

Aid for STEM students

By Paige L. Jinbo
ASSITANT ADVISER

For many students, college expenses — from rising tuition costs to pricey textbooks — are quite the burden. So, when Erika Chinn-Galindo found out that she was the recipient of the newest Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics scholarship she was elated.

"It's so challenging to pay for school, since I don't really have a job," Chinn-Galindo said. "Having this extra money really helps."

Chinn-Galindo, STEM major, is one of 10 students that received the Student Tuition Aid for Research and Transfer in Urban Polynesia scholarship. For a full list of all the recipients, see sidebar.

Although the scholarships are exciting for the students, it's also an accomplishment for KCC's STEM program, according to Keoki Noji, marketing director for the STEM program.

"Since there's a lack of funding for education, this is a big deal because it (scholarship) allows us to fund the students through our own program," Noji said.

The START-UP Scholarship is being funded by grants provided by the National Science Foundation.

Students pursuing STEM careers are eligible to apply for the scholarship. To see the full list of qualifications, see sidebar. STEM students may receive up to \$3,600 per year for up to three years. The awarded money is adjusted depending on the student's financial need.

"Students should have financial support without having to work, and this scholarship is a great opportunity for students to have that funding,"

said Robert Moeng, associate professor and manager of the START-UP Scholarship.

Part of the scholarship money has already been distributed to students. Students have received half of their allotted funds and will receive the last half in December. After the semester is over the students' records will be assessed to see whether they still qualify to receive the scholarship for the following semester.

KCC student Anela Burg said that she was thrilled when she found out that she would be one of the 10 that would be awarded the START-UP Scholarship.

"I'm ecstatic," Burg said. "I'm going to school full-time and I'm not working."

Moeng said that he hopes to increase the number of recipients awarded each year. Since the START-UP Scholarship is part of the NSF five-year grant, by the third year Moeng hopes to be awarding up to 25

RECIPIENTS OF THE START-UP SCHOLARSHIPS:

Lesley Auyong
Anela Burg
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Liy Liu
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Celeste Pali
Matthew Pangelinan
Jay Saavedra
Runxi Zhang

that the money provided to our students will build us a suitable workforce," he said. "That way, we won't have to rely on the NSF to fund us."

However, for now, Moeng and Noji said they're going to focus on getting the word out early for new applicants for the START-UP Scholarship. STEM students will have another opportunity to apply in March. A blanket e-mail will be sent to all students pursuing an Associate of Science in Natural Science degree with information regarding applying.

"The overall student response has been very positive, so far," Noji said. "Right now we're just working on getting enough students to apply."

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— Robert Moeng, manager of the START-UP Scholarship

students this scholarship.

In addition to renewing the grant after five years, Moeng said he'll start looking into organizations within the community to help with endowments to the STEM program.

"By that time we'll be able to show

Students who are interested in applying or would like to know more about the START-UP Scholarships, contact Robert Moeng, 734-9389 or moeng@hawaii.edu

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE START-UP SCHOLARSHIP?

» Must be a full-time student (at least part-time at KCC) pursuing an Associate of Science degree in Natural Science with a concentration in either physical or life science

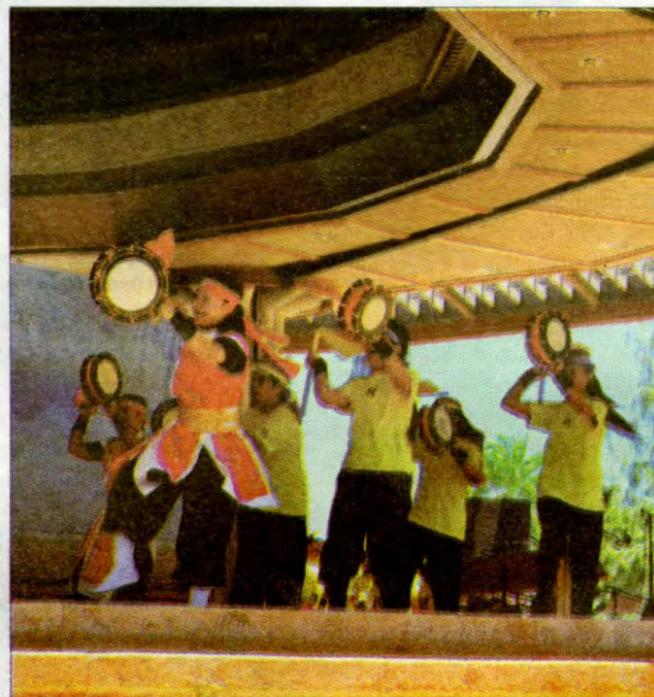
» Must qualify for financial aid

» Completed 12 or more college credits with a GPA of 2.8 or higher

» Be qualified for, enrolled in or has completed Math 135

» Must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or eligible non-citizen

Celebrating Okinawa



RIE MIYOSHI/KAPI'O

People gathered at the annual Okinawan Festival, which took place Sept. 4 and 5 at Kapi'olani Park. Those who were able to secure a parking spot were treated to live entertainment from dance groups while munching on andagi, soba and other traditional Okinawan dishes.

Economic changes linked to enrollment

By Remington Taum

STAFF WRITER

The visitor industry in Hawai'i has been through a lot over the past few years in accordance with the economy and worldly events.

According to a late June article in the Star-Advertiser the number of visitors in Hawai'i jumped to 549,954 compared to a year ago. Another article in early September explained that Hawaiian Airlines saw an increase of 5.5 percent in August from the previous year. The airline carried 787,854 this past month and 746,646 last August, reported the Star-Advertiser article.

Before the decline in tourism began in 2008, the increase in spending this past May was the largest in nearly two years, reported a Star-Advertiser article.

As the economic status fluctuates, it directly affects enrollment at KCC. When the economy or the

industry hits a slump, people usually return to school for retraining. A number of employers are picky when hiring new workers. By going back to school, different skills can be added to a résumé.

Employment in the travel and tourism industry can also have a negative effect on enrollment. The KCC Hospitality and Tourism department may see a dip in enrollment because people recognize that jobs are harder to come back to and there is more need for education and credentials, explained department chair and professor of hospitality and tourism, Dave Evans.

"Maybe people get scared off," Evans said. "They may see instability in the industry."

More and more companies in career pathways are looking for students who have received their degree.

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After teaching Spanish and French for 40 years in the UH system, Carol Beresowski is ready to retire.

All hands on deck: your college experience

By Trevor Lattorre
COPY EDITOR

Feeling left out at Kapi'olani Community College? Hanging out with the same people from high school? Doing the same thing?

KCC is preparing to launch a pilot program with the hope that it will bridge the gap that is characteristic of commuter campuses. Capitalizing on the Facebook craze, KCC has started its own social networking site, Imiloa. It is still in the trial stages, and KCC officials hope to make it available to a broader audience in a year.

But Kelli Goya, KCC pathways coordinator, sees this as a giant leap in student interaction and academic development.

"Imiloa is another good way to insure retention rates and boost student interaction," Goya said.

After a student signs up for an account and uploads a profile photo -- perhaps pairing a name with the face of that cute student who sits in front of you during your Monday morning class -- Imiloa becomes an open door to the rest of the KCC



SEAN NAKAMURA/KAPI'O

Excited to begin exploring the 'imiloa Web site? Reset your countdown for fall 2011. Equipped with familiar UH tools, you'll feel right at home engaging the Imiloa interface. "E hoe, e hoe," Yagodich exclaims on the 'imiloa Web site.

community. Students can join groups -- with the sponsorship of a student advisor -- a la Facebook, blog about their lives, participate in class discussions with professors and classmates, and receive notices about sought-after scholarships.

Equipped with familiar UH tools like Star, Imiloa also provides a plethora of sources to unlock your dreams, your goals. Among these new features

is My Plan, which allows students to plan their journey here at KCC, step-by-step. Another feature allows students to describe who they are, and let's face the facts, most college students love to talk about themselves.

Goya's hope is that Imiloa will connect students with other students who share similar interests and projected fields of study.

There is a disconnect here on

campus, and KCC hopes Imiloa will not only facilitate as a means for students to take control of their education but also branch out and meet new people, Goya said.

If you're itching to get on this new networking site and begin updating your profile, you'll have to wait for Imiloa to take off sometime during the Fall 2011 semester. Besides connecting with other students, you'll

also be able to utilize the many resources KCC offers: counselors, mentors and instructors.

Currently only 10 classes are allowed access to Imiloa, and none of the other UH community colleges are investing so much into this type of network.

"This is still a pilot program and we don't know exactly how it's going to change, but we're working really hard to make it available to students as soon as possible," Goya said during a recent Imiloa demonstration.

Although Imiloa includes a few familiar UH tools, it is nothing like Star and is far more interactive and entertaining. Palikiko Yagodich, the Interpret Hawai'i coordinator at KCC, narrates a few instructional videos. He is a nice addition to the friendly Imiloa family as well as quite welcoming. Yagodich personifies the true spirit of aloha and KCC -- he's also pretty funny.

Imiloa means to explore. And starting Fall 2011, KCC will present an opportunity for students to explore the possibilities, explore their journey.

Service Learning program expands, keeps students involved

By Joie Nishimoto
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This semester, the Service Learning program is continuing its push to get more of KCC's students actively involved in their community.

According to Melisa Orozco, outreach coordinator, there are a few new sites for students to participate in, including the Manoa Heritage Center.

Another new location where students can volunteer is at the Living Art Marine Center. Located near Honolulu Airport, students will do various activities, such as assisting tour guides during school and adult tours.

Orozco said that the program will continue its current long-standing partnerships with other sites.

Service Learning allows students to participate in various community service projects while enrolled in an academic course. Orozco said it is a "recognized pedagogy."

"It's national and international," she said. "It's not quite like an internship. It's still growing."

Service Learning, which marks its 15th anniversary at KCC this year, connects the community with the classroom.

"Service Learning is a textbook of life," she said. "Service helps you

to learn better and in the classroom. You learn how to better serve (your community)."

Service Learning is offered through various courses, all of which are available on its Web site. Each site is categorized into one of several pathways: arts, geriatrics, education, environment, health and international perspectives.

"All of the different community pathways fill different people's interests and schedules," said Orozco. "Some may enjoy a subject like history and art, or some people may enjoy being with grandmas and grandpas. Everyone is different."

This fall, the program hopes to get more students to participate in more environment-related sites.

"Some of the sites are very innovative," said Orozco. "Another one that we have is the Diamond Head Monument Foundation, where students can clean up from Diamond Head Road, all the way to Monsarrat."

In order to participate, students are asked to attend an orientation. This is the last week to attend an orientation. There will be two held on Monday, Sept. 13, and two more on Friday, Sept. 17.

Kellie Dinwiddie Kalā, 19, is par-

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NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Background: Abercrombie, originally from Buffalo, N.Y., received a Ph.D. from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa in American Studies. He was elected in 1990 to return to Congress to represent Hawaii's first Congressional District in Washington, D.C., in the U.S. House of Representatives. He also befriended Barack Obama, Sr., as he pursued his master's degree at UH. Abercrombie also served as the honorary chair on the Hawai'i Obama Campaign.



Education: Some of his educational plans involve putting principals in charge of making the schools' budget decisions. He also plans to encourage schools, including public charter schools, to make use of online learning, enrichment activities all to meet statewide standards as well as the needs of the students.

Economy/Jobs: Abercrombie's economic plan involves greater financial security, good jobs, long-term sustainability and economic opportunity. Through public-private partnerships, he plans to build green workforce housing, support small businesses and entrepreneurship, use the federal stimulus dollars quickly and integrate technology and innovation in the economy.

Civil Unions: Protecting the people's civil rights is extremely important and can't be compromised. "Civil unions respect our diversity, protect people's privacy and reinforce our core values of equality and aloha," he said on the Neil Abercrombie Web site.

Hawaiian Sovereignty: Abercrombie will work to attain continued federal funding, resolve historic controversies in regard to ceded lands, Hawaiian Home Lands, water rights as well as more issues.

Web site: <http://www.neilabercrombie.com/>

MULIUFI FRANCIS "MUFU" HANNEMANN

Background: The former mayor of Honolulu, Hannemann graduated from Harvard University in 1976 and finished up his studies at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand as a Fulbright Scholar. Hannemann has served as Honolulu's mayor since 2004. Hannemann is most known for passing the motion to bring rail to Honolulu.



Education: Hannemann wants to release education funds in a more timely fashion, regardless of whether a superintendent is appointed. He plans to demand financial accountability.

Economy/Jobs: Also, he hopes to get long-delayed capital improvement projects started to create more jobs.

Civil Unions: He is against same-sex marriages but plans to work on a bill that focuses on equal benefits.

Hawaiian Sovereignty: Hannemann said he would deal with the public land disputes by "bringing the Hawaiian community, other stakeholders and government agencies together in a collaborative approach to ensure that the state fulfills its commitment to all Hawaiians." He will also protect the Department of Hawaiian Homelands' trusts.

Anything else: Hannemann is working to develop a University of Hawaii at West Hawaii campus, and is looking to create a joint effort between state and federal agencies to combat invasive species in an attempt to focus more on the environment.

Web site: <http://mufuhannemann.com/>

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PANOS PREVEDOUROS

Background: After finishing his engineering degree at Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, Greece, the Ph.D. has been a professor of traffic and transportation engineering at the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Hawaii-Manoa since 1990.



The rail: His primary concern is traffic. He is the only candidate in the race vehemently opposed to the proposed rail. Coming from a highly qualified engineering background, he points out that the rail will be a temporary fix to a long-term problem. Not only that, he foresees the tourism industry taking a severe blow during its construction, as the whole process will be as unsightly as it is expensive. He claims his "Hot Lane" initiative is the most efficient method for handling congestion relief.

Environment: He's concerned with Oahu's faulty pollution system. He's points out that the overflow of residents and tourists produces incredible excesses of trash. He cites facilities in Germany and Japan as models for efficient trash dispensaries. In the same vein, the islands' sewer management is in dire need of an overhaul as well.

Jobs: He believes the rail is not the only way to stimulate jobs in Hawai'i. "The city budget is already bursting with generous increases provided for city workers and law enforcement as well as funding the costs for emergency sewer replacement, road repairs, trash disposal and debt service," he said on his Web site. He said that if enough projects are ignited, local companies could build immediately, which is the primary solution to generating jobs.

Website: <http://www.fixoahunow.com/>

ROD TAM

Background: Rod Tam graduated from the University of Hawai'i in 1977, he has served as a senator, state representative and most recently as a city councilman. A Chinatown native, Tam is no stranger to controversy. In 2010 Tam was investigated by the city's Ethics Committee for violating ethical standards for abusing taxpayers' dollars allocated to him as a councilmember. Tam had been charging the city more than the actual meals cost and for using the same funds to pay for meals with his family and business associates. Tam was forced to repay \$11,700 in city funds, and \$2,000 for an ethics violation.

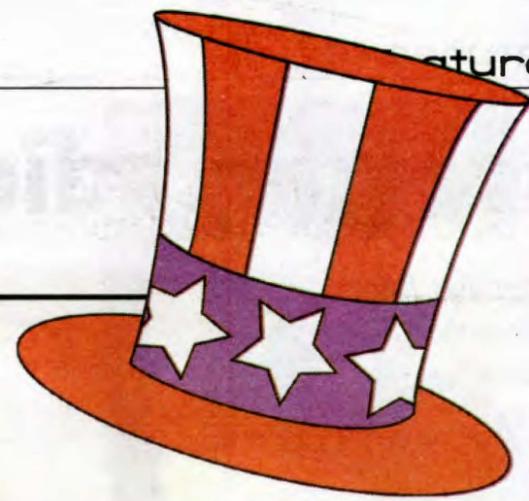


Community: Tam strongly believes in his involvement within the community. "I believe in being out in the community ... talking with the individuals, finding out what the needs of the community are ... educating the public in government process ... giving the individuals the knowledge to get involved," he said on his Web site.

Transportation: If elected mayor, he said that he would put an end to the rail, at least until the economy improves.

Web site: <http://rodtamformayor.com/>

Primary Elections



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DUKE AIONA

Background: Aiona is a Pearl City native and graduate of Saint Louis School. He is a UH-Manoa law graduate and has had a long and illustrious career in public office. Aiona has served as a city attorney, a state Family Court judge and, for the past eight years, as lieutenant governor, Governor Linda Lingle's running mate.

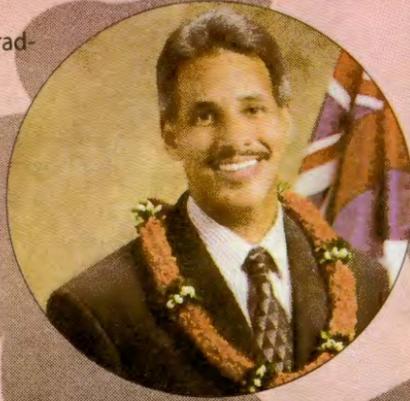
Energy: Aiona is a proponent of clean, renewable energy here in the isles and hopes to generate 70 percent of our power from these sources by 2030.

Education: An opponent of the current Hawaii state education system, Aiona is calling for an entire, independent audit for the Hawaii Department of Education. Hawaii's public schools are currently ranked 41 out of 50; it's no wonder Hawaii was recently awarded \$75 million in the nation-wide "Race to the Top", which hopes to improve state education systems.

Jobs: Aiona's stance on jobs is one of capitalism: small businesses in the long-term run our economy. He hopes to increase these opportunities for the people of Hawaii.

Hawaiian Sovereignty: Although Aiona is of Native Hawaiian ancestry, he has not made claims against or advocating for Hawaiian Sovereignty.

Web site: <http://www.dukeaiona.com/>.



JOHN CARROLL

Background: Carroll originally came to the University of Hawai'i at Manoa from California in 1949 to play football. He graduated from UHM with a bachelor's degree in education and later earned a doctorate of Jurisprudence at St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas.

Education: Carroll believes that teachers are underpaid and that the Board of Education could use a face-lift.

Economy/Jobs: His first priority is to eliminate the Jones Act, thus opening up agricultural shipping opportunities. Carroll intends to remove unnecessary red tape and regulations, and to lower taxes on smaller businesses.

Civil Unions: Against same-sex marriage.

Hawaiian Sovereignty: Wants to change the current native Hawaiian homestead policy, which limits land to a 99-year lease. He also intends to grant homesteaders land in fee.

Anything else: Wants to create a comprehensive network of bike paths to help promote eco-tourism. Carroll would also like to host sporting events on a national and international scale, such as the Pan American Games.

Web site: <http://roll4carroll.com/>



Mayor

PETER CARLISLE

Background: Carlisle got his B.A. at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and his J.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles. He is Honolulu's third elected prosecuting attorney. For more than 21 years, Carlisle has been working for the City and County of Honolulu.

Education: Carlisle is not in favor of furlough Fridays for students or government workers. He wants to get rid of furlough Fridays.

Economy/Jobs: He believes in more money being put into bank accounts rather than being taken out. He has said that if technology is used properly. The money needs to be facilitated into the private sector – and not into the government – to create jobs immediately.

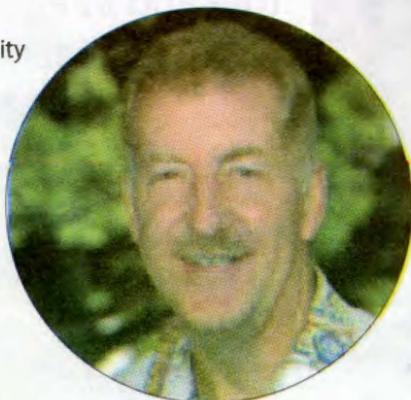
Affordable Housing: He wants to focus on working cooperatively with the private sector to get affordable housing and to keep it affordable. A lot can be replicated from what's been done on the mainland, including privatizing management.

Proptery Tax: Carlisle is not in favor of raising property taxes. He wants to repress unnecessary building and hires, control overtime and deal with salary costs.

Animal Cruelty: We have strong penalties, but in need of stronger judges to impose penalty. We ask for significant jail time and fines.

Rail System: Carlisle is in favor of transit-oriented development and said that it is the future for employment and goals of the island.

Web site: <http://petercarlisle.com/>



KIRK CALDWELL

Background: The Waipahu native and current acting mayor of Honolulu, Caldwell earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Tufts University in 1975 and a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He then graduated from the University of Hawai'i's William S. Richardson School of Law in 1984. In 2009, he was appointed the Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu.

Environment: Caldwell hopes to create more walking and bicycle paths to cut down on pollution, and look into more transit-oriented development. He will make sure that water is clean and safe for drinking by ensuring that garbage and waste disposal is effectively maintained.

Economy/Jobs: He plans to see through as many public work projects in an attempt to jump-start the economy by providing more jobs.

Transparency in government affairs: Caldwell is advocating for meetings, press conferences, commission meetings and all other major meetings to be streamed live on the Internet, giving the public greater access to information through online services.

Homelessness: He wants to develop safe zones with shower, toilet, laundry, trash and storage facilities for the homeless. He's recently launched his project that provides transportation for the homeless from their shelters to their new homes at Kalaeloa.

Anything else: Caldwell says he will decrease crime rates. He plans to put more money into the crime and safety budget to address training, equipment and staffing needs.

Web site: <http://www.kirkcaldwell.com/>



Au revoir, adios to language professor

After four decades, French and Spanish professor Carol Beresiwski retires with plans to relax

By Nix Kinney
STAFF WRITER/VIDEOGRAPHER

Carol Beresiwski was first introduced to language and culture by her grandfather who used to walk around the house speaking German. This constant exposure to foreign language managed to instill a fascination that has endured beyond high school, where she took two years of both Spanish and French.

"I don't know why, I just knew that I needed to travel," Beresiwski said as she explained the beginnings of her wanderlust.

Because the study abroad programs were not nearly as abundant 50 years ago as they are now, she had to make do with what few resources she had. Despite how her teachers encouraged her to graduate first, Beresiwski found a way to spend a year in France.

Beresiwski, now recently retired, parlayed that one-year study abroad into a 40-year career teaching her love of language and culture within the University of Hawaii system. She retired in 2010, leaving a gaping hole in the Kapi'olani Community College's language program.

In the spring of 1970, Beresiwski became a French TA at Penn State University.

This, in turn, provided her a teaching opportunity in Hawai'i, a place she had always considered to be culturally diverse. After teaching French for a year at the UH Lab School, she became a professor at Leeward Community College where she taught for 20 years.

During this time, Beresiwski noticed a wane in French enrollment and, while teaching, began to take classes at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. She later graduated with her master's degree in Spanish and began teaching both languages simultaneously.

While Kapi'olani Community College was still in its beginning stages



SEAN NAKAMURA / KAPI'OLANI

Kapi'olani Community College bids adieu to a talented professor of multiple languages. After 40 years of teaching both French and Spanish within the University of Hawai'i system, Carol Beresiwski embraces a well-deserved retirement.



"Carol gave something that was unique and precious to students and that was just undying support for language, culture and international education."

— Guy Kellogg, Languages, Linguistics and Literature

on Pensacola Street, Beresiwski was helping to nurse the budding school along by developing the 101 to 202 classes in both French and Spanish. After 20 years at LCC, Beresiwski moved to KCC where she has been teaching for the last two decades.

"She understood that language learning was about student engagement," said Guy Kellogg, Chair of the Department of Languages, Linguistics and Literature, "and she had enough experience within the UH system to understand how her students could achieve success in the context of this particular university system."

Beresiwski's teaching style was unique, drawing from her own personal enchantment with the entire package.

"When it comes to the semester, I try to bring not just the language, but the experience and culture," Beresiwski said. "I want my students to meet the people, dance the dance, eat the food and maybe conjugate the verbs. That's good too."

But Beresiwski's dedication to her students and course material went beyond the status quo. Despite her impending retirement, she could still be found at the Apple Store taking lessons that would help her to refine the quality of her classes.

"Carol gave something that was unique and precious to students and that was just undying support for language education, culture education and international education," said Kellogg.

So with retirement upon her, Beresiwski plans to do all the things she has wanted to do in the past.

"I think I can join a Latin American book club." Said Beresiwski, "Play music, see my friends and go out to lunch." Though her list is comprised of an assortment of activities, ranging from dancing the flamenco to making iMovies.

But first, she'll be taking retirement as an opportunity to rest from 40 years of passionate teaching.

"Carol single-handedly took a risk, worked hard and was able to really help students to graduate as a result," said Kellogg. "That's got to be worth something."

Tourism:

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good start, but continuing at the School of Travel Industry Management (TIM) at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa inevitably takes longer.

Even though companies may be hiring, the flipside is that people may lose their jobs. Closures are happening, though, there has been some funding for workers to return to school whether it is for tourism or another focus.

When Aloha Airlines went out of business in March 2008, there was support and more incentive for people to go back to school, accord-

ing to Evans.

The instability of the tourism industry is a situation that makes people uneasy. Students question if they will have a place in this career.

"The economic situation does come to mind when I think about making the commitment to spend the money to get a degree but I feel the tourism industry will never die no matter how low visitor numbers are," said hospitality major Alyson Kintscher.

Evans explained that enrollment in the department reflects the economy when it is doing well, even though enrollment has been rather steady throughout the past few years. Succeeding in the tourism industry is easy when businesses are prospering,

The tourism thrives on having good workers and is always in need of quality employees.

When times are tough the industry needs the best people, Evans emphasized.

New hires can expect to demonstrate hard work to advance in their careers.

"I feel like that's always going to be consistent (what will decrease?) and may decrease but will never be nonexistent," Kintscher said.

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participating in Service Learning for the first time and is planning to volunteer at Mālama i nā Ahupua'a for her Biology 124 class. She hopes that through Service Learning, she'll be able to reconnect with her culture.

"I expect that I'll learn to be more in touch with my culture and the land," said Dinwiddie Kalā.

The number of hours required for students to work at the site varies but typically is around 25 per semester. If the site or professor requires more, then the student has to comply with that request instead.

When students complete their

required hours, they have to submit a reflection paper. Orozco hopes that students will continue to work at their sites even after they complete their service.

If students continue to volunteer, they may have opportunities for financial assistance, including the UH Achievement Award, which gives out hundreds of dollars to students, and the President's Volunteer Service Award, an award signed by President Barack Obama.

Dinwiddie Kalā said students should consider doing service learning.

"It's really good," she said. "I think it's a good thing. It's good to participate in more extracurricular activities, especially if you want to be a well-rounded student."

THE VIEW WE TAKE

Puppy abuse caught on video has activists outraged

Recent video footage of a teenage girl who tossed six young puppies into a river in Bosnia has people like animal activists, such as the People the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), enraged and should be a sign that stricter punishment for animal cruelty be implemented in Hawai'i.

The video, which has gone viral across the Internet, was posted on Aug. 30, on YouTube. The video ignited outrage among animal lovers and activists in user comments, and even a Facebook group called "Find the Girl who Threw Puppies in the River" has more than 47,000 followers.

The 44-second clip shows a young blonde-haired woman in a red hoodie grabbing whimpering puppies from a white bucket and throwing them into a nearby river one at a time.

According to the Huffington Post, as of Sept. 4, the police force in Bosnia has located the girl believed to be in the video. Her name has not been released due to her juvenile status, however, under Bosnian law, she could be required to pay a fine that ranges from 15 Euros to 5,000 Euros, or about \$6,400 U.S.

The video was released just nearly a month following an online video of a middle-aged British woman who dumped her neighbor's cat into the garbage bin. Users of the online community 4chan united together to find the identity of the two people involved in these acts of animal cruelty; they were successfully able to identify the British woman.

Without a doubt, animal activists jumped at the chance to get their voices heard. PETA offered a reward of 1,500 Euros to find the person responsible for the mistreatment of the puppies.

Even those in the entertainment business were dismayed by the video. Hollywood director Michael

Bay offered a \$50,000 reward to whoever could find the young teen. In addition, actor Kellan Lutz, who plays Emmett Cullen on "Twilight," tweeted, "I've never been so disgusted before. That video is so incredibly disturbing and plain out wrong."

Animal cruelty is something that should be avoided at all costs. Hawai'i's mayoral candidates faced off in a debate on Aug. 16 – before the incident – and one of the issues discussed was how to crack down on animal cruelty in the islands.

Mayoral candidate Peter Carlisle said that there should be stronger judges to impose stricter punishments on those who neglect their animals.

Acting mayor Kirk Caldwell said that those who mutilate or torture animals are one step away from potentially committing other crimes like domestic abuse.

On a state level, Hawai'i should impose stricter laws regarding animal torture. Jail time should be considered for each animal cruelty case, as well as higher fees.

In April 2009, Hawai'i News Now reported that a 24-year-old man hunted and slaughtered a woman's pet pig named Keller. In 2008, a Makaha resident was sentenced to five years in prison for killing a pet pig named Porky.

Hawai'i residents who like to hunt should be aware of hunting laws in the state and be respectful to all animals. To get a better understanding of how mistreated animals feel, people should visit their nearest animal shelter.

The view we take is written by the editors of the Kapi'o. We welcome all responses to this subject. E-mail "Letter to the Editor" at kapi'o@hawaii.edu.



The dog Louis Vuitton leaves a Pardons and Paroles hearing in Montgomery, Ala., on Aug. 24. The Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles denied early release to Juan Daniels of Montgomery, whose sentence last year was a record in Alabama for animal cruelty. Daniels set the dog on fire and will be eligible for parole again in July 2012.

CAMPUS VOICES: What is your most embarrassing favorite song?



"Mr. Roger's Neighborhood Theme Song." It sends a really good message but it's a kids song."

Tiffany Ibale, 22, liberal arts



"Maria" by Ayumi Hamasaki. Usually girls listen to this song, but I listen to it and I like it."

Hirotaka Nakano, 19, liberal arts



"California Girls" by Katy Perry. It's about California girls and it's by Katy Perry. That's enough. But I sing along to it."

Kiley Momoharu, 22, sports medicine



"Alejandro" by Lady Gaga. It's catchy but definitely not in the category I would normally listen to or let my friends know I listen to."

Shankar Tillotson, 25, EMT



"The Climb" by Miley Cyrus. I'm more into reggae and Hawaiian music. Plus, I'm 25 and this song is by Hannah Montana. But it's a good song."

Marcila Arnold, 25, radtech



"Baby" by Justin Bieber. All my friends hate him and I don't like him very much, but this is a good song."

Kristy Carroll, 19, accounting

Flying sucks, let's hovercraft



REMINGTON TAUM / KAPPO

Aside from small seats, flying over Maui and looking down into Haleakalā crater presents an opportunity for pictures.

By Remington Taum
STAFF WRITER

So, imagine yourself sitting on a plane for eight to nine hours, and then multiply that by three flight changes, adding on another six hours. I'm not so great at math, but to me that looks like about 18 hours of flying.

As we all know it, flying for long periods of time can be extremely uncomfortable. The small seats, funny-shaped headrests and the unmentionable airplane food can all take a toll on your body.

This past trip I took with my family to the mainland was full of emotion though somewhat enjoyable. What made it memorable was the actual flight to and from. The airplane seats were small; barely anybody can fit in these things. I don't understand why they have to make them so straight up and so that they can only fit half a person.

I travel with a pillow, so when I fix

my pillow and lay my head down, the food cart bumps my head. I switch sides, only to realize that the guy next to me is hanging halfway in my seat. How does one expect me to get a good night's rest in a cramped seat with the headrest shooting my neck forward? Honestly.

Not to be judgmental, but airplane food isn't the five-star meal that I'm sure would be appreciated.

Sometimes if I'm really hungry or if I didn't have time to grab something at the airport while running to catch my flight, I'll eat it. The food tends to smell like it's burning when they heat it up on the plane. If by chance I fall asleep, the smell of the burning food quickly wakes me up.

Those two-hour layovers are nice, because it allows me to take a stroll through the food court on solid ground or look for a magazine to read on the plane.

None of this is getting any better. The seats aren't getting bigger, and the food isn't getting any better. It seems

that ticket prices are rising and everything is getting worse. Searching for a flight to Los Angeles for two days, runs about \$300 to \$800.

I do hope soon things start to improve and people aren't cramped up for an entire flight.

Now, for a change in seating, the first class section, always more expensive but I think could almost be worth it. They offer passengers drinks while the plane waits to take off, and even bake cookies toward the end of the flight. The baked chicken is actually quite worth waiting for, and includes warm hot fudge drizzled onto two scoops of ice cream for dessert.

I guess a positive note about flying is that I have been able to see some pretty neat things from a birds-eye view and bring home some memorable pictures. Hopefully at some point in the future, flying for long hours at a time won't be so uncomfortable, and I'll be able to sit in a decent-sized chair.

kapi'o TOP 10



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Tantalizing instruments

By Mai Oseto
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After years of forced piano classes and tedious high school band practices, we all still wish we could play instruments other than the ones our parents wanted. It would be awesome if you could just pull out something at any moment to jam with your musically talented friends or one that would score you some extra cash playing on a street corner. Here's a Top 10 list of the instruments I wish I could play.

10. **Banjo**
The tangy sound of a banjo brings people to a southern trailer park, although it's actually of African decent. Bringing out this backbone to Dixieland music will cause your friends to start square dancing.
9. **Harmonica**
Bust this baby out and you can jam with pretty much anyone in any genre of music. Double-time it with the guitar, and you'll be a rocking a one-man band.
8. **Bagpipes**
Play the roaring bagpipes anywhere and you're guaranteed to get some attention, followed by high-fives.
7. **Violin**
Let's face it the violin is classy. This is the perfect instrument to play on a street corner to make some extra cash.
6. **Harp**
Don't have rhythm? You don't need it to play the harp. Plus it's a (presumably) free ticket into heaven.
5. **Sitar**
With this stringed beauty you're sure to find love, just like the penniless sitar player in the Moulin Rouge. If nothing else, maybe it'll impart some Hindu wisdom.
4. **Keytar**
It's the love child of a keyboard and electric guitar with the versatile sound of a synthesizer. It's super rad, there's nothing more to say.
3. **Accordion**
Who wouldn't want to play the accordion outside a café in Italy?
2. **Kazoo**
This classic Cracker Jack toy makes sick solos when rocking out with more musically gifted friends.
1. **Ocarina**
This small, round, flute-type instrument might make you think of Zelda or hippies, but if you get the ocarina app for your phone or iPod, you'll have music-making at your fingertips at all times.

The Top 10 is a weekly feature from The Kapi'o.

Flood relief fundraising for Pakistan



RIE MIYOSHI/KAPPO

Students involved with the International Cafe joined together on Wednesday, Sept. 8 to fundraise for relief efforts in Pakistan, following the floods that occurred last month. According to Linda Fujikawa, coordinator of the International Cafe, they were able to raise more than \$100 during the three-day event.