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## School coping with bus strike

By Justin Hahn  
News Editor

The bus strike has inconvenienced everyone on the island, but KCC is coping with the stoppage through a number of measures.

Among the top priorities, according to Chancellor John Morton, was for faculty to be patient with students who were arriving late because of the bus strike. He also said that finding parking for the increased number of students driving to school was important.

According to Ann Kinningham, director of Administrative Services, parking rules and regulations have been waived during the bus strike.

"Ticketing and towing for illegally parked cars will be suspended," she said, "with the exception of vehicles illegally parked in handicapped parking and emergency lanes (at red curbs that block access of emergency vehicles)."

In addition to the new spaces that have opened up as a result of lax rules, there are also several temporary off-campus lots open to KCC students. Chief among these will be the vacant lot across Diamond Head Road. Additional spaces may also be found at the Diamond Head Theater, the Department of Defense, and the Red Cross.

"It's not next door," Morton said about the additional spaces. "It is

down the road and there will be a walk, but at least it's something."

For students living at the new dorms at the Ohana Reef Hotel in Waikiki, however, parking is not the main issue. The dorm houses 100 KCC students and 40 UH Manoa students, and with no buses running, a long walk is in store for them. The administration of both campuses had been counting on TheBus for a connection to the dorm, as well as to the other campus.

To cope with the lack of service, UH has begun to run a shuttle bus service from the hotel to the Manoa campus, which runs two times a day. The UH housing department and KCC have worked collaboratively to establish another private shuttle bus service to ferry students to and from KCC. It makes one round trip a day: once to KCC in the morning and once to the hotel in the evening.

One student described conditions as "really cramped," with two and three people to a seat.

"But they really want to make sure everyone gets to class," he said.

The shuttle is far from convenient though. The bus arrives at KCC around 8 a.m., leaving students with later start times in limbo.

Along with bikes, mopeds and of course, trusty old feet, carpools are an option

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## Trial recycling project to begin on campus

By Justin Hahn  
News Editor

In the coming months, recycling bins will pop up around campus, with the first two appearing at the 'Ohi'a building.

The Student Congress has allocated \$1,500 from the school's vending machine account to purchase the bins. The money is collected from on-campus vending machines, as well as from Subway as part of their contract.

Even though Student Congress is paying for the recycling, there is a state law mandating all state offices have a full recycling program.

"Legally, we're supposed to have a full program of recycling," Student

Faculty Senate Representative, Gopal Ciancio said. "It should be the college doing everything."

Dawn Sakaue, Student Congress President, said that there would be a two-month trial period in which a pilot program will be tested. Two bins, one for paper and one for bottles and cans, will be placed at the 'Ohi'a building. The pilot program will begin in the first few weeks of school and Student Congress will evaluate the profitability.

The program will be restricted to this one initial site. "We won't know if this recycling program will be a success until our faculty and students

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## Hurry up and wait!



Students wait in line to get their room assignments at the Ohana Reef Hotel dormitory in Waikiki.

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## Special education students finish training and prepare for jobs

By Clint Kaneoka  
Copy Editor

It was a touching and tearful goodbye for the special education students participating in the Stewardship Training Program at KCC. They graduated from the five-week summer course on Friday, Aug. 22.

The program, which is a joint effort of KCC, the Department of Education (DOE), and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), is the

first of its kind to help special education students receive the skills and training necessary to gain employment after high school. It consisted of eight students who were handpicked for their maturity and desire to be employed, and nearing graduation from Kalani High School.

"These students are incredible," said Nina Jarrett, a Chef Instructor at KCC and lead educator of the program. "They are diligent, hard working, never complain, and are very happy

to perform tasks where their greatest reward is the end result—the completion of the task."

Previously, these special education students often found themselves shunned by the general work force due to their disabilities with little to do after being released from the responsibilities of the DOE at age 21. Despite this, as educators of the program found out, these students make great employees.

"These are not your typical high school students," said Ron Takahashi, Department Chairman of Culinary Arts at KCC. "These students are grateful for their job, and work very hard at it. In the food service industry, employers often have a very hard time staffing dishwashers and sanitation help. It is a hard, thankless job, with a very high turnover rate."

*"If people open their hearts and minds, they would see that these students help you to forget about the negativity of work because they are smiling all the time."*

— Nina Jarrett

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### Speak Out

Questions and Photos by:  
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#### How has the bus strike affected you?



**Noah Akin:** "There are a lot less buses in the carpool lane, so traffic is better lately."



**Glenn Domingo:** "It affects me because the bus station is right next door to Loves Bakery and the buses block the entrance so it's harder to buy doughnuts and pie."



**Bianca Salazar:** "Traffic seems to be a lot better which has affected me in a good way, but a lot of people are now having to ask around for rides."

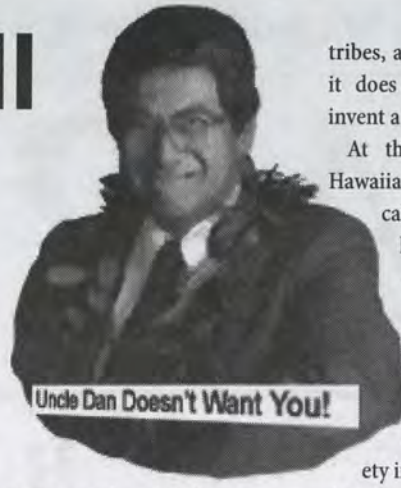


**Dana Libre:** "I just moved here, and my car is being shipped over and hasn't gotten to the island yet, which has made it a little difficult to get around."



**Flavia Da Silva:** "From the East West Center, I have to be here at 7:15 when I have class at noon."

# Akaka bill is 'harmful and divisive'



upon each situation, hold political power over territories, such as reservations. It is still uncertain what will happen if ethnic Hawaiians are recognized by the federal government as Indians, however this bill calls for the creation of a "Native Hawaiian governing entity."

By Justin Hahn  
News Editor

The Native Hawaiian Recognition Bill, also known as the Akaka Bill, is harmful and divisive to our society.

It is tantamount to saying that a person's skin color or hair texture is just as important in governmental matters as their intelligence, education or the content of their character. This bill destroys what has taken years of hard work and determination to edify.

This bill seeks to establish ethnic Hawaiians as "aboriginal, indigenous, native people." This would make them legally almost as if they were part of an Indian tribe, and grant them some of the rights and privileges Indians enjoy.

Under current federal policies, recognized Native American tribes are given certain rights. Among them are freedom of self-determination as an ethnic community and the leave to establish their own governments, which may or may not, depending

The bill does not explain what powers this entity will hold, what jurisdiction it will have or who it will affect. Some people, however, want a sovereign government, which acts in many ways as an Indian tribal council. The bill implies that only ethnic Hawaiians may be a part of this governing entity.

To propose that any state sponsored authority be even partially race-based is wrong.

First, it flies in the face of what we Americans value almost above all else. No one wants to be treated unfairly because of the way they look or who their parents are — but this is exactly what this bill threatens. For all intents and purposes, it creates a race-based government.

Second, this would work on the premise that ethnic Hawaiians were part of a cohesive political unit in existence before U.S. intervention, like Indian tribes. The constitution allows Congress to recognize existent Indian

tribes, and act accordingly. However, it does not empower Congress to invent a totally new tribe.

At the time of the overthrow, Hawaiians were not part of any political unit based on race. They had not been affiliated with a tribal type system since Kamehameha the Great unified all the Hawaiian Islands in 1810. By the time the U.S. took over, this was a multi-ethnic society in which race had very little to do with anything. Hawaiians are not Native Americans, and they should not be treated like them.

I am not ethnically Hawaiian. White, black, Potawatami Indian, Creole, and people of any number of other miscellaneous, forgotten ethnicities have gone into creating me. I was born here. I was raised here. And I love every aspect of my home from Pidgin to Sunset on the Beach to the Merry Monarch Hula Festival. But I have to ask, if this bill passes and a Native Hawaiian governing entity is established, would I have a say in what happens in my community? Would my voice be just as important as an ethnic Hawaiian's? Would I be a second class citizen? Or a citizen at all?

This bill states that this Native Hawaiian governing entity will not be allowed to run casinos under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. But it does not preclude the creation of a Native Hawaiian Gaming Regulatory Act, or any other act, giving this Native Hawaiian governing entity the freedom to run casinos in Hawai'i.

Under the current political system, there is no limit to the campaign contributions Indian tribes can make. They can also bring in untold sums from legalized gambling and the tax-free sale of liquor and alcohol. It

is easy to see how any quasi-sovereign government, with a virtually endless supply of money to make virtually limitless campaign contributions, can sway the fragile democratic process in this country.

What happened to the Kingdom of Hawai'i in 1897 was unjust and in opposition to every accepted international law. It was imperialism, plain and simple. The justly established government of the Kingdom of Hawai'i was dethroned and an invalid government was created out of thin air. But that was then, and this is now. We are all Americans and that means we are all equal. Nothing should change that.

If this were an issue of reparations, then all people living in Hawai'i at the time of the overthrow should be included in this decision, not just one ethnic minority. By some accounts, in 1893, ethnic Hawaiians accounted for only 40% of the population. All the descendants of every Japanese pineapple picker, Portuguese overseer and Chinese laborer should be contacted and made a part of this governing entity.

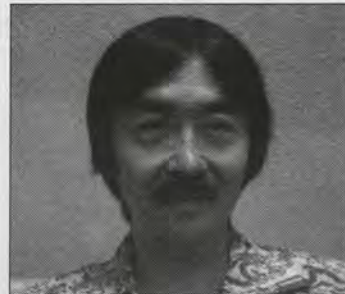
Culture and ethnicity are important in determining a person's identity, and that should not be forgotten, but they are no way to measure what a human being is worth. Especially not in this instance.

Ethnic Hawaiians want to be recognized? They already have recognition, as citizens of the United States of America. The only recognition they need.

### Corrections

In the August 21 edition, a headline said that the Gallaudet program aids the "hearing impaired." We should have said that they help the deaf and hard of hearing. Also, the number at which to reach a counselor is 734-9798.

In the Department Chairs section, we did not include Alfred Seita who is the Business Education Department Chair. He can be reached at 734-9117 in Kopiko 217.



INTRODUCING FOR THE FIRST TIME:

A NEW COMIC STRIP BY JESSE YOUNG

E-mail your comments: thespazcomic@hotmail.com

IN THIS STRIP WE TAKE A LOOK AT SPAZ'S FIRST COUPLE OF DAYS BACK AT KCC!

HI I AM SPAZ AND I AM GOING TO TELL YOU HOW MY FIRST COUPLE OF DAYS BACK AT KCC WENT...

I FELT TIRED! ALL THOSE SUMMER DAYS OF LOUNGING AROUND AND STAYING UP LATE AT CLUBS AND DANCING TO OLD BOB SONGS FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH ME!

ME HANGING AND DRUNK!

I HAVEN'T KNOWN WHAT YOU'RE THINKING!

AND IS IT JUST ME, OR DO ALL FIRST CLASSES FEEL LIKE A BAD CASE OF DEJA VU OR SOME REPETITIOUS ANDY WARHOL-IAN PAINTING!!!

NEWS FLASH! THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES TO GET BORED WHILE READING A SYLLABUS: 9 SECONDS! \*not real data

BUT THAT WASN'T EVEN THE WORST PART OF MY CLASSES: I HATE INTRODUCTIONS!

INTRO METHOD 1: INTRODUCE A PARTNER

THIS IS KIM AND SHE'S IN NURSING AND SHE'S... THAT'S IT!

YAH!

INTRO METHOD 2: SELF-INTRODUCE

OH... SHE IS ONE AND SHE'S HE DO... ANY OTHERS?

I'M SPAZ AND I OH-HO! THINK THE CLASS WILL BE FUN!

COTTEN MOUTH

I'M DRUNK & DRUNKY!

BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST DAY, TEACHERS ENDED THEIR CLASSES EARLY... THE PROBLEM WITH THAT WAS... I HAD NO IDEA WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF!

SO, I:

DREW

ATE

AND TALKED

I KNOW... OOH... FUN!

YUM! OH... YEAH!

SO, HOW WAS YOUR SUMMER?

AS YOU CAN SEE, ALL-IN-ALL IT WAS A PRETTY NORMAL FIRST COUPLE OF DAYS AT SCHOOL.

AND THE BEST PART IS: IT'S ALL OVER... AT LEAST UNTIL NEXT SEMESTER!

NOW, GO AWAY, SO I CAN GET SOME REST!

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Vuong Phung  
Designer Manifesto

**Who's fooling who?**

In our highly visually literate society have pictures and synthetic realities replaced the real thing? Do we now prefer to experience events and places in accordance with contrived personalities? Do you recall the sweet, tempting advertising when you bought a new car? Did you picture yourself as the superspy in the latest Bond Mobile? Do your new clothes reflect the right image? Do you put yourself in the travel brochure picture when you arrive at a holiday destination?

Such a thing would have seemed unthinkable a generation ago, but the signs are everywhere. We can be led to believe that our own lives are empty, slow, and unsuccessful in relation to the fantasy world of possibilities. Anyone who wants to sell us anything can suggest that we would be better off if we would only agree to send some money their way.

There are certain advantages to enjoying vicarious pleasures through a veil of pumped-up hypes. When the explosion of ecstasy is barely enough, the thought of sitting through hours or days of calm contemplation is enough to make your fluffy cotton towels turn to dust before your eyes. We have become accustomed to television or movie dramas collapsing time to condense the emotion and to keep the story moving along at a cracking pace. They do this by taking out the boring bits. The recent TV series, "24," became the testament to how time-budgeted drama has evolved. No time is wasted in cutting from scene to scene. This is life as it should be. Audience heart rates rise and fall in perfect sync with the action.

Travel brochures used to be the main selling tool to get you to leave the comfort of your own home and endure the stress and strain of carrying your wardrobe to far-off places. But now we have art directed videos with irritating, endless, monotonous soundtracks to ensure that we will never forget the dance party time we will have. At least the traveler's uniform is more casual these days. We no longer have to wear pressed linen trousers and Panama hats to convince our traveling companions that we are respectable. But when we stay at a cool hotel we do need to take on golden duotone skin color, elegant body movements and swim in otherwise empty pools.

I have yet to see a promotion that emphasizes the pain of jet lag or being without sleep for days or losing your luggage. Postcards perpetuate the illusion that our holidays are spent atop some volcano at sunset instead of paying for them in a seedy souvenir shop. A sad fact is that we like to mirror the life we imagine others live.

Nowadays we use a common visual vocabulary: Enjoy.

# Right wing bigotry defiles justice

By Aaron Schlanser  
The Daily Cougar  
(U. Houston)

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON — Just when you thought it was safe to practice your first amendment rights again, here comes Fox News to smite those who present views that contradict its own. The supposed culprit? Al Franken, who used the phrase "Fair and Balanced" in the title of his new book. Franken, a vocal left wing "nut" was sued by the Rupert Murdoch owned entity that trademarked the phrase.

Of course, upon examination, the court documents seemed more as though they were designed to promote the network than to present any real grievances.

And in the end, the case was dismissed as it was wholly without merit both legally and factually. So it seems that the behemoth has been defeated, and good has prevailed once again. However, it just goes to show how conservatives try to suppress any that would oppose them.

Last semester was my first at the university, and reading the letters to the editor in The Daily Cougar was interesting to say the least. Most of them consisted of pleas to cease printing the columns of writers who leaned to the left, as well as accusations against the paper of being communist. The fear of communism has permeated the country since the Cold War and has given socialist leanings a bad name. As such, the slightest suggestion that a person's beliefs include

a measure of socialism meets with jeering and name-calling.

I guess some of the conservatives are too busy being religious fanatics to spend time listening to opposing viewpoints. As is well known by now, Justice Roy Moore of the Alabama Supreme Court has become a hero of sorts to the Christian right. Despite being overruled on the state, federal and supreme level, he refuses to remove a huge stone monument that he secretly contracted to be built in the middle of the night bearing the Ten Commandments. He purports to be upholding a "higher law" that will not be overruled by the law of man.

This is all fine and good, except that his job is to uphold the law of man. He's not a priest; he's a judge. If he takes it upon himself to declare the

law irrelevant, then how can he continue to serve? How can he enforce the law upon others when he doesn't obey it himself?

Just like the Fox News case, it's all about self-promotion. It might surprise some to find out that, according to a local Alabama news source, in remarks he recently prepared, he mentioned God only 12 times, while mentioning himself 21 times. As long as his name is in the paper, I suppose that's good enough for him. It's funny how we as a nation denounce nations in the Middle East for being theocratic, yet the same sort of thing is being celebrated.

Would these people fight for the right to keep a giant statue of Buddha clearly visible in a courthouse? Somehow I doubt it.

*"...If you would talk less non-sense, you would remember more sense."*

## What Freshmen don't Know...

— From James Newman's  
"Flatland: A Romance in  
Many Dimensions"

Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of this year's incoming freshmen.

Here is this year's list:

- The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1985.
- They have no meaningful recollection of the Reagan Era and probably did not know he had ever been shot.
- They were prepubescent when the Persian Gulf War was waged.
- There has been only one Pope in their lifetime.
- They were 10 when the Soviet Union broke apart and do not remember the Cold War.
- They are too young to remember the space shuttle Challenger blowing up. Tianamen Square means nothing to them.
- Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic.
- Atari predates them, as do vinyl albums.
- The statement "You sound like a broken record" means nothing to them. They have never owned a record player.
- They have likely never played Pac Man and have never heard of Pong.
- They may have never heard of an 8 track. The Compact Disc was introduced when they were 3 years old.
- They have always had an answering machine.
- Most have never seen a TV set with only 13 channels, nor have they seen a black and white TV.
- They have always had cable.
- There have always been VCRs, but they have no idea what BETA was.
- They cannot fathom not having a remote control.
- They don't know what a cloth baby diaper is, or know about the "Help me, I've fallen and I can't get up" commercial.
- They were born 2 years after the Walkman was introduced by Sony.
- Roller skating has always meant inline for them.
- Michael Jackson has always been white.
- Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.
- They have no idea when or why Jordache jeans were cool.
- Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.
- They have never seen Larry Bird play.
- They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.
- The Vietnam War is as ancient history to them as W.W.I, W.W.II and the Civil War.
- They have no idea that Americans were ever held hostage in Iran.
- They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.
- They don't know who Mork was or where he was from. (The correct answer, by the way, is Ork)
- They never heard: "Where's the beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a Camel," or "De plane, de plane!"
- They do not care who shot J.R. and have no idea who J.R. was.
- Kansas, Chicago, Boston, America, and Alabama are places to them, not bands.
- There has always been MTV.
- They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

### How they hate us

By Vuong Phung  
Online Editor

There's a global trend afoot, in case you haven't noticed.

The headlines read a little something like this: Latest poll says the world hates us and hates President Bush even more.

The world says America is just bullying people around with her military and economic might. They're even laughing at the upcoming California recall election all the way across the Atlantic.

And I say that's okay. Because we're always in for the long haul, even after our friends no longer like us.

There's certainly nothing wrong with criticism. But this isn't about voicing an opinion, it's about how a person could accept all the help he asked for, then turn around and blow hostility at the very person who offered him help. I'm talking about the thousands of lives who survived Normandy only to hear the outspoken, unforgiving personalities that lashed back at them.

We're down in the global polls when we're no longer needed.

They jeered and criticized us, but what they didn't know, was that some Americans will do anything to get back at the condescending Parisians. And they couldn't help but notice that more than 40 percent of Americans are no longer booking their trips to Paris, deciding instead to vacation in Madrid and Milan. They noticed when we stopped buying imported cheese and wine.

They call us irresponsible, arrogant bullies. But ask any history student and he or she will tell you that Americans have a miraculous way of climbing back up the popularity polls.

Sure, we're not the greatest in the polls now. Sure, they hate us to the core. But when things get hairy, they'll come running back, waving our flag and reaffirming their fragile loyalty.

# Grad: students leave a lasting impression

"We find that these students make ideal employees for such positions—perhaps better than your average high school student — because they want to work."

While this program does not currently arrange jobs for their graduates, several major restaurants, including Zippy's, Outback Steak House, Big City Diner, and the Catering Specialists (who arrange all the meals served at the Sacred Hearts Academy), have shown much interest in hiring these students.

Of late, two of the graduates are being considered for hiring by Zippy's, and another by the Catering Specialists.

"I'm getting calls everyday from employers who are interested in hiring these students, now that news of this is getting out," said Jarrett. "This is really a community project, and it is great to see the community getting behind it."

While some may be skeptical of hiring these special-education students after just five weeks of training, Jarrett is certain that the experience gained from the course, and the training coach who will accompany them during the early stages of employment, will help them become exceptional employees.

"If people open their hearts and minds, they would see that these students help you to forget about the negativity of work because they are smiling all the time" said Jarrett. "They have a natural talent for



Photo: Courtesy of Gary Murakami

Graduates of the Stewardship Training Program with the staff. Back row from left to right: Wade Okuma (Kaiser High School Special Education Instructor), Stephanie Fletcher, Christine Chang, Nina Jarrett (instructor), Kent Murakami, Chris Yamamoto, Laurie Seu (Kalani High School Special Education Department Chair). Front row from left to right: Jonathan Nonaka, Michael Lee, Ryan Nishikawa, Caryn Yoshino (DOE resource teacher).

working in teams, and are not just looking out for themselves. They are always trying to help out others and have a childlike innocence that kind of rubs off on you and just makes you feel better. They really are great employees."

The success of this program has caused coordinators to not only schedule it again for next summer,

but to also plan some major upgrades to the class. So far, plans are underway to increase the class into two five-week sessions; expand the project to other institutions with culinary facilities; offer training in other fields, such as pantry work and cashiering and possibly start an internship program. They are even hoping to bring back a few of these graduates to help teach the next

session. Although this program was a fun and rewarding experience for the students, they were not the only ones to reap its rewards.

"This is a program that I will not walk away from for a long time," said Jarrett. "My goal as an educator is to be able to get through to at least one student each semester. In a program

like this, I've been able to touch the lives of eight students. Even if they don't go on to pursue a restaurant job, I hope that I have given them the realization that they can make choices in their lives and think for themselves. It would truly take an act of God to prevent me from returning to teach this class."

Despite the fact that the program is over until next summer, Jarrett plans to keep in touch with each of these students.

"I've absolutely fallen in love with each of these students," said Jarrett. "I plan to visit most them at their high school, and I am trying to figure out a good time to have a luncheon with the three who have graduated."

While Jarrett was the instructor who had the most hands-on experience with the students, she is adamant that there are others who are more responsible for the success of the program.

"Laurie Seu from Kalani High School and Caryn Yoshino of the DOE were the ones who came up with the idea for the program," said Jarrett. "And Ron Takahashi did a wonderful job putting it together very quickly. Mr. Takahashi is clearly not just a man of words, he is a man of action."

The graduates of the Stewardship Training Program are Christine Chang, Stephanie Fletcher, Michael Lee, Kent Murakami, Ryan Nishikawa, Jonathan Nonaka, Rachael Sham, and Kris Yamamoto.

## Bins: campus recycling effort moves forward

have had a chance to develop the habit of depositing their items in the appropriate bin on a daily basis," Sakaue said. But at a cost of \$80 per bin, many more bins could be purchased for the \$1,500, and placed at key locations across campus.

Sakaue went on to say that, "if we receive a favorable response from our faculty and students during the pilot program, we will increase the bin count by 14 and will place the additional bins at various undetermined locations around campus."

Most likely, these bins will be at key spots where activity is greatest, like Iliahi, the Lama Library and perhaps bus stops, she said.


Additional details will be worked out during the trial period, including an estimation of which bins are used more frequently. Congress will assess whether more of one type of bin is being used and will then purchase those bins in greater numbers if the program is a success.

It is still unclear who will empty the bins and carry the contents to the larger dumpster in the parking lot on the Diamond Head side of campus. John Messina, director of Auxiliary Services, said that he could not provide any manpower to move the recyclables on a permanent basis. Several instructors have voiced their intention to involve their own students in a service learning option. The students would perform that function as part of their English and math classes. Messina said they would be able to use a vehicle provided by the Auxiliary Services Office to haul the trash down the hill.

Aside from the less tangible benefits to the environment associated with recycling, Sakaue said that, "in time, the money spent on the bins would be recouped through the program." Eventually, if all goes well, the program would not just pay for itself, but also make money for Student Congress, she said.

*"...if we receive a favorable response from our faculty and students during the pilot program, we will increase the bin count..."*

— Dawn Sakaue



**We all know that \$%!& happens. Just ask volleyball star Tony Ching. There he was, minding his own business on his moped, and then Wham!**


A serious head injury, fractures in both legs, a partially collapsed lung. That's a lot of pain, and a lot of money.

Sure you feel indestructible, but so did Tony. And without medical insurance, he could be paying tens of thousands of dollars in hospital bills out of his own pocket. Just a broken leg could cost you or your parents up to \$15,000 in medical bills.

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**And listen to Tony and wear a helmet.**



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**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII STUDENT PLAN**

**In brief**

**Grant proposal**

KCC has received notification from the Freeman Foundation approving a grant proposal for \$1,215,250 to Integrate International Language Study and Service-Learning in Asia.

With the grant funds, KCC will develop intensive Japanese, Chinese, and Korean as Second Language courses, related culture courses, and a field study program with a service-learning component with partner institutions in Japan, China, and Korea. Beginning next Fall, 60 Hawai'i community college students will be fully funded to complete the program — 20 in Japan, 20 in China, and 20 in Korea. Kudos to Leon Richards and Joe Overton, and the GRO staff.

**Quensell receives Medal of excellence**

KCC's Nelda Quensell, associate professor of botany received the 2003 Regents' Medal for Excellence in Teaching.

Her students said that her classes transcend theory and lecture because they are conducted in the real world as well as in the lab. Her students receive a valuable hands on experience that fosters lifelong learning. Through her instruction and by example, Quensell instills a sense of ecological responsibility and urgency, her students said.

The medal pays tribute to UH system faculty members for their subject mastery and scholarship, teaching effectiveness and creativity and personal values beneficial to students.

Quensell is the only teacher from KCC to receive this year's award. Nine faculty members from other campuses also received the medal.

**Scholarships awarded**

UH Manoa recently announced this year's Regents and Presidential Scholarships.

Twenty incoming college freshmen and ten college juniors received the prestigious award. Regent Scholarships are awarded to 20 freshmen. Presidential Scholarships are awarded to ten college juniors. Regent scholars receive a full tuition waiver for four years of undergraduate study, and Presidential Scholars receive a full tuition waiver for two years of undergraduate study.

The program is administered by the Student Equity, Excellence and Diversity Office at UH Manoa.

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# Costly security hinders wireless communication

By Clint Kaneoka  
Copy Editor

A proposal to set up additional wireless communication systems throughout KCC, which would enable students to more easily gain access to the Internet via their laptop computers, is being put on hold for now due to departmental budget cuts and security conflicts.

The expansion of the wireless communication system, which was to begin in the cafeteria, was a top proposal at the Student Congress meeting on Aug. 27, but failed to get implemented when problems arose concerning its security.

"Providing a wireless service for the cafeteria is fairly inexpensive," said Mike Tagawa, Dean of Health and Legal Education, Library, and Technological Services at KCC. "What's expensive is the security. When providing students with wireless access to the Internet, there is a matching requirement of controlling who has access to it. Wireless access is going to happen, but right now we

are just trying our best to balance the access and security of the system. However, in terms of improving access, replacing the stolen laptops in the Library will provide all students with an opportunity for Internet access, whereas providing wireless Internet access in the cafeteria would provide access only to those students with computers. From a cost-benefit student perspective, spending \$25,000 for laptops in the Library, which already has wireless capabilities, would probably benefit more students at this point in time."

While the cost of the wireless service itself is feasible, ranging between \$3,000-\$5,000, the integration of a security system to verify student usage is estimated to be an additional \$20,000-\$25,000. Despite these high costs, Student Congress still believes it to be a worthwhile venture.

"Many, if not most, colleges already have these systems throughout their campuses," said Gopal Ciancio, KCC's Faculty Senate Representative. "We feel that if it is not done now, we will fall too far behind. ...I don't put a price tag on education, and with

the great possibilities of having a wireless campus, I believe that it is inexpensive."

Others, like Judith Kirkpatrick, English professor at KCC and coordinator of Kapi'olani Information Technology Emphasis, believe that it is a service that the school should include as a bonus to its students.

"My position is that the wireless access on campus should be coordinated and available to all students as a value-added part of going to school here," said Kirkpatrick. "Many students with wireless laptops can bring them to school which will lighten the demand, somewhat, on our open access labs. I think it is the school's job to provide access to the Internet on campus since so many classes are currently requiring students to be online, at least for parts of their work, and Cybernesia cannot accommodate them all. With our budget cuts, it seems Lama 101 is also having its hours cut, so this should be a win-win solution." With the elevated cost of security, teamed with the schools rising budget cuts, questions arise about

where the money to support such a project will come from.

"Unfortunately, most of the cost will fall on Student Congress for this pilot program," said Ciancio. "This is mainly due to large cuts in our school budget. But, if this program is successful, and all of the community colleges pull together, we can try to increase our budget for technological advances."

Although Student Congress may have to shoulder a large portion of the funding for this system, Tagawa said that he would be "requesting funds later in the year from the college" to help ease this investment.

While this additional wireless system is a no-go for now, students wanting to utilize their laptops can still do so at several areas on the campus, including the Library, the Naio and Kopiko buildings, the area near Iliahi 129, and Cybernesia.

"Depending on the funds we have," said Tagawa, "we will probably meet with the Student Congress sometime in March or April to reassess the situation."

## College newbies find their way around campus



Photo: by Vuong Phung

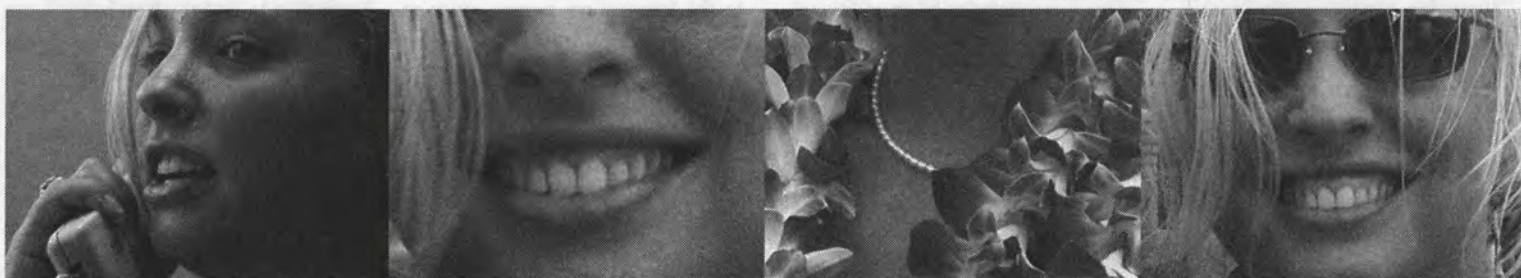
Jody Yamamoto, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) instructor, helps new students get acquainted with on campus programs and resource centers during the "Welcome Bash 2003." The Bash is an annual event designed to give freshmen an opportunity to meet faculty and get to know other students before classes start. This year's event was held August 21 on The Great Lawn.



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# Positive Reinforcements

By Kawehi Haug  
Editor-in-chief

While new students are trying their hardest to adjust to campus life, new teachers are doing their best to adjust to new students. And new jobs. And new cultures.

This semester, 11 new teachers were added to the payroll, many of whom moved to Hawai'i only recently.

Erin Weston came here from Florida to surf. She ended up landing a job as a religion instructor — and she said it was all meant to be.

"I came here last December and surfed the North Shore and knew that I wanted to live here," said Weston, who's lived in South Beach for the last 15 years. "I started making plans to move and I just love it here."

Weston happened across a job advertisement for a religion instructor at KCC. She applied, got the job, found a place on 10th Ave., planned her classes and was riding the waves

at Public's before school started just months after her arrival.

Weston likes a good challenge and teaching's no exception.

"I'm really looking forward to my classes. I'm very excited about being here and I'm looking forward to learning from my students," she said. "There are definitely things about the culture that I have to get used to, but I'm willing to learn. The Hawaiian culture is incredible and I can't wait to learn more about it."

Candie Branson agrees. Compared to her most recent home in Modesto, California, the local lifestyle is a welcome change, she said.

The laid back island style fits her personality, and her office with an ocean view is an added bonus, she said.

Branson teaches psychology and said she loves her new job.

"I could not be happier in a position," she said. "I love what I do."

And so does Dustin McDunn,

though he's never done it before.

"This is my first time in the classroom, but so far everything is going great," he said. "I feel like I've settled into my role very quickly."

So quickly, in fact, that he assigned a paper to his journalism students on the second day of class. But they didn't hold it against him.

"I have needed a lot of help adjusting to life off the mainland," said McDunn, who's from Montana and worked as a television anchor in Washington for four years before moving to Hawai'i in March. "The faculty and students here at KCC are always open and willing to give me a hand."

And though he doesn't fool around when it comes to all things journalism, he takes fun very seriously.

"Keep an open mind and work hard, but still find time to enjoy college as well as all the beauty O'ahu has to offer."

Dave Chong tells his students that

success is all about priorities.

"Know your priorities," he said. "Some people don't know how to get serious, while other people can't seem to relax. There's a time and place for everything."

Chong is the new Exercise Physiology instructor and he said he has some pretty big shoes to fill.

"Reaching the level of teaching excellence that's already been established by senior professors in this field is a challenge that will last for as long as I teach," said Chong. "I want every semester to be better than the preceding one."

And he'll let his students be the judges of his success.

"I absolutely love this gig, but you'd have to ask my students about my overall status," Chong said. "Only when they're gone from school and out in the community, will I really be able to gauge what went on in the classroom."

Note to the new guys:

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130 of the world's top male and female competitors are expected to participate.

For more information log on to: [www.honolulutriathlon.com](http://www.honolulutriathlon.com)

**New food at UH Mānoa foods**

As requested by students, faculty and staff, UH Mānoa will add several new brands and services to its existing food offerings this year.

Many existing restaurants have introduced more options. The Kahea ai Cafe has added the Southern Tsunami Sushi, 155 degree Grill, featuring sandwiches and burgers, The Paradise Palms has introduced Chow Mein Express, where chefs prepare meals while the customer watches and waits.

"Jamba Juice will provide a new alternative for students who have to eat on the go," said UHM senior Alison Chung. The juice and smoothie bar will open in January 2004, and offer healthy snacks as well as the familiar fare.

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# Vegetarians still hungry

*Meatless meal options are few and far between at campus eateries*

By Justin Hahn  
News Editor

KCC's culinary choices are varied and numerous, but when it comes to eating vegetarian, it comes up short.

Most Americans — 60 percent by most estimates — are overweight or obese. And along with increased weight comes the increased risk of sicknesses such as diabetes, cancer, heart disease and hypertension. More exercise and a diet lower in fats, salts and sugars and higher in fiber, vitamins and minerals is what the American Medical Association recommends

to remedy this situation. Vegetarians, with the conspicuous lack of meat in their diets, can fulfill one of these prescriptions. But at KCC, this is easier said than done.

Subway, a prized destination among faculty, staff and students alike for lunch and snacks, offers two or three vegetarian alternatives, depending on the day. The Veggie Patty, made of soy and grains, is used in place of the usual cold cuts. A six-incher is \$3.99, and a foot long goes for \$5.99. There is also the Veggie Delite, which is basically a sandwich with no meat. Half a foot is \$3.09 and a foot long will

run \$5.09. Occasionally Subway will offer vegetarian soups, but generally they do not.

The cafeteria, a main stay of campus food life, has a wider range of options. The garden burger, a vegan hamburger, is \$2.50. There is also the salad bar, which has items such as couscous, mixed fruit and more conventional salads like caesar, tossed and garden. The price is 30 cents an ounce, with the size depending on each person's appetite. A cup of precooked, chilled saimin is \$1.25. The noodles and broth are vegetarian, however there is a fish cake garnish. Bagels are also \$1.25, and can be topped with peanut butter, fruit spreads, cream cheese or butter.

Starting in the middle of December

one vegetarian entree per day will be available, said Ron Takahashi, Food Service Department Chair. "When we create some of those vegetarian entrees the protein and everything are all calculated out." So the nutritional content will be comparable to the other, non-vegetarian entrees. The cost will be "within that four and five dollar range. We don't sell anything above five and a quarter," he said.

For vegetarians with a little more rolling around in their pockets, the Ka'ikena Dining Room also offers one vegetarian entrée a day.

"We always have a vegetarian option," said Lori Nakamura, a clerk at the restaurant. "Sometimes it's not on the menu but the chef would prepare a special entrée if you ask. Usually, it's some kind of pasta. Vegetable pasta or something," she said.

Lunch starts at \$12.95 and dinner starts at \$24.95. Lunch has three seatings: 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Dinner has two: 5:15 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. Of course vending machines are always around, but these are not smart choices, either nutritionally or financially — a small bag of chips or a candy bar run 75 cents each.

Basically, vegetarians are better off taking the advice of the American Medical Association: get more exercise and take a walk for some food.

*"We always have a vegetarian option. Sometimes it's not on the menu but the chef would prepare a special entrée if you ask."*

— Lori Nakamura  
Ka'ikena Dining Room

**JOIN THE CLUB**



Members of the Hui Hoaloha Club show incoming students what the club is all about. From left: club president, Crystal Shimada and vice-president, Jane Magaoay.

Photo: by Vuong Phung

## 'Hui Hoaloha Club' lives up to its name

By Jesse Young  
Kapi'ō staff writer

Hui Hoaloha means "a group of friends" and is a club on campus that fosters understanding and

sensitivity toward students who are low income, first generation in college, and/or who have disabilities. The name explains it all. The club's main objective is to bring together students from different backgrounds and who

possess different strengths and weaknesses, in order to help each other and the community.

The club hopes to achieve this goal through many activities planned throughout the year. The club recently

held a welcome back party for its current members and helped out at KCC's Welcome Bash for the incoming students of the Fall 2003 semester.

Upcoming events planned for this semester include a Disabilities Awareness Day and a craft fundraiser.

The Disabilities Awareness Day will consist of multiple

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table stations that will host various information and activities based on different disabilities. Disabilities will include visual learning, visual memory, mobility, and auditory disabilities. The craft fund-raiser will be held sometime before Christmas. Crafts for sale will include greeting cards and other hand-crafted items. All proceeds from the fund-raiser will benefit the club and any other causes that the club decides to sponsor.

If you are a KCC student and are interested in making a difference in the lives of other students and the community, than you might consider joining Hui Hoaloha. To find out more about the club feel free to stop by the TRIO Student Support Services Office in Ilima 103, or call them at 734-9552. TRIO counselor and club advisor Michelle Fukumoto can also be reached at the above number or by E-mail at: [fujitami@hawaii.edu](mailto:fujitami@hawaii.edu).

## New Hours for Fall '03

### Keakaulike Information and Service Center

Location: Ilima 102

Hours: Mon - Thu 9 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., Fri 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

This one-stop student services area provides information about registration, financial aid, transcript services, off-campus housing, veterans' services, tuition and fee payments. Students can also pay their tuition bills at the cashier's office.

### Lama Library

Location: Lama Building

Hours: Mon - Thu 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., Fri 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lama Lab

Mon - Fri 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Lama Library offers everything you'd expect a library to offer, and more. Wireless internet access, a rotating collection of art, an extensive collection of periodicals from *Rolling Stone* to *The Economist*, an alcove to watch the news and catch up on current events and a quiet place to stretch out and snooze between classes.

### Holomua Center

Location: Iliahi 231

Hours: Mon - Thu 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Fri 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This center provides tutoring assistance, make-up testing, and other services for students enrolled in PCM 23, Math 24 - 25, Math 97, PCC 20, English 21 - 22.

### Maida Kamber Center for Career and Transfer Services

Location: Ilima 104

Hours: Mon - Fri 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This center provides information on transfer to two- and four-year colleges and universities, program advising sheets, college catalogs, and career and transfer workshops to help you plan your academic career.

### Cybernesia Computer Lab

Location: Iliahi 125, 126, 127

Hours: Mon - Fri ( a.m. - 5 p.m.

Access the internet, work on documents, and even burn CD's at this full service PC lab.

### Lama Computer Lab

Location: Lama 101

Hours: Mon - Fri 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Mac computers are available for use to surf the net, work on homework, print documents, E-mail, participate in WebCT discussions and any number of other things.

### Book Store

Location: Ohia 116 (downstairs)

Sep. 2 - 5 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

After Sep. 5 Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Pick up supplies, books, assorted munchies and choice UH and KCC apparel. The bookstore also offers good deals on soft and hardware to UH system students.

### Placement Testing

Location: Iliahi 128

Hours: Mon - Fri 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Figure out where you stand in your journey to a degree and what class you'll need to be in.

### Office of Student Activities.

Location: Ohia 115

Hours:

This is where students can buy bus passes and cheap movie tickets, find out what's happening around campus and in the future, join a club, get a notice put up on bulletin boards around campus, rent a locker, and pick up some free condoms. George Higa and a staff of student worker will be happy to help any way they can.

## Budget cuts hit student workers

Justin Hahn  
News Editor

The University of Hawai'i system is in dire financial straits, and to help stay afloat the KCC administration has thrown some ballast overboard. Ballast in the form of student services.

KCC gets about 65 percent of its money from the State General Operating Fund. Over the summer, KCC was told to trim some \$300,000 in expenses from the money it gets from the fund.

KCC Chancellor, John Morton, said that the college brought in some money over the summer as a result of non-credit courses and summer school.

"Summer school is not our biggest source of income," he said, "... but is one with the largest margins. The money we get from students taking the classes is more than the money we pay to the teachers teaching the class." He went on to say that, "to a certain extent, we're living off of summer school."

KCC does, however, have to make further cuts to meet the goal of \$300,000.

Among these is a reduction in the amount of money spent on student payroll. Student payroll accounted for \$366,000 of the budget last year. Morton said payroll would be cut by

\$222,000, leaving 80 - 100 students without jobs.

This affects more than just the students who will go without the extra money on-campus jobs bring in.

Morton said many student workers provide services like tutoring, help in computer labs, the library and the cafeteria and with many of the "behind the scenes things that you don't even see" like processing paperwork and repairing computers. Because of this, the entire college will be inconvenienced by slowdowns in paperwork, repairs and other clerical operations.

The Holomua center, which provides developmental learning help, has cut its hours by two a day. In addition, it will no longer be open on Saturdays. Because of this, it has cut the number of students it keeps on the payroll as tutors and desk clerks.

Cybernesia, too, will cut out Saturdays. Students will also lose three hours of computing time Monday through Friday, as the cafe closes its doors at 5 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. The cost to print will not go up, but there will be further restrictions on make-up and placement testing hours. And the Lama lab will cut its hours. It will now be open only five hours a day, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The 220 Grille, formerly a place students and faculty went to get good tasting, fair priced food has closed

due to budget cuts and a lack of interested students to man the eatery.

Morton said the college was able to save about \$90,000 by not paying an annual "marketing assessment" given to them by UH. Morton added KCC has, in the past, been responsible for much of its own advertising, including adds in newspapers, magazines, and on the Internet. He proposed KCC not pay this assessment to help trim the budget. "We felt that wasn't as important as some other things," Morton said. "Like classes." UH has since dropped this assessment to all community colleges in the university system.

He also voiced his desire to reduce overhead by shutting campus down two hours earlier. According to Morton, this would save \$25,000, but it would mean the cancellation of all classes after 8 p.m. for the Spring 2004 semester.

Eliminating a number of non-need-based tuition waivers will also save an estimated \$50,000. The loss of these waivers, which were given in the past for gratuitous service to the college, will leave about 100 students scrambling for tuition money.

Students who need the waivers will still get them, as well as selected students in the Asia-Pacific program.



#### Welcome to Kapi'olani Community College!

Several important changes were made over the summer that we want you to know about. This flyer includes new information that is current as of August 25. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of our counselors or college staff. Thank you for your patience as we continue to develop more online services for students.

Best wishes for a successful semester at Kapi'olani Community College.

*John Morton*  
John Morton, Chancellor

#### Changes to University Refund and Withdrawal Policies - New Academic Calendar for Fall 2003

The following calendar lists new dates for tuition refunds and withdrawal deadlines for full (16-week) semester classes. This calendar replaces the version printed in the Fall 2003 Schedule of Classes:

Last Day of Regular Registration	Sun, Aug 24
First Day of Instruction	Mon, Aug 25
Late Registration Period	Mon-Fri, Aug 25-29
Last Day for 100% Refund for Withdrawal from Semester-length Classes	Fri, Aug 29
Labor Day Holiday	Mon, Sep 1
Last Day for 50% Refund for Withdrawals	Sun, Sep 14
Last Day to Withdraw without "W" Grade	Sun, Sep 14
Last Day to Apply for Credit By Examination	Fri, Oct 3
Last Day to Apply for Fall Graduation	Wed, Oct 15
Last Day to Withdraw for Fall 2003	Mon, Nov 3
Last Day to Make-Up "I" or Incomplete Grades	Mon, Nov 3
Last Day to Change to Credit/No-Credit Option	Mon, Nov 3
Veterans Day Holiday	Tues, Nov 11
Thanksgiving Recess	Thurs, Fri, Nov 27-28
Last Day of Instruction	Thurs, Dec 11
Final Examination Period	Fri-Thurs, Dec 12-18
Last Day of Semester	Fri, Dec 19

(Note: New dates are indicated in boldface type)

KCC Student Planners are on sale at the Bookstore for \$2.00. A limited number of these helpful calendars containing important KCC deadlines and events are available.

#### MyUH — Website for Registration Information

MyUH Webpage — Go to <http://myuh.hawaii.edu> for registration information. (For details on obtaining MyUH passwords, see the note below.) At this site,

you can register for classes, view your academic transcripts, track your financial-aid awards, view your student account and make payments, update your address, and view your semester grades.

**MyUH Password?** You will need a username and password to access MyUH. To get these, go to <http://myuh.hawaii.edu> and click on the link "I do not know my UH Username or password" and complete the online application.

**MyUH Down Time** — Please note that MyUH will not be accessible from 11:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. daily.

**MyUH Login or Password Problem** — If you cannot reset your password through the MyUH site, go to <http://www.hawaii.edu/myuh/regs.htm> for information on seeing your KCC Campus Representative to reset your password. You may also contact the University of Hawai'i Information Technology Services (ITS) Help Desk at [its-helpdesk@hawaii.edu](mailto:its-helpdesk@hawaii.edu) or call 956-8883; from the Neighbor Islands, call toll free (800)558-2669. The ITS office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM - 9:30 PM; Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Information about **Modular Classes** — Go to <http://www.kcc.hawaii.edu/register/images/partofterm.pdf> for information about refund and withdrawal deadlines for modular classes, i.e., classes that are less than a full semester in length.

**Fall 2003 Grade Reports** — Kapi'olani Community College no longer sends grade reports through the mail. To view your grades at the end of the fall semester, log into MyUH, click on "Student Records," then click on "View My Final Grades."



# American embassy denies visa to Princeton student from China

By Sam J. Cooper  
The Daily Princetonian  
(Princeton U.)

(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. — A Chinese student who gained international recognition as the first female winner of the Singapore Mathematical Olympiad and who was slated to start her freshman year at Princeton University cannot enter the United States to study because her student visa application was rejected four times this summer by American officials in Beijing.

University administrators said Wu Jie's visa applications were denied because consular officials in China believed Wu, who comes from a working-class family, would illegally stay in the U.S. after completing her education at Princeton.

University Vice President for Public Affairs Bob Durkee '69 said he has been in close contact with officials at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and said Sen. Jon Corzine, D-NJ, and Rep. Rush Holt, D-NJ, have written letters on Wu's behalf. Durkee said Wu might have complicated her situation by allegedly giving consular officials the

"Had she come from a family where there was property or wealth, that might have helped," Durkee said.

Wu, 20, who spent six years studying at Hwa Chong Junior College in Singapore, could not yet be reached to comment for this story, but in an email to Princeton alumni in Beijing, she wrote about the ordeal:

"To watch my Princeton dream burst like a soap bubble ... of course, the system is unfair. But at that fateful moment, I was too numb to feel the indignation," she wrote.

The rejections leave Wu in an international education limbo. Knowing she would prefer to attend an elite school outside of China, Wu never took the tests required to matriculate in China's university system. She applied instead to Yale University, the University of Cambridge, Cornell University, the University of Pennsylvania and Princeton, and turned down offers from all except Old Nassau.

Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the United States has reduced the number of student visas issued, from 226,465 between October 1999 and August 2000 to 174,479 between the same period in 2002-

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— Wu Jie

impression during the first of four application meetings that she had no intention of returning to China.

"She presented a very compelling case that she would not return to China. I don't think it was her intention to present that case," Durkee said, referring to his conversations with officials at the U.S. Embassy. He added that Princeton alumni in Beijing coached her for her last two meetings, but that the damage to her case had already been done. In her letters to the Princeton Club in Beijing, Wu maintained that she presented enough evidence of her ties to her home country to show she would return and said officials spent too little time reviewing her case.

"The onus is on the individual applicant to prove to the satisfaction of a consular official that the applicant will return," said Kelly Shannon, a spokeswoman at the State Department. Familial ties can assist in obtaining a visa, she said, but cannot guarantee that a person will not emigrate.

Durkee speculated that Wu's working-class roots made her application something of an uphill battle.

2003, according to figures provided by the U.S. State Department.

Princeton president Shirley Tilghman said Wu's situation is part of that clamping down. In addition to Wu, three graduate students, including two from China and one from Russia, have not been issued visas, though their applications are still under review.

"As you know, this is a problem affecting many foreign students throughout the country," Tilghman wrote in an email.

"It is especially difficult for students from Russia, China and the Middle East. What is a little surprising about this case is that it involves an undergraduate. Most of the cases involve graduate students who are concentrating in the sciences."

Durkee said Wu's acceptance to Princeton has been deferred.

"She can come next year if she can get a visa," he said.

In the meantime, Wu plans on taking an extra year of high school in Singapore before reapplying for a visa next year.

# Chancellor Morton has a Welcome Bash moment

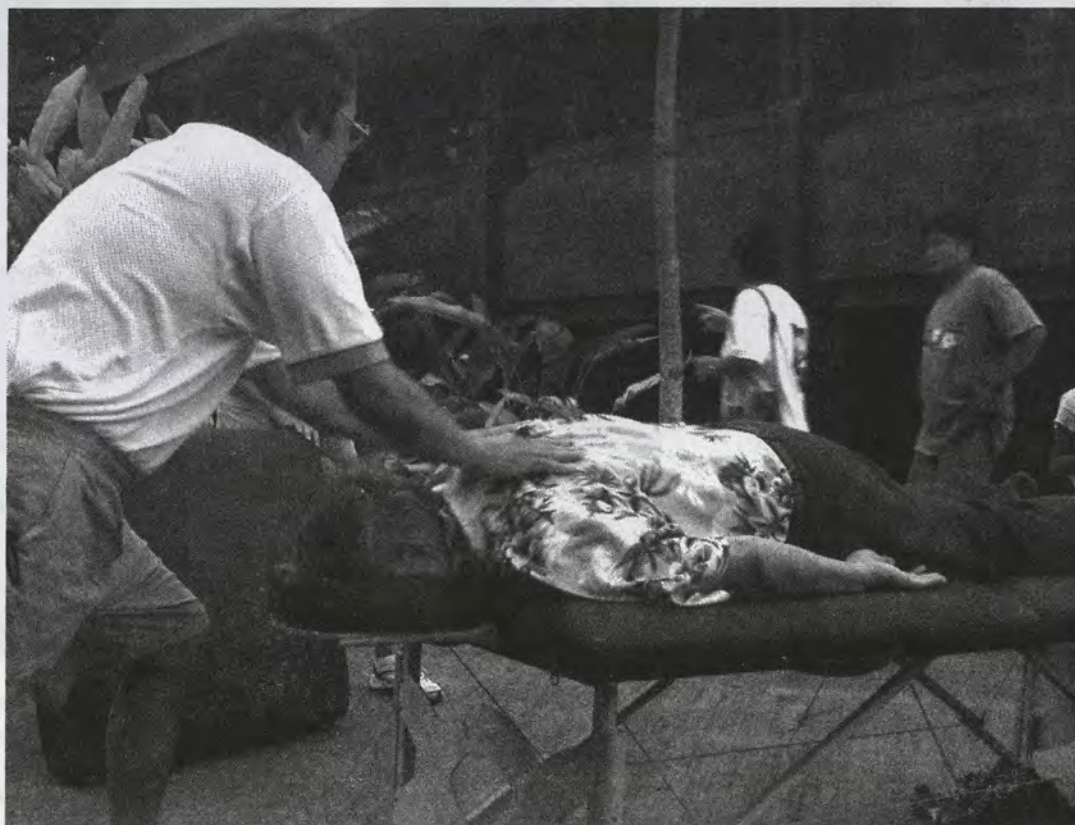


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KCC Chancellor John Morton having a relaxing massage for free at the annual Welcome Bash.

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Wednesday, September 10 - Lama 116

**Math and Testing Anxiety**  
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Wednesday, September 17 - Lama 116

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**Essay Exam Tips**  
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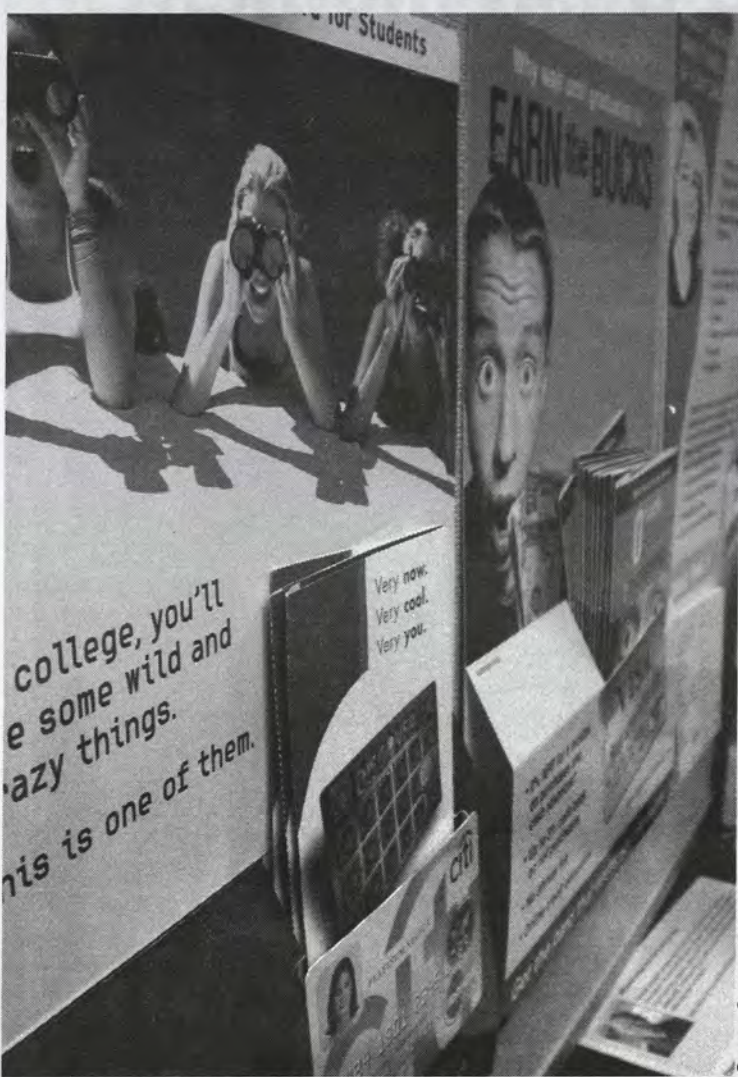
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# Debts rise and students fall



A bulletin board in Kalia 201 offers students credit card applications. Similar advertisements can be found in most classrooms on campus.



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By Jesse Young  
Staff Writer

Credit card debt has been a major problem for college students in recent years. An Associated Press article reported that credit card debts are mounting, with the average 2001 credit card balance up 15 percent from 2000.

Some cases of student credit card debt on the mainland have resulted in suicides. A news story aired on the Christian Broadcasting Network's "700 Club," featured credit card debt among students. The story was about the ease with which students can obtain credit cards. Parents blamed credit card providers for targeting students, even though they knew that the average student couldn't afford the credit limits they offered. It highlighted a student named Sean Moyer who racked up more than \$10,000 in debt. Feeling utterly helpless, he killed himself. He was only 22. Another college student, 18-year-old Mitzi Pool incurred debts of almost \$3,000 and hanged herself with a bed sheet in her dorm room. Her checkbook and bills were spread out on her bed.

While these are only isolated cases, concern has risen about college students and their ability to handle the responsibility of credit cards. Congress has proposed legislation to stop or limit the promotion of credit cards to students, and many states have passed laws to stop credit card companies from targeting and exploiting vulnerable college students.

Although credit card companies have been receiving negative feedback

for their marketing methods, there are other reasons for student credit card debt. In a "USA Today" article, Robin Marantz Henig wrote, "Credit cards are not what make kids want to buy stuff; fads and ads do. With more transactions moving toward plastic — driven in large part by online ordering, which can't be done any other way — credit cards are already an inevitable fact of financial life."

Other factors contributing to debt among college students were discussed in a July 2003 report published by CreditXpert Inc. The report cited rising college tuition costs teamed with shrinking government grants and loans as major reasons why student have such large debts. Scarcity of temporary jobs and uncertain future job prospects were also cited as reasons why students are incapable of paying off debts. The report said that, "In today's faltering economy, money remains tight, while credit is widely available—relatively easy to access and use."

The American Financial Services Association Education Foundation (AFSAEF) recommends that students consider the following when applying for a credit card:

- Not all cards are the same. Annual fees, for example, can range from nothing to \$50 or more. Compare offers from at least three issuers, and pick one whose terms best suit your needs. Base your selection on terms and costs, not giveaways.

- Account numbers should be protected at all costs. Don't give them

out over the Internet or elsewhere unless you initiate the transaction. If your credit card becomes lost or stolen, contact your credit card issuer as soon as possible. Extra caution can help you avoid becoming an identity theft victim.

- Once you begin using a credit card, a credit report will be set up for you. Credit bureaus will add information to your file about any new accounts you open and whether you're paying them on time. You can review your credit report for accuracy — and are encouraged to do so at least annually by contacting one or more of the nation's three major credit bureaus: Experian ([www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)), Equifax ([www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)) and TransUnion ([www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)).
- How you manage your credit cards

in college will affect your future. What's in your credit report can determine whether other creditors will give you a loan to buy a house or a car, whether some companies will hire you and whether some landlords will rent you an apartment once you're out on your own.

- Credit cards aren't free money. They allow you to obtain and enjoy goods and services now, and pay for them later. Attempting to use credit cards to live a lifestyle you can't afford is a sure way to get yourself into financial trouble. Don't borrow what you can't repay.

Aside from the AFSAEF fundamentals, other credit card websites suggest that students avoid making the common mistakes of overspending, overborrowing and poor organiza-

tion. Proper organization is important to prevent the common occurrences of lost bills, forgotten bills, bills that go to the incorrect address or bills that mistakenly get thrown away by roommates and family members.

Experts agree that no matter what the reason for credit card debt among students, gaining knowledge and making a plan based on that knowledge is the key to preventing large debts. Even if students are already in debt, finding out how to maintain a good credit standing and how to repair damaged credit is strongly advised.

Sources that can provide information about good credit card behavior include the AFSAEF's website: [www.afsaef.org](http://www.afsaef.org), and The Jumpstart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy's website: [www.jumpstart.org](http://www.jumpstart.org).

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# 9x8 Koa Gallery Exhibit

By Lisa Mizuire  
Layout Editor

Currently at the Ko'a Gallery is "9x8," a show bringing together eight diverse women all working with different ideas, presenting nine works in a series by eight artists: Reiko Brandon, Bobby Croquet, Denise DeVone, Linda Gue, Laura Smith, Elizabeth Train, and Kate Witcomb. Each artist will be presenting a series of works, which are an expansion of their visual ideas.

According to her artist statement, Bobby Crockett focuses on her design experience in printmaking and weaving - including, color composition, form, and texture to help communicate with others what she envisions in her head.

Elizabeth Train presents, "Puzzling Pathways," which is a meandering journey down the path of life. Train mentions that it is "the shapes, colors and textures I meet along the way that give visual form to my story."

Denise DeVone shows interior views in a large house with many characters inhabiting the rooms.

Linda Gue's presentation will be an exploration in form, constructing volumes by loosely weaving wire into a variety of shapes. The process Gue took is very direct, with the forms being held together by tension and twisted wire.

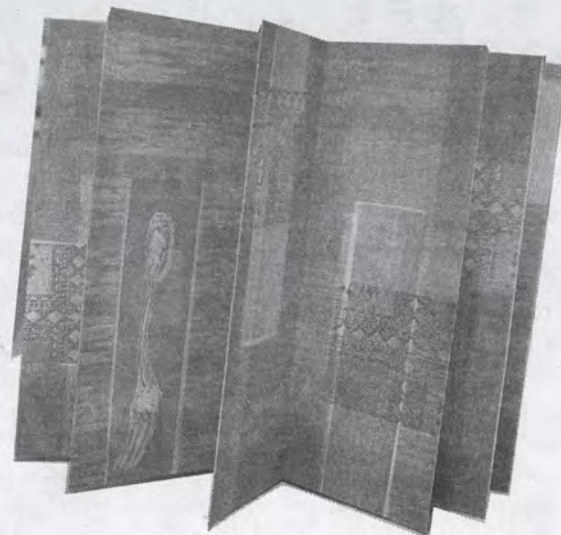
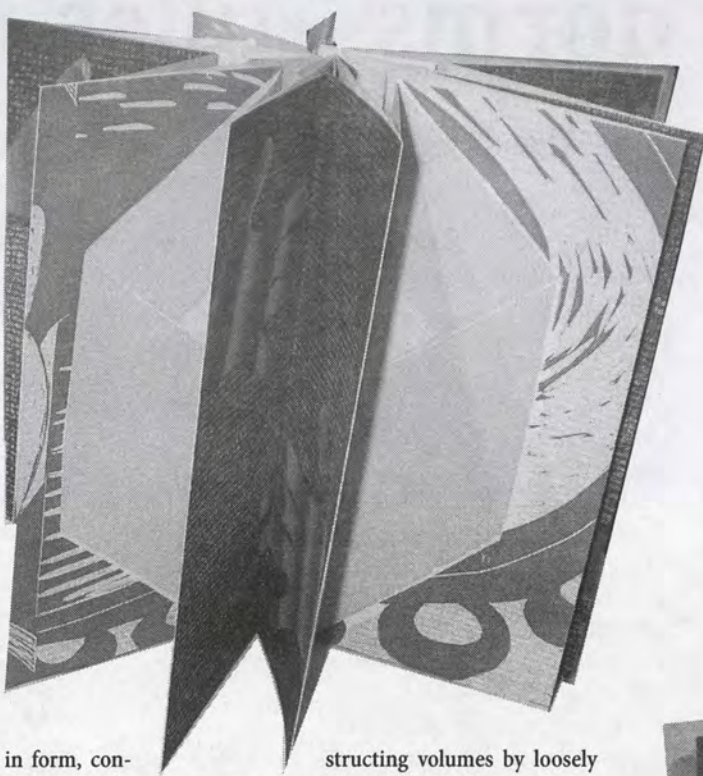
Laura Smith presents her set of nine books about wedding gifts. Each book is enclosed by images of a bride and groom. The wedding gifts described on the pages are mostly ordinary objects that we all might have, such as a fork, coffee cup, gift box, or cake platter. They represent a household that the couple will carry along with them for years. The idea for the books came to her when her mother found the book she had recorded her own wedding gifts in over 50 years ago. The gifts, listed with the donors in the old lined book, impressed her with their modesty.

"In our current lives, we are too easily impressed by objects of quantity or size, rather than for the friendship that gifts can symbolize," said Smith.

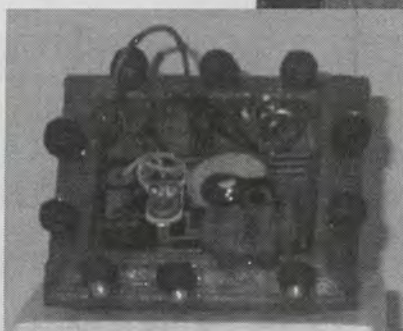
The "9x8" exhibition at the Ko'a Gallery continues until Sept. 5, 2003.

Also being held at the Lama Library from Aug. 25 - Sept. 5, 2003, are some of the best work from last years student show. New faculty work will be presented during this time as well. The Ka'ikena Fine Dining restaurant, will also be presenting a show entitled, "Works from the Artists Group," and includes creations from artists such as, Lucille Cooper, Susan Hansen, Shirley Hasenyeger, Linda Hutchenson, Rochell Lum, Allison Manant, Mary Mitsuda, and Ka-Ning Fong.

For more information on the showings, call David Behlke at the Koa Gallery at 734-9375.



Clockwise: Artworks by Jinja Kim, such as this post card and Kate Whitcomb's mixed media, will be one of the many works being presented at the Koa Gallery.



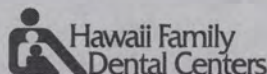
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# Students face long lines, long wait at new dorms

**Kawehi Haug**  
Editor-in-Chief

Chris Taylor slouched against the wall in the Ohana Reef Hotel dormitory waiting for his turn to register for a room assignment. He put his bag on the floor, shrugged his shoulders and good naturedly accepted the fact that he was going to be cramped and sweaty for at least a couple of hours. A student on a cell phone called a friend and simply said, "this is going to take a while," and hung up. Hotel security guards pushed through the clogged hallways and told the crowd of impatient, sweaty bodies that they needed to clear out because they were a "fire hazard."

And that was the last straw.

Murmurs of contempt filled the humid air and bounced off the beige walls. Students, parents, and friends shifted position and moved bags and suitcases that might trip a firefighter in an emergency.

Then they waited. And waited.

But Chris took it all in stride. He was just happy to have a place to stay.

"I would've had to go to school on the mainland if KCC didn't have these rooms," said the 18-year-old Maui boy.

On Friday, Aug. 22, students from KCC and UH Manoa started moving into the newly allocated hotel dormitory in Waikiki. Things got off to a bit of a slow start, but by the end of the weekend, all was well.

"There was obviously irritation across the board from the students since some of the rooms weren't available at 3 p.m., and students were left waiting for them," said KCC student body president Dawn Sakaue, who was on hand to greet the incoming students. "The biggest challenge seemed to be the wait for the rooms, but not all students felt that frustration since some rooms were available before the expected 3 p.m. check-in time."

Sakaue said that some students expressed frustration about the "narrow doors" which made it difficult to move large bags into the rooms as well as the "slow elevators."

But the glitches and challenges weren't insurmountable.

"Nothing out of the ordinary seemed to go wrong, and the hotel staff was friendly and helpful."

Though somewhat unconventional, the hotel dormitory offers students more than the typical college dormitory, which was their light at the end of a hot and crowded hallway.

## What they get:

- Each room has its own bathroom and shower. No streaking through the hallways if you forget your towel in the room.
- Every room has a free television with cable.
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- Weekly linen service. That's right, they change your sheets for you.
- Maid service. Yep, they clean your rooms for you too.
- Most rooms have a kitchenette, but if you're willing to live without it, you'll get a cheaper room.
- Access to the hotel swimming pool. (Not to mention the pool bar.)
- The hotel manager has allocated a separate room with wireless connectivity, so students have a place to study and connect to the Internet, a hotel computer lab, if you will.
- The hotel manager has agreed to give students parking for a reduced rate.
- The hotel is in walking distance of countless restaurants and shops.
- And, students can go pretty much anywhere on the Island via buses that stop frequently near the hotel. It's about a 15 minute bus ride to KCC from the hotel (when there isn't a bus strike).

# Strike: parking rules relaxed

the administration has considered and encouraged. A bulletin board to post inquiries and offers for carpools is available in the Ohia Building, second floor next to the ATMs and the site of the old 220 Grille. Students and faculty alike have been urged to utilize this resource.

Mina, a KCC student from Salt Lake, offered her services on the board.

"I've taken the bus before, and I know it sucks," she said. "And I also know how much it sucks when the buses aren't running, and you gotta find a way to class."

As of August 23, carpools have moved into the twenty-first cen-

tury, with the implementation of the University of Hawaii Share-a-Ride Program.

"The program was created by UH Manoa Auxiliary Services as a proactive measure to reduce the number of vehicles the campus would have to accommodate in the event of a bus strike," said Jim Manke of the Office of the Chancellor.

While the administration originally intended this to be restricted to the Manoa campus, the program has been extended to include every campus in the UH system. The administration anticipates this to continue long after the strike has ended.

## The Kapi'ō ONLINE

Wanna read past articles and look at old photos? Do it at the Kapi'ō website:  
<http://kapi.kcc.hawaii.edu>

## Calendar of Events and Announcements

### Campus Events

#### Tuesday, September 2

Local reggae/rock band "Thick Tubes" will be performing at the Cafe from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, September 4

Movie Day (TBA) being held at the Cafe from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### Friday, September 5

Book Buy & Sell  
Check the Bulletin Board on the 1st floor 'Ohia Lobby. Notices will be posted from August 13 - September 5, 2003

#### Monday, September 8

Musical stylings of the band "Touch of Gold," will be performing at the Cafe from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

### Waikiki Aquarium Celebrates 100th Birthday

Waikiki Aquarium invites volunteers to celebrate 100th birthday by teaching Hawaii's youngsters about the sea.

Volunteer docents, who range from college students to retirees, give interactive classroom presentations about coral reef life and guide discovery tours for youngsters grades Kindergarten through sixth grade.

The six week Docent Training Program is free and begins Tuesday, October 7. Class meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For more information on the Docent program and to register for training, please call Joan Kafentzis in the Aquarium's Volunteer office at 440-9020 or School Support Coordinator, Mary Pickett 440-9011 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

### Kumu Kahua Theater presents "Folks You Meet in Longs"

by Lee Cataluna  
Directed by Keith K. Kashiwada

Some time, everyday, everyone eventually goes to Longs. In this cross-section of Hawaii's people, Lee Cataluna introduces us to the slackers, the cops, the aunties, the bulls and titas, and of course the employees, who share their beefs and secret lives. From the author of *Da Moyah*, *Ulua*, *Aloha Friday*, and *Super Secret Squad*.

Showtimes: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. :  
September 4, 5, 6, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 2003  
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Admission: Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays: \$16 General, \$13 Seniors and Groups of 10+, \$10 Students  
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For more information, call 536-4441, Monday - Friday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Honolulu Academy of Arts presents

Alex DeGrassi in Concert  
Friday, September 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Alex de Grassi is considered one of the world's top fingerstyle, steel-string acoustic guitarists. Renowned for his impeccable technique, innovative artistry and compelling compositions, de Grassi's two decade career has drawn acclaim for his 13 recordings released by Windam Hill, RCA Novus, Tropo Records and other labels as well as for his live performances as a soloist and within ensemble settings.

Tickets are available daily at the Museum main entrance or by mail with a check and self-addressed stamp. For more information, call the Academy at 532-8700.

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The Honolulu Academy of Arts presents approximately 60 works of art representing the finest of Korean textiles from the largest private collection in the world now housed at the Museum of Korean Embroidery in Seoul. It will be held in conjunction with a statewide celebration of Korean arts and culture marking the arrival of the Korean immigrants to Hawai'i in 1903.

The exhibit will be held in Gallery 14 at the Academy from Sept. 3 to Dec. 7. For more information call 532-8701, or visit their website: [www.honoluluacademy.org](http://www.honoluluacademy.org).