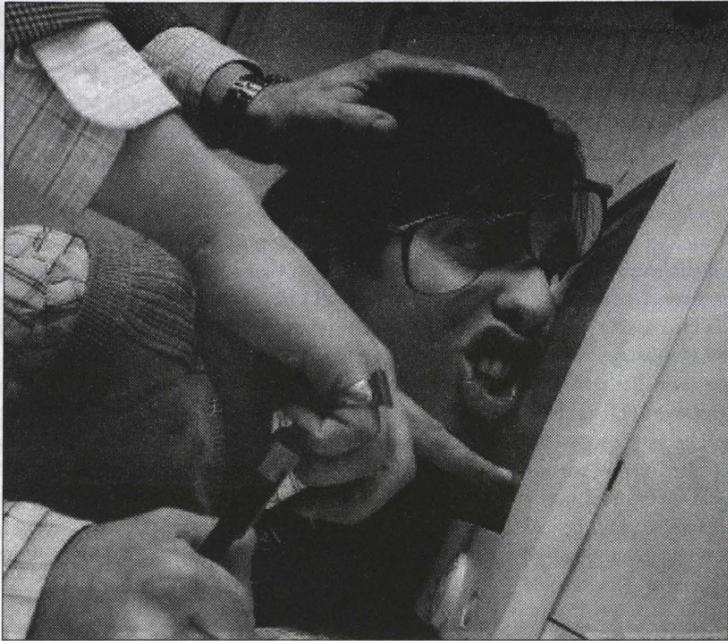


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## Getting help for **STRESS**

Stress can potentially contribute and trigger existing health problems.

By **RG G Lagunday**  
STAFF WRITER

Some stressors can be both positive and negative, but in most cases negative stressors outweigh the positive. According to Claudia Baliscao, an outpatient social worker at the Queens Medical Center, stress comes in different forms, which can be identified as either emotional or psychological stressors. Emotional stressors are a person's feelings towards certain issues and circumstances. Psychological stressors bring into play the emotional stressors.

Baliscao mentioned that over the past few years the number of patients in the age range of early 20's to early 40's have risen, leading patients to what is com-

monly known as burnout. Burnout, when severe, can lead to hospitalization or even suicide. Research done by the Cleveland Clinic has shown that emotional and psychological stressors can aggravate other medical conditions. A few examples of such include cardiovascular disease, asthma, acne, and depression.

Baliscao believes that educating the general public on how to identify and care for individuals with mental health issues should be a priority.

"I'm starting to see more and more patients," Baliscao said. She is glad to see that people are trying to get help, especially since mental breakdowns are occurring more frequently in today's society.

According to MedicineNet.com, factors such as physical health, the quality of interpersonal relationships, and the number of traumatic events or changes that have recently occurred in a person's life can

lead to mental health issues.

Dr. Thomas Morelli, a psychiatrist and therapist at the University of Hawaii Health Clinic, says that about 60 percent of all college students have some type of mental health issue. Some general signs to look for in an individual may include feelings of persistent sadness and gloominess for no particular reason, thoughts of suicide or death, difficulties in sleeping, trouble concentrating and making decisions, change in appetite (eating more or less), feelings of guilt and worthlessness, intense agitation, irritability, agitation, and constant or frequent feelings of tiredness with little activity. Having or noticing several of these symptoms for at least a period of two weeks or more can lead to burnout or depression.

According to Morelli, when an individual comes to him for counseling, he tries to help them

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## Music ACE Cluster

Cluster learning creates helpful atmosphere for international students.

By **Ellice Flores**  
NEWS EDITOR

International students who are interested in music can share their interest with other international students through the International Students and Music ACE Cluster. ACE (Access to College Excellence), is a program designed to help students adjust to college life. Students who participate in an ACE Cluster take two or more courses with a small group of students with similar interests. Along with the

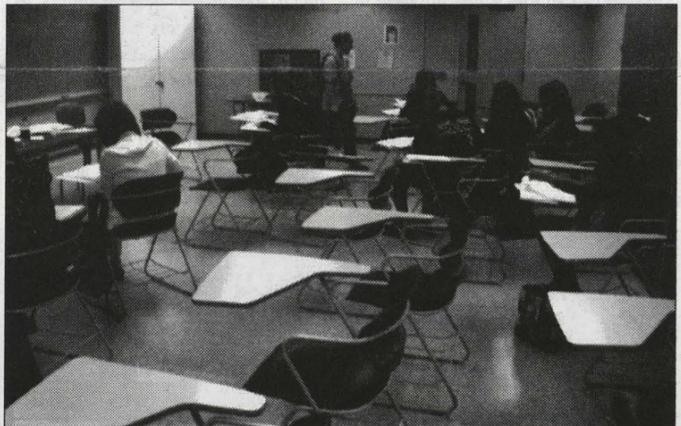
courses, ACE students attend a weekly seminar that helps them reflect on their interests and needs.

The International Students and Music ACE Cluster focuses on helping international students adjust to college life. This year the ACE Cluster music course has ten students: five from China, three from Japan, one from Korea, and one from Vietnam. In the music course, students are taught to compose an original song which they perform for the other clusters at the end of each semester.

"A fun aspect is watching the students get ready for this performance, as they decide amongst themselves who will sing the song, and who will play the piano parts," Assistant Profes-

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## Attendance guidelines vary by instructors



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Attendance fluctuates throughout the semester in many classes.

By **Crystal Carpenito**  
STAFF WRITER

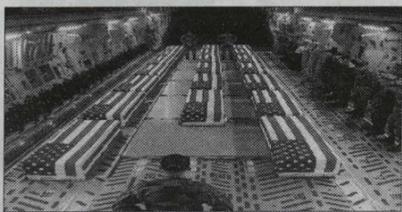
Kapiolani Community College (KCC) believes the best source for providing and sustaining rules within the classroom are the faculty themselves. According to Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Louise Pagotta, this may be the reason for the college not producing an institutional attendance policy. However, the school catalog does state regular class attendance is expected, but subject to course syl-

labi provided by instructors.

In the beginning of each semester, instructors are required to handout a course syllabus that include a small section in reference to attendance expectations. Some instructors enforce strict guidelines, others none at all.

"It's not a one size fits all type of policy," English Professor Catherine Mau Primavera said. Although Primavera's attendance policy states students are permitted to miss one week of absences without penalty, a student's

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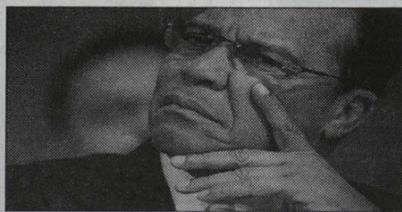


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### The cost of wars

United States military deaths from Iraq and Afghanistan now equal the civilian deaths from the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

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### Hmm... never did get those Jews

The leader of the U.S. Nation of Islam, known for his anti-Semitic comments, has stepped aside due to a painful infection.

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### That's W — d-u-b-y-a.

The Bush administration's billion-dollar-a-year Reading First program gets a failing grade from an internal review.

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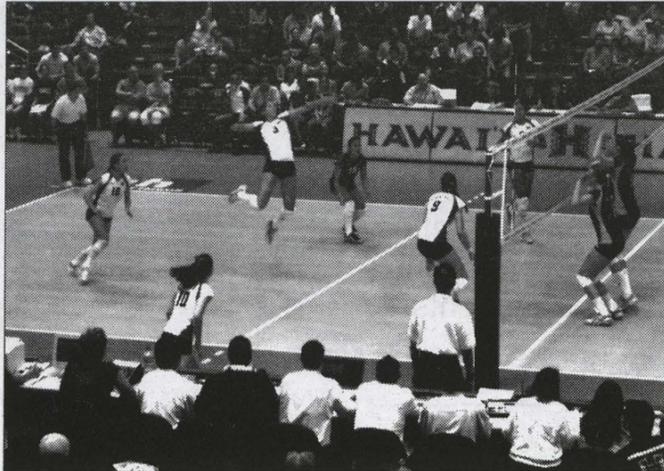
### Too legit to quit

Reggie Bush claims he made \$100,000 through USC Work-Study Program.

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## THE VIEW WE TAKE

### Consistency and Communication Needed for Rainbow Wahine



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Outside hitter Tara Hittle goes for the kill against Pepperdine.

This year's Rainbow Wahine volleyball team has gotten off to a rough start; getting swept by top ranked teams, squeezing out wins from lower rank or unranked teams, giving up five match points, and must we mention that horrific Stanford match where they only scored 10 points in the first set? Fans are getting frustrated, sometimes leaving the game early or not going at all. Are we sure this is volleyball we're watching and not football? A fan on VolleyTalk.com even posted, "This may be the worse Hawaii team ever."

So how can this squad improve in order to make the regionals, which is being played in Hawaii this year? Let's start with the two C's: consistency and communication.

Consistency in hitting and passing is necessary for a good volleyball team, and is something the Rainbows

are lacking. We all know that Jamie Houston can terminate the ball, but she is not consistent. Her hitting percentages are often low at the end of each match. But then again, it's not her fault. The team generally relies on her too much offensively. When a point is needed, they'll go to Houston.

The hitters with the highest hitting percentages are the middles, Juliana Sanders and Kari Gregory. Their hitting percentages as of Sept. 18 are 3.57 and 3.15, respectively. However, the middles haven't been getting as much sets as the outside hitters. As of Sept. 18, Sanders' total number of attacks is at 171, and Gregory is at 181. Houston, on the other hand, has had 501 total attacks. Perhaps setting the middles a little bit more may take some ease off of Houston and Sarah Mason, and may make the team's hit-

ting percentages more consistent.

Communication seems to be a problem this year, which is rare for the Rainbows. Remember that magical rebuilding year in 2004 when they finished the season 30-1? Yeah, we miss that too. We've seen way too many balls drop as the players just stand around wondering who will get it. It could be the constant change in lineup that is mixing up the communication. Whatever the reason is, the chemistry has apparently diminished.

The problem many fans have been talking about is the passing. Hawaii shouldn't be all that bad at passing, considering the team has five liberos. Head coach Dave Shoji has been starting Jayme Lee as libero, which has improved the teams passing since the middle of the first match against Pepperdine. Lately, he has also been starting Raeceen Woolford as defensive specialist. Shoji should stick to that lineup.

The Rainbows have been suffering with injuries. Players sidelined early on in the season have been Sarah Mason, Alicia Arnott, Tara Hittle, Kanoe Kamana'o, and Nickie Thomas. Arnott and Hittle are out for the season, leaving Hawaii lacking outside hitters. That is why more offensive use of the middles is needed.

Nonetheless, with the Western Athletic Conference getting underway, we'll see the Rainbows dominate the conference once again. Hopefully, that will get them into post-season play, and to the regionals that will be played at the Stan Sheriff Center.

## FACULTY INSIGHTS

### The late son of a KCC professor provides a "Guide to a Good Life."

By Linda Fujikawa  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, JAPANESE

With sincere gratitude to each of you, I am back at KCC this semester.

As many of you know, Gen, 18, our beloved son, died on Dec. 23, 2005 in a diving accident. I took a semester off and wrote Gen's Book, "A Guide to a Good Life," in hopes of sharing Gen's compassion for all. We have also been able to establish Aloha 'Aina Gen Fujikawa Memorial Scholarship with your support which will be awarded to students who will continue Gen's love of the 'aina through care of the land and sea of our home, Hawaii. Proceeds from the book will fund this scholarship.

In the meantime, we have started to take action!

On September 12, 2006, students from our sister-school in Japan, Osaka Gakuin University, Calligraphy Club and our International Cafe and Japanese 298, Learning in Application, coordinated Action Now, in the KCC cafeteria. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness that each of us can take action now, big or small, to take responsibility of the world around us. We were able to raise \$220 in just two hours by accepting donations from all of you for the calligraphy and handmade cards. The money will be donated to H-5, Hawaii Having Hungry Have Hope. Director of H-5, Mr. Utu Langi also came to this event and shared his insight into the homeless situation in Hawaii. Mr. Utu called for each of us "to start a wave of action." Just a little pebble starts the

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## WE'VE GOT MAIL

### Don't claim to know what Eddie would do

As I walked around campus this past week I noticed that there were many signs with the simple message, "Eddie Would Vote." It is very disheartening to see the legacy of a very famous and noble man being twisted into a slogan for personal agendas. It is disgusting to see that people think that it would be appropriate to use a dead surfing legend as a way to get people to vote. Nobody knows what Eddie Aikau would have thought about voting and why would anyone assume that he would be in favor of

it? I see people with stickers that say "Mom Would Go" or signs that read "Eddie Would Vote" and I cannot help but think why are people mocking Eddie Aikau? Can't you come up with something more clever to push your political agenda? Why don't we leave Eddie out of this and urge people to vote for the right reasons? Voting is great but getting people to do it at the expense of a fallen hero is repulsive.

-Keola Warren

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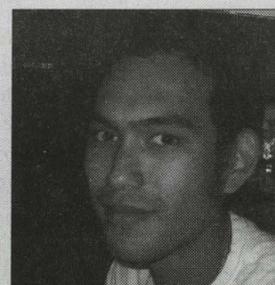
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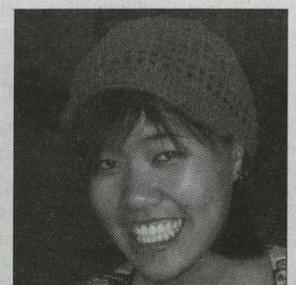
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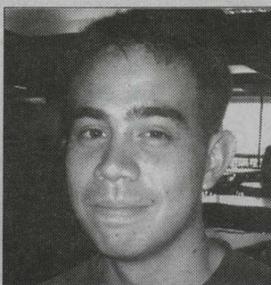
**Maiko Doi:** No, because I don't want to pay for it.



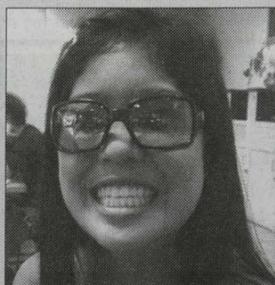
**Mark Nakamoto:** Yes, if it guarantees parking.



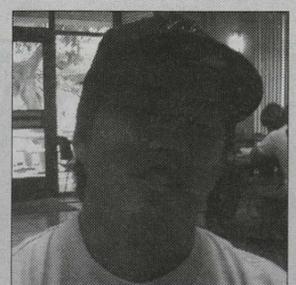
**Mistee Ueyehara:** No, because I'd manage to find free parking anyways.



**Peter Maher:** No, I'm willing to find street parking.



**Sayaka Ogura:** No, why the hell would I want to pay if there's free parking already.



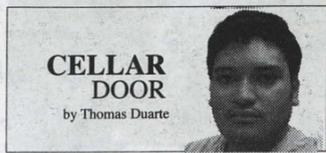
**Shingo Yamazaki:** Yes, because I love wasting money.

## Sign-wavers show their citizenship

The primary has passed and the season of politics is in the final stretch. Our attention now turns to the general election where we, as a state, will make our final selections for who we think will best represent our collective voice. With the second half of the political season starting, we will definitely see more campaigning. Sign-wavers will soon inundate our sidewalks telling us to vote for their candidates.

For the politicians, it is obvious why they would want to get their faces and names out in public. However, there are the supporters who volunteer their time and aid in attempting to get someone else elected. Why do people choose to do this? They do it because they care about the world around them. They are making a choice to get involved. These people represent an important aspect of politics because they are the average people who believe they can make a difference.

These supporters give up their time to stand out on sidewalks, amidst heavy traffic and un-



**CELLAR DOOR**  
 by Thomas Duarte

able heat, to support their political candidates. Many see these sign-wavers as a nuisance or over zealous campaign workers who create more traffic congestion by encouraging drivers to slow down in acknowledgment. But they show more than their support to a political candidate or their interest in politics—they represent the idea of citizenship.

Politics is part of our civic responsibilities: to vote, be informed and care what happens in the world around us. Campaigning is only but one of our civic responsibilities. One of the most admirable acts of a campaign is to stand on a sidewalk to do something others may view as ridiculous, something they themselves would never do.

I commend these volunteers who participate in politics and

take that chance to be informed and understand what is going on. These people volunteer their time and enthusiastically support and believe in their politicians. Regardless of whom they support and why, I commend them for being a part of the political process.

I do not think that everyone should become part of a political campaign, but I do think more people should make the attempt to learn about issues and make informed decisions. There is not much to it; many newspapers have printed the positions of the candidates and who is running for what. It takes just a little effort.

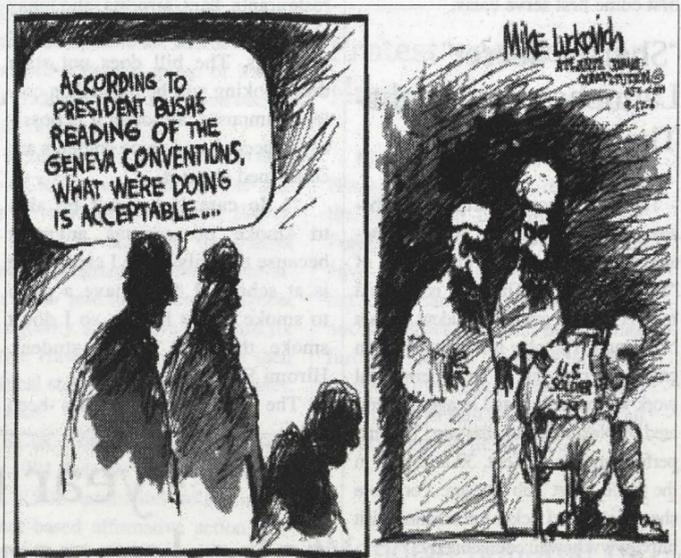
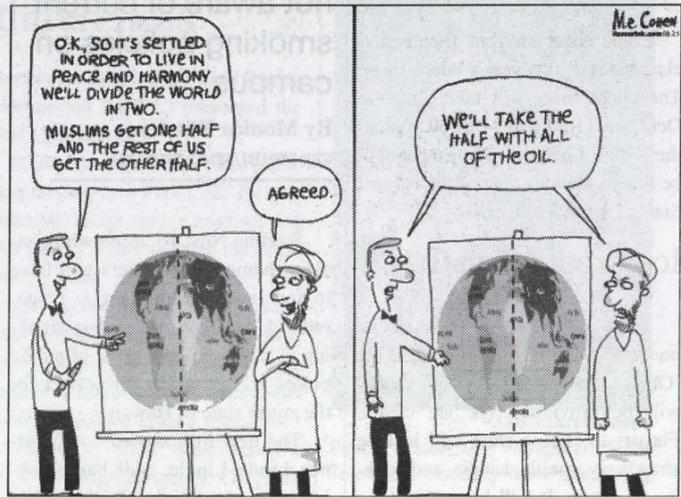
Though these sign-wavers are not perfect and at times make drivers nervous when they lean a little too far out in the road, we should, however, give them a little breathing space. Allow them chance to promote their candidate. You don't have to vote for their candidate to recognize their commitment. Don't get mad at them and honk in anger, honk because you appreciate their efforts.

The Kapi'o welcomes guest editorials from all Kapi'olani Community College students, faculty and staff.

If you would like submit a guest editorial contact the Kapi'o advisor, Dustin McDunn at 734-9120 or via email at [mcdunn@hawaii.edu](mailto:mcdunn@hawaii.edu)

## This week in the funnies

A selection of comics from the national newstand



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little pebble starts the ripple.

Our students in the International Cafe will continue this little ripple by starting an "International Story Time" at Leahi Hospital for the senior citizens and for the children at Second Step, the homeless transition center in Kakaako. You are all welcome at the International Cafe in Iliahi 129 if you'd like be a part of this wave of action.

We are human beings, in the process of being... ongoing. My son, Gen, loved to fish and just shared his fish with houseless friends along the Leeward coast. Now his friends continue his little kindness through Gen's Waianae Project collecting canned goods for the homeless. Please join us in the ongoing process of being human and really live.

Gratitude, Love, and Respect,  
 Linda Fujikawa

The following is an excerpt from Gen's Book I'd like to share with you as a guest editorial for Kapi'o.

### Houseless But Not Homeless

One of Gen's houseless friends reminded us at Oneula Beach Park in Ewa, "I am houseless but not homeless." I have the love of my family and friends so I have a home... I just don't have a house."

Robin and I were cleaning up and putting away the chairs and tables after a meeting to discuss the houseless situation along the Leeward Coast and noticed that all the people helping were the houseless friends from Nanakuli...

When we offered a ride after we put away everything, their parting words were "Come anytime to Nanakuli!" I felt the welcome and aloha... Our houseless friends were welcoming us to their home.

The homeless situation is the core of many of our problems today... drugs, apathy, war, hopelessness, feeling of emptiness, meaningless existence, houselessness, stress... Homelessness afflicts all of us, rich and poor. I believe that the "homeless" situation of the stressed out family and society is the core of our problem. The median price of a house in Hawaii is nearing \$700,000.

The rental units are scarce and a two bedroom house is about \$1,500 a month, away from town... But this is not the heart of the problem. You can have a million dollar house and not have a true home. You may be houseless and yet have a home with compassion for fellow man and nature.

Without a home in our hearts, we can create a homeless civilization. Where is humanity without a home in the hearts of humans? This is the problem. I do not have all the answers to this homeless situation which is worse than the houseless situation.

However, I believe that it begins in each of us. Create a true home in your heart where you can come home safely. Create a home of compassion with no walls. Let this become a home for all. Create a peaceful home within your heart.

Peace begins in our hearts. Peace within will help us deal with the chaos that surrounds us daily. Perhaps with peace within, we will have hope for true world peace. Let's begin now with a quiet moment.

## Kapi'olani Community College will join the newly National Science Foundation funded Islands of Opportunity Alliance led by the University of Hawaii at Hilo

Kapi'olani Community College is proud to announce it is a member of the newly funded Islands of Opportunity Alliance, as part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program of the National Science Foundation. The Islands of Opportunity Alliance is administratively centered at the University of Hawaii at Hilo and its key leadership will be UH-Hilo's Chancellor Dr. Rose Tseng as Principal Investigator (PI), Dr. Dan Brown (UH Hilo) as Program Director, and Carmen Perez-Frayne (UH-Hilo) as Program Manager.

Seventeen institutions throughout Hawaii and the Pacific will work collaboratively to increase the overall number of underrepresented students receiving bachelor degrees in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Alliance member institutions are: UH Hilo, UH Manoa, Chaminade University, the University of Guam, Hawai'i Pacific University, the community colleges of the UH system (Hawai'i, Honolulu, Kapiolani, Kauai, Leeward, Maui, and Windward), American Samoa Community College, Guam Community College, College of the Marshall Islands, Northern Marianas College, and Palau Community College.

Launched in 1991, the main goal of LSAMP is

to encourage and facilitate access to careers in STEM fields for underrepresented populations.

More specifically, NSF hopes to encourage these students to enroll in and complete baccalaureate programs in STEM fields, as well as to continue on to graduate studies in these fields. The LSAMP Program began with grants to six multi-institution collaborative efforts, called Alliances. Today, there are 34 Alliances with more than 450 participating institutions throughout the country, with the Islands of Opportunity Alliance being the newest addition.

The Islands of Opportunity Alliance plans to build upon the successes of past and current LSAMP Programs throughout the country, utilizing practices that have been shown to best accomplish the primary goal of increasing graduation rates of underrepresented students in STEM fields.

The Alliance has adapted these best practices to the unique cultural and geographic setting of the Pacific region, utilizing the extensive scholarship on cross-cultural communication and on learning styles of islander peoples, and administrative structures that have succeeded in spanning the vast distances between islands.

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**CAMPUS &  
COMMUNITY BRIEFS****Student Talent Show  
with Sonya Mendez**

Come cheer on your friends and classmates at this year's talent show. The talent show will take place on Oct. 2 at 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the 'Ohi'a Cafeteria. The emcee will be Sonya Mendez, one of the Hawaii Star's TV show judges.

**Ice Cream Social**

There will be an ice cream social on Oct. 3 from 12 - 12:30 p.m. at the 'Ohi'a cafeteria. Meadow Gold Dairy will be providing free ice cream. Flavors to choose from will include strawberry, vanilla, haupia, and cookies 'n cream. It will be served on a first come first serve basis.

**"Share a Secret"  
Launches Late Night  
Theater Season**

The UH-Manoa Department of Theater and Dance opens its late night theater season with the world premiere of "Share a Secret." The play is directed by UH-Manoa graduate student Jessica Nakamura. The play is not based on an existing script, but is an experimental work where the text and images are created by Nakamura and the cast. The first performance is on Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. in the Earle Ernst Lab Theater. For more show times and ticket information visit <http://www.hawaii.edu/kennedy>.

**New Media Arts Film  
Featured In Art Show**

The Spring 2006 New Media Arts Practicum Class' animated film "Toilet Story" was accepted into the Art of Digital Show. The Art of Digital Show is an international exhibition held at the Lyceum Theater Gallery in San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter. The exhibition will run from Oct. 6 to Nov. 19.

**Come Support KCC  
Softball Team**

KCC has put together a softball team, the Kapi'olani Royals, to participate in the UH softball tournament. This tournament is a fundraiser for Aloha United Way. The tournament will be held on Sept. 29 from 6 - 9 p.m. at Les Murakami Stadium. The Royals play their first game against UH West Oahu.

**Scholarship available**

Local publisher Bamboo Ridge is offering scholarships to full-time undergraduates and students in grades 9-12 for "Try 4 Write," the organization's bi-annual writer's institute. The event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14 at UH Manoa's Campus Center and feature local writers, Lee Cataluna, Ku'u'aloa Ho'omanawanui, Albert Wendt, and KCC's Own, "Pidgin Guerilla" Lee Tonouchi in workshops and panels. The deadline for student scholarships and registration is on Saturday, Sept. 30. You can find more information at [www.bambooridge.com](http://www.bambooridge.com)

**Campus could be smoke-free soon**

**Many students are not aware of current smoking policies on campus.**

**By Monica Winders**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Starting Nov. 16, those who consider themselves smokers will have to find new places to light up a cigarette. A new law prohibiting smoking in most enclosed areas of public places will be going into effect for the entire state of Hawaii.

The new bill, signed by Governor Linda Lingle, will ban smoking in most public places including restaurants, bars, airports, and areas close to the entrances of public buildings. The bill does not state that smoking will be banned on college campuses, although it is possibly expected, and some students are concerned about it.

"I do care if I won't be able to smoke on campus anymore because the only place I can smoke is at school. I don't have a patio to smoke on (at home), so I don't smoke there all," KCC student, Hiromi Endo said.

The state of Hawaii has been



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Students are found smoking at the entrance of the Lama Building, despite the non-smoking signs posted around the area.

attempting to rid the health causes of smoking and second hand smoke for years now. In January 2003, a smoking policy went into effect for all University of Hawaii system campuses, prohibiting smoking in specified areas.

The policy states that smoking is not allowed in interior spaces owned, rented, or leased by the university. This includes building courtyards, breezeways, and terraces, exterior stairways and access ramps within 20 feet of building entrances and exits, and within

50 feet of designated pick-up and drop-off points for campus and public bus transportation stops.

Though it has been in effect for three years, students seem to be unaware of the UH tobacco products policy in the first place.

"Oops," said student, Christina Kaneshiro, after reading about the policy for the first time. "I had no clue."

As smokers around campus light up wherever they like, some have no clue where they are not allowed to smoke. The only officially designated

areas seem to be the four-bench bunk outside the Lama building and various ashtrays around the perimeter of the Great Lawn.

"I smoke on the way to class, outside the cafeteria, under the trees, and in the parking lot," Kaneshiro said. "It's (the policy) very reasonable, but it only gives us one designated area to smoke."

Although Kaneshiro was shocked after reading the policy, when asked if the school should create more designated areas to smoke, Kaneshiro replied, "No, because there shouldn't be encouragement to smoke. It's disgusting."

In addition to the policy, a program is also available for smokers on campus to help them quit. Tobacco use cessation services are offered on all UH campuses for students who wish to quit smoking.

"I don't think I would use the (cessation) program because I don't want to quit smoking," Endo said. "Smoking takes away my stress."

To top off the latest smoking law and tobacco policy, the state has decided to increase taxes on cigarettes this year. Smokers will be paying 20 to 50 cents more than usual on each pack of cigarettes starting Sept. 30. The state is trying to crack down on smoking slowly and strategically in order to "clear the smoke" and create a healthy environment for the people of Hawaii.

**Two - year degree may  
take longer**

**By Emmanuel Reyes**  
STAFF WRITER

Students who want to complete an Associate degree go to a community college like KCC. Upon receiving an Associate degree, students often attend a four-year university to further their education. An Associate degree usually takes two years to complete, but many students find out that it takes more than two years to graduate.

"I thought that two years would be a good amount of time for me to finish and receive my Associates," said KCC student of four semesters, Heinani Lau Gnou Danh. "It took me three semesters to finish all my prerequisite classes. As of right now, I believe that I have to take two more semesters with four or more classes just to get my Associate."

Many students like Heinani also feel that they are wasting a lot of time taking classes just to fulfill the credit requirements for their degree. Even after they have completed the prerequisite classes and required classes, students still don't have enough credits to receive an Associate degree.

According to Frank K. Abou-Sayf, the director of the Office of Planning and Institutional Research, there are very few students who receive their Associate degree in just two years.

"Students usually take three to four years of schooling to receive an Associate degree," Abou-Sayf said. "The reason why is that the students are not prepared

**The reason why is that the students are not prepared after graduating from high school.**

— Frank Abou-Sayf, Director of Office of Planning and Institutional Research

after graduating from high school."

On the other hand, there are students who feel that attending a community college still helps them in some ways.

"Going to KCC doesn't help me save time. But going to KCC helps me save some money because it's cheaper than going to a university," said Joy Fernandez, who has been a KCC student for three semesters.

When students apply at KCC, there are placement tests that they can take. The placement tests evaluate English and math skills. The results from the tests will then place students in classes that match their levels in the subjects. When a student is placed below 100 level courses they may need to take extra classes. These extra classes could add semesters to the time needed to complete a degree.

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# John Doe vs. Kamehameha Schools

By Liana Hofschneider STAFF WRITER

## Preference policy challenged

A lawsuit filed by an unidentified non-Native Hawaiian applicant and his mother, referred to as John Doe, in the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii, challenges Doe's rejection from Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate (KSBE) and states that the admission's policy is racially motivated and in violation of federal law, specifically 42 United States Code Section 1981 (42 U.S.C. §1981).

Section 1981, Civil Rights Act of 1866 states, "All persons within the jurisdiction of the United States shall have the same right... to make and enforce contracts... as is enjoyed by white citizens." Doe alleged he was denied admission based on ancestry, and that the KSBE preference policy violates the aforementioned federal civil rights statute.

Most lawsuits, including this case, start in a trial court. The trial court in this case was the United States District Court for the District of Hawai'i, here in Honolulu. The trial court then hears the evidence presented by each of the parties and applies the appropriate legal rules to the facts to decide which side should win.

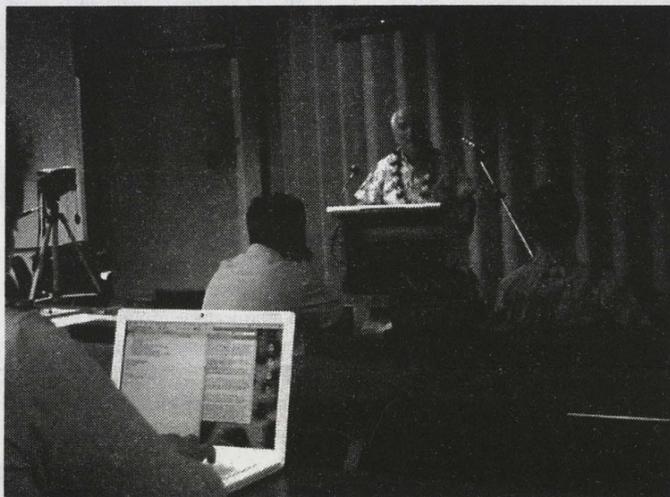
After listening to both sides of the case, the trial court renders a judgment. If a litigant believes that the trial court made a mistake in deciding what the law is, or how it should be applied, then judgment can be appealed. In the Doe v. KSBE case, the appellate court is the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco. The Appellate courts generally make their decisions on the

basis of the record in the trial court, and generally accept the decisions of the trial court on any disputed questions of fact.

In this case, the trial court decided against Doe. Judge Alan Kay held that KSBE's decision not to admit Doe, although based upon racial criteria, was made in accordance with a lawful affirmative action plan and was therefore not prohibited by Federal law. Doe appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and was heard by a three-judge panel.

The Ninth Circuit panel ruled two to one in favor of Doe. The panel

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LIANA HOFSCHEIDER / THE KAPI'O  
David Forman (above), a civil rights attorney for the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) presented the Kamehameha School's side at 'Ohi'a 118 during a OSA workshop.

## Workshop explains differences

In recognition of Constitution Day, the Office of Student Activities organized a workshop on Sept. 13 in 'Ohi'a 118 to present issues surrounding the landmark case, John Doe v. Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate (KSBE). The workshop featured two attorneys who are not affiliated officially with either side of the case. They presented both sides of the case for educational purposes and were able to shed insight on the case.

Paul M. Sullivan, who works for the Navy and is an adjunct professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii, presented the position of Doe and David M. Forman, a civil rights

attorney for the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) presented the school's position.

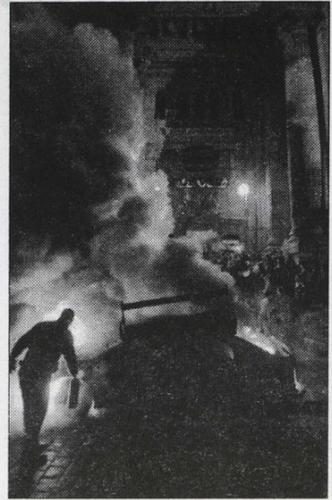
Forman presented the school's case using the acronym P.R.I.C.E.: Private, Remedial, Indigenous, Congress, and Education. Private refers to the organization being a private school and accepts no federal funds; Remedial refers to the purpose to remedy a long history of dispossession that is still apparent in Hawai'i today; Indigenous because a private citizen established the school in 1884 while Hawai'i was a sovereign Kingdom. Congress refers to the recognition of the wrongs inflicted upon Native Hawaiians, and Education refers to the school that has produced a diverse group of leaders and graduates who have given back to their community.

In support of KSBE, Forman used the HCRC's amicus curiae brief stating "Civil Rights and Native Hawaiian Rights are distinct... the goal of remedial programs for Native Hawaiians is to restore self-determination, not equality. Restorative programs for Native Hawaiians are based on their political status as indigenous peoples, not race."

HCRC's brief also stated that Section 1981 does not apply in this case. The KSBE admission policy is not a race-based affirmative action program. Legal standards for determining "legitimate non-discriminatory reasons for adverse employment action" do not apply. In addition, the history

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## RECENT SNAPSHOTS OF EVENTS AROUND THE GLOBE



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Police retook the Hungarian State Television building from occupying protesters.

## Protest persists in Hungary

In Budapest, thousands of Hungarians continue to demand the resignation of Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany. The protests have resulted in violent clashes, but Gyurcsany insists that he will not step down, and will not tolerate further violence. The protest was a response to a leaked tape in which Gyurcsany is said to have lied about the economy to be re-elected.

## Mandela honored by Amnesty

Former South African president Nelson Mandela is to be awarded the highest honor by Amnesty International. The Ambassador of Conscience award recognizes Mandela's commitment and dedication to his work in advocating justice and freedom. Mandela became the first black president in South Africa in 1994.

## Abe wins candidacy

Shinzo Abe has been chosen as Japan's front runner for the prime minister candidacy by the ruling party, currently headed by Prime Minister Koizumi Junichiro. Abe has secured 464 out of the 703 Liberal Democratic Party votes. Fifty-one year old Abe, Chief Cabinet Secretary, will be confirmed as prime minister at parliament next week.

## Mine blast kills 41

A mine blast in northern Karaganda, Kazakhstan, has killed at least 41 miners. According to local officials, eight miners are missing and 300 have been reported to have escaped the explosion. Underground rescue efforts have been hampered due to a fire that broke out after the explosion. Reasons for the cause of the blast have not yet been reported.

# Wisconsin city to vote on impeaching Bush

## Wisconsin Rapids gets impeach Bush referendum on general election ballots.

By Courtney Johnson  
U-WIRE

The city of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., voted this week to put a referendum on the Nov. 7 general election ballot to determine whether President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney should be impeached. In a 7-1 vote Tuesday night, the Common Council voted to authorize placing the referendum on the ballot, along with other statewide elections for governor and attorney general.

Bill Dolan, a Wisconsin Rapids citizen, introduced the referendum, which started as a 921-signature petition.

"Now the people have their chance to voice their opinion by voting," Dolan said. "We're very pleased with that."

Maynard Paterick, the president of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council, said he is opposed to the idea of an impeachment referendum, going so

far as to call it "ridiculous." In spite of that, however, Paterick voted to put it on the November ballot.

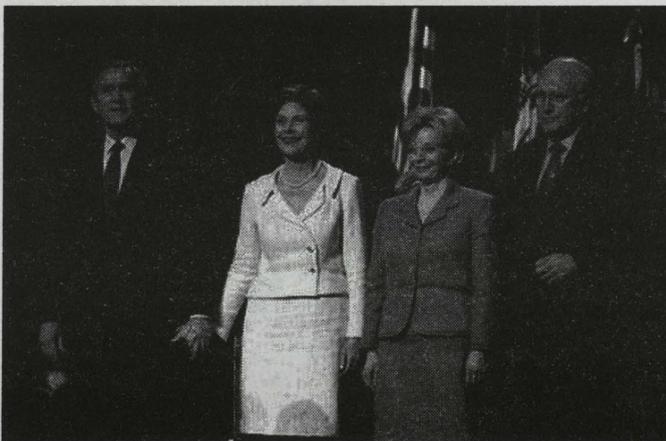
"I just don't think it should be brought up, but I felt I owed it to the [921] people to give them their rights," Paterick said.

The impeachment referendum may give this small northern Wisconsin town of about 18,000 a higher voter turnout.

"I may have to have more election workers, and we're already ordering more ballots because we expect more people," Vernon Borth, Wisconsin Rapids city clerk, said. "This, combined with the governor and sheriff's race, will probably make a bigger turnout."

According to Borth, 10 other important referendums will be on the city's ballot this year. And Dolan, meanwhile, said he is confident his referendum will pass.

"We couldn't reach everyone in the city, but the majority of them that we spoke to were for it," he said. Paterick disagreed with Dolan's assessment and said the resolution's vague wording and lack of specific reasoning will affect voter response.



ERIC DRAPER/WHITEHOUSE.GOV  
President George W. Bush stands with Laura Bush, Lynne Cheney and Vice President Dick Cheney during the pre-inaugural event "Saluting Those Who Serve" at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C., Tuesday Jan. 18, 2005.

"If they state they want the war ended in Iraq, it may be a different story, but that's not the way this referendum was made out," Paterick said. "I think it'll be defeated something terrible." In addition, Paterick said he and several other Common Council members were confused why a federal issue has become a city council issue.

Referendums similar to the one in

Wisconsin Rapids will also be on ballots in Berkeley, Calif.; Champaign City, Ill.; Cunningham Township, Ill.; Pittsville, Wis.; and San Francisco.

"I think it'll show the (Bush) administration that the people are concerned enough to fight for this referendum on the ballot," Dolan said. "And hopefully it'll change their thinking."

# Technology meets art in new exhibit

Artist Eddo Stern showcases recent works at Koa gallery exhibit.

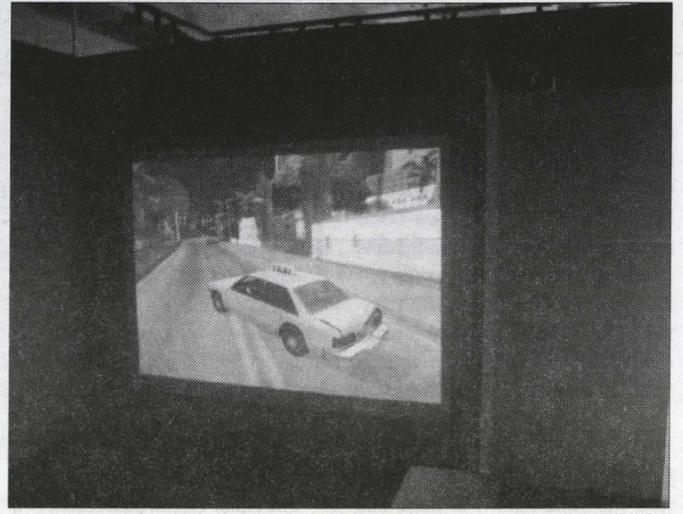
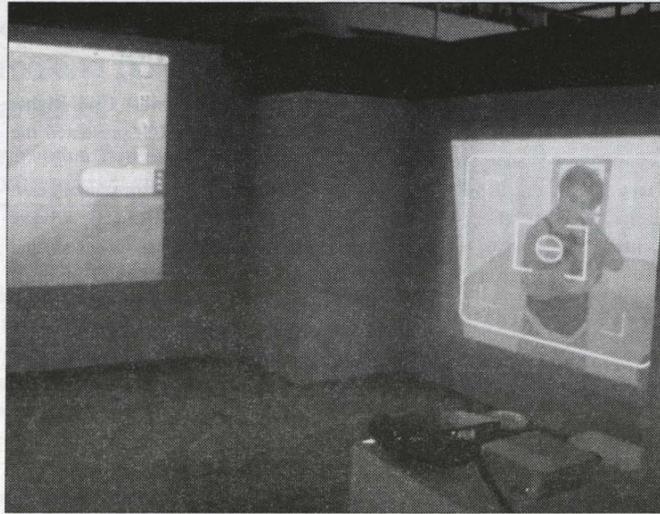
By Anavic Ibanez  
LAYOUT EDITOR

Video games, fine art and current events combine in another world at the Kapiolani Community College's Koa Gallery, presently showcasing: "Dark Machinima", a four video installation exhibit by Eddo Stern.

Stern, born in Tel Aviv, Israel (currently resides in Los Angeles), explores and creates new forms of narrative and documentary. Both an artist and computer game designer, he pushes conventional artistic boundaries, and combines fantasy and history by sharing his thoughts and experiences through what he does best: video games.

"There is a void between fine arts and video game applications, but he closes that void with his work," said David Behlke, director of the Koa Gallery.

His work has been shown internationally from museums and galleries to new media and film festivals and game conventions. At the Koa Gallery, three of the



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The exhibit consists of four video installations (three being similar in themes) in two dark rooms. Shown here are two different scenes from Eddo Stern's latest video: *Landlord Vigilante*. Headphones are provided for audience use.

four video installations have war themes: "Death Star" (2004), "Vietnam Romance" (2003) and "Sheik Attack" (1999/2000). The fourth is a recent work called "Landlord Vigilante" (2006). The exhibit brought mixed opinions to observers.

"I thought it was more art than film. He has to remember that his audience is the video game generation, the ADD generation," said KCC animation student Darnell Domingo.

Matt Maeda, another KCC animation student said that the camera shots were longer than

they should have been.

"There is a combination of storytelling and video games. I thought it was more film than art."

Stern's work touches both the visual and the audio senses. Influenced by his time served in the Israeli Army, Stern's "Sheik Attack" immerses his audience in snippets of war related clips from video games such as Tom Clancy's "Rainbow Six," "Star Craft" and even "Sim City." Soothing songs from his home country is played in the background.

Stern's most recent 30-minute

work, "Landlord Vigilante," is a video with stills of a certain action accompanied by a complicated yet interesting storyline about a female cab driver turned landlord. The viewing experience is different from walking around a gallery with paintings and sculptures.

"What I find fascinating about the artist is that he captivates his audiences by putting them in a dark room with a projector surrounded by walls and a soundtrack," Behlke said.

When asked why video games became a vessel for his works at the

exhibit, Stern responded, "Video allows for the best compromise; you have the flexibility of presenting the aura as well as being reproducible."

"Dark Machinima" opened on Sept. 13 and will be exhibited through Oct. 6. Koa Gallery hours are Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Viewing is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact David Behlke at 734-9374 or visit [www.koagallery.kcc.hawaii.edu](http://www.koagallery.kcc.hawaii.edu).

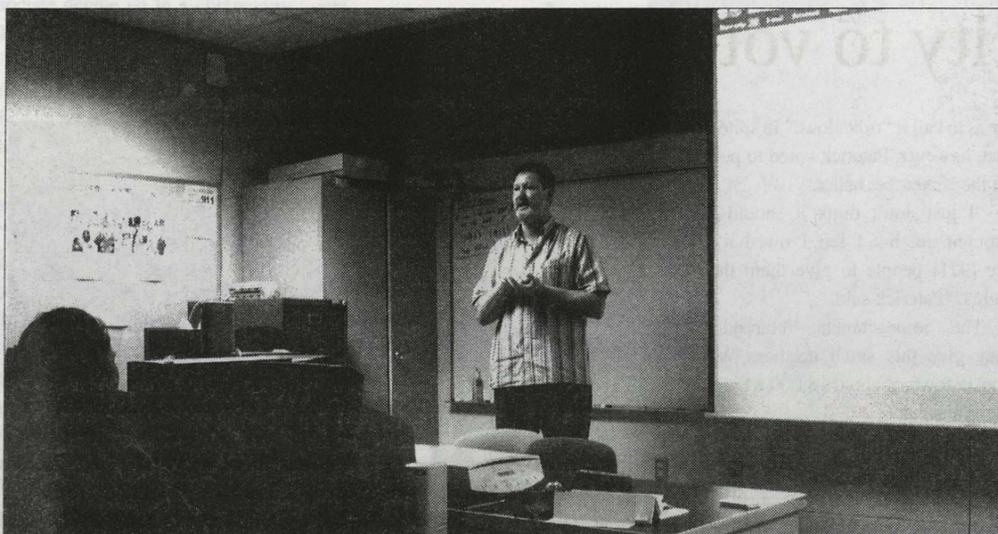
## Latest Microsoft system to be released soon

Information Technology Evangelist introduces new Microsoft's Windows Vista

By Mike Hewitt  
STAFF WRITER

Chris Avis started at Microsoft in 1994 driving a shuttle van between buildings. After leaving Microsoft for about a year, he returned to work for five years as a customer care representative. Four years ago, Avis began traveling the world and telling people about the latest Microsoft products as an Information Technology (IT) Evangelist. On Sept. 13, Avis gave a presentation to a crowded room in Kopiko 103 about the latest Microsoft operating system, and a new Internet search engine intended to compete with Google. According to Avis a beta (testing version) of the search engine available at [live.com](http://live.com) will finish trials, and give Google competition within the next six months.

Windows Vista will replace the Microsoft XP operating system in the next few months. Originally scheduled for release last year, security concerns and a desire for more complete functionality held up production. Microsoft Vista Build 5600 is nearing the end of consumer testing before release. There will be seven versions of Vista released. One will be for Europe, where security issues differ from the United States, and an Asia Pacific version



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Chris Avis pictured here demonstrates the many features of Microsoft's new operating system Microsoft Vista.

will include anti-piracy elements.

The U.S. Vista release includes five versions. Home Basic is for users who perform mostly simple tasks like email, word processing, and Internet surfing. Like all other Vista versions, it includes improved security and safety features. Searching for files is faster and easier because of tags created by the user for common files. For instance, all class assignments can have a tag called "coursework" despite different file names for each

file. By typing the tag, "coursework" into the search box, all files with that tag will come up no matter where they are stored on the computer.

Another feature common to all Vista versions is a search box on the desktop and every program window. Vista also allows users the option to automatically backup files to prevent data loss. Windows in Vista have transparent borders so users can see if there are any windows underneath the active one without minimiz-

ing. By pressing the flying Windows and alt keys at the same time, Windows Switcher can be turned on. The switcher shows all open windows stacked on the desktop in staggered preview panes. The arrow keys rotate windows to allow users to see the contents of each window until they reach the desired window. Users then hit the enter key to select that window.

The Home Premium version adds enhanced functionality for games,

music, video, and internet television. A new Media Center allows recording of digital and analog television onto the computer, which can be recorded to DVD for storage and playback. Media Center organizes music by artist, genre, composers, and song titles. It automatically goes online to retrieve album covers associated with each music file. Because of the enhanced video features, some computers will need a new video card to work with the Vista operating system.

Ultimate Vista, designed for both small business and personal use, has all the features of Home Basic and Home Premium. The Ultimate version has extra gadgets like a stock ticker and picture profiling. The Business Edition is for small to large businesses. Enterprise Edition is for large, global, complex IT operations.

Vista will include Internet Explorer 7 and Media Player 11. Experienced IT professionals can try the beta customer preview at [microsoft.com/vista](http://microsoft.com/vista), but it expires June 1, 2007, after which the system will not roll back to the previous version. Another disadvantage to the trial version is that it requires a complete backup of your computer or your data will be lost. Microsoft recommends only IT experts consider using the customer preview.



Left: Students gather around cafeteria to sign up for clubs on club day.

Below: Before joining the international club, Tatsuya Shimizu is making sure that he is signing the right form.

# WELCOME TO THE CLUB

THE OSA STUDENT CLUB DAY WAS HELD IN THE 'OHI'A CAFETERIA ON SEPT. 18. THIS GIVES STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE NUMEROUS CLUBS WE HAVE AT KCC. IT IS ALSO ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND BE MORE INVOLVED WITH KCC.

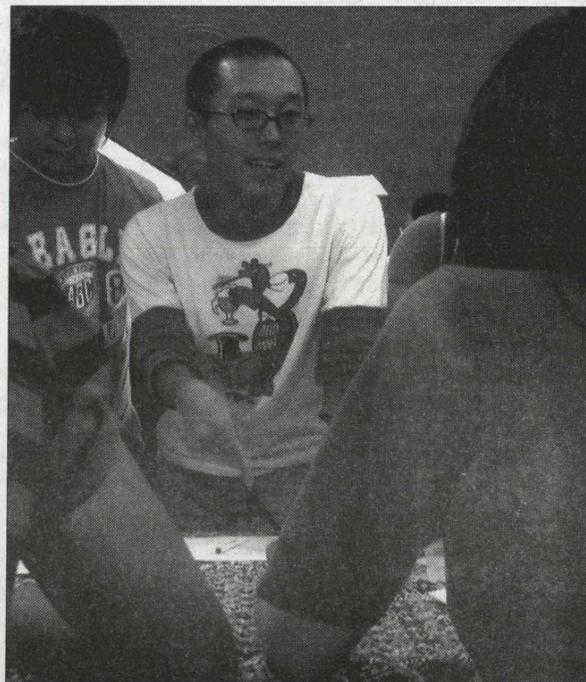


PHOTO ESSAY  
BY ZHI SITU & MATT AKIYAMA



Left: Cherina de Silva-Hsia displays brochures and magazines relating to the Spanish club. Above: Student clubs set up in the cafeteria to attract potential candidates.

## KCC STUDENT EVENTS CALENDAR

### » September 26

**"Always Sunset in 3rd Street"** at 5:30 p.m. a Japanese film with English subtitles in 'Ohī'a 118.

### » September 27

**Oahu Mass Transits Alternatives Forum** at 11:00 a.m. with guest speakers Toru Hamayasu, City Chief Engineer; Charles Djou, East Honolulu City Councilman; Dave Shapiro, Honolulu Advertiser news columnist; and private citizen, Cliff Slater in 'Ohī'a 118.

**Wreath of Aloha** the international cafe will be starting their wreath of condolence for the many homeless who die alone.

### » September 29

**Eastern Belly Dancing with Willow Chang** at 11:30 a.m.

### » September 30

**OSA Outdoor Concert** on the Great Lawn at KCC at 6:00 p.m. There will be food on sale, no alcohol or drugs allowed. Performers include: Son Caribe, Ki Ho'alu Hawaii Slack Key concert with Dennis & David Kamakahi and Cyril Pahinui, and the U.S. Air Force "Hana Hou" contemporary band.

### » October 2

**Student Talent Show** at 11:30 a.m.

**SOS: Queen Kapi'olani and KCC** at 12:15 p.m., speaker Colette Higgins, in Lama 116.

### » October 3

**Ice Cream Social** at 12:00 p.m.

**SOS: Writing a Research Paper with LILO** at 12:15 p.m., speaker Kevin Roddy, in Lama 116.

### » October 4

**Sexual Assault - Knowledge is Power** at 12:30 p.m., guest speakers Christy Werner of the Sex Assault Treatment Center and HPD Officer Eddie Croom in 'Ohī'a 118.

**Nursing General Information Session** at 9:00 a.m. for students interested in the nursing program at KCC. In Kopiko 127 and 128.

## Workshop:

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and purposes behind the admission policy is for different, additional types of legitimate, non-discriminatory reasons. The brief points out two different reconciled stories: a legacy left for Native Hawaiians, and the ongoing struggle for equality by emancipated slaves and their descendants.

The HCRC is responsible for enforcing state laws, regulations that prohibit discrimination in employment, public accommodations, state-funded services, and real estate transactions. According to a footnote extracted from the HCRC, friends-of-the court brief, "HCRC does not exercise jurisdiction over complaints of discrimination in public or private school education. And that it does not accept, investigate or administratively adjudicate complaints involving claims of discrimination in

admission, discipline, grading, or misconduct by or against students."

In presenting Doe's side, Sullivan stated the student is not of Hawaiian ancestry, but he nevertheless applied, in four successive years, for admission to KSBE. Doe disclosed his ancestral background while applying, and the school concluded that Doe was a "competitive applicant" then placed him on the "waiting list" each year, but his applications were eventually denied. According to Sullivan, the school admitted that if Doe had been of Native Hawaiian ancestry he would have been admitted upon his second application. Therefore, following Doe's second rejection, he filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in which the district court ruled in favor of KS, but that decision was overturned by a three-judge panel. KS requested and the court ordered a rehearing en banc.

"Let me first say what this case is not about. It is not about the U.S.

Constitution. Doe's claim is based solely on statutory grounds, namely, 42 U.S.C. § 1981. This case is also not about being faithful to the will of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop. That will, established the trust, which funds, to a substantial degree, the KSBE, but its very carefully worded language does not impose any racial test for admission," Sullivan said.

Sullivan continued to say that what the case is about is a statute, namely 42 U.S.C. § 1981, which prohibits the KSBE trustees from applying a racially exclusionary admission policy to Doe. The statute is derived from the oldest U.S. civil rights law, the Civil Rights act of 1866.

Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, the great granddaughter and last surviving heir of King Kamehameha I, died in 1884 leaving most of her vast estate in trust to establish a school dedicated to the education and upbringing of Native Hawaiians.

## Policy:

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held that the school's claim to the affirmative action policy did not meet the requirements of Federal law and did not excuse the school from complying with the law prohibiting racial discrimination in contracting. As a result, KSBE on Feb. 16, 2006, asked the Ninth Circuit for a rehearing and to vacate the three-judge panel's previous decision on what is called an en banc review of the case, and the court agreed. "En banc" ordinarily means that all the judges on an appellate court hear a case, but in the Ninth Circuit only 15 out of about 25 regular active judges sit on an en banc panel. The 15 judges appointed for the Doe v. KSBE case heard oral arguments for the parties on June 20, 2006. No decision has been rendered, and there is no mandatory deadline for a decision.

## Attendance:

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grade may drop by one letter if three or more weeks of unexcused absences occur. She has failed students in the past for an accumulation of absences, but she considers herself more flexible now by acknowledging the issues students deal with outside of class.

Attendance policies put pressure on some students like Jason Tom, whose professor drops a student's final grade if class is missed more than three times. In addition, a student is considered absent if more than 30 minutes late for instruction. Tom takes a 40-minute bus ride to campus everyday and has been late more frequently than he can remember. Tom believes he is a good student and his grade should not reflect his absences.

"It's important to be in class, but it's up to the student since this is college and not high school," he said.

By awarding students for attendance, some teachers are taking a different approach to keep their students in class. Charmaine Shodai's psychology professor conducts random attendance calls throughout the semester. At the end, he determines whether a student deserves to receive a higher letter grade (i.e. from an 88 percent to a 90 percent).

"I think this method is good, it makes me want to go to class more," Shodai said.

Not all professors agree that rewarding students for attending class is necessary. Math professor Andrew Pak feels students should realize the benefits of coming to class themselves without being forced to do so.

"I didn't implement an attendance policy because I think students should want to come to class," Pak said. "If they do not want to be there then they won't learn."

Although attendance does not affect the students' grades directly, missing class could result in missing exams and pop quizzes given regularly by Pak. In his most recent quiz, one or more students per five classes were absent, and therefore lost points toward their final grades.

## Stress:

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realize that there are important strategies to take into consideration. By simply exercising and eating balanced meals, making time for relaxation, learning to manage time effectively, and having a good support system can help to minimize the overall effects of stress on an individual.

"I have seen it before, students just wanting to talk, but later being admitted for severe depression," Morelli said. When signs and symptoms of stress are not addressed in time, depression can set in. When this happens, it is important for those around the depressed individual to offer support and encouragement.

"Because of low self-esteem, it is important to reassure the individual that with treatment and time, things will get better," he said.

For more information and services for stress and treatment, students can visit the University Health Services Center at the UH Manoa campus at 1710 East West Road, or call them at (808) 956 8965.

A personal physician should also be contacted in cases of emergencies and unexpected health circumstances.

## Music:

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sor of music Anne Lum said. Lum has been teaching this music course for six years.

The ACE Cluster music class is a combination of an English class and a piano class. During the English class, the students are taught to put down their thoughts about their experiences in the ACE program on paper. In the piano class, they are taught to take their writing and fit them into rhythmic beats that can eventually become the verse or chorus of their song.

"Many of the principles taught in the level one piano class are reinforced and actually better understood through the process of writing the song," Lum said.

There are many benefits for participating in an ACE cluster. Accord-

ing to the KCC Web site, some of the benefits are guaranteed enrollment in some of the high-demand courses on campus, receiving individualized attention regarding questions and concerns due to the low faculty to student ratio, and participating in weekly seminars to create a social and academic network with faculty, and classmates who provide a supportive and friendly environment throughout the semester.

Lum believes that one of the great benefits is meeting new people and working together to create something.

"Each semester students are amazed at the fact that they can actually write a song together, even though they typically have only limited experience in music," Lum said. "This gives them a great sense of empowerment, as well as happiness at achieving the group's goal."

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