

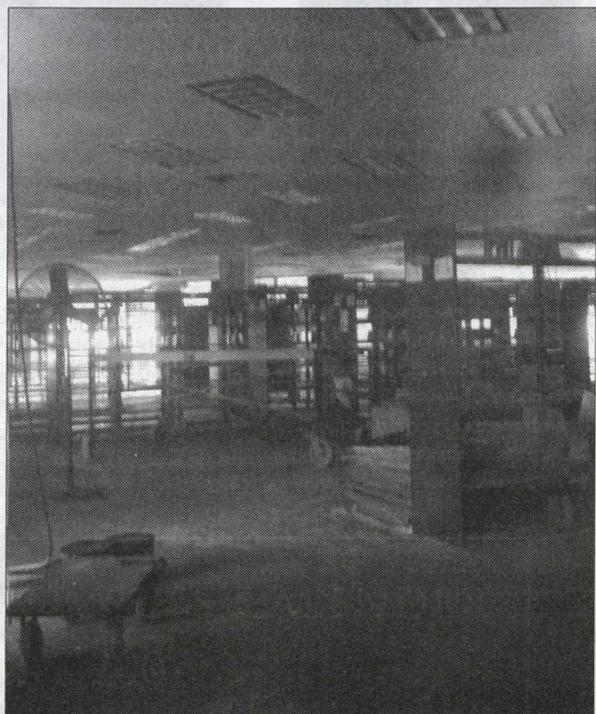
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Library renovation continues



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(Left) Updated photo of the second floor. Completion is to be expected in April.
(Above) Photo taken in October during the start of renovation. Since then all books and tables have been moved.

During renovation services and study space have been minimized.

By Liana Hofschneider
STAF WRITER

As students head back to Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) for the Spring 2007 semester, students are cramping for space and resources in the library.

The KCC library began its renovation process at the latter part of the fall 2006 semester. Island Movers was contracted to haul furniture and other library materials to a designated storage facility. However, more than 4,500 books were kept in boxes piled on the second floor of the library. A section of the room is enclosed in plastic curtains and a dehumidifying machine runs around the clock to control the humidity around the book area.

"This was part of the contract with the renovation Contractor Allied Construction," said Susan Murata, Director, Library and

Resource Learning. "The books need to be kept in a constant and consistent temperature."

The progress of the renovation is about 75 percent complete in some areas while other sections of the renovation are progressing right along according to Dick Hatcher, a Supervisor for Allied Construction.

"We are working very hard to finish up the project and we anticipate a completion by April 1, 2007," Hatcher said.

Some of the face-lifts that the library has undergone are the replacements of its louvers to solid glass panes. This keeps the air sealed in and allows for a better temperature and humidity control.

According to Murata it was difficult to keep a constant temperature in certain areas of the library because the louvers allowed the air to enter and leave the area.

The ceiling also received extensive work, which required paint to be scraped off the entire second floor ceiling. Also visible cracks on the ceiling were sealed with the application of a white popcorn-like material called "acoustical finish." This was done after the repair of the

roof that caused the leak including repair to the air condition ducts.

A few walls and carpets have also been replaced due to water damage. And some of the lighting systems have also been improved to provide better lighting throughout the library.

"It's quite difficult to study with all the noise so I had to find a different place to study," Premnath Kumar, KCC student said.

Kumar stated that this is his last semester at KCC and would like to see the library open sooner than April. But praised the services he had received from the library that included the availability of class textbooks, which he did not need to purchase from the bookstore.

During the renovation of the second floor noise has been heard in the first floor of the library creating problems for some students. However, the library has posted signs notifying students of possible disturbances.

"The construction renovation upstairs is too distracting," Bryson Saculausa, KCC student said. "Also, all the students moved downstairs making us all compete for resources like computers and

books. And space is too compact."

Due to the renovation many of the books previously available to students are no longer available. Also much of the study area used has been minimized to the first floor.

"I hope we can get the book collections back to the shelves and available to students very soon," Murata said. "The library has been very busy and with the limited space available students are all over the place."

Other significant improvements to the library are the restoration and renovation of the Char room. The room that is located on the second floor was established by a donation to the library and is used to store important collections such as manuscripts, books, correspondence and artifacts on Asia and the Pacific. The room is also being utilized as a meeting place for KCC's distinguished guests.

"We strive to keep the library student friendly and we are working on making necessary improvement to better serve the students," Murata said.

However, there are also students who are not affected by the renova-

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On campus job fair

By Christopher Yee
NEWS EDITOR

Job fairs held on campus give students the chance to meet with potential employers on an immediate and intimate level. The first job fair of the semester was held at the Ohia cafeteria on Tuesday, Jan. 16. Companies such as Times Supermarkets, Zippy's Restaurants and 24 Hour Fitness shared the floor with US Armed Forces units to total 16 participating organizations.

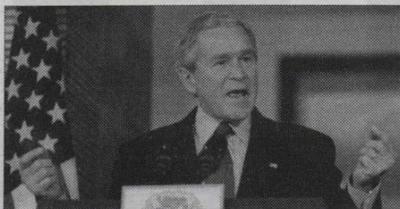
The fair, coordinated by the job placement office, took place during lunch and sought to take advantage of the busy student traffic that congregates at the cafeteria. Denver, a manager for 24 Hour Fitness who did not give his last name, noted the difference in KCC's job fair compared to other job fairs that are held on a larger scale. "People come here for the cafeteria," he said. "There happens to be a job fair also. We're giving people the opportunity to check us out."

According to job placement advisor Michael Carmine, the results from each employer varied but the he felt the fair went well. "It depends what the students are looking for," Carmine said. "One employer got in 40 applications right here." Carmine speculated that the most attractive employers were the ones that were well recognized and had many convenient locations. Most employers echoed the thoughts of 24 Hour Fitness in that it was a good opportunity to sit down in a informal setting and get solid face-to-face time with prospective employees as well as take students' information and applications.

Students who are looking for employment or need help in the job application process can schedule a meeting with Carmine at the job placement office. The amount of help Carmine gives is completely up to the student. Based on basic information given to him, Carmine is able to guide students through job processes like writing resumes or cover letters and teaching basic interviewing skills.

Carmine also helps students locate jobs that best suit their needs. Utilizing the contacts that he has, Carmine

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Bushism's most notable for 2006

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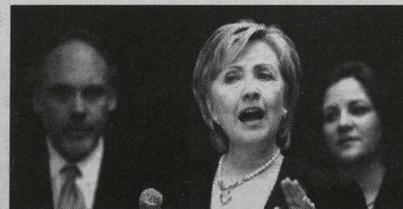


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The real "Jungle Book"

A Cambodian woman missing in the jungle for 18 years was found last week.

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Senator Clinton leading dems

Former first lady Senator Hillary Clinton leads Democratic presidential nominees in a poll done by The Washington Post.

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THE VIEW WE TAKE

Buying textbooks online is all around better deal



By Iowa State Daily
U-WIRE

We're all familiar with the regular drain on our bank accounts from shopping for textbooks at the start of each semester. For typical full time students, it's not all that unusual to spend between \$300 and \$500 on schoolbooks twice a year, only to realize there is no good reason to keep the books after finals, and decide to sell them back for a quarter of what we bought them for.

The reasons are obvious - the bookstore needs to make a profit on their sales in order to stay in business. However, as consumers, students have a choice of how best to handle their biannual book buying sprees.

Many college students are able to take advantage of the Internet in order to find their books for a lower cost. Although Campus Book Store and University Book Store offer the incredible convenience of having all of a student's books for the semester available and organized by courses, the cost tends to run a little high.

On the other hand, shopping online allows students to find their books for less money, although patience is

sometimes a factor and shipping can be pricey and unreliable.

Another ease of shopping online for textbooks is the return policies are often more lenient. Buy your shrink-wrapped book locally, and once opened it is almost impossible to return for a full refund - even if you do make today's return deadline.

Finally, at the end of the semester, there are hundreds of students who flock back to the bookstores with the books they never opened during the class, hoping to put a couple extra dollars in their pockets. Why should the bookstore be able to sell the books a second or third time for nearly as much as they cost new when the students who sell them don't get a fair refund?

Once again, the Internet saves the day. You can sell your books online for double or triple what the bookstores will give you. Or better yet, hop on Facebook and find another student who wants it right here on campus. They'll get the book for less than the bookstores will sell it to them, and you'll make more than the bookstores will give you for it, and everyone will be happy.

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

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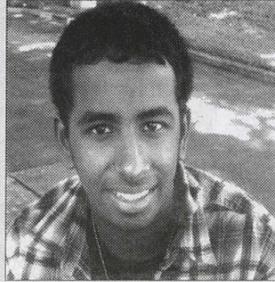
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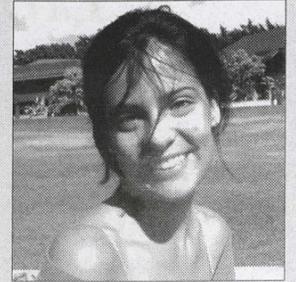
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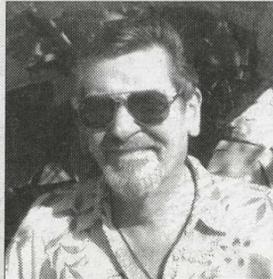
Premnath Vijayakkumar: Homework stayed home, and prepared for the next semester, also I went camping.



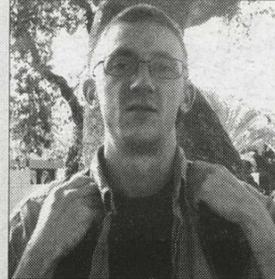
Brittney Masunaga: I relaxed and went to family parties.



Angel Stone: I worked a lot, went to the beach and relaxed.



Jack Scarry: I just relaxed, read, listened to music and ate too much.



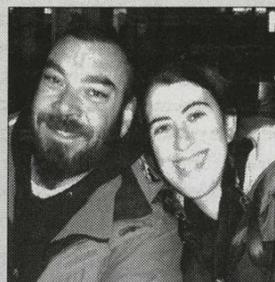
Neil Hammond: Relaxed with family and friends in the Great Northwest. Also I partied hardy with my peep's.



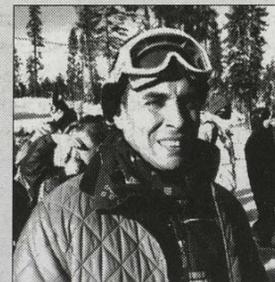
Karen Talavera: Worked the holidays to pay for tuition.

SPEAKOUT SIERRA TAHOE RESORT, CALIFORNIA

What would you do if you were in Hawaii?



Albert and Julie: Skydiving and fine dining!



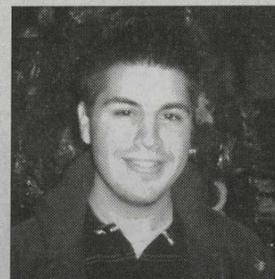
Richard Benson: Hanging out and partying with single women!



Thomas Warinner: Pakalolo and Mai Tais.



Dylan Silver (on left): I'd be swimming underwater naked.



Nickolas Escalante: I'd be on the beach eating shaved ice.



Ariana Llauge: I'd be on the beach just laying down relaxing.

Dan Thompson (on right): Chillin on the beach.

FACULTY INSIGHTS

Opinions can lead to solutions

Perspective pages can be used to open the eyes of everyone on campus.

By **Dustin McDunn**
JOURNALISM / KAPI'Ō ADVISER

I really wish more people would get active. I wish more people would participate in the decision-making process on campus, in the community and around the country.

Complaining is easy. Taking action is difficult, but not as difficult as it seems.

Working with the student newspaper, I hear a lot of complaints—from the food choices offered in the Cafeteria to the consistency of professors being in their office during posted office hours. I hear complaints about the state government, the highways, the homeless, and the war in Iraq.

It is time we all stop complaining and time we all start doing something. If it were an election year I would encourage everyone to get out and vote. I don't have to do that right now, because we did that last November. The voters were unhappy with the direction in which our politicians were taking the country. The voters spoke by voting out many incumbents and voting in fresh voices. It is too early to tell if this will change the direction of the country, but at least there was a change among those in charge. There was a change because the voters took action.

Now it is time to take action on this page. Starting last semester the editors of The Kapi'ō solicited guest editorials from anyone on campus. The majority of editorials came from faculty and staff. Some writers promoted their programs. Some discussed politics, while others wrote heartfelt personal experience editorials.

The idea behind the guest-editorial section is to present a wide range of opinions to the readers of The Kapi'ō. The best way to present that wide range of opinions is to hear from as many students, faculty, staff, and administrators as possible.

Writing an editorial is a very easy way to start taking action. If you think professors are skipping out on their office hours too often, you should write an editorial expressing your opinion about how unfair that is to students. Use the editorial to illustrate to the readers why you feel it is important that teachers are available when they say they will be available.



Writing an editorial is a very easy way to start taking action. They are a way to start a discussion. An open discussion is a positive step toward change.

If any professors disagree with your opinion, they will be welcome to write a letter to the editor defending their position. Maybe the faculty will agree with your editorial and make an extra effort to be available to their students.

This example can apply to just about any complaint you can think of. Editorials are a way to start a discussion. An open discussion is a positive step toward change.

Change cannot be made unless those in charge are aware of a problem. Those in charge will not be aware of any problems unless we tell them about the problems.

Editorials can be used for praise as well. If you feel a tutor went out of her way to help you, write an editorial praising those who go out of their way to help. That editorial may encourage others to go out of their way to help.

The bottom line is this: everyone on campus has the right, the ability and the opportunity to contribute. If you are not confident in your ability to write an editorial, come to me with any idea and I will help you form that idea into an editorial. My office is Lama 119. If you are ready to stop talking about taking action and ready to start taking action, contact The Kapi'ō Editor Thomas Duarte, at kapio@hawaii.edu. Thomas and I can also be reached at 734-9120. We look forward to presenting a wide range of ideas on this page, but we cannot accomplish that goal without your help.

By the way, if you disagree, or agree, with this editorial or the opinions therein please write a letter to the editor explaining your point of view. Letters to the editor are basically shorter versions of an editorial and can be submitted to the same e-mail at any time by anyone. It is time for all of us to take action.

Students rewarding excellent teachers

KCC's Excellence in Teaching Award Selection Committee is accepting nominations for three Excellence in Teaching Awards. There is a UH Board of Regents award for full-time faculty, including counselors, librarians, and instructional media specialists. In addition there is a KCC award for Excellence in Teaching for faculty lecturers.

To nominate a candidate for either award, students and faculty are required to fill out a nomination form. Any three students or faculty members may nominate each candidate.

This year KCC is also awarding the Francis Davis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Three people, including at least one student and one faculty colleague,

must nominate candidates for the Francis Davis Award.

All nominations by students or faculty will be submitted to a selection committee of six students and four faculty members for review. The committee assesses the performance of the nominees based on evaluations prepared by the committee members. The nominees are judged according to the following criteria: clarity, learning impact, organization, knowledge of the subject area, class preparedness, interest and concern for the students, presentation and creativity, friendliness and enthusiasm.

Completed nomination forms are to be submitted to the Office of the Chancellor in Ilima 214 by Feb. 1.

Please direct all inquiries to com-

mittee chairpersons, Doug Crowell (734-9176) and Keith Kashiwada (734-9151).

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

- Library
- Bookstore
- The Office of Student Activities
- Department offices
- Office of the Provost
- Counseling offices
- The Kekaulike Information and Service Center
- The Maida Kamber Center

Vote for your Favorite Teacher!

Nomination Form: Excellence in Teaching Awards

Kapi'olani Community College will recommend a faculty member for two University of Hawaii Board of Regents' Excellence in Teaching Awards and the Francis Davis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Candidates may be nominated by any three students, or colleagues.

Name of Nominee _____
Last First

Briefly explain why you are nominating this person:

Nominated by:

1. _____ **Date** _____

2. _____ **Date** _____

3. _____ **Date** _____

(Attach additional sheet to continue explanation or for any additional signatures.)

Faculty members are prohibited from soliciting their own nominators. Solicitation will result in disqualification.

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The Freeman Foundation Community College Program

KOREA Program for Summer & Fall 2007

JAPAN Program for Fall 2007 & Spring 2008

Deadline: March 23, 2007 (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 www.kcc.hawaii.edu/academics/abroad or contact Ken Kiyohara at Honda International Center (734-9824 / Kiyohara@hawaii.edu).

Certificate will help bring global awareness

New International Studies certificate gains approval for the upcoming Fall.

By Paige Jinbo
STAFF WRITER

The Academic Subject Certificate (ASC) in International Studies has been further refined and will be ready to be offered to students this fall. The ASC in International Studies has been approved by the KCC curriculum and is awaiting final approval by the administration.

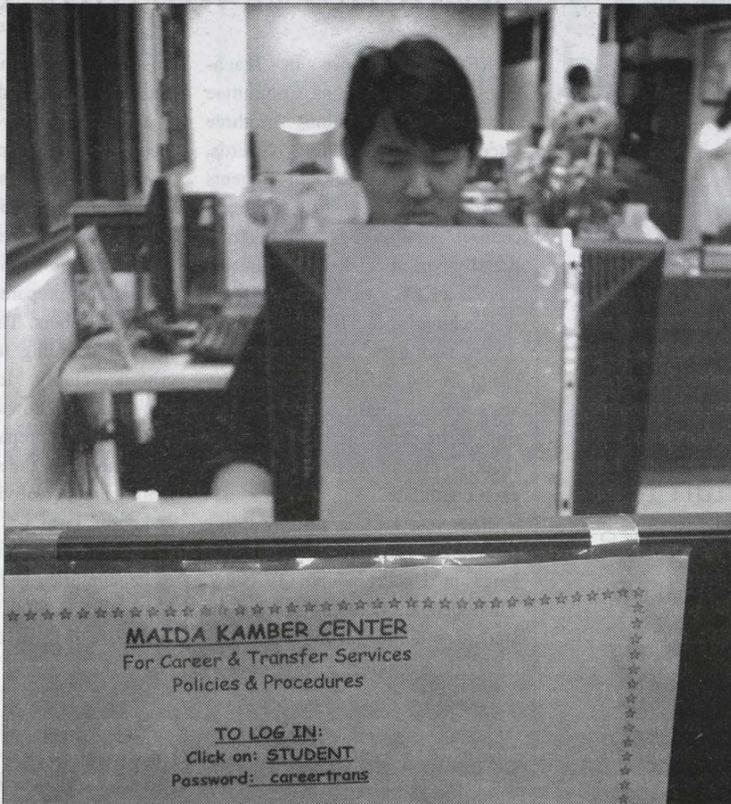
The ASC in International Studies is a credential with a students' Associate in Arts degree with an international focus. However, a student is not required to have their Associate in Arts degree (AA) or have to be going for their AA in order to pursue the ASC in International Studies.

This certificate will focus on developing a students' awareness on global issues, understanding different cultures, and acknowledging that his or her culture is one of many diverse cultures.

"The ideal goal of this certificate is to build a globally competent student," Carl Hefner said. "And to also create very informed citizens and it all starts right here on the college campus." Hefner is an Associate Professor of Anthropology and Asian Studies and also wrote the proposal for the ASC in International Studies.

Hefner has been developing this certificate since 2001. He created the proposal for the certificate based on interests from faculty members and with the help of the Title VI Team. The courses required for this certificate include the following: Social Sciences, Humanities and Languages, and Literature of Europe and the Americas. A student must also take a foreign language up to the 202 level or demonstrate foreign language skills equal to the 202 level to be eligible for this certificate. The idea is to give students the ability to take a wide variety of courses from different disciplines. This will give students the opportunity to expand their knowledge and understanding about different countries and cultures.

"Students are going to be at an advantage in the job market and in their future careers if they have experiences with other cultures and countries," Dr. Joe Overton said. Overton is the coordinator of political science and director of the Freeman Program. He has also worked very closely with Hefner



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KCC student Thomas Lee takes advantage of the services provided at the Maida Kamber Center, which include assistance from selecting majors to transfer questions.

Academic career and counseling offered at Maida Kamber center

Center offers various services to assist students with major and transfer queries.

By Karen Malone
STAFF WRITER

As the spring semester heads into the third week, some students may find themselves concerned about choosing a career or wondering which classes will transfer to a four-year college. Visiting a Student Services Counselor and/or an academic advisor might just alleviate ones academic blues. According to KCC student Vincent DeAngelo, counselor Sharoh Moore taught him how to understand what will transfer to the University of Hawaii. Now he knows which classes will or will not help him reach his goal of transferring to UH and majoring in architecture.

Students who are unsure about their major may want to visit the Maida Kamber Center for Career and Transfer Services (MKC). Located in Ilima Building, Room 104, the MKC is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Counselors can help students sort through their interests and goals by using assessment tools, such as Focus II and the Myers/Briggs Type Indicator.

According to the KCC counseling Web site, counselors "provide assistance to all students in making career decisions." Through activities and programs like career shadowing, volunteering and service learning students can further explore their interests. According to MKC Counselor Gemma

Williams, once students have "identified the area of interest we share what the major is, what courses they can start off with, [and] we refer them to a counselor for detailed information." To learn more about the MKC, visit <http://www.kcc.hawaii.edu/object/mkc-counseling.html> or call 734-9500.

Each department, such as Culinary Arts, Hospitality Management and Business Education, has different academic advisors who are located in different buildings and have different operating hours. For instance, Janice Walsh, counselor with the Business Education Department, offers walk-in hours and scheduled appointments. She gives priority to students in immediate, academic crises. According to Walsh instances like these rarely happen but she is hopeful the other students will understand.

Walsh's office is located in Kopiko Building in room 101A, and is generally open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Walsh also offers walk-in hours between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays to be accessible to the evening students.

To make things run smoother, first-time students should bring a copy of their placement scores; transfer students should bring a copy of their transcripts; and returning students should bring a copy of their completed courses. Walsh notes that it is important for students to have their banner id number.

"If several people are under the same name, it makes it hard for me to prepare," she said.

Typically, by the time a student meets with Walsh, they know what

their major is, but they may not know what career they want.

"If they have a game plan already, I'd like to hear it," she said. Walsh is also happy to help students who do not know which degree plan to follow to explore career options. According to her, when a student chooses what career they want to pursue they go over what the terminal goal is and work backwards. This helps the student to know exactly what steps to take.

Students are free to meet with an advisor throughout their academic careers; however, Walsh suggests that students plan to see their advisor at least three times for longer, in-depth meetings.

The first meeting should occur early in the student's academic career. The adviser helps the student to put together an academic plan during this meeting.

During the second meeting, about halfway through the student's academic career, the advisor ensures the student is on the right track. The student is given the opportunity to make corrections at this time.

It is during the third meeting that the advisor checks to see that all of the student's coursework is or will be completed before graduation. This meeting should occur a semester before graduation.

According to Counselor Lori Sakaguchi academic advisers help students make career decisions, choose a major and choose classes towards their goals. For a complete list of advisors and counselors, visit <http://www.kcc.hawaii.edu/object/advisingdirectory.html> on the KCC Web site.

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Course Drop Deadlines without 'W'

Students who wish to withdraw must do so in person at the Kekaulike Information Service Center located at Ilima 102. Students who withdraw by this date will not receive a "W" on their transcript. The deadline to withdraw online is Sunday, Jan. 28.

Ice Cream Social

The first ice cream social of the semester will be on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at the Ohia Cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. until noon. Special flavors for this month are lemon custard and Hawaiian mud pie. Vanilla and strawberry will also be available.

Make a difference, donate blood

The blood bank's bloodmobile will be behind the Ohia Cafeteria on Monday, Jan. 29 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, a table is set up at the entrance to the Ohia Cafeteria until Jan. 26. Donators are asked to bring a picture I.D. Drinking lots of water and eating a good breakfast is highly recommended for those who wish to donate.

Groove to Motown with A Touch of Gold

Vocal group A Touch of Gold will be performing at Ohia Cafeteria on Monday, Jan. 29 from noon to 1 p.m. The group specializes in "Motown" music from the '50s to the present.

UH quarterback Colt Brennan stays

UH football's record setting quarterback Colt Brennan decided to return to play his senior year at UH Manoa. Initially, Brennan had announced his eligibility for the NFL draft on Jan. 15. Utilizing the NFL's 72-hour grace period, Brennan withdrew from the draft on Jan. 17.

Parking available at Diamond Head

Temporary parking for students, faculty, and staff will continue to be available at the base of Diamond Head until Thursday, Jan. 25. Cars will be allowed into the parking lot from 9 a.m., and must exit the parking lot by 4 p.m. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has allowed KCC the use of this area. According to the DLNR the lot will be locked promptly after 4 p.m., and no cars will be allowed to exit after that time. A security guard will be on duty at the site to monitor the parking lot. According to Auxiliary services they are looking into ways to increase parking. They hope that at the beginning of each semester this parking will be available. Should you have any questions regarding this temporary parking, call Auxiliary Services at 734 - 9157.

Possible changes in ASKCC future

Changes to charter will affect the student governing bodies on campus.

By Mike Hewitt
STAFF WRITER

Proposed changes to the Associated Students of Kapiolani Community College (ASKCC) student charter may change the way some student leadership at Kapiolani Community College (KCC) works. All students at KCC who have paid student activity fees are members of ASKCC. The University of Hawaii (UH) Board of Regents (BOR) authorized the charter of ASKCC to encourage the advancement of active and responsible citizens through involvement beyond the classroom. The Board of Student Activities, Board of Student Publications, and Student Congress, are governing bodies of the ASKCC. This year Student Congress is working to improve the process. Although BOR authorized the three bodies under the same charter, each is independent with BOSA and Board of Student Publications BOSP also having their own charters.

The Board of Student Activities (BOSA) is a group of students working with faculty and staff that serves as an advisory board to the Office of Student Activities (OSA) and makes recommendations for the OSA budget. They are responsible for helping to coordinate and make recommendations on many of the activities that help students to be more comfortable and involved, and to assist students to feel a part of what goes on at this campus.

The Board of Student Publications (BOSP) publishes various journals containing essays, poetry, short stories, fiction, photography, and art. They also sponsor writing contests like the spookiest Halloween story contest. BOSP is like the literary or creative works arm of ASKCC, providing students with the opportunity to extend involvement by sharing their works with a broad audience. Although BOSA and BOSP are student organizations authorized under the charter, the proposed charter revisions will not have any impact on the way they work.

The third body representing students is Student Congress. Student Congress is responsible for advocacy for student interests by communicating with students, faculty, staff, administration, the Hawaii State Legislature, UH Board of Regents,

and other organizations. Student representation under the current charter allows representation on the student congress from all registered student clubs. In addition, the student body elects At-Large members equal to the number of registered clubs each March to fill positions for the next year.

The major revisions to the charter are concerned with elections. This year's Student Congress charter revision proposes clarification on specifically how and when to notify students of elections. The current charter contains no specific allowance for campaigning on the issues before electing officers. Currently the At-Large members and club representatives elect officers at the first meeting of the new academic year.

Another change under consideration is to clarify the process for removal of members who do not participate. The current charter requires members who do not participate to resign, but has no mechanism to remove non-participant members who fail to do so. Another difficulty addressed by the charter revision committee is determining how to fill vacant positions or make appointments occurring after the special elections in Nov.

In 2004 a charter revision committee proposed imitating the UH Manoa

charter that elects members to student government based on the population percentage of each college. The proposal would have removed student clubs from participation and required elections based on the number of students from each college department. Justification for the proposal was that it would remove the potential for special interests represented by student clubs to dominate Student Congress, and to make elections based on student populations. The opposing argument was that the KCC mission statement has a heavy emphasis on a spirit of service exemplified by the active involvement of student clubs. Many student leaders who started out as club representatives were inspired to go on to become Student Congress officers involved in many other aspects of student government. The 2004 proposal was defeated.

The ASKCC charter revision is a complicated process that will require a lot more work. Once the charter revision committee finalizes recommendations, Student Congress will vote on them. At that point, the Chancellor will need to approve the revisions. Once that is done, public hearings will invite student input or testimony. Student input is extremely important because this document will guide student government involvement in years to come.

RECENT SNAPSHOTS OF EVENTS AROUND THE GLOBE



CNN.COM

This photo of Jupiter and Io was taken by the New Horizon spacecraft. After a 13 month journey the spacecraft is scheduled to make its closest pass by Jupiter on Feb. 28.

Tsunami fears ease after 8.2 quake

Tsunami warnings and tsunami watches were cancelled January 13 for Japan, the United States, Russia, and Pacific Islands after a massive 8.2 earthquake struck east of the Kuril Islands in northern Japan. No major effects were reported. The tide level dropped by 10 centimeters (3.9 inches) followed by a tsunami measuring just 10 centimeters (3.9 inches) at Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island. About 20 percent of the world's earthquakes frequently hit Japan. As a result, Japan has developed one of the world's most accurate systems for assessing earthquakes and detecting tsunamis.

Nepal's Maoists set to start arms hand over

The United Nations began monitoring the arms held by Nepal's Maoists and registering their fighters after the rebels joined an interim parliament. Under the deal, 83 Maoist nominees have taken their seats in an interim legislature along with mainstream politicians. They are also due to join an interim government which will organize elections for a special assembly set up to map the country's political future and decide the fate of the monarchy, which the Maoists want abolished. The government and Maoists signed a landmark peace pack declaring an end to a decade-long conflict against the monarchy in which more than 13,000 people died.

China-Taiwan trade ties increase

China was recently plagued by a sudden outbreak of meningitis. Meningitis is an infectious disease that can sometimes be fatal. Symptoms of the disease include headaches, fever, rash, and is highly infectious because it is an airborne disease. In the last month alone, 258 people were infected and 16 have died. The government has issued emergency orders to control the outbreak.

House passes popular bills in first 100 hours

By Daily Bruin (UCLA) Staff
UWIRE

With a new Democratic majority now in control, the House of Representatives began the 110th Congress by passing all of the agenda items which had been planned for the first 100 hours, including an overwhelming vote to lower interest rates on student loans.

An increase in the minimum wage over the next two years, the expansion of stem cell research, and implementation of recommendations made by the 9/11 Commission also passed in the first 100 hours of Congress, which began Jan. 9. These issues had been important platforms for many Democrats during the mid-term elections.

"We've had bipartisan support because these are popular issues that were raised during the campaigns by the American people," said Drew Hammel, a spokesman for Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco. "So we felt confident going into the 100 hours that we would have support (from both Republicans and Democrats)."

On Wednesday, the House passed a bill 356-71 to cut student loan interest rates from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent. About 5.5 million students receive federal loans each year.

The interest rates would decrease gradually over a period of five years and would cumulatively cost taxpayers \$6 billion.

"This is something that is going to make college more affordable,"

said Gabe Rose, president of the University of California at Los Angeles Bruin Democrats. "Cutting student loans is also a great way to combat the rising costs of college."

Rep. Linda Sanchez, D-Lakewood, said she was able to relate to the situation as a daughter of immigrants who is still working to pay off her loans.

"Many young people find themselves where I was ... at age 18, wondering what they will do with their lives," Sanchez said. "To those students, especially those whose parents didn't go to college, the prospect of student loan debt is frightening."

Democrats are also working to lower the interest rates for parents who are taking out loans for their children's college education and to increase the maximum Pell Grant award from \$4,050 to \$5,100. The grant is given to the most financially needy students and does not have to be repaid.

The bill still faces the Senate, which has advocated a more comprehensive resolution to interest rates, and the Bush administration, which has openly opposed the bill.

To start off the year, the new House first passed a resolution that would change the rules of interaction between lawmakers and lobbyists, and ban gift-giving and prepaid travel for legislators. Leaders hoped this would help foster more honesty in the government.

Republican leaders complained that they were refused amendments on the legislation, which passed by a slim margin.

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— Gabe Rose, president of the UCLA Bruin Democrats

racy here, and I think my colleagues on both sides of the aisle understand it," said House Republican leader John Boehner, R-Ohio.

The House also passed legislation to enact 9/11 Commission recommendations, which would improve aviation, border and infrastructure security, and provide equipment for first responders.

Addressing another key Democratic agenda item, the House next voted to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour over the course of the next two years.

On Jan. 11, legislation to expand stem cell research allowed for an

increase in the number of stem cell lines which are eligible for federally funded research.

But while these bills were passed by the House, Hammel said some could still be vetoed by Bush.

"We are looking at issues like stem cell research and minimum wage which might be vetoed, but we look forward to the Senate passing (the bills)," Hammel said. "And we plan on working with the public to create public discourse and make it so it will be very difficult for the president to veto these bills."

Last September, President Bush used his veto power for the first time in a bill which would have loosened limitations on federal funding for stem cell research.

"If Bush is going to stay consistent with his stand, then I expect he will veto the (stem cell research) bill," said political science Professor Scott Curtis James.

The House also passed a bill which would require Medicare to negotiate lower prescription drug prices and passed a bill which would invest federal money in renewable energy and repeal subsidies for big oil companies.

Rose said he was glad the Democrats had completed their election agenda items.

"The bills that were passed in the first 100 hours were long overdue," Rose said. "They were something the American people asked for in the last election and the Democrats delivered on their promise efficiently."

Learning through volunteering

By Neil Holifield
 STAFF WRITER

The Service Learning program at KCC gives students a unique opportunity to participate in volunteer work in tandem with academics. The program takes place in association with KCC's Service Learning Department, who currently has many similar volunteer programs that students and faculty can participate in.

Whether it be the Adopt an Ahupua'a program, that perpetuates a cultural practice that could possibly be lost without volunteers, or the Palolo Pipeline program, which is currently working with Palolo Valley schools to avoid the federal restructuring, the Service Learning department can assist in whatever interests you have in volunteer work.

The Adopt an Ahupua'a program is composed of students and faculty working side by side in Oahu's taro fields, fishponds, and beaches. Some of these sites are entirely dependant on volunteers.

Upon completion of this program you should have a greater respect for the environment and knowledge of Hawaiian issues. In this program you should be prepared to get dirty, but after most activities are completed the Kapuna's have a great feast of Hawaiian food awaiting your stomach.

The Palolo Pipeline Program, like the Adopt an Ahupua'a program is composed of students and faculty. This is another activity where students are given the hands on experience of tutoring and mentoring underprivileged students ranging from the elementary level through high school.

The Palolo Valley schools have one more year before they are removed from the federal government's restructuring list. If the schools do not meet a national standard for grades, the federal government will come in, take over the school and federalize the methods in which students are taught. This being the undesirable effect of low test scores is what the volunteers will be attempting to stop.

These opportunities offered can assist students academically as well.

"There is nothing in my educational career that has matched my Service Learning experience," Nari Okui, an employee of the Service Learning department and former volunteer said. "These Service Learning projects are set up to produce a generation of responsible, environmentally aware, and educated volunteers."

When used in collaboration with classes such as Anthropology, Botany, and Sociology, Service Learning gives students the opportunity to interact with their community and participate in a learning community unlike any traditional classroom setting. It also offers students the opportunity to take part in real world problems that help to develop new ideas and ways of thinking. Students who participate through a class at KCC should expect at least 20 hours for completion of the project.

For more information contact the KCC Service Learning department directly at Ilima 210 or by email at kccserve@hawaii.edu.

HONDA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDY

**For Academic Year 2007-2008
 Applications Deadline: MARCH 23, 2007**

The purpose of the Honda Scholarship for International Study is to promote international understanding through support for international travel and study.

Five Honda scholarship of \$3,000-5,000 each are awarded annually. The scholarship supports students in any field of study who participate in University of Hawai'i exchange programs or semester or academic year study abroad programs sponsored by other institutions.

Who Can Apply?

- Community College students who are in at least their second semester of study at any of the UHCC campuses
 - Students must be degree-seeking and can be selected from any field of study.
 - Only Hawai'i residents are eligible.
 - Awards will be made on the basis of academic merit to students in good academic standing. It is expected that students will have a minimum GPA of 3.5.
 - Consideration will be given to service to the community and other activities and experience of the applicant.
 - Applicants may be enrolled part-time, but must be making progress towards a degree as evidenced by continuing enrollment and specific courses taken.
 - Awards will be given for one semester, one academic year, or a minimum of six (6) weeks of intensive study or six (6) credits.
 - Students may be awarded a Honda Scholarship only once.
- For further information contact Ken Kiyohara at Honda International Center (734-9824 / Kiyohara@hawaii.edu).

Holomua celebrates five years

To celebrate five years of providing services for students the Holomua center hosted an open house on Jan. 5. Faculty, staff and students from within the Holomua department and across campus were on hand for the celebration. During the open house there was live music, talks by former students and faculty of the Holomua Department.

The Holomua Center provides a variety of resources to students including study space, tutoring for students enrolled in Holomua Department courses and counseling among many other resources.

For the Spring 2007 semester the hours of service for the center have changed to Monday through Wednesday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed weekends and holidays.

For more information visit the center in Iliahi 231 or call 734 - 9343. You can also email the center at holomua@hawaii.edu.



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Faculty from across campus enjoyed conversation and punch before the buffet was open. The faculty members were on hand to celebrate five years of Holomua center service. Later in the day a slide show about the center was shown



College and Community Helping the Homeless

MLK Day of service inspires citizen action through volunteer service.

By Kimberly Moa with contribution from Liana Hofschneider / Photos by Kimberly Moa



What started as a man's dream, is now becoming a reality. In honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., KCC volunteers, teamed with the H-5 project, took part in a Mobile Homeless Bus Project. The event held on Monday, Jan. 15 at the Oceanic Time Warner Cable site in Mililani Technical Park partnered at least 20 faculty and staff and 70 student volunteers with community leaders as part of this year's first Service-Learning Project.

Under the supervision of Hawaii Helping Hungry Have Hope (H-5) project leaders Utu Langi and wife Simiana volunteers deconstructed five retired tour buses and prepared them for refurbishment as temporary housing for the homeless. As part of the ongoing H-5 project, the buses will be transformed into mobile housing shelters, which will be used to house some of Hawaii's homeless population.

The day of service, hosted by The

KCC Service Learning Office and partnered with First Year Experience and the International Café was designed to engage students within the community by providing a service opportunity that addresses the needs of Hawaii's communities.

"(I) have seen a lot of homeless around the island and this inspired me to help," KCC student Motoko Sugawara said.

Part of the goal with this event was also to provide students with the opportunity to network and make friends.

"We hope that they stay engaged with college and continue their service learning experience," said Bob Franco, Director of Planning and Grant Development.

The H-5 project is a faith-based charity organization that provides aid to homeless people across the island.

"We serve about 3,000 homeless a month, feeding and housing people at beaches, parks, and under

freeways," said founder and executive director of H-5 and advocate for the homeless Langi.

A total of 18 retired tour buses, donated by Roberts Hawaii Tours, are to be refurbished as part of the H-5 project and refitted with beds. Working in teams in teams volunteers armed with ratchets, screwdrivers, hammers and scrapers, gutted seats and overhead compartments, and stripped decals. Four buses were prepped for the next stage of the project, which will include the construction of four separate stalls to accommodate at least eight beds within each bus.

A fifth bus, already partitioned by volunteer construction workers, was also caulked for leaks and painted by volunteers at the site. According to Langi, the goal now is to complete the first bus and drive it around the island for critiquing.

Roberts Hawaii retires at least 20

buses per year. The buses are 8 feet wide by 40 feet long with restrooms and can also be used as emergency and transitional housing units during disasters. Once completed the refurbished buses, will serve as temporary shelters that can be moved to areas where homelessness is growing.

"We drive out to the site, park overnight, and provide people with a place to sleep" Langi said.

According to a nationwide homeless assessment report released this month by The National Alliance to End Homelessness, an estimated 6,000 people make up Hawaii's homeless population. This places Hawaii as fourth in the nation for homelessness, a problem many feel will continue to progress until proposals to expand services to homeless are developed at the government level and within the community.

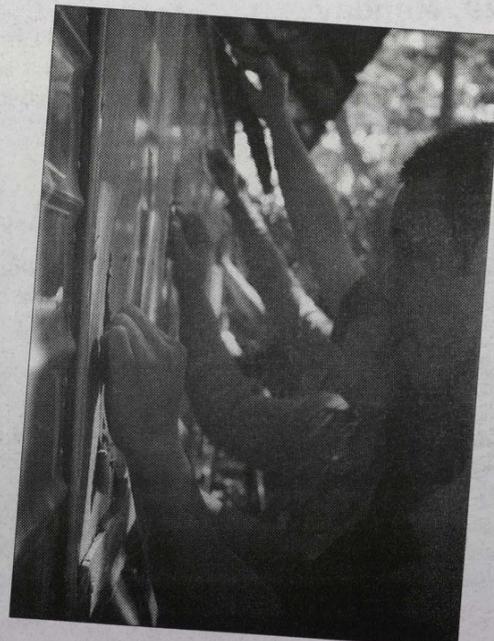
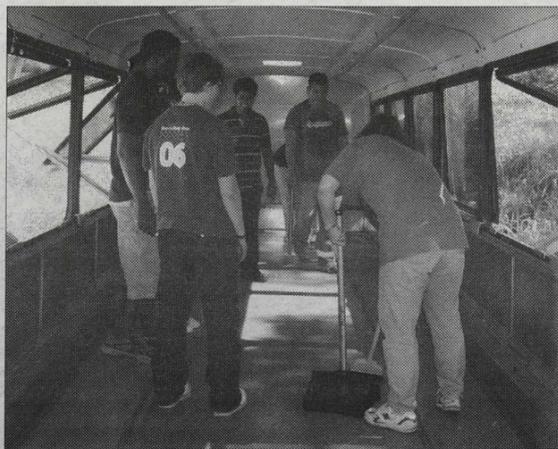
"After finding a young couple with two of their young children

using one of the toilet stalls for shelter from the rain on the leeward side of the island...the image stayed with me," Langi said. "We need to make a stand because this is outrageous."

As part of a national Martin Luther King Day of Service, program coordinators of the service-learning project hope to honor the memory of Dr. King by getting members of the KCC community involved in activities that promote the human rights of even the most marginalized members of society.

"If given the opportunity, everyone has that spirit to help," Assistant Professor. Linda Fujikawa said.

For more information about H-5 or to find out about other about future service-learning projects at KCC, call or visit the Service Learning Office in Ilima Rm 210, 734-9353 or email kccserve@hawaii.edu



Library:

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tion issues that face students who utilize the services and resources of the library on a daily basis.

"I usually study at the cafeteria or at the Holomua center and rarely visit the campus library," Kanani Thomas, KCC student said.

The renovation of the library began in Oct. 2006 to make repairs not only to preserve the resources of the library, but also to prevent any health and safety hazard attributed to the leaky roof.

The focus of the renovation at this point is on the second floor of the library. However, the first floor will also see some significant improvements to the structure of the building, specifically the section that houses the administrative office.

Some changes students are also expected to see are the computer labs and the expansion of the Pacific collections. Details of these improvements will be featured in the next update.

Job Fair:

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is able to offer students off-campus employment options quickly. Students looking to work during certain time frames have found success with the job placement office's assistance. Carmine noted that the office is not limited to just finding part-time work for students. "A lot of employers are willing to work around school schedules," Carmine said. "Employers are also interested in having students work full time, so if a student has graduated or will graduate, I can put them in contact with an employer. I'll ask them what they're interested in or what their degree plan is in and we'll go from there."

Despite the one-on-one approach Carmine takes with students looking for employment, he does not take part in the actual application process. "A lot of employers want you to fill out their applications, so I don't

A lot of employers are willing to work around student schedules.

— Michael Carmine, job placement counselor

get involved with filling out the applications for students," he said. Carmine welcomes students to schedule an appointment with him if they are need of employment assistance.

Throughout the semester, there will be several job fairs held on campus. The next job fair is scheduled for March 13. There will also be a job fair specializing in gerontology as well as fairs hosted by the Honolulu Police Department and the US military.

Certificate:

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during the development of the ASC in International Studies. He believes that this certificate will be a tremendous asset for students and it will help build a strong academic background for them as well.

"There's no doubt that having students follow world events and having an understanding of the history, politics, religion, and the various cultures of the world is extremely important during these times," Hefner said. Hefner believes that students are in the right frame of mind for absorbing information about the world.

Students who are interested in language, art, religion, philosophy, history, culture and political organizations of world regions are the individuals that the ASC in International Studies targets.

"I would really be interested in a certificate like this, it'll look good as resume juice," student Eric Alcantara said. Alcantara is a Japanese major and hopes to move to Japan one day. Alcantara believes that a certificate like this would help him in the future.

Those who are interested in pursuing the ASC in International Studies or would like to know more information should contact Carl Hefner: Hefner@hawaii.edu.

KCC STUDENT ACTIVITIES CALENDER JANUARY 2007

24, Wednesday

Temporary parking will be available to KCC students, staff, and faculty at the base of Diamond Head. Parking lot will be available between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

25, Thursday

Information Session on Emergency Medical Services. There will be a presentation for students interested in pursuing a career path in Emergency Medical Services in Kauila 207 between 9 and 11 a.m.

26, Friday

Last day to withdraw from a course in person and refund 50 percent of tuition, without receiving a "W."

28, Sunday

Last day to withdraw form a course online and refund 50 percent of tuition, without receiving a "W."

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29, Monday

SOS: Thinking Through History. In the Lama 116, library, between 12:15 and 1:15 p.m. Colette Higgins and Brian Cassity will be sharing ways to get a better view on history, including How to survive and thrive in a history class and What do you really need to know?

30, Tuesday

SOS: WebCT Orientation for students. In Naio 203 between 12:15 and 1 p.m. Jacie Moriyama will be giving an introduction to WebCT. Addressing problems such as uploading, downloading, attaching, and navigating through the WebCT.

31, Wednesday

Stress Reduction Workshop. In Ohia 118 auditorium between 12 and 1 p.m. staff from the UH Manoa Counseling Center will conduct a stress reduction workshop. Teaching how not to stress during the Spring 2007 semester.

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Accounting Student Night

Jan. 23, 2007, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
 In the Tamarind Room
 (located in the 'Ohelo Building behind 'Ohi'a)

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