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perceptions on GRAFFITI

By Zhi Situ
STAFF WRITER

The acts of vandalism can be found in bathrooms, soda machines, newspaper stands, and almost every place imaginable. Graffiti has been an ongoing problem at KCC. According to the director of Facilities Use and Safety Administrative Services, Joseph Campos, graffiti is not art but rather vandalism because it is an act of defacing property. Campos feels that graffiti makes KCC look one step lower than it should be, and nobody benefits from such an act.

"It doesn't say much for our campus," Campos said.

Anyone who is caught doing graffiti on campus will be subject to arrest by the Honolulu Police Department with the possibility of being charged with a misdemeanor in property damage. A picture will then be taken of the "tag," capturing the name or alter ego of the graffiti writer so that the Honolulu Police Department

can have record of the graffiti writer's distinct markings, and therefore recognize any future activity of the suspect.

According to KCC security officer Fred Hall, depending on the size of graffiti, the maximum consequence for a person caught doing graffiti is potential prosecution for a felony in government property damage.

"If it shouldn't be there, then it is graffiti," Hall said. "It's more of an eye sore."

According to Hall, the Koa and 'Olapa buildings are the prime areas where most graffiti can be found on KCC, especially the bathrooms where the mirrors are filled with etchings of graffiti. Unlike other surfaces, once the mirror is etched with graffiti, there is no way to remove it unless the mirror is taken down.

Although many feel that graffiti is an

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ZHI SITU

Organization held rally against President Bush

A grassroots organization held more than 200 protests across the nation.

By Thomas Duarte
EDITOR

A protest took place at Thomas Square, demonstrating the voice of people who consider the Bush Administration a regime and would like to drive them out of politics.

The demonstration at the square was part of the Oct 5. national day of protest coordinated by the grassroots entity the World Can't Wait, which was initiated by the Revolutionary Communist Party. Though the party was heavily involved with coordination of the protest, the demonstration in Hawaii featured a range of political philosophies.

"I have often voted democratic. However, I am open to whoever will be the best for the environment," said Steven Montgomery, a graduate of UH Manoa and cur-

rently an environmentalist.

The Honolulu demonstration began with marches from various locations including one from the UH Manoa campus center, which went from the center to University Avenue, then to King Street, and on to Thomas Square.

"Some people honked their horns and some people gave us bad looks, but it definitely stirred up the line (King street) from UH down to here (Thomas Square)," said Manoa student and videographer, Michael Pantzer. "It looked

like it made people think and I think that is important in Hawaii."

The reasoning behind the protest is similar to the idea of "consciousness raising" carried out by feminists in the early sixties. The group is attempting to focus the fight on removing the Bush Administration from office for what they call "war crimes and crimes on humanity."

"People have to stand up, be informed and turn us in a different direction," Montgomery said. "We must elect the kind of leaders like Dan Akaka who had the courage to

say no (to the war in Iraq) early on."

The protest brought a few hundred people to the square and featured poets, bands and various speakers from many different professions. Some of the speakers included University of Hawaii professors as well as Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans along with the World Can't Wait spokespeople.

"All things considered it was a good size crowd," attendee Clay Freeman said. Freeman

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Body of Christ

A new documentary, 'Deliver Us From Evil,' focuses on L.A. priest Oliver O'Grady's molestation of 25 children over 22 years.

Full Story @ www.ap.org



Swimming T-Rex

Scientists discovered a 33 ft. long fish-like dinosaur from a 150 million-year-old Jurassic graveyard off the coast of Norway.

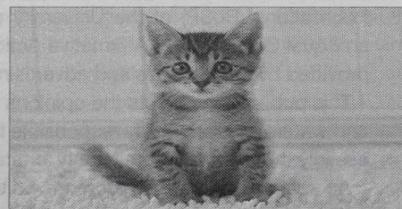
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Watch your step

Three people are wounded or killed each day by the 1 million unexploded cluster bombs Israel dropped during the war with Lebanon.

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Nice kitty...

Kitten thinks of nothing but murder all day.

Full Story @ www.theonion.com

THE VIEW WE TAKE

Students suffer as rent increases

Both The Honolulu Advertiser and The Honolulu Star Bulletin reported that the state of Hawai'i, according to a census bureau survey, pays the highest median rent in the country at \$995.

College students should be fearful of this situation because it poses a problem for them now and in the future.

If this steady increase of median rental prices does not subside it will make it difficult for students to begin their lives after college. Many students in college must pay for their own rent and tuition.

An instructor even felt that students missed his classes because of the high cost of living and students' need to earn money.

This was very insightful; many students sometimes do choose earning money over school. These are the choices college students have to make. Though choosing to miss class to earn money will hinder academic careers, having a place to live can sometimes outweigh academics.

It is a sad truth, but in some cases when students withdraw from college, it is because of insufficient funds and not because they have lost the will to attend class.

The reality of the high cost of living hits students where it hurts, in their wallets and their education.

As for the city of Honolulu, our homeless situation is a good

indicator of how difficult it is to afford to live here. There is said to be a rough estimate of 6,000 people homeless on O'ahu. This is a great deal of homeless people for an economy that is said to be strong and growing.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau there are an estimated 329,300 housing units in Honolulu not including group quarters (i.e. dormitories and institutions). Of these housing units, roughly 52 percent are owner occupied, 39 percent renter occupied, and 8 percent vacant.

This is just for Honolulu where 39 percent of the housing population pay rent that they may not be able to afford. And affording to live does not mean only paying rent every month, but all the necessities as well. This includes, but is not limited to utilities, taxes, consumables (i.e. food), transportation and health services.

These are only the basic necessities to survive and do not cover any miscellaneous costs such as entertainment, say, visiting a museum, having a nice dinner or attending a musical.

People must do what they can to cope with this situation until either the housing bubble breaks or landlords are forced to rent for reasonable prices. Until then, people must do what they can.

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have a place to live. For some tenants this may mean taking up small jobs around their apartment complex or finding other sources of supplemental income.

There are some answers to the problem of high rent; one could be a form of rent control that would attempt to stabilize rent and prevent large increases.

Large rent increases hurt renters the most because it puts them in a tight spot where they either have to move out or pay the rent.

A rent control plan could allow the city to control the increases and evaluate if rent increases are made out of necessity or greed. However, as long as people have to pay rent until they can no longer afford it, our homeless population will continue to increase.

The Kapi'ō welcomes all responses to this subject. Address: "Letter to the Editor," kapio@hawaii.edu.

WE'VE GOT MAIL

Eddie's stance a point to argue

I feel that you are entitled to your freedom of speech, however, I feel that you are taking it far too seriously. We just tried to come up with a slogan that the young generation of Hawaii could relate to. Have you written an article bashing WWJD products? How do you know Eddie Aikau wouldn't vote? Perhaps, we are not looking at the project with the same point of view. I wish you better luck with articles in the future.

-Cheley Furtado

As a part of the class who decided to use this slogan, I feel that your criticism isn't warranted. Our assignment was to get the student body active with voting and we weren't mocking these posters with the intent to mock Eddie.

Our class felt that picking a well-known local legend to promote voting would capture student's attention and get interested in the election. This was only to educate students, seeing as we're the future of Hawaii. If we can't get out generation to vote, it will affect us later in the future. I'm sorry you feel as though my class was making a mockery of Eddie Aikau, but that wasn't our intention.

-Lee Ann Shimabuku

After listening to the article, I was left trying to figure out what the point of it was. I completely feel like I understand his point of

view and opinion, but the aim of the article was not a positive one. I can see how one would view the slogan "Eddie Would Vote" as a poor political marketing approach, as no one really knows whether or not Eddie really would vote.

Maybe they should have chosen a slogan focusing on voting because it is the right thing to do if you care about Hawaii's future and your life on the islands. But being what it is, writing an article like this doesn't do much to preserve a legacy. Maybe Eddie would be politically active, or maybe he wouldn't, but I'm sure he wouldn't want you to make a stink about it either.

-Michael Miyashiro

As you are entitled to your own opinion, fine, yet who are you to claim that you would know what Eddie Aikau would or would not do? I would hope to think that the "legacy of a very famous and noble man" would rather have his name used to empower an entire generation than to turn profits for Quick-silver. Ignorance is not bliss, and if it takes a famous name for people to become educated voters, who would be against that?

-Nicholete Robino

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SPEAKOUT BY STAN SILVA

What do you think of food prices in the cafeteria?



Kimberly Long: Most of the prices are ok, some are too pricey.



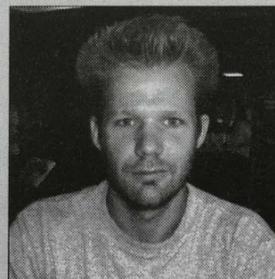
Sally Murray: The food is reasonable for us students to buy.



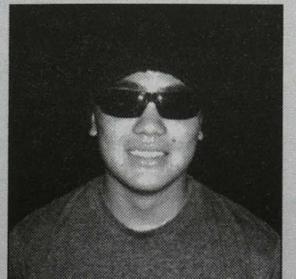
Bianca Mordasini: A little overpriced, chips are \$1 and weighed food is too much.



Naomi Nakatani: Food quality doesn't match the price. It is too expensive.



Daniel Carlson: Vending machines are kind of expensive, also the weighed food is outrageous.



Bryson Tamanaha: It's good because the prices are more expensive elsewhere.

'Housewives' off to a disappointing start

Popular series continues to struggle because of large cast.

By Ellice Flores
NEWS EDITOR

The new season of "Desperate Housewives" started a few weeks ago, and already the shows looks like it's going down the drain—as it did last season. With similar storylines and an overly large cast, "Housewives" isn't living up to its brilliant first season. So far much of season three has focused on Marcia Cross' character, Bree Van De Kamp. Bree has found herself a new husband, Ormson Hodge. Ormson is suspected of killing his previous wife. Another freaky killer boyfriend for Bree? Didn't we already see this in season two? Bree was engaged to pharmacist George Williams, who killed her husband. He had an obsession over Bree and ended up killing himself hoping to get Bree to love him. Bree's storylines are recycled.

The main problem with "Housewives" is the large cast. The show has 17 regular cast members this season. We bid farewell to regular cast members Alfre Woodard, Mark Moses, Cody Kasch, Roger Bart, NaShawn Kearse, Richard Burgi, and Mehead Brooks last season. So far this season two new regular cast members have been added, Kyle



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"Desperate Housewives," one of the most popular television shows on air, is showing signs of trouble with their new plots.

MacLahlan as Ormson, and Josh Henderson as Edie's nephew, Austin. I'm sure there will be more to come later on in the season.

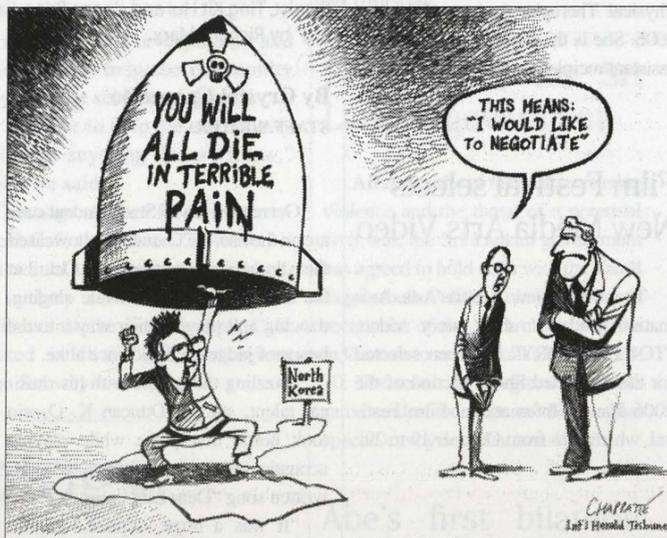
With a smaller ensemble, "Housewives" could have better storylines. A television show cannot be consistent with its storylines if it has such a large ensemble. Each main character has their own storyline. Sometimes an episode focuses mainly on one or two characters. Because the show has a large cast, those characters' storylines may not resume until further episodes. Last season, the Applewhite's storyline was hardly developed until the last few episodes. What was the point in bringing on a new set of cast members to the show if they were to only be used minimally? Alfre Woodard's talent was wasted. Some regular characters are only seen in very few episodes throughout the season, such as

Shawn Pyfrom, Joy Lauren, and Andrea Bowen. The cast is just way too big.

"Housewives" debuted in October 2004, and it was highly praised by critics, gathered roughly 22.2 million viewers weekly, and ended the 2005-06 television season at number four in the Nielsen Rankings. The second season of "Housewives" was slammed by many fans and critics for not being as good as the first season. According to Wikipedia.com, creator Marc Cherry insisted that he was still heavily involved with the second season, but was busy creating other projects. Despite the criticism, it was still one of the most watched shows on television. Although this new season seems to be going down the same path as the second, it is still one of America's favorite shows. Hopefully it will stay at the top, with better storylines along the way.

This week in the funnies

A selection of comics from the national newstand



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Today's citizens U.S. Today's US Government

This National View Point guest editorial was submitted by an out-of-state writer.

By Lois Powell

As a U.S. citizen how would you answer the following questions? Are you:

1. ready to demand that our government return to the Representative Republic as intended by our founding fathers? A government for the people, by the people, based on the U.S. Constitution and Rule of Law? (Not – of the, for the, and by the elite who seem bound to destroy our constitution and ignore our laws?)
2. ready to realize that while individual voters vote to elect two senators and a congressman to serve and represent them, it's the party leadership that is in control?
3. ready to realize while we cannot hold each individual party accountable, we can and must start

holding the three members of congress that the voters elected individually accountable?

4. ready to elect congressional members that will work together in the best interest of our country, our government and our citizens?

5. ready to eliminate the corruption, graft, fraud, and hold that lobbyists and special interest groups have on many of our current congressional members?

6. ready to recognize as unsuitable for a representative republic the socialists, Marxists and/or Globalists who have infiltrated our government and return them to private life?

7. ready to let the elected members of our government know they can no longer ignore the will of their constituents?

8. wondering what you, as an individual can do? Well, the answer is plenty.

If you have concerns, questions, opinions, ideas or suggestions about issues but are not yet of voting age remember this is your country

and your government too! Of the 535 members of congress, know the names of the two Senators elected to represent and serve the citizens of your state and the one congressman elected to represent and serve the citizens of your congressional district. Add the president and the vice-President. Contact each of them and let them know how you feel and how you wish to be represented. Voters, we must also do the same.

All voters – realize how powerful your one vote truly is, but only if that one vote is cast. It represents one's own views and opinions. It represents all others who share those same views and opinions but not yet of voting age. It also represents every newborn baby born every day, and the type of government you want for them as they grow and develop into proud, patriotic Americans. And finally your one all-powerful vote is the one means by which you can hold accountable each of the three congressional members elected as individuals to serve and represent you.

Voting straight party line is one way many voters never know an incumbents voting record or how they perform in office. However, to regain

citizen control, voters need to be informed. Vote straight party line only if you are informed and that is truly how you feel.

Election Day Nov. 7:

Check voting records on the Internet or at your nearest Library. Evaluate how well you were represented; how well they upheld their Oath of Office and enforced the U.S. Constitution and Rule of Law; how well they made good on their campaign promises, and how well they worked with others in congress and with the president at that time in the best interest of this country and its citizens. Listen to the campaign speeches of all candidates running for each office before deciding on the one that would best represent you, your views, and opinions.

A few examples of government representation:

1. Social security and its Trust Fund was established in 1935. In 1977 under President Lyndon John-

son, the entire fund was transferred to the General Fund to help pay for the Vietnam War. Not treated as a loan, it virtually ended the Trust Fund. Once benefits are paid all excess money collected monthly still stays in the General Fund to pay for government programs. The government has arbitrarily taken the tax money of those who contribute to social security to pay for the Vietnam war, years of entitlements to illegal aliens, possibly for Pork Barrel Special Interest Projects of congressional members, and who knows what other so-called government programs? Meanwhile, social security, while holding a file drawer full of government I.O.U.'s in the amount of reportedly \$1.9 trillion, is going bankrupt. Members are told to expect a later retirement age, an increase in taxes on their salaries, and cuts in benefits. Had that money remained in the Trust Fund, been properly invested as pension funds, as normally are, who would see a problem today? What is your guess as to why congress is not for social security reform?

2. A few government assaults on

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COMMUNITY BRIEFSKCC faculty member
wins award

WAKABAYASHI

American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) has awarded KCC's PTA program director Jill Wakabayashi the FA Davis Award for Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Educator 2006. She is the first physical therapist assistant recipient of this award.

Film Festival selects
New Media Arts Video

The 2006 New Media Arts Animation students' short story video, "TOILET STORY" has been selected for the Animated Shorts section of the 2006 Hawaii International Film Festival, which runs from October 19 to 29.

UH basketball season
tickets on sale

Season tickets for the 2006-07 UH men's and women's basketball season is now on sale. Fans can purchase season tickets at the Stan Sheriff Center Box Office by calling 944-2697, or online at HawaiiAthletics.com. The box office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Alcohol Awareness
workshop

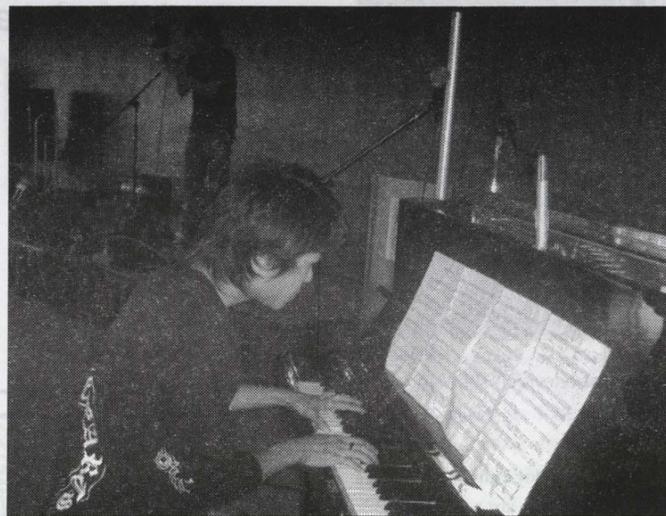
The Office of Student Activities will be holding an Alcohol Awareness workshop on Oct. 25 from 12-1pm at 'Ohi'a 118.

This workshop will address alcohol, personal responsibility and what to do if you or a friend has a problem with alcohol consumption. There will be guest speakers from Mothers Against Drinking and the UH Manoa Counseling and Student Development Center.

Psychic Fair

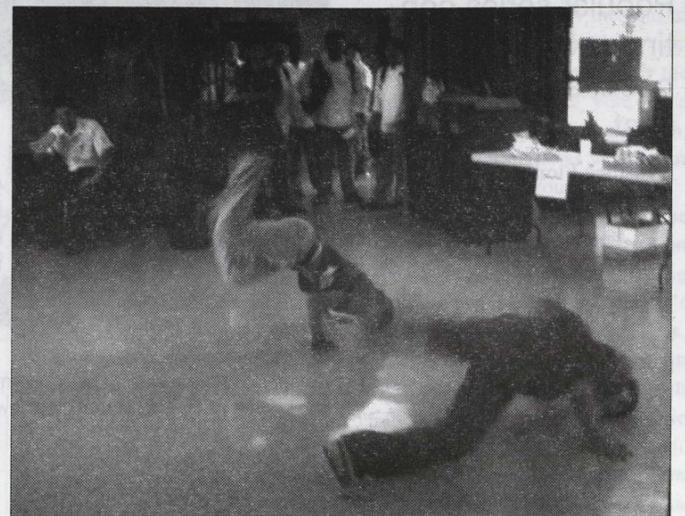
The Office of Student Activities brings psychics from around the island for a Psychic Fair, which will be held on Oct. 26 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the 'Ohi'a Cafeteria. Students can explore their possible futures in this fun event. Students are encouraged to come early to assure a chance to get a psychic reading by an available local psychic reader.

Talent show entertaining, delightful



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Pianist, Ting Kit Hui and singer, Brian Jian Wen Zhu performed "Right Here Waiting" by Richard Marx.



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Break dancers Zane Cabacungan and Glen Gabriel bust a move on the 'Ohi'a Cafeteria floor.

By Crystal Carpenito
STAFF WRITER

Get ready Hawaii Starz, student stars are on the rise. KCC students showcased their broad range of talents on Oct. 2 at the school talent show while singing, dancing and playing their way into the hearts of judges and audience alike.

Dazzling the judges with his musical talent, student Duncan K. Osorio took home first place while playing acoustic guitar and singing his self-written song "Dear Life."

"It was a huge surprise," Osorio said, convinced that his showmanship was not at its best. However, he believed the judges were more impressed with his harmonious combination. Osorio's prize was a \$500 debit card to Ala Moana Shopping Center.

Much of the audience and even the competitors agreed the judging was fair.

"I would've picked him (Osorio) for

first place," student Jason Brede said.

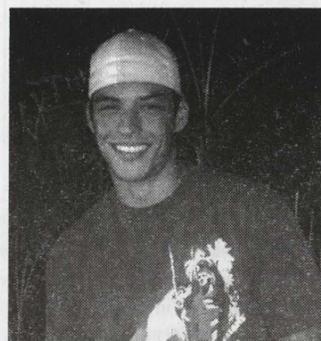
KCC student judge Scott Pirscher believed Osorio deserved first place because of the connection Osorio seemed to have with the piece he played.

"I could see he was very engaged in his performance," Pirscher said. The most important criteria Pirscher used when judging was how the students delivered their performance.

Third place winner Viet Vo felt the talent was more selective than last semester, but there was still good competition.

"A lot of people brought their game face," Vo said.

Some individuals in the audience were disappointed when certain competitors did not place. Student Alias Small thought Chantell M. Hott was a good dancer and should have placed, if not won the talent show. Hott, who free danced to "I've Got Rhythm" did not make the top six, but considers herself a stronger person because of it.



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Duncan Osorio sang a song he wrote to snatch first place.

"Every defeat you learn something different about yourself," Hott said.

Each performer was given two minutes to impress the panel of judges, which was made up of two faculty and three students. The judging criteria were based on a 100-point scale; 50 points for presentation, and 25 points each for poise and originality.

According to break dancers Zane Cabacungan and Glen Gabriel, the two-

WINNERS

- 1st Place: Duncan Osorio
- 2nd Place: Matthew Terada
- 3rd Place: Viet Vo
- 4th Place: Ting Hui and Brian Wen Zhu
- 5th Place: Jason Tom
- 6th Place: Linden Lee

minute time limit forced them to hold back, and they felt that a longer period of time would have allowed them to show the judges more of their routine.

The talent show is an annual event open to the entire KCC community and is planned and presented by the Office of Student Activities. Spectators were especially happy with this year's show, and agreed that promotion, encouragement, and the acts were all good.

Smokers hurting plants on campus

Cigarette butts that
don't decompose
are killing plants near
campus buildings.

By Tomoya Oizumi
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There are cigarette butts everywhere on KCC campus, especially on the eastside of the 'Iliahi building, which is now getting attention as the worst area. A large number of non-decomposed cigarette butts are scattered under trees, plants and flowers, which are seriously dying now.

Though there is a "No Smoking" notice on the wall of the 'Iliahi building, some students still openly smoke there. Moreover, they litter cigarette butts on the plants. In October 2005, students in a botany class removed an abundance of cigarette butts and some rubbish from that area as part of service learning. However, cigarette butts are scattered all over the place again. According to students who



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A student smokes near 'Iliahi where cigarette butts are killing the plants.

participated in service learning, students who were smoking in that area might be ESOL students, and most of them were male smokers.

The eastside of the 'Iliahi building is very important for KCC and Hawaii because there are five valuable native species there: Wiliwili (*Erythrina sandwicensis*), Kolomona

(*Senna gaudichaudii*), Lonomea (*Sapindus oahuensis*), 'Ilima (*Sida fallax*), and Pohinahina (*Vitex rotundifolia*). Among them, Pohinahina is affected the most by cigarette butts.

According to botany professor Nelda Quensell, Pohinahinas are dying because of nicotine in the cigarette. Nicotine is a very absorp-

tive substance, and it is taking away water from the plants, especially from Pohinahina. Lack of water causes plasmolysis, which could kill the plant. To make matters worse, the cause of killing plants will not disappear. Cigarette butts need time to decompose completely and some cigarette filters will never decompose because they are made of a plastic, called cellulose acetate. Therefore, plants may suffer for long periods of time unless people pick up all cigarette butts around the plants.

"All students who are smoking should have responsibility for their cigarettes," Quensell said. "They are killing valuable plants and harming themselves, too."

A student who smokes in that area insisted that she has a right to smoke and "No Smoking" signs violate smokers' rights. She thinks rules about smoking were made by non-smokers, so she does not want to follow such rules. She also said if KCC set up more smoking lounges, it would decrease the number of cigarette butts that are improperly disposed.

Int'l Cafe enhances social network

Students use the Cafe as a place to learn and to meet new people.

By Emmanuel Reyes
STAFF WRITER

The International Café is a place to meet and hang out with students from different parts of the world. International students come to the café because they are enrolled in the ESL 100 class. However, the students don't just go to the café because of the class. The students also go there because they get to hang out with other international students. They can relate to each other because they deal with similar experiences as international students.

"I go to the International Café because I get to meet many people with different cultures and languages," Kazushito Kaneta, a student from Japan said. "I get to learn about different cultures and I also get to share my culture with others."

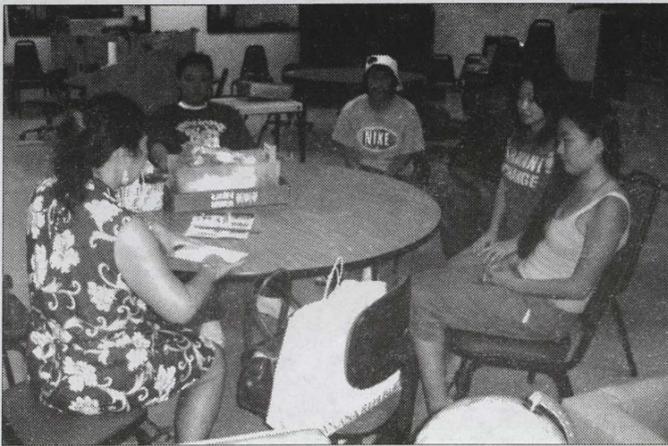
An Nguyen, a student from Vietnam, enjoys going to the café because of the activities that they

have there.

The International Café also offers a service-learning certificate. The students participate in service projects and earn hours to receive a certificate at the end of the semester. They plan and do service learning like teaching other students who need help, and engaging in community services. The students plan service projects where they reach out to the community. They have gone to the Kaka'ako shelter and read books to the children there. Another community service activity conducted by the students was a trip to the Leahi Hospital Senior Care, where the students gave out flowers to the residents. The students involved in community service don't just do it because of the certificate, but to have fun and gain something from it.

"I like doing the volunteer work outside the campus because I enjoy it and I feel like I can grow as a person," Giulia Bonacalza, a student from Italy said. "I also get to learn from the community services that I have done."

The service-learning certificate is not only offered to the international students. Local students are also welcome to sign up to earn



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Linda Fujikawa (far left) works with a group of students in the International Cafe. The Cafe offers a place for all students to gather and share experiences. The Cafe also offers a service-learning certificate.

hours and receive the service-learning certificate. Many local students earn hours towards the certificate by helping some of the international students in their English speaking skills. They also help the local students who are taking a foreign language that they can speak fluently.

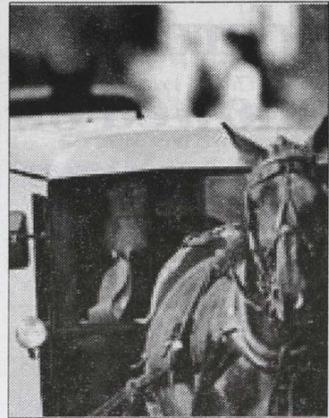
According to Linda Fujikawa, the International Café coordinator, the main purpose of the café is help. The students help each other

in anything and everything, and together they help the community by doing the service projects.

"We like to help the community and share anything that we know," Fujikawa said.

The sign up date for the International Café has passed. However, if you would like to come in for help or to help someone, visit Linda Fujikawa at the International Café located in Iliahi 129, just across from Subway.

RECENT SNAPSHOTS OF EVENTS AROUND THE GLOBE



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A horse-drawn wagon carries Marian Fisher's body, one of the girls who asked to be shot first, in order to save the other girls, during the Pennsylvania schoolhouse massacre on Thursday.

Peace talks for Sri Lankan government

After months of fears of increasing violence and the threat of a potential civil war, the Sri Lankan government has agreed to hold talks with the Tamil Tiger rebels. Palitha Kohona, the peace secretariat of the government will be in Geneva to resume talks on Oct. 28-30. The rebels have agreed to do the same under the urge of Norwegian special envoy Jon Hanssen-Bauer.

Abe's first bilateral summit

Japan's new prime minister, Shinzo Abe, will be visiting South China and South Korea this week for his first bilateral summit. The focus of the trip will be an effort to improve strained regional ties between the two countries whose leaders have declined to meet with former prime minister Junichiro Koizumi because of his visits to the controversial Yasukuni war shrine.

Thaksin quits party post

Former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra has quit his party post in the Thai Rak Thai, a party that he founded and built. Shinawatra was ousted in a military coup on Sept. 19 and he is currently living in exile in London. He tells the media that his decision to quit was due to "changing circumstances." More than a hundred members who served in his cabinet has also resigned from their posts since the coup.

Nine die in Niger gun battle

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta has reported the death of nine Nigerian soldiers who were involved in a gun battle. The clash between the militant group and the military took place near a Shell oil-pumping station. The violence in the area came shortly after an attack by an armed group that killed 10 soldiers on a convoy transporting fuel.

UH at the forefront of nanotechnology

The new materials are being used for surfboards as well as spacecrafts.

By Paul Kolbe
KALEO O HAWAII

There is a surfboard that is nearly unbreakable. It would probably have to be slammed into a wall to even ding it.

There is a brush tinier than a human hair — so small, in fact, that it can clean particles out of water, and enter the smallest blood vessel.

There is a material that can protect from electromagnetic interference and absorb a lightning strike — a material 10 times lighter than steel yet 250 times stronger.

These products are all made of nano-materials, composites of existing materials mixed with carbon nanotubes. A nanometer is equal to one-billionth of a meter, and materials made with these tiny carbon-based tubes are now the strongest material known to man.

The nanotubes have little to no defects. In addition to strength, they have thermal and electrical conductive properties, including the ability to improve fuel-cell efficiency.

Go nano

"Everyone's going nano," said University of Hawai'i at Mānoa engineering doctoral candidate Davood Askari. "It's changing everything."

He is not alone in his belief. The

National Science Foundation estimates that by 2015, the world will need two million nanotechnology workers, one million of those in the United States.

Educating that potential U.S. workforce is one of the reasons professor Mehrdad Nejhad developed and became the director of the Hawai'i Nanotechnology Laboratory at UH in 2003. A professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Nejhad is at the forefront of cutting edge products using nanotechnology and has been at the university since 1992.

A Guinness World Record

Last spring, UH announced one of its creations had made it into the Guinness Book of World Records. It was a brush that could hardly be seen with the human eye.

The nanobrush has bristles a thousand times thinner than a human hair. It can be used to clean pollutants out of water, clean microelectronics and even paint a microstructure. The brush also has potential for medical use, such as removing deposits from clogged blood capillaries.

A nanometer is equal to one-billionth of a meter. The fibers interwoven to create nanocomposite materials are smaller than 20 nanometers.

Nanotubes also have shown remarkable electrical conductive properties. This allows the brush to be attached to an electrical motor; "Any common one you find at Radioshack," Nejhad said.

Nejhad, along with his colleagues, Vinod Veedu — then a Ph.D. student at HNL — and professor Anyuan

Cao, developed the nanobrush with professor Pulickel Ajayan of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy in New York.

A surfer's best friend

A super-durable nano-resin for surfboards is the creation of Dr. Nejhad and Veedu, who is now the senior nanotechnology engineer for the Honolulu-based Oceanit Comp.

In creating the board, Nejhad and Veedu wanted to make a nanoproject to entice the local community. Oceanit mechanical engineer Ian Wasnich shaped the board using a normal foam core and covered it with fiberglass cloth, while Nejhad and Veedu developed the nano-resin.

"We basically incorporated particles," Najhad said. "For example, titanium."

The end result was a board stronger than an epoxy surfboard, with a 100 percent increase in ding resistance, a 300 percent increase in impact resistance and a 10 percent drop in stiffness. This means a stronger and more flexible board for a resin that Nejhad says may cost just 30 percent more than the standard resin.

How they're built

Nanotubes use atomic elements as their basic building blocks. A bottom-up approach is required to manufacture nanomaterials, nanostructures and nanodevices. The usual method of making a larger object and then gradually trying to reduce its size does not apply.

"The top down approach doesn't work," Najhad said. "We start from

the bottom, then to the top."

Nanotubes are created in a high-temperature furnace with a controlled environment, using chemical vapor deposition. Carbon heavy gas, such as xylene, is pushed into the furnace, and the nanotubes form atom-by-atom.

The tubes are limited to the shapes they can take because of how the atomic helices of the molecules lay down. Once the tubes are built, they are combined with an existing material to form the nano-composite.

They are then compared to properties without nanotechnology.

"They are normally always stronger," Davood said. He explained that the key is to add just the right amount of nanotubes to the composite.

"If you put too much," Nejhad added, "they will get bundled and behave like a defect. It will deteriorate the product."

Finding the right amount is done in the not-so-cutting edge manner of trial and error.

Meeting of minds

Although many of the materials incorporating nanotechnology are still in the research phase, Rodney Ruoff, director of the nanoengineering department at Northwestern University in Illinois, believes there is a lot of promise that it will transfer into products.

Ruoff was recently in Honolulu to attend a three-day conference at the

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Skateboards not allowed on campus

Some students feel the ban on skateboards is too restrictive.

By Matt Akiyama
STAFF WRITER

For some students at KCC, the quickest commute would be to hop on their skateboard and zip to their next class. However, there is an unwritten rule preventing any form of skateboarding or cycling on campus. Several accidents that occurred on campus in the past have influenced the enforcement of the rules.

Four years ago, a twenty year-old male was hurt while skateboarding on campus during the early morning hours. He was taken to Queen's Hospital in critical condition where he died several hours later. Another incident occurred two years ago, when a skater jumped off his board to avoid a collision with another student and his skateboard shattered a glass door.

Despite the accidents that have occurred and frequent security warnings, some students continue to defy the rules.

However, many skateboarders feel the ban is unnecessary because their purpose for riding is transportation, not recreation.

"I'm just trying to get from point A to point B, doing gnarly tricks is the last thing on my mind," said Evin Rader, a KCC student who frequently encounters security while riding. "I use a long-board which helps me get to class on time plus it's much easier than walking."

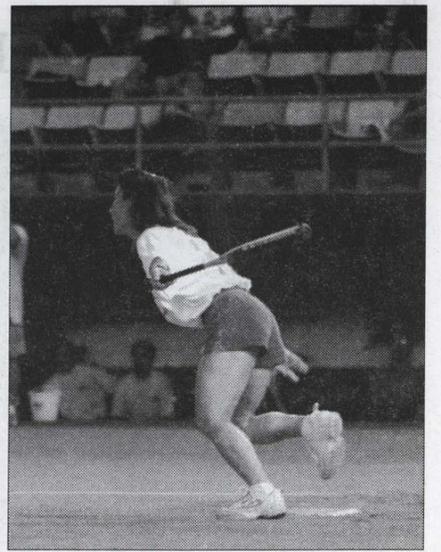
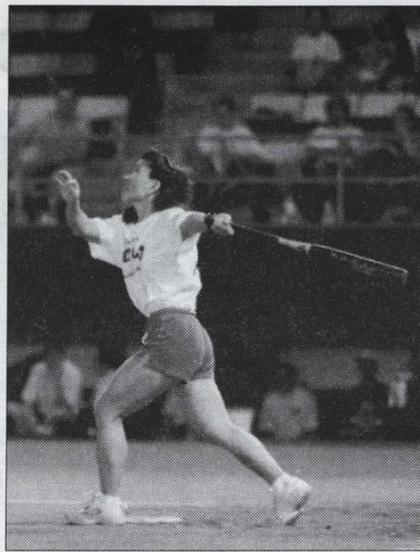
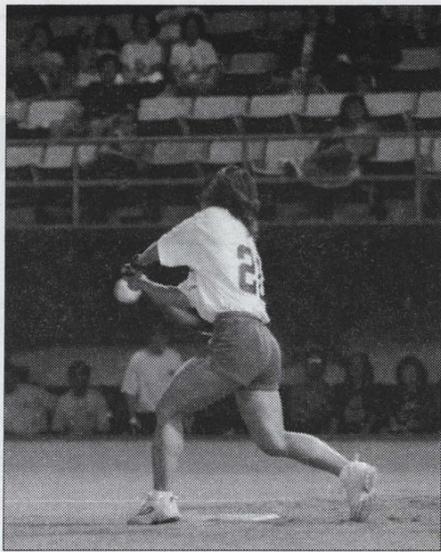
KCC has no written rule or signs banning skateboarding, which makes it difficult to enforce. In addition, there are no specific penalties for riding a skateboard on campus.

"All we can do is remind students that we don't allow riding on campus," said KCC security. "We try to maintain a safe environment not only for the students but also for the faculty and staff workers on campus."

Rader feels the security officers blow the situation out of proportion and create just as much danger on the sidewalks as skateboarders.

"I understand that skateboarding is dangerous, but I feel that driving a golf cart, janitor or maintenance vehicle with horsepower is just as, if not more dangerous than a skateboard."

Security officers said they must have access to the entire campus for emergencies, maintenance and special deliveries.



Blythe Sakashita makes solid contact in the championship game against Honolulu Community College. Sakashita played catcher for the Royals, and works in KCC's Center for Learning Teaching and Technology.

ROYALS RAISE FUNDS

Kapiolani Royals take 2nd in charity softball tournament

Photos courtesy Wilson Lau

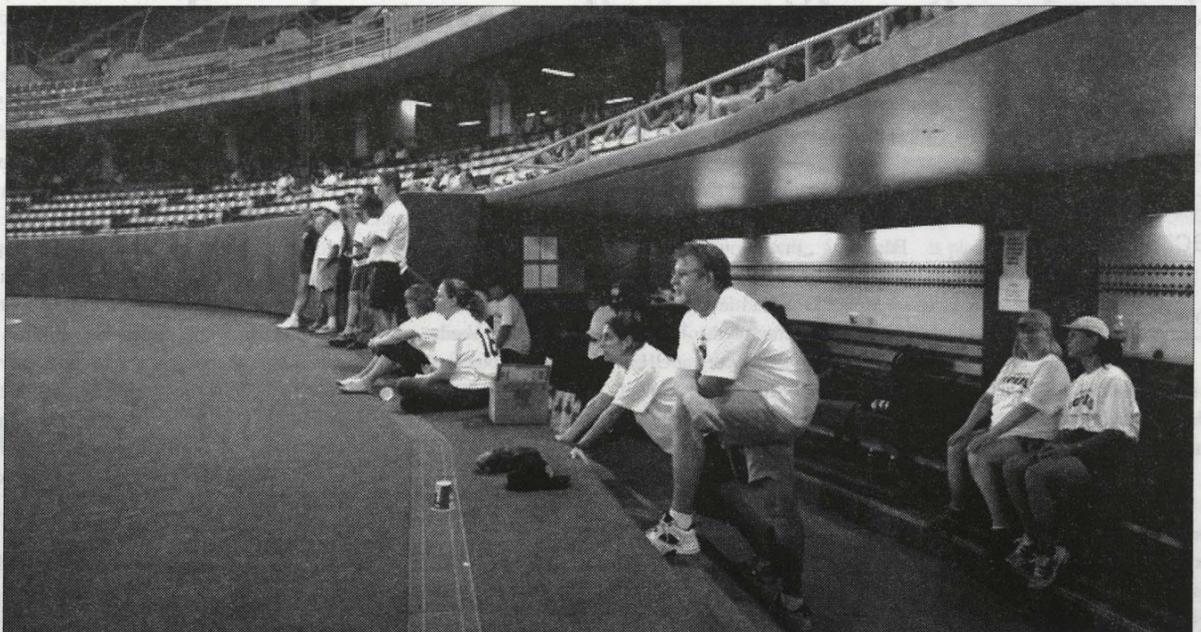
The University of Hawaii's charity softball tournament raised \$956.52 for Aloha United Way.

The tournament was held on Sept. 29 at Les Murakami Stadium.

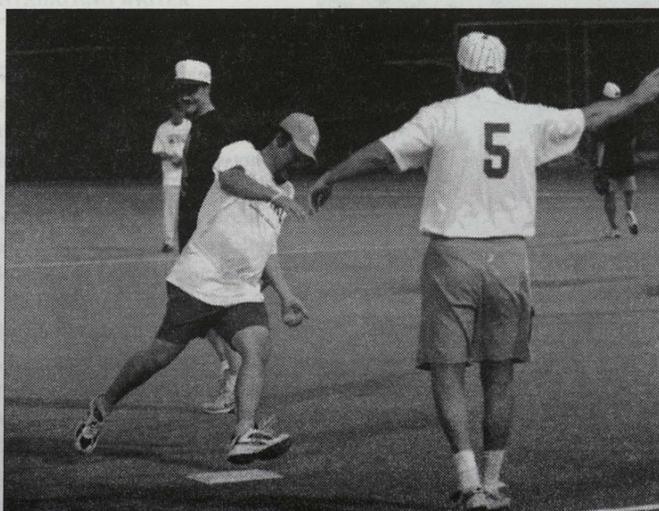
The Honolulu Community College Cougars

defeated the KCC Royals and took home the President's Trophy.

The Windward Community College Pride won the prize for raising the most donations during the tournament, \$345.12.



Several Royals watch with anticipation from the dugout. Every player who wanted to get to play in one of the four games played by the Royals.



Speech professor and cleanup hitter Keith Kashiwada rounds third to score a run for the Royals against the UH System Darksiders.



From left, Bob Franco, Kauka De Silva, Ed Kalinowski, and Milton Higa celebrate one of several in the park home runs hit by the Kapiolani Royals.

Center conducts studies on Human Papillomavirus

Local study seeks to learn more about a potential cancer-causing virus.

By Thomas Duarte
EDITOR

The Cancer Research Center of Hawaii (CRCH), a research branch of The University of Hawaii, is conducting studies of HPV or Human papillomaviruses, a group of more than 100 different infections, some of which are sexually transmitted. The studies include a female study, male study, and a female and male partner study. The overall goal of the studies is to examine factors that influence infection and the development of cancer for women, to learn more about HPV in men and to better understand the transmission of infections.

It is known that certain types of HPV can lead to cervical cancer in women and the results from the study will aid in understanding the factors that lead to cervical cancer.

"The results of this study (female study) may have international implications in preventing the second leading



NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

HPV studies are being held at the University of Hawaii Health Services Center and at the Center for Cancer Research of Hawaii.

cause of cancer death among women world wide," CRCH research administrator June Cunningham said.

The CRCH research studies are funded through grants provided by the National Cancer Institute and held at the CRCH office and at the University of Hawaii at Manoa Health Services Center. The studies are open to participation by KCC students.

"By participating in the HPV research studies, female students will

add to the knowledge of the causes of and ways to prevent cervical dysplasia and cervical cancer, which may help other women in the future," Cunningham said. "Male participants will add to the knowledge of HPV in men which has received limited research to date."

While participating with the study students will also receive information about healthy eating, diet analysis, pap smears and results for women, HPV testing, and possible compensa-

tion for transportation and time.

The female HPV study will also collect Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae (both sexually transmitted infections), and if tests are positive, the female participant will be informed and will be referred to her health care provider or to a clinic. The information received by participants is for them to use to improve their health and the study will not provide or pay for any treatment.

"The HPV tests done for this study cannot diagnose any condition and are intended for research purposes only," Cunningham said.

Along with the research studies a new vaccine, Gardasil is available for girls and young women ages 9 - 26.

"The vaccine has been shown to be effective in preventing persistent infection with HPV 16 and 18, the virus types that cause the majority of cervical cancers, and also with the HPV types that cause most genital warts," Cunningham said. According to Cunningham the vaccine does not protect against all HPV types and vaccinated women should still seek regular pap smears.

Cunningham also said the best way to reduce the risk of infection is to refrain from any genital contact with

another individual and for those sexually active to limit partners. She also noted that it is not known if condoms prevent the transmission of the virus.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the world. In most cases individuals infected do not have long-term problems and the infection normally subsides, though there is a potential for cancer in both sexes.

TO JOIN THE HPV STUDY:

» Call the HPV study line at 564 - 5999

» Send an email to hpv@hawaii.edu including your name and phone number

» Visit the CRCH Web site at www.hawaii.edu/hpv

STUDIES INCLUDE:

- compensation of \$40-\$50 provided at each visit
- HPV testing and results
- Information about healthy diet analysis at no cost
- pap smears and results

Service Learning offers many opportunities and awards

By Mike Hewit
STAFF WRITER

Nine KCC Service Learning students will receive the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. The recipients will be honored with an official President's Volunteer Service Award pin, personalized certificate of achievement, note of congratulations from the President of the United States and a letter from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

It requires a minimum number of volunteer service hours in a 12-month period, or over the course of a lifetime, in the United States or other countries. The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation established the award in 2003 as recognition of the valuable contributions volunteers make to our nation. Individuals are required over the course of the year to complete 100 to 249 hours to obtain Bronze level status. Silver level requires 250 to 499 hours of service in a year. The gold level is based on a minimum of 500 hours.

KCC students are welcome to attend the award ceremony Thursday, Oct. 12 from 12:30 - 1 p.m. at the International Cafe (Iliahi 129). For more information on the President's Volunteer Service Award, visit <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/tg/pvsainfo/dspAboutAwards.cfm>

PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

• Silver
» Maki Shimodozono

• Bronze
» Gary Ohashi
» Matthew May
» Naomi Homma
» Masami Ogawa
» Shoko Kono
» Shuhei Onishi
» Atsushi Harada
» Naoka Hagiya

More than 200 Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) students signed up for Service Learning (SL) this semester. To get class credit, these students each volunteer for 20 hours or more per semester. A journal or essay about the experience is usually required. Most courses require letting the teacher know about your interest in the first few weeks of class.

There are 40 classes offering SL this semester in a wide range of subjects and eight general learning categories. The SL web-

site at <http://www.kcc.hawaii.edu/object/servicelearning.html> has a course matrix form that includes specific courses, teachers, and general learning goals fulfilled for each course. The website also has a SL site catalog listing the many organizations, locations and types of volunteers needed. The SL website is being updated and a new version of the site should be up by the end of October.

SERVICE LEARNING CATEGORIES

- » Health
- » Tutoring and Mentoring
- » Environment
- » Senior Wellness
- » Community Safety
- » International
- » Cultural Diversity

How to absentee vote

Application for Absentee Voter Ballot must be received by the City/County Clerk where you reside no later than October 31, 2006, 4:30 p.m.

Absentee Walk-in Polling Places and Hours:

Located at your City/County Clerk's office, Monday to Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call your City/County Clerk's office for additional polling places and hours. For 2006 General Election vote from October 24, 2006 to November 4, 2006

To Vote Absentee at Walk-in Polling Places:

1. Bring proper identification.
2. Absentee walk-in polling places are located at the Offices of the City or County Clerk where you reside. For additional locations and hours of operations, call your City/County Clerk where you reside

To Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail:

1. Complete an Application for Absentee Voter Ballot. Applications are available at:

- Satellite City Halls
- Office of the City/County Clerks
- U.S. Post Offices
- All public libraries
- All state agencies
- Office of Election's Web site: <http://www.hawaii.gov/elections/voters/voteabsentee.htm>

2. Mail or drop off the completed application at the office of the City or County Clerk. You will receive your ballot and instructions on how to vote your ballot by mail.

City and County Clerk of Honolulu
530 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813
Phone: 523-4293

Protest:

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Clay Freeman said. Freeman, who attended a rally before the Iraq war, felt the speakers at this event seemed more inspired and had firmer stances on their political philosophies. He felt that this show of support was promising for the future of the nation.

"The idea World Can't Wait has started the ball rolling, but we have to keep it rolling and hope it rolls faster and gets bigger," he said.

The nationwide day of protest took place at 200 plus U.S. cities on Oct. 5 and featured many famous speakers. In a statement from the organization actor Sean Penn said, "President Bush and his functionaries (political associates) have created the greatest cultural, religious and political divide domestically since our own Civil War."

Locally there were protests held on Maui, The Big Island and on Oahu.

For more information about the World Can't Wait, visit their Web site at worldcantwait.org.

Vote:

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individual citizen's Rights.

a) The Campaign Finance Reform Bill; Freedom of Speech.

b) The Ban on various types of firearms; Right to Own and Bear Arms.

c) It has been said that the U.S. has never been attacked by other countries because so many Americans own guns. Senate Bill S. 645 entitled "Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act" is currently in the senate judicial committee. If passed, it will ban most semi-automatic rifles, shotguns and handguns plus limit the number of ammunition held in clips.

d) The Supreme Court's *Kelo vs City of New London Decision*; destroys everyone's Constitutional Right of protection as a citizen to own private property.

Local governments have been granted the power of eminent domain and can now seize your

Graffiti:

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an act of vandalism, there are others who view graffiti as a form of artistic expression and choose to participate in it regardless of the laws and the consequences that it comes with.

According to an anonymous graffiti writer, graffiti is something that cannot be classified as black and white; it is a complicated form that only the eye of the beholder can opionate on what is art and vandalism. This graffiti writer feels that graffiti is a mark of existence; it is to show rebellion against the system that we all tend to obey.

"I vandalize simply to get up," the writer said. "It's a sign that you've been there and done it, and when other writers see it they know too. It's like leaving behind a visible mark on society."

Some may say that graffiti is a selfish act and insist that if graffiti is a form of art, then it should be done on a canvas or displayed in an art gallery. However, to the graffiti writer the practice of gra-

ffiti is meant to be in public; it is the biggest possible showcase of their work because they are able to reach a wider range of audience instead of only those that are confined in an art gallery. It is an act to push people's buttons but also to convey a message to the masses, both consciously and subconsciously.

"I have no comment on being any eyesore. That's a matter of opinion," the writer said.

Lee Tonouchi, a KCC English professor, holds a neutral standpoint on graffiti.

"If somebody was to do a Wyland mural on your building overnight illegally would that still be considered graffiti?" he said.

According to Tonouchi, certain graffiti works seem to have a longer life span than others. Usually the less artistic or ugly graffiti gets taken down faster than the more attractive looking graffiti works around campus which shows the line that differentiates graffiti and art are misconstrued.

"My objective is to ask questions and let the students decide for themselves on what is considered art or graffiti," Tonouchi said.

home, small business, or other private property and transfer it to another private citizen for development and are doing so to increase the community's tax base. The House took immediate action by passing HB 3083 for Private Property and Small Business Owners Protection. For more than a year now the equivalent Senate Bill S 1313 has been in the senate judicial committee where it is being blocked from returning to the senate floor for discussion and vote by the full senate. Either of your senators on that committee? It is plain they are not representing their constituents so just who are they representing?

e) Illegal aliens and national security is government's number one responsibility.

Three million illegal aliens were granted amnesty in 1986. Congress was designated to secure borders and enforce immigration laws. Twenty years later however, our borders are still not secured, immigration laws are not enforced,

and an estimated 11-20 million additional illegal aliens are now in our country. Add that to the lack of effort to secure our borders and enforce immigration laws since 9/11 and one might wonder just who is our government representing? Congress recently voted to build fencing along the borders, but where is the funding?

3. A few additional issues. Are you aware: Panama Canal turnover to Red China, Pier J in Santa Barbara, California also in control of Red China, failure to take action on English as the official language of the U.S., and, the turning of deaf ears on hundreds of thousands of citizen signatures submitted each year on Petitions requesting (demanding) U.S. out of the UN and the UN out of the U.S.?

4. Finally check the Internet for "The North American Union." Connect the dots then decide if it's time for U.S. Citizens to start taking action before we lose not only our government, but our country.

Nanotech:

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East-West Center about the use of nanotechnology in composite materials.

The conference had previously been held at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford and University of California, Berkley. This year, the UH Nanotech Institute won the right to hold the conference in Hawai'i because of the department's accomplishments.

Sponsored by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and organized by the University of Hawai'i Nanotechnology Laboratory and the Oceanit Comp, the 2006 ASME Multifunctional Nanocomposites International Conference attracted scientists from around the world, including Sir Harold Kroto, the Nobel Prize winner for chemistry in 1996. He and his team discovered "Buckminsterfullerene," or molecules composed of carbon atoms, commonly referred to as "buckyballs," the foundation of nanotechnology.

The director of ASME in New York City, Raj Manchada, said the conference was about, "transferring knowledge, building relationships and building a network."

Manchada wanted to make a difference locally by connecting promising young scientists in Hawai'i with older and prominent professionals.

"These are the kind of people you read about," said Sarah Fong, a fourth year mechanical engineering student at UH.

Fong, who is also the student section chair for ASME, described the

conference as world class and one of the most educational she's attended. She is now strongly considering pursuing a career in nanotechnology.

"Nanotechnology is something that's going to change the world very soon," Fong said.

Future of the nano

The superior performances of nanotechnology-based products are attracting major investment from hi-tech organizations and the government, including NASA and the Department of Defense.

Ben Wang, who spoke at the conference and is a professor of industrial engineering at the Florida A&M University-FSU College of Engineering, is researching buckypaper, a material lighter and stronger than steel. Its potential applications are numerous, but because of its thermal and electric conductive properties, it could be used on aircraft and spacecraft for dampening electromagnetic interference and as protection against lightning strikes.

Buckypaper could also enable military aircraft to hide their electromagnetic signatures, making the planes invisible to radar identification.

Nanotechnology at UH is also being developed for military application. The Nanotechnology Department is developing a laser precision pointing telescope with vibration suppression capabilities and structural nanopositioning. The project is being funded by the Office of Naval Research, which has supplied \$3 million for the three-year project. U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye assisted in acquiring the funding.

The Freeman Foundation Community College Program

**CHINA Program for Spring 2007
 Deadline: October 13, 2006 (Friday)**

Ten Freeman scholarships are awarded each semester. The scholarships support students in any field of study to participate in a two-semester program. The first semester will consist of 12 credits in an intensive content-based second language program (Chinese, Japanese or Korean) at Kapi'olani Community College, followed by a semester study abroad.

Eligibility and Criteria:

- You must:
- be a U.S. citizen at the time of application.
 - be a full-time or part-time (9 or more credits) in one of the community colleges in the UH system.
 - have a cumulative GPA of 3.0.
 - No knowledge of target language is required. (No more than college level 101 in the target language)

For further information about the scholarship and application materials, please visit <http://kapiolani.hawaii.edu/object/freeman.html> or contact Ken Kiyohara at Honda International Center (734-9824 / Kiyohara@hawaii.edu).

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