regents. Last year we started to put into effect a dramatically revised curriculum, particularly in Animation, for which we recruited 2 new full-time faculty members. A number of the new courses required upgraded software and equipment. This year and next year we are moving, too, to expand the Interface Design track. We are hoping to hire an additional faculty member to begin teaching Interface courses next Fall. The expanded program now utilizes a third computer lab. While the article seems to imply a certain amount of student dissatisfaction, a couple of additional facts can help to provide a fuller perspective. 1. New Media Arts is a selective program with very high student demand. More students apply for the program than can be accommodated. 2. The program has a counselor, Teri Durland, who is very popular with the students and widely respected. She was nominated for the "2003 Excellence in Teaching Award," the only counselor to be so honored."

— Shel Hershinow
Chairperson, Humanities

NOT ALL BAD

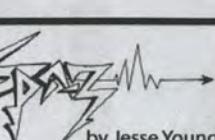
I have had occasion to write in response to Justin Hahn's articles before and I have been quite critical of what I have felt were insulting, illogical and even incoherent dabbles of self-indulgence.

But Justin's most recent article, provocatively entitled, "I Support Terrorism," came across to me as an honest, serious, and substantial opinion piece that strikes at a deep truth we all need to consider as citizens of a perhaps too mighty nation.

When provocation causes us to think deeply and look clearly at ourselves it benefits us all.

— Sharon Rowe
Assistant Prof., Philosophy

As I write to you, I sit under the casket flag of my father-in-law, a deceased Navy Seaman. I never had the privilege to meet him. He sacrificed everything to protect this nation. I was less than 30 miles away from the Oklahoma City bombing. I have friends from Iran and Texas. Despite how articulate one may be, there is no excuse for saying that terrorism might be a good thing. Justin is right on one point. There is absolute right and absolute wrong. His obvious lack of education in history gives no excuse for minimizing terror or its victims. Our foreign policy may not be popular, but I don't see Justin rushing to help the daughters and women terrorized and enslaved in the middle east. I have packed boxes at Christmas time with coats and food to send with airlifts by our almighty military to starving, cold, dying people. Our military has a long proud history of helping unfortunate. The media doesn't cover the troops in Iraq building schools. It doesn't show the soldier that wrote his hometown and asked for coats and shoes for the people of the town he was serving at. The town rose to the occasion, the coats and shoes were delivered just in time for winter. I say to all those who sleep in cozy beds with full bellies.



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5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22

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AND THAT FINAL EXAM WILL ASK YOU TO REGURGITATE ALL/MOST OF THE INFORMATION YOU DIGESTED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SEMESTER!



(IMAGINE PROJECTILES HERE)

WHICH MEANS THAT ALL/MOST OF YOUR CLASSES HAVE A PROJECT TO DO OR A FINAL TO TAKE.



SO, WHAT'S MY POINT? ...I BET THAT YOU'RE "ALMOST" CRAZY!!!



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Speak Out

Question and Photos by: Justin Hahn

What do you think about before you go to sleep?



Homework. When I go to bed, it's usually right after I do a lot of my homework, and I'm always thinking about computer code and homework.



I think about... I think about what a beautiful day it was. I think about all the happy stuff that made me smile.



I think about if I am going to wake up. I think about if I deserve to go to heaven, and I wonder what God looks like.



All the work that I have to do the next day. I think about all the tests and homework, and it's usually about school.



School. School stresses me out. I'm taking a lot of tests this semester. I'm taking six courses this semester, three here three at UH Manoa.

—Ygor Pierreira

—Christen Vidanovic

—Teresa Lu

—Marissa Kopanski

—Stacy Tanigawa

MODEST PROPOSAL
by Vuong Phung

**FINAL RECAP**

"The end is near," say many sci-fi movies. Indeed, the end is near; the end of school, that is. I do not know about you, but during this semester a lot of things happened both on- and off-campus. So how about this: a recap worth reading?

Just two weeks ago, an article published here told a tale of disenfranchised New Media Art students. After paying more than \$800 for a full-time semester these students wondered if the program had any value. Personally, I knew dozens of artists and designers out there that broke into the industry without any type of degree. Some even with degrees unrelated to their art field. I asked what's their secret and the majority of responses came back saying one thing: experiment. It made sense to them, can school really teach one to be creative?

With more than 80 American soldiers killed in Iraq during April 2004, experts declared it as the bloodiest month yet. But the biggest news of April has to be the release of photos of US Army interrogators committing acts of abuse to Iraqi POWs. CBS ran the story on April 29 during 60 Minutes II and acknowledged, "This is a hard story to have to tell when Americans are fighting and dying in Iraq." Now we will sit back and wait for a barrage of rhetoric coming from Washington to justify this event.

On the brighter side, the economy is doing better according to the Wall Street Journal. In it, the report said the nation's GDP rose 2 percent and that 300,000 jobs opened last March. Good news indeed. Of course, this does not play well for John Kerry. The report also pointed out a parallel between the US and Japan's current economies. Japan is facing a growing trend of losing its job to outsourcing. In other news, the

**"To quote Voltaire:
I do not agree with what you have to say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it.
Beautiful is it not? My sentiment exactly."**

porn industry is also considering exporting its production workforce to South America, particularly Brazil.

UH campus newspaper, Ka Leo, is under scrutiny for publishing various comics that readers found "insensitive" and "anti-Semitic." The university administration is considering a position that will approve and disapprove all stories submitted to the paper. I don't know about you, but this is a blatant example of censorship. My interpretation of the First Amendment is that it protects others right to say what you do not want to hear. Of course, here at KCC, certain groups already thought about censoring a certain n-word out of all publications. To quote Voltaire, "I do not agree with what you have to say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it." Beautiful is it not? My sentiment exactly.

And finally, the news of Dr. Pierre Asselin leaving for Chaminade University in the fall came with slight unpleasantness. No more hockey conversation, no more great quotes like "You all will be bitches of Canada," and worst of all, no more insightful, down-right-honest analysis of US politics in Asia and the Middle East.

VIEWPOINTS

Letters:

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* The port of Uhm Qasar was renovated so grain can be off-loaded from ships faster.

* The country had its first 2 billion barrel export of oil in August.

* Over 4.5 million people have clean drinking water for the first time ever in Iraq.

* The country now receives 2 times the electrical power it did before the war.

* 100% of the hospitals are open and fully staffed, compared to 35% before the war.

* Elections are taking place in every major city, and city councils are in place.

* Sewer and water lines are installed in every major city.

* Over 60,000 police are patrolling the streets.

* Over 100,000 Iraqi civil defense police are securing the country.

* Over 80,000 Iraqi soldiers are patrolling the streets side by side with US soldiers.

* Over 400,000 people have telephones for the first time ever.

* Students are taught field sanitation and hand washing techniques to prevent the spread of germs.

* An interim constitution has been signed.

* Girls are allowed to attend school.

* Textbooks that don't mention Saddam are in the schools for the first time in 30 years.

send him to Denison, Iowa.

This soldier will set him straight. If you are like me and very disgusted with how this period of rebuilding has been portrayed, email this to a friend and let them know there are good things happening.

Ray Reynolds, SFC
Iowa Army National Guard
234th Signal Battalion

mentary is welcome, but the Board does not condone the use of derogatory and inflammatory words that demean any sector of our population.

The issue is not one of freedom of speech, but of respect and responsibility. The Board is not attempting to restrict the press, but to urge it to strive for a higher level of thoughtfulness in the discussion of social issues. Finally, the Board is not promoting mere political correctness; it is recognizing the importance of civility in our society.

The Board plans to take steps to prevent similar situations in the future. As a first step, the Kapi'o adviser has made arrangements for Kapi'o staffers to participate in sensitivity training planned for Ka Leo staffers this summer.

The Board will review and revise as necessary the mission of Kapi'o as it relates to the mission of Kapi'olani Community College and the University of Hawai'i, and clarify the responsibilities of the adviser, editor, and editorial staff. The Board will also develop guidelines for a grievance procedure.

— The Board of Student Publications

****Editors' Note:**
One of the articles in question, written by Justin Hahn, was titled "Ghetto Transcendentalism," not "The Comedy Equivalent of Crack."

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Kapi'o strives to be accurate and honest in our coverage of campus news. If you have comments on our standards, coverage or accuracy, please contact Justin Hahn or Clint Kaneoka, Kapi'o's editors, at 734-9120 or kapi@hawaii.edu.

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Dorming students are breaking more rules prompting security guards to get proactive about enforcement

By Olga Meniuc
STAFF WRITER

Security at the Ohana Reef Towers hotel, the off-campus dormitory for UH Manoa and KCC students, has gotten much stricter this semester, as there has been more student evictions and arrests.

According to hotel security, this is because students have been breaking the rules a lot more than before. This semester there has been an increase in vandalism, like broken pictures and cut wires, as well as reckless behavior, such as underage drinking, drug use, broken windows, and the hopping of balconies from one room to another, which is not only against the rules, but also

very dangerous.

Students have also been caught bringing unregistered guests into the hotel, something they have specifically been told not to. There has also been an excess of complaints from regular hotel guests about the noise, as some students put their music on really loud, regardless of the time.

To combat these problems, the Ohana Reef Towers (ORT) administration has increased the level of security. Although they didn't increase the personnel, they directed the existing security guards to take a proactive approach to rule enforcement. Now security patrols the elevators and stairs to make sure only registered guests

get in.

Some students have complained that the security guards have been overreacting. They say guards walk around listening on doors for whatever sound.

"We know it's their job, but this is just ridiculous," said Whitney Hassett, a resident student at ORT. "It's a little too extreme."

However, ORT personnel deny these claims.

"That's not true," said Ragui France, the ORT Hall Director, "they just walk around to make sure everything is okay. Even when there are no students here, they still do it. It's part of their job."

France added that the ORT administration is just fed up with

"We know it's their job, but this is just ridiculous. It's a little too extreme."

— Whitney Hassett, resident student at ORT

acting irresponsible and crazy, and learn to respect others, France said.

"It's merely 1% of all students who act irresponsible and it's not fair that a couple of crazy guys screw the whole program up," said France. "If you feel like doing crazy things, do it outside, not here."

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Illinois Governor tired of expensive books; asks for a reason why

By Tarciano Figueiredo
NORTHERN STAR (NORTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

(U-WIRE) DEKALB, Ill. — Gov. Rod Blagojevich is calling on the Illinois Board of Higher Education to investigate why Illinois college students pay so much for textbooks.

The governor's concern is if book prices keep rising, students will be forced out of the classroom.

The price of college textbooks has increased 35 percent since 1998, which is 17 percent more than an ordinary book over the same period, according to a release from Blagojevich's office.

Wholesale prices are set by textbook publishers and do not represent an increase by college bookstores. The average annual increase during that period was 5.9 percent for college texts compared to an average annual increase of 3.1 percent for other books.

At NIU, book prices have increased the past five to six years, said Mitch Kielb, associate director for the University Bookstore, mainly because of CD-ROMs and packages included with books.

The main issue of Blagojevich's investigation is related to how often students are using these expensive books, Kielb said.

"We have more than 100 books that are more than \$100," Kielb said.

The College of Engineering has the most expensive books because it has unique disciplines, Kielb said.

Kielb said students can do something about textbook prices and usage.

"That is why our store has a

"A lot of times, we got ripped off."

— Emily Montgomery, NIU Sophomore

survey online where students can give us feedback of how much they used their book," Kielb said. "We forward the survey to professors."

In the past five years, book edition turnovers have increased because an updated edition is introduced in the market, Kielb said.

"That is why we give professors the alternative to use their own blocknotes," Kielb said. Psychology 102 uses other alternatives, Kielb said. It places a bid in the market to have an agreement with the publisher to have a certain number of chapters within the book. More than 200 courses on campus have adopted the system, Kielb said.

Although some universities provide rental opportunities for their students, it is not a good solution for NIU, Kielb said, because Northern Illinois University would have to stay with the same book edition for five years.

"A lot of times, we got ripped off because we are stuck with books that are not part of our major," sophomore accountancy major Emily Montgomery said. Online trade is a good choice, accountancy professor David Keys said.

Book prices are an issue for students, so the best choice is to buy directly from a student or online to find the best price, he said.

Kerry plans to offer college tuition in return for 2 years of volunteer service

By Kristen Trotter
THE CRIMSON WHITE (U. ALABAMA)

(U-WIRE) TUSCALOOSA, Ala.) — While many college students might think topics discussed during this year's presidential campaign may not pertain to them, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry says if elected he would give free college tuition in exchange for two years of volunteer service.

If the reaction of University of Alabama students is any representation, however, most have probably never heard of the Service for College initiative, which Kerry presented, at Harlem City College of New York on April 15. If implemented, the U.S. government would pay for four years of a state's public college tuition in return for two years of volunteer service.

Volunteer opportunities would include jobs in the Police Corps, and as teachers, tutors and mentors in urban communities, among others.

The program would be funded by eliminating profits from banks giving out student loans, according to Kerry's campaign Web site. According to the site, "The government guarantees lenders a certain interest rate on student loans, cur-

rently 3.4 percent. When student interest payments fall short of this rate, the government makes up the difference. Currently, however, when student payments exceed this rate, lenders get to pocket the extra money. This is a windfall that creates excess profits for banks. Kerry will eliminate these windfall profits-saving \$12 billion according to the Congressional Budget Office."

UA admissions director Mary Spiegel said the Service for College initiative "has the possibility of increasing enrollment" at the Capstone if enacted. UA President Robert Witt wants to raise enrollment by 8,000 students, from about 20,000 to 28,000.

The initiative would allow some students the opportunity for higher education who would not have it without the program, Spiegel said.

"What I like about his Service for College initiative is that it wasn't just graduating from high school and then serving 'x' amount of years for college tuition," she said.

The program would encourage volunteer service for students in high school as well, Spiegel said.

She said it looks like Kerry has a plan that encompasses more than college-age students. In May 2003, as part of a plan to encourage service, Kerry proposed that all high school students be required to perform community service before

"I think any way to send people to college is a good way. It would send people to college who really want to go, because they're willing to work for it, so they would end up being better students."

graduating.

Brian Wirges, a freshman in the College of Communication and Information Sciences, said he had not heard of the initiative, but said that if he had no other way to pay for college, he might participate.

"Underprivileged people could do that if they didn't want to do the army," he said. "(However), I think you should have to do it for four years if you're going to get four years of free college."

Alex Ransone, a freshman in the College of Communication and Information Sciences, who said she was also unaware of the initiative, said she thinks the program somewhat undermines incentives offered by the U.S. armed forces.

On his campaign Web site, Kerry says the program could draw as many as 500,000 young Americans into volunteer service. He said it

would "bring about the largest increase in domestic national service in our history."

Katie Minton, a freshman in the College of Communication and Information Sciences, said she had never heard of the Service for College initiative, but thought it would be a good way to send people to college who might not have the means otherwise.

"I think any way to send people to college is a good way," she said. "It would send people to college who really want to go, because they're willing to work for it, so they would end up being better students."

She and Wirges both said they thought the initiative would get people involved because they wanted to go to college, not because they were particularly interested in volunteering.

IN BRIEF

And the Nominees are

Students have nominated their favorite teachers to receive three awards for excellence in teaching. The awards are given annually by the Excellence in Teaching Awards Committee based on student recommendations. The committee will be choosing the recipients in the following categories:

- The Board of Regents' Award for Excellence in Teaching, awarded to full-time faculty for excellence in teaching.
- The Frances Davis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, awarded to full-time community college faculty for excellence in undergraduate teaching.
- The KCC Award for Excellence in Teaching, awarded to KCC lecturers for excellence in teaching.

Thirteen faculty members were nominated for this year's awards, 10 full-time and 3 lecturers:

- Full-Time:
1. Pierre Asselin
 2. Brian Cassity
 3. Kauka de Silva
 4. Susan Dik
 5. Leigh Dooley
 6. Teri Durland
 7. Delmarie Klobe
 8. Robin-Claire Mann
 9. Russell Sunabe
 10. Joseph Tremonti

- Lecturers:
1. David Chong
 2. Mary Esteban
 3. Lee Tonouchi

A course for peace-keepers

The KCC Mediation Center will conduct an introductory mediation training course on May 17 and 18 in Kalia 202 from 1 to 4 p.m. for all interested students, faculty and staff. This mediation "mini-training" offers an opportunity to learn skills and insights that can be applied directly to the classroom or workplace and even personal relationships. The training will introduce a basic model of mediation and its accompanying skills, and offer opportunity for role play and experience with the techniques.

This training will be conducted by Dr. Sharon Rowe and will introduce a co-mediation model and a range of skills that facilitate the model. Dr. Rowe has been a volunteer community mediator for the past eight years and has been trained in community mediation through the Mediation Center of the Pacific and has received additional training in Civil Rights, workplace, condominium, and juvenile mediation.

For more information call, Sharon Rowe, Mediation Center Director/Coordinator, at 734-9744 or email at srowe@hawaii.edu.

Recent SNAPSOTS

- Despite a cease-fire, fighting continued in Fallujah.
- Rwandan troops violated a peace agreement with Congo.
- China won't allow an extension of democracy in Hong Kong.

Headlines and News Briefs

EVERYTHING TO BRING YOU UP TO SPEED

Despite a proclaimed ceasefire, fierce fighting continued in Fallujah, where some 2,000 Sunni rebels remain defiant. In the south, several hundred followers of a Shia rebel cleric, Muqtada al-Sadr, remained holed up in the Shia holy city, Najaf.

At least four people were killed in a district of Damascus, Syria's capital, close to the British embassy and a former UN building, when rebels apparently exchanged fire with security forces. It was unclear who the gunmen were or what they had been trying to do.

Jordan's government said that a chemical attack it foiled two weeks ago against the headquarters of the country's intelligence service could have killed 80,000 people. Al-Qaeda has been accused of planning the attack.

The UN Security Council unanimously passed a resolution calling on countries to criminalize the possession, manufacture and trafficking of weapons of mass destruction and the materials to make them, in particular for terrorist purposes. A new UN committee will oversee implementation.

Rwandan troops re-entered Congo in violation of a peace agreement, UN peacekeepers said. Rwanda denied it.

Thabo Mbeki, South Africa's president, appointed a new cabinet, surprising many by keeping on his deputy, Jacob Zuma, despite Zuma's being investigated for alleged corruption.

Zimbabwe's president, Robert Mugabe, got a standing ovation at President Mbeki's inauguration. Back at home, Mugabe's new finance minister, Christopher Kuruneri, was charged with corruption.

Around 1 million people demonstrated in favor of abortion rights in Washington, DC, the largest such rally in the U.S. for over a decade. Meanwhile, a senior Vatican official said that Catholic pro-abortion politicians were "not fit" to receive communion. (John Kerry is Catholic and pro-abortion.)

Arlen Specter, a moderate Republican senator, fended off a strong challenge from a conservative congressman in Pennsylvania's primary election. Had Specter lost to Pat Toomey, the Republicans' majority

in the Senate would have been in danger.

Justices of the peace in Massachusetts were told to resign if they were unwilling to conduct same-sex marriages, which became legal in the state on May 17. Mitt Romney, the Republican governor and opponent of gay marriage, said the law must be complied with, even if individual judges have strong feelings against it.

The Supreme Court heard two cases with broad implications for executive powers. The first was an appeal involving public access to documents collected for Dick Cheney's energy task force, which the VP's office argued could compromise future advice given to the White House.

The other case determines whether the government has the right to detain two American citizens, both suspected terrorists now held in a navy brig as "enemy combatants," without trial.

Vicente Fox, the president of Mexico, announced plans to enshrine human rights in his country's constitution.

Police flooded into the town of Ilave, in Peru, after a mob consisting largely of native Indians who had been protesting about corruption lynched the mayor and attacked

the police station with petroleum bombs.

Three Irish men who had been accused of training Marxist rebels in Colombia to build bombs were acquitted. Colombian prosecutors had alleged that the three were members of the Irish Republican Army. They were found guilty of lesser charges.

In Macedonia, the pro-western prime minister, Branko Crvenkovski, declared victory in presidential elections. He defeated a right centrist opponent from a nationalist party which alleged that the poll was fraudulent and should be annulled.

Pakistan announced plans to reduce the size of its army by 50,000 soldiers, the first cut in its 57-year history.

China said it would not allow any extension of democracy in Hong Kong in elections scheduled for 2007 and 2008. China promised eventually to allow direct election of the territory's leader and legislature but didn't say when.

More than 100 people died after Thailand's authorities responded forcefully to a coordinated series of attacks by machete-wielding gangs in the south of the country.

Rules say no skating, for the walkers' sake

By Justin Hahn
CO-EDITOR

Between classes, Dana Anderson and Aekolu Leon-Guerrea tend to spend a little time hanging out and enjoying the beautiful campus ambiance. They do what makes them happy, and today it is skating.

Anderson and Leon-Guerrea skate regularly to pass the time, but today their session was cut short.

As he comes down from an ollie, Anderson sees out of the corner of his eye what looks like a golf cart zipping around a corner.

It is not uncommon to see staff members zipping around campus in these electric vehicles, as it helps the various staffers complete their jobs more effectively, John Messina, head of Auxiliary services said.

It is also not so uncommon to see skaters and bicyclists being told they can't ride on campus, and that what they think of as an innocent pastime, or a form of economical transit is dangerous and potentially deadly.

“It's primarily for the safety of the pedestrians,” Ann Kinningham, Director of Administrative Services said. “It's also for their own safety... They might lose control of their board... We're trying to prevent that from happening again.”

The sidewalks around campus aren't designed for anything but

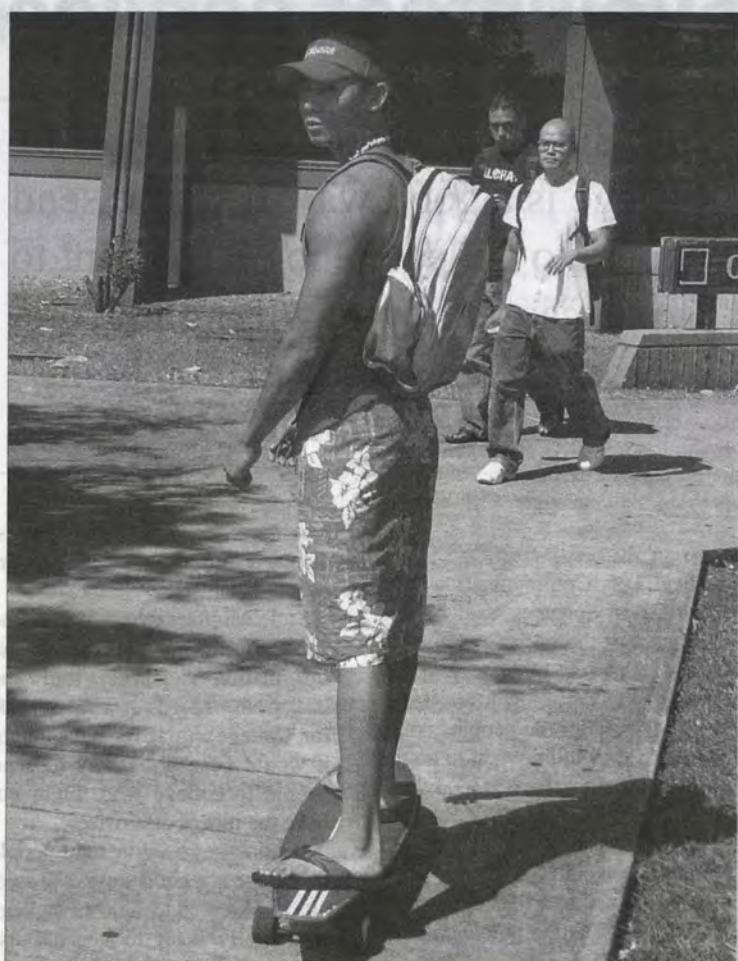


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Dylan Yeung cruises on his board in violation of sidewalk rules

regular pedestrian traffic, Kinningham said. The drivers of the various electric carts used by maintenance and campus mail have been given special dispensation to operate among pedestrians,

Kinningham said.

“They're told when they're first hired that they have to be very careful,” she said. “We want to ensure safety and security.”

But meanwhile, Leon-Guerrea

“It's legal at UH Manoa. It's not like I'm doing tricks or anything. You would think those carts would be a little more dangerous...they drive around like it's H-3 or something. But you can't skate anywhere in Honolulu, why would it be different here?”

— Dylan Yeung

and Anderson, along with scores of other students, can't skate anymore, and have to find a new way of getting around campus.

“When she came up to me, I was like, ‘Why you harassing me?’” Anderson said. “She said something about blind people and losing control, but when I ride I got control. I pay attention. This is transportation... Those carts can go as fast as they want, and I can't do this?”

Dylan Yeung, another student skater, was lucky enough to get away with his skating, but he still thinks it is wrong to restrict skating, even though he's never been

told not to it.

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But not all students think skating should be allowed.

Stuart Ramos reckons that it is all about control.

“He's riding that thing,” Ramos said. “He's not driving it, like those guys in the carts. You aren't really in control. Not like if you're driving.”

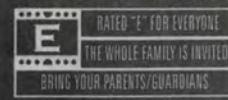
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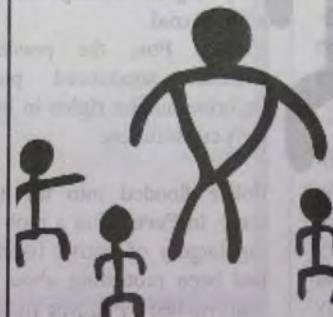
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Care package:*Continued from page 1*

and destruction," said Schrull. "These care packages will remind the soldiers there are people who support and care about them."

Such gifts may include toothbrushes, toothpaste, batteries, tobacco products, stationary, magazines, DVDs, deodorant, bath and body products, shampoo, games, candy and beef jerky.

"Anything that's from the heart would mean the world to them," said Schrull. "Just \$5 to put a smile on their face is worth it."

She urges all students to get involved, those who cannot afford a gift can write letter to a soldier.

The drive began on April 28 and will continue through the summer until mid-December when the gifts will be shipped to Iraq. During

this time non-perishable, non-breakable, drug and alcohol-free gifts can be dropped off in a box outside the student service learning office at Olona 118. Wrapped gifts should indicate whether they are for a male or female soldier.

"During this war we have recognized the soldiers who have died but there are people living that we can extend our hearts to," said Student Service Learning Coordinator Phoenix Lundstrum. "I'm glad we're going to have this ballot to put the attention on the living."

Further questions concerning the care package drive may be directed to Lundstrum in Olona 118 or emailing Schrull at schrull@hawaii.edu.

Evaluation:*Continued from page 1*

When asked whether teachers could turn in only those evaluations which reflected them in a good light, Abu-Sayf responded that class size is taken into account, "if a teacher has 20 students and they turn in 5 good evaluations, we're going to assume the other evaluations were poor."

Abu-Sayf believes the evaluation process at KCC is one of the best, if not the best, in the country, and is of great admiration amongst other colleges. He credits good administration along with factor analysis program, as being behind the success of the process.

Factor analysis statistically combines items, which deal with one topic, and puts them into one factor. An example being, the instructor demonstrated concern for students, and the instructor treated students fairly, are two different questions, which would be put in the same factor. This allows for the evaluations to be sectioned into seven factors, and graded on a mean between low and high marks.

However, not all think the process

is perfect. Dennis Kawahara, who is the department Chairperson of language arts, feels the evaluations work in general but have some flaws. "Students might not take them seriously, or base their marks on whether they like or dislike the teacher," said Kawahara, "on the other hand teachers may be intimidated to give higher grades, as that would equal higher evaluations." Kawahara also feels the evaluations can oversimplify, and other factors such as how many students completed the class should be taken into account.

Kawahara also sees a conflict of interest in teachers giving grades. "If we could somehow separate teaching and learning from grading and assessing," he said, feeling that a system where the teacher focuses on teaching and learning, while another handles testing and grading, would be the only way to ensure such a conflict of interest didn't exist. Kawahara concedes such a system is unlikely to take effect but as with many things, "it's a complicated issue."

Initiative:*Continued from page 1*

overtime pay. Overtime pay is any time after 40 hours per week. Under the new rules, workers earning \$23,660 per year, or \$455 per week or less are guaranteed overtime pay. According to the Department of Labor, this strengthens the overtime protection for 6.7 million low-wage salary workers, including 1.3 million who are not entitled to overtime pay under the existing regulations.

"I think it's a good idea, because those low-pay jobs are so laborious," said KCC student Willie McGuire. "I work at a restaurant. I make about \$400 a week."

With the way the old rule stands, McGuire would not be guaranteed overtime.

"I think if I made over \$23,000 it would be fair to not receive overtime," said McGuire. "But ultimately, I think everybody should get

overtime after 40 hours."

Certain professions are exempt from the FairPay rules and therefore are entitled to overtime protection. Some of these exemptions include police officers, fire fighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and licensed practical nurses.

With the new rules in place, the Department of Labor named a new enforcement task force within the Wage and Hour division of the Department of Labor. This task force will enforce the new overtime rules.

"Now that the rules are published, the public will no longer have to rely on speculation and uninformed reports," said Tammy McCutchen, Administrator for Wage and Hour Division. The new rules will take effect in three months. The new rules can be read at www.dol.gov/fairplay.

Politics:*Continued from page 1*

I'm here just to make people aware. And you know, if they don't know who to vote for, they can vote for me, John"

Datmagurun's investment paid off, at least when it came to making up the mind of Ryan Hailstones, one of the 81 students to vote for him.

"Just seeing him out there inspired me," the student said as he waited in line to grab his share of free food. "He seems to have a good heart... you know, if he's going to do this (give away food), then that shows me he'll do a good job representing me. He's obviously really committed."

Last time around, the elections were marred by improprieties involving bribes and campaigning

too close to polling places. Newly adopted regulations governing Student Congress elections addressed these complaints.

Mona Lee, Dean of Students and Student Congress Advisor, did not think there were any violations of the new rules, but a number of candidates voiced concern over exactly the way the elections were conducted.

According to Datmagurun, voters were identified by their Social Security Numbers, which could have been freely seen by anyone voting afterwards.

"Is it really necessary to show these," Datmagurun said in an e-mail.

Datmagurun also pointed to a number of other systemic flaws,

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- Michael Hewitt - 78
- Jimi Wheeler - 76
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- Shawn Boyd - 73
- Malie Chong - 60
- Duane Akamine - 58
- Joyce Kick - 56
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including a continued lack of knowledge, a lack or complete absence of information on candidates.

"I hope to see all candidates campaigning vigorously trying to buy/convince voter to vote for them," Datmagurun said.

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Feature

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The coming summer gives students time to fill their wallets

By Andrea Maglasang
STAFF WRITER

As the semester winds down into summer once again, the focus of many students shifts from filling minds to filling wallets. For many young adult college students who are getting used to supporting themselves, summer is a time to search for jobs and bring in revenue.

For those looking for work, whether for the summer or for a permanent job, KCC offers services at the Job Placement office, which, according to job placement counselor Jill Kouchi, isn't visited often enough perhaps because of its outer location on campus. Located in Manono 112, students can browse various jobs posted in the community.

"Many of the jobs are related to programs on campus," Kouchi said. "We can help students to find jobs if they are looking for guidance."

KCC liberal arts student Leilani Manding took advantage of the job fair on campus to help her job search.

"I'm applying at some banks because I think it will be good experience," Manding said. "I'm looking for a job to start this summer, and to continue on after that too."

Several employers who visited the KCC job fair have more jobs to offer during the summer.

"The city and county offers 500 summer recreational aide jobs each summer," said Lois Yoshikawa, Personnel Management Specialist of the City and County of Honolulu. "We also post numerous other jobs with the city and county. The best thing to do is to check our website and apply online. We often hire students."

Many jobs take advantage of the weather and the tourist industry on the islands.

"Summer is always the busiest time of year," said Eric Street, restaurant manager at Chili's. "Like most restaurants, we are always hiring and accepting applications. But we do look to hire during summer. When business is high, you can make a lot of money in a restaurant. We have had several students apply, and we currently have two KCC students working for us."

"I think most people find jobs through word of mouth," said Nicole Arkin, KCC health student and restaurant employee. "Jobs like boat jobs that are fun and temporary while they are out of school for the summer. But that probably should change for graduating students - they might want to look for something more serious."

Many students like Arkin will

continue their current jobs during the summer, but take on more hours.

"I have to take summer school, so I'll probably just work a little more than I do now," said Corin Miller, a Starbucks employee and UH Manoa student.

Students who currently have jobs on campus, like note taker Taryn Mitani, can continue their jobs, or apply for other on-campus jobs, as long as they are enrolled in six units during the summer. Campus jobs are posted in the Human Resources office in Ilima 112.

Staffing companies offer an alternative for those who need assistance finding employers. Instead of searching the field, many employers look to staffing companies to provide them with workers.

"We help people find jobs," said Emy Yamauchi-Wong, manager of Altres Staffing. "They can come in and take some tests and we can match them up with employers according to their abilities. We help people find both temporary and permanent jobs in industrial, technical and medical fields."

For students who need help finding out what their skills are before they begin searching for a job, the Maida Kamber Center in Ilima 104 offers career guidance and skills assessment.

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UH makes it into the pages of a fashion magazine



By Kawehi Haug
STAFF WRITER

Just after a how-to guide for finding the perfect bathing suit and a few pages before the "Love Talk: What Makes Him Open Up" feature is UH Manoa's 15 minutes of teenage fame.

The University of Hawaii is the featured college campus in "School Zone," a monthly lifestyle and fashion spread in "Seventeen" magazine intended to make getting a college education a trend worth pursuing for teenagers. "School Zone" covers popular student hangouts, campus fashion trends and the traditions that make a school unique.

The feature in this month's "Spring Makeover Issue" of the magazine is four pages of glossy photos showing off Hawaiian style with just enough statistical details on the school not to bore the baby-doll tees off the high school senior come college fresh-

man crowd.

The models for the spread are the hand-picked result of a casting call held earlier this year at Manoa. The students, who are only introduced to readers by their first names, pose with surfboards and rubber slippers and sound off on life as students at Manoa.

"What I love about UH is the aloha spirit," fashion major Martina is quoted as saying. "It's evident wherever you go." Another fashion major talks about her new blue moped while a nursing student explains the details of his Hokulea class to his mainland counterparts.

The folks at "Seventeen" introduce the UH by saying "At the University of Hawaii at Manoa...both fashion and lifestyle are about being laid back," and sum up with, "Being a student at UH is about sun, surf, diversity, and learning in a beautiful environment."

And amid enough cleavage and midriff to make Christina Aguilera jealous, the editors compiled a few fun stats in quick-read format, some of them impressive (UH students consume 11,000 pounds of SPAM a year) and some a little less so (the average SAT score is 1080).

All in all, the model-students look like they're having the time of their lives, an image that doesn't sit well with UH freshman John Madson.

"Are these people for real? They make like this place is all cruise and no work," he said. "Too bad they don't live in the real world."

But suntans and local glam aside, the feature is intended to provide college hopefuls with the Cliff's Notes version of the university should they opt for a UH education and Julie Rodrigues said she doesn't see the harm in that.

"It's a fluff magazine for kids," said the elementary education major. "The people who buy the magazine are interested in make-up and hot guys and if the magazine people can make them interested in getting an education, that's a good thing. And it's good publicity for the school."

And how else does one get Generation Y interested in education? Jenny Garcia has an idea.

"How about telling high-schoolers that getting a good education will benefit them in the future," she said. "Everything always has to be sugar coated nowadays. Just tell the kids the truth: college is hard work."

Garcia, who came to Manoa from New Jersey, said she had every intention of having a four-year vacation on her parents and found out the hard way that working on her tan isn't the best way to get an education.

"I finally figured out that college is college, even if the beach is two miles away. It's all about priorities."

And "Seventeen" magazine is all about fashion and the woes of teenage life, not education and Rodrigues said it should be seen as such.

"I don't see what the big deal is. I'm pretty pumped that our school is in the magazine," she said. "It's cool."

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I wish he wouldn't go. He's a good teacher, who is really interesting. He's made me more aware of what's going on in the world. It's his choice to go to Chaminade, but I wish he wouldn't.

MARC ALQUIZA, UNDECLARED

...We're losing a teacher who inspires you to learn.

GRACE RAMIREZ, LIB ARTS, 23

He makes me see things from a different point of view.

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His lectures are great. He encourages a lot of interaction and his information is right on with very few inconsistencies.

KERI ENYEN, NURSING

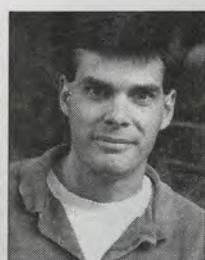
He's a really good teacher — one of the best here at KCC — and Chaminade is lucky to get him. His teaching style is informative and interesting and funny. I really look forward to class because I know I'm going to learn something...something I'll remember when I leave class.

TAMARA STOCKMAN, ACCOUNTING & ASIAN STUDIES

What will KCC be minus Pierre Asselin? The number of Canadians on campus will drop significantly. We'll have one fewer star in our constellation of stellar faculty. We'll be without a scholar on Vietnam. We'll lose an ascerbic letter writer. Students won't confuse Eric Denton with anyone else. And there'll be no one dressed in hockey equipment to help me carry the Canadian flag in the International Parade.

Bonne chance, le grand.

LOUISE PAGOTTO, ASSISTANT DEAN OF ARTS AND SCIENCES CURRICULUM AND FELLOW CANADIAN



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When is your bedtime?
Around 11:30 p.m.

Any tattoos or piercings?
No.



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Hockey pucks from meaningful games I've played.



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I rode a camel on the outskirts of Timbuktu.

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I am world famous.

Is there a God?
Yes, there is.



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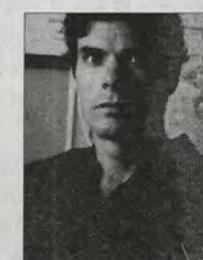
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Feature

Dr. Pierre Asselin, professor of History is leaving KCC for a job at Chaminade in the fall

Adieu to the GOOD DOCTOR

By Kawehi Haug
STAFF WRITER

And now it's time for us to say good-bye.

After six years of challenging his students to do better and think harder, Dr. Pierre Asselin is leaving KCC. But not before teaching the thin-skinned that political correctness is overrated. Not before letting we Americans know that we're too proud for our own good (he is Canadian, after all). And not before we tell him what a great six years these have been.

Ask just about any student if they know who he is and they'll tell you they do. The guys go on about him in a hard-nosed, don't-want-to-compromise-my-manhood-by-gushing-about-the-French-guy kind of way. The girls usually smile, say he's the best teacher on campus and footnote their praise with a comment on what a great dresser he is.

It takes most students about four seconds to admit that Asselin is the best teacher they've ever had.

He only hands out perfect scores if the work is perfect (and it rarely is), he'll flunk his students if he thinks they deserve it and he'll do whatever it takes to ensure their success. But not without causing a few heads to shake along the way. Dr. Asselin is unafraid to offend in his quest for academic excellence. And offend he does. But not without good reason (and ironically the offenders often become his greatest fans).

Here at the paper, we've been the proud recipients of his criticism (mostly constructive, sometimes irrational), his humorous rants on the idiocy of humankind and his steadfast encouragement.

He once sent us a list of ten things he hates about students in response to an article that he found offensive to teachers. In a letter to the editor, he raised concerns about the opinion of a reporter, accusing her of spreading Christian fundamentalist agenda. In another letter, he told us our page one tribute to the Iraq war casualties was "sheer brilliance" and that he was proud of us. He taped the front page to his office door.

Dr. Asselin has never refused an interview, even when we ran a story about the hottest teachers on campus — and he came in third. He's taken every opportunity to tell us how well we're doing and how badly we suck.

When the Kapi' O sponsored an on-campus forum on the Kurdish people after the start of the Iraq war, we had to approach Dr. Asselin only once before he agreed to be a guest speaker — on a sunny Friday afternoon.

He, along with colleague and friend, Eric Denton, organized a forum after 9/11 to give students and faculty a better understanding of the political implications of the attacks. Every seat was filled. People were sitting on the floor standing in the aisles. It was a fire marshal's nightmare, and a testimony to the respect that Dr. Asselin has garnered both as a history expert and as a teacher who teaches because he likes it, not because it's written on a syllabus.

To some, he is perhaps too abrasive, too challenging, too political, too Canadian. To most, he's one of the best we've ever known.

And now he's leaving us. And we're sorry to see him go.

As a teacher, Pierre has inspired students to be critical of the world around them, past and present. He insists on high standards of his students and of himself. His passion for his subject is unparalleled. He inspires even the most complacent students.

He similarly inspires his colleagues, inside and outside of the field of history. Conversations with Pierre always make me think. Chaminade's gain is our loss!

SUSAN INOUE, ASST. PROF. OF LANGUAGE ARTS

He is a rising star of the KCC faculty. (His leaving) is a loss for KCC and a gain for Chaminade.

FRANK ABOU-SAYF, DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH AT KCC

Pierre was one of the first people to welcome me to this campus. He is not only a great teacher, but a great guy. He found the difficult balance between being a likeable teacher while still demanding excellence from his students. Dr. Asselin is the type of professor we should all strive to be.

DUSTIN McDUNN
JOURNALISM INSTRUCTOR/KAPI' O ADVISER

Staff writers Clint Kaneoka and Vuong Phung contributed to this report

HE TALKS THE TALK FOR ONE LAST TIME



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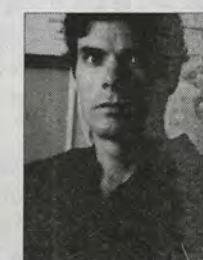
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Feature

Musicians in training are up against the mall

By Mary Lee
STAFF WRITER

The big performance on May 7, 2004 is a recital that most of music students look forward to, an inspiring boost to their vocal chords and playing their musical instruments. The music department has been practicing hard in the Maile auditorium and in their respective classrooms in preparation for their many monthly concerts, including the May 7 performance at the Kahala Shopping Mall from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Anne Craig Lum, Music Discipline Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Music, said that performing at the shopping mall would be a different experience compared to the serious audience at the UH Auditorium. Music students have to learn to stay focused and not get distracted by the shopping crowd. It will be a challenge to keep the public audience to stay throughout their performance.

Janice Kuniyuki, a full-time student and piano tutor, said that practicing and performing are very different and that mistakes could be made on the easy music parts when on stage. Her opportunities to perform have helped her to stay



Photo: Courtesy of Mary Lee
Aspiring musicians Jasmine Skurtu and Tom Morelli practice for the big show.

focused and not to get stage fright. Stage lights may add to her nervousness but still she looks forward to the May 7 event.

Corey Marlatt, who will be playing the synthesizer at the mall, loves performing. Marlatt said he learned to set up the gigs through the class, and likes the feeling of being in a real band. His music ventures include composing and doing sound effects for animation films.

The 48-person choir, under Lina Doo, Instructor of Music, will be a strong vocal force for the May 7 performance. Doo said that music is universal and in the coming concert, her students will be singing a broad range of pieces, from modern and contemporary, to traditional and spiritual, to Hawaiian, Brazilian, and even opera and Broadway. The exposure also means getting students to understand etiquette in performance, and to create art by using their voices.

Nozomi Takehara discovered her alto voice range and how to enjoy singing and music through Doo's chorus class. She is very excited about the May 7 concert because it will not only build up her confidence to perform in front of the public and

to sing in unity, but it will also give her that extra adrenalin rush often associated with musical passion.

Stuart Nago, Lecturer of Guitar and Music Theory, likes the off-campus performance as it is another level of exposure and experience for his guitar students. Nago hopes that his students will take their performances with them after school.

Two of Nago's students are planning to pursue music careers. One of them is Thomas Morelli, a multi-talented music student who will also perform on May 7. He loves to share what he enjoys and feels a strong connection with the audience when they respond. Morelli has just been accepted into the elite San Francisco Conservatory School of Music.

Lum says there are a lot of students at KCC with a good ear for music, and that this will be very important for their finale at Kahala Mall, as it will be an ensemble of voices, guitars and synthesizers and how they work as a dynamic team.

"Recitals such as this event is a high source of enjoyment for other people and oneself," Lum said. "Music not only balances a person's life, but is also a point of enjoyment."

The tutoring center brightens its walls in favor of learning

By Mary Lee
STAFF WRITER

Many of the Holomua students like the brighter and more conducive learning atmosphere of the tutoring center, which have been impacted by the art pieces displayed there.

Sharon Moore, counselor of the Holomua department, conducted a "Brains At Work" workshop last month for Holomua faculties and staff. Her objective of that workshop is to demonstrate a "freeing the brain" learning principle using tempera art as a medium to generate the simplicity of art and how to relate it to the students.

One of Moore's techniques taught in the workshop is to get the participants to close their eyes for five minutes, using twigs to paint while music plays in the background.

Sheila Rhodes, manager of the Holomua Center and one of the workshop participants, received some very inspiring feedback from Holomua students. Many of the stu-

dents and tutors have remarked that the tutoring center looks brighter, more energetic, relaxing, colorful, exudes a warm feeling, and is even more comfortable when music is played during lunch hours.

Virgil Nartatez, a student who works at the Holomua Center, said that he can feel the energy whenever he enters the center. Another student, Jady Kamahele, likes the vibrant colors. She added that the lively and artistic atmosphere is outside the norm of an "academic" environment.

Rhodes is happy to have played a part in creating the nice atmosphere, which brings a human touch to the Holomua Center for students. She said that the art pieces that brighten the environment would help the learning process especially when most of the students go there toward the end of the semester.

"I am encouraged that students feel the same energy or power that I have liberated into my paintings," said Rhodes.

The childlike paintings have brought some interesting remarks from Holomua students such as "which elementary schools did the arts." Some students are surprised that faculty and staff of the Holomua Center did the paintings. Rhodes is glad that students see the creative and softer side of "hard-headed" academicians and how they paint as five-year-olds.

Another participant, Mimi Yen, counselor of the Honda International Office, feels that art brings beauty into lives and to the environment around us. She is happy that the Holomua Center looks more friendly and attractive to students.

Jill Makagon, Holomua department Chairperson, encourages the idea of art being displayed in the Holomua Center after so much positive feedback.

The current "Brains At Work" display will run through summer. All students, faculty and staff are invited to an art reception held in the Holomua Center on May 7, from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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The 'guerilla' tells a tale of fishing

By Clint Kaneoka
CO EDITOR

Although theater productions in Hawaii are known to be quite good, they are often adaptations of mainland plays, and lack the local flavor and humor that help make Hawaii such a unique and wonderful place.

Breaking free from this humdrum mold is "Gone Feeshing," a play by KCC English instructor Lee Tonouchi, which weaves the culture of the islands into a tale that can be appreciated most by those who understand the local lifestyle.

"The characters in the play are ones that local people can relate to," said Tonouchi. "It takes place here, and it is about local people growing up in Hawaii."

The play chronicles the reconciliation of two brothers who have not spoken in many years, and are reunited after the tragic death of their father. However, despite the seemingly gloomy theme, the play is a comedy according to Tonouchi.

"It isn't a sad, depressing story or anything like that," said Tonouchi. "Younger guys will probably relate to it more because there are references to Patricia Ford, you know, stuff like that. It might even be a bad influence on college kids because the main character is trying to be successful without going to college and without working hard. He wants to do it his own way – by creating his own fishing show. It is kind of hard to explain what kind of humor it is. I guess you could say that after watching the play, the audience will really know the meaning of fishing."

The play will be shown at the Kumu Kahua Theater, located downtown on Merchant Street, beginning on May 13 and ending

sometime in June, depending on how well tickets sell. A performance will occur each day from Thursday through Sunday, with the play starting at 8 p.m. on every day except Sunday, when it will be presented at 2 p.m. The performance will last for approximately two hours.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission, but all students wishing to attend will receive a discount, which varies depending on the day. Those attending shows on Thursday to Saturday will pay only \$5 per ticket, while those attending the Sunday showing will be charged \$10.

"Gone Feeshing" is directed by Harry Wong III, a prominent director in Hawaii's theater production scene, and stars local actors, Moses Goods, known for his work in the play "Little Red Riding Hood," Squire Coldwell, Malia Yamamoto, and Wil Kahele.

While Tonouchi is excited about the production of his playwright, he is also eager to work with the budding minds of creative student writers. Although his play will be running throughout the summer, Tonouchi will still be at KCC teaching English 204, a writing intensive, creative writing course.

"I think it is great that students are given the opportunity to learn from somebody who is actually a playwright," said Annie James, a liberal arts student at KCC. "I am sure that he will have some great information to pass on to his students, plus, it might inspire them to write more and take class more seriously if they see what other professional local writers are doing."

Although the course is not listed in the summer class schedule, it will be available for the summer session. The course is listed for online registration under the course code 35330. Classes will run Mon. - Fri. from 8 – 9:30 a.m.

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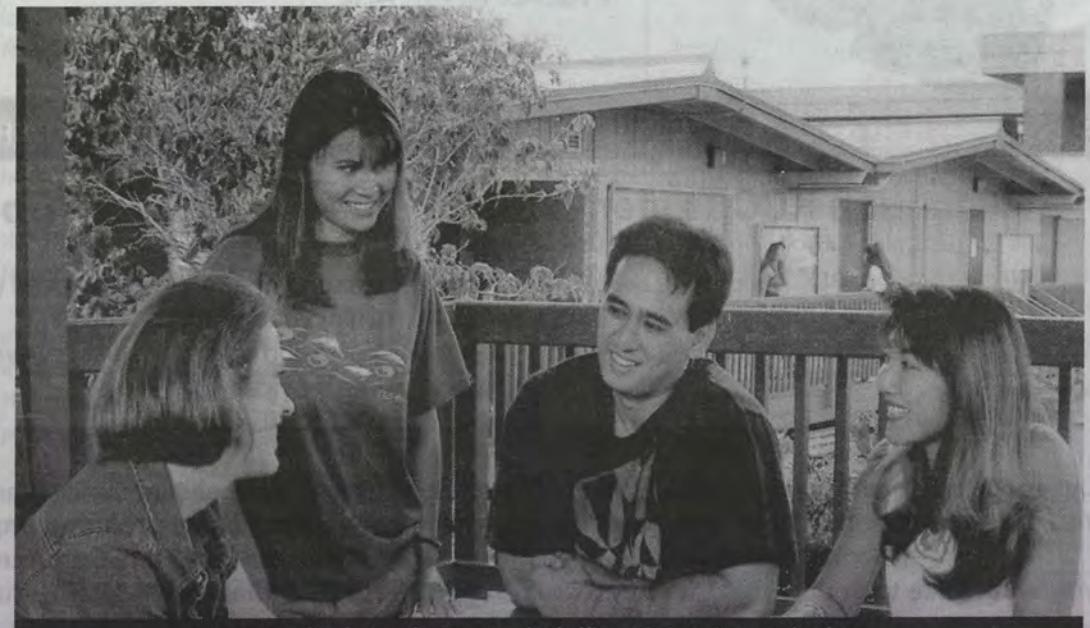


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