

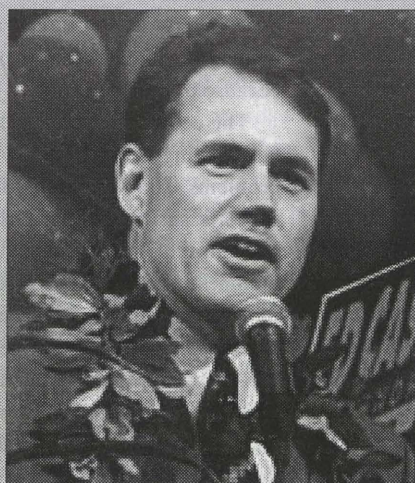
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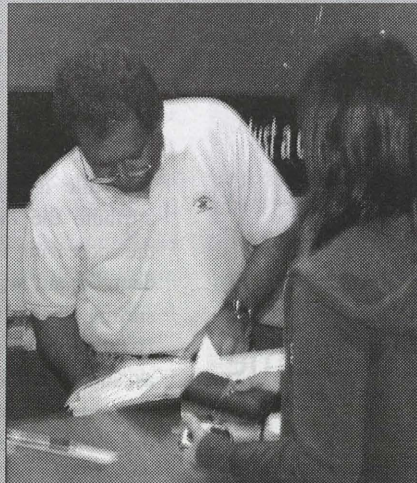
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Palolo Pipeline Program

By Ellice Flores
NEWS EDITOR

For many years, Palolo residents have been receiving a helping hand from KCC service learning students through the Palolo Pipeline Program. Service learning is a program in which students provide service in the community so they can have a better understanding of what they are learning in their courses.

"Students learn by being engaged in helping the community," said Bob Franco, Resource Development Coordinator. Franco also referred to a quote by UH President David McClain, which

can be seen on the service learning website.

"We need to engage our students more fully in the lives in our community, and in the celebration of the democratic ideals which define this state and this nation," McClain stated in March 2006.

Service learning is required for numerous academic courses and focuses on helping students improve critical thinking skills, and personal development. Students involved usually serve 20 or more hours per semester at community sites.

Franco helped start the Palolo

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Precaution prevents thefts at bookstore

KCC's bookstore takes measures to deal with rush of customers

By Thomas Duarte
EDITOR

With the start of each semester students must think about what books they need, and how and where they will buy them. The campus bookstore is the outlet for most; all UH system campuses have a bookstore coordinated under an umbrella name: The UH Bookstore. At KCC, the bookstore adds extra security and staff help for the first week of the semester to prevent possible theft and help ease the rush of students buying books.

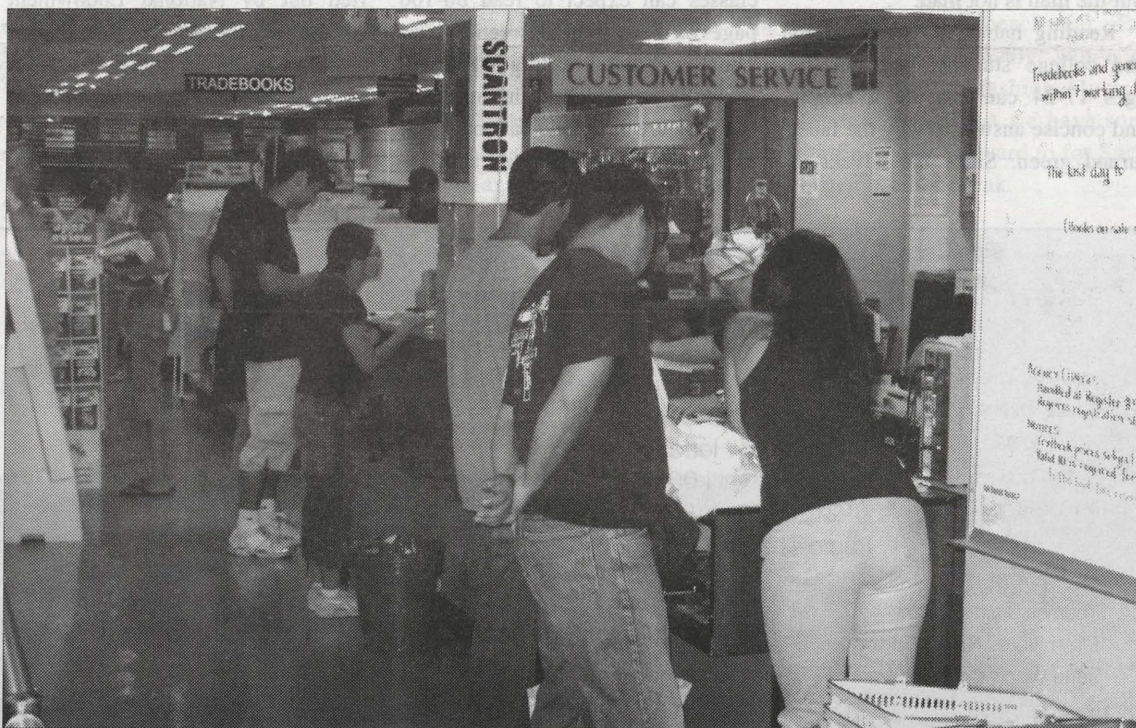
"I felt like all 7,000 students came in the first two days, of course that wasn't the case, but within the first week most students will come through the bookstore," Sheryl Souki, bookstore supervisor said.

With added security and staff, the bookstore hopes to deter theft, but it does happen. Howard Kamekona, a security guard with Pacific Island security who was working at the Manoa bookstore during the first week of school, but is now at KCC, stopped two attempted thefts at Manoa. One was a student attempting to steal a computer cable, and the other who attempted to steal 19 pens.

According to Souki, a security guard who was working the first week of school at KCC informed her that two students attempted to steal books, but the guard informed the students and they returned the books to the rack without charges being pressed. The bookstore will not know if there has been thefts until they conduct inventory and double check their paperwork.

"If we cannot find an error in the receiving aspect of the bookstore then we can only attribute it (missing merchandise) to theft," Souki said.

There is no one way to prevent theft from the bookstore, and Souki said the bookstore takes the loss,



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The busy bookstore had long lines of students purchasing textbooks and other supplies during the first and second week of the fall semester.

but the prices of bookstore merchandise are not directly affected by theft.

During the first two days of the semester the KCC book-

store brought in over \$204,000 in sales, and since the first week the daily sales have slowed to around \$15,000 a day. Souki feels that with the number of students who

come through the bookstore and the amount of sales conducted, they never had much of a problem

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AP

It ain't all good

The Pentagon gave Congress a "notably gloomy" quarterly report on the war in Iraq, saying the situation is at its most complex.

Full Story @ www.ap.org



REUTERS

Mos Def...inety getting arrested

The rapper was arrested for performing outside the VMA's to raise awareness for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Full Story @ www.reuters.com



BBC

Not Mao, Not Ever

Mao Tse Tung is referenced only once — in a chapter on etiquette — in new Chinese textbooks.

Full Story @ www.nytimes.com



AP

KKK a-O.K.

The Nebraska State Patrol was ordered to rehire one of its troopers who joined the KKK and the Knight's Party

Full Story @ www.cbsnews.com

THE VIEW WE TAKE

Decline in reading rates have adverse effects for students

The first week of the fall semester never fails to bring excitement, I imagine, particularly for fresh-faced students who have just graduated from high school. While many are eager in anticipation of a (somewhat) brand new life as college students, it all comes amidst a quiet sense of trepidation. The social aspects of adjusting to college life can be a challenge, and though it contributes to how one gets through college, it is perhaps not as urgent as one's so-called academic diligence. Indeed, the latter can essentially make or break the ultimate goal of getting "the degree," and sometimes breaking it sooner than one would like.

"We all know that some students cannot read, some don't like to read, and some refuse to read," chimes an old professor who's been around long enough witness the reading habits of students before they were even born. When he runs through the syllabus and informs the students of the (high) failing rates, and attributes them solely to students' reading habits; or lack of it, half the faces in class turned green—this man is mad. But the man is not mad.

Reading habits of young adults and college students between the ages 17-24 can provide a simple and concise answer to why the faces turned green. Since the advent of

cable television and not to mention, the Internet, reading rates have declined dramatically. With the relatively new No Child Left Behind campaign which places special emphasis on Math and Science skills, the situation will continue to worsen in the coming years. This is not to say that students focusing on Math and Science do not read at all, but the nature of the subjects put reading requirements slightly behind those of English classes. In some ways, the emphasis may carry on giving the same impression that native speakers have, for many years, taken for granted: if one can speak and write the language, surely the reading components wouldn't make much of a difference. A misnomer as such is detrimental.

Students who have not developed any reading habits outside of their curriculum have a hard time adjusting to the reading requirements at college level. When told that they have to read some 20 or more pages of a text or so, some express shock, and this is more because of the calculation and not the mere 20 pages. A full-time student who has four classes can expect to read 80-100 pages on the average between classes. Those with good reading habits will normally not flinch at the numbers, but they are few. One cannot blame the professor for primarily address-



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ing those who "cannot read," "don't read," and "refuse to read" because those who do read are few and far between—to the "mad" man, they are practically non-existent.

According to a 2004 study carried out by National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), less than half of America reads literature. But what is more astounding is that the most pronounced decline (of 28 percent) is found to be in the age group of

adults between 18-24. While rates are declining across age groups, "those aged 18 to 24, was 55 percent greater than that of the total adult population." In a period of ten years, between 1982 and 2002, there has been a 10 percentage point decline in literary readers accounting for about 20 million readers.

While it may be convenient to attribute the declining numbers to the increasing number of hours students spend watching television or surfing the Internet, the problem is far more complex than it seems as social and economic conditions in America takes its invisible toll on young readers. In a survey conducted by The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), the reading scores for 17-year old students who saw parents reading daily at home performed 30 points better in a reading level when compared to those who only saw parents reading once a month or less. However, these numbers only serve as a baseline, and does not take into account external factors that can directly influence their outcome.

The study does not mention that two-parent working households have also increased dramatically since the 1960s, and that parents who read infrequently at home does not indicate that they do not read elsewhere: in their work places. Since the home

is the primary area of rest, it is only natural that parents prefer to leave their (reading and writing) workload behind until they return to work the next day. Working parents are not reading at home as much precisely because of this reason.

The economic patterns that dictate reading habits also has its own problems. The National Endowment for Arts survey indicates that only one-third of "those with a family income under \$10,000 read literature during the survey year, compared with 61 percent of the highest income group—those with family income of \$75,000 or more." If we were to compare the social conditions as mentioned above with the financial factors as a consideration in addressing the problem of declining reading rates, the complexity of the problem becomes clear—the two play against each other. Working parents spend more time away from their homes to (effectively) increase their household income, and consequently spent less time at home, where children can actually see them reading.

If the trends continue in the direction as records show, the future of college students seem bleak, further demonstrating the painfully ironic anyone-can-get-a-degree notion that many students have today.

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TAKE ACTION NOW

At the 'Ohi'a Cafeteria

September 12, 2006

Noon - 2:00 p.m.

• **Hawaii Helping Hungry Have Hop (H-5)** Students from our sister school, Osaka Gakuin University Calligraphy Club will be conducting a calligraphy demo and exhibit and will be accepting donations to benefit H-5. Mr. Utu Langi, the Tongan pastor and director of H-5 and Next Step, the transitional shelter for the homeless in Kakaako will be speaking.

• **Canned Food Drive** At the event members of the International Club will be conducting a canned food drive at the event and throughout the week at the KCC Cafeteria to benefit the homeless along the Leeward Coast. We'll be organizing a caravan with Mr. Langi to distribute the collected items with our homeless friends.

The purpose of this activity is to raise awareness and for everyone to take Action Now...whether it be small or big. My son, Gen, just shared his fish with his homeless friends along the Leeward coast and now his friends continue his legacy and you can be part of this too.

We have also been able to establish a scholarship, Aloha 'Aina Gen Fujikawa Memorial Scholarship in Gen's honor and two students will be able to attend KCC this semester based on their contribution to the care of the 'aina, the land and people of Hawaii. Vuong Phung has been helping with the layout of Gen's Book, A Guide to a Good Life, and upon completion, all proceeds from the book will fund Gen's Scholarship.

First week turns campus into fashion show

YOU ASKED FOR IT

By Anavic Ibanez



Runway on Campus

You won't need a Scantron sheet, a 15 pound textbook, nor several well-sharpened No. 2 pencils to get any score for the first test of the semester... but you'll probably get bonus points if those pencils match your red Adidas. It is a decision that took all summer for most people... it is the elusive back-to-school outfit. This is the result of all the extra time spent during the summer break that is the cause for such a fashionable entrance to the college semester.

Everyone is wrinkle-free, gelled-up, and matching, but what for? Oh, you know the reason... to make that first impression. It is unrealistic to suppose that everyone has the patience to wait for you to open your mouth before making a judgment. You have to create some sort of statement even if people are looking at you from 30 feet away, and what you wear is the most prominent façade.

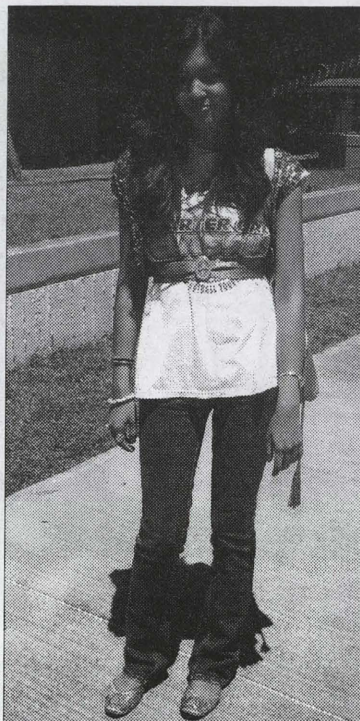
Clothes may not make the man, but it is a definite insight into their personality. And if your personality comes with clean white Air Force Ones, a fresh button up, and dark blue jeans with rusty highlights, give me a call. OK, seriously, if you look approachable and stand out, chances

are meeting new people and establishing different kinds of relationships will be easier for you. And the first week of a new semester is the perfect and crucial time for this process. But I don't have to tell you this, you already know.

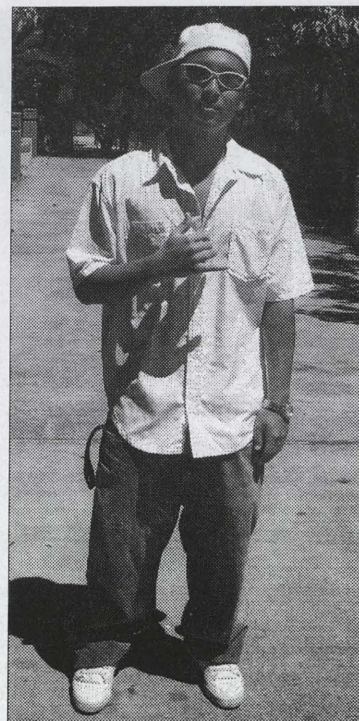
Fashion in Paradise

Because Hawaii doesn't exactly have the right atmosphere to wear knee high leather boots, heavy knit tops and full tweed ensembles comfortably, naturally we won't be following this years' fall fashion all too much. Our bi-seasonal system of rain or no rain allows for only so much possible combinations of clothing, so there is a repetitive style found on the college campus.

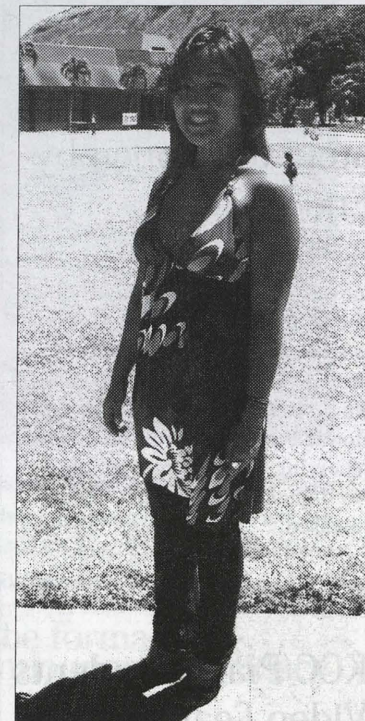
The first week was a time to showoff lots of leg for the ladies (don't you love Hawaii, guys?). There was an overflow of shorts, fitted capris and Bermuda (long) shorts, cuffed jeans and skirts. Despite the heat, layering is popular: ribbed tanks over skinny strapped tanks, shorts and skirts over leggings, and dresses over skinny jeans. Accessories such as mixed and chunky jewelry or belts help spice up tops. Slippers (with a slightly raised platform. Although I found some girls wearing slippers that are too high for their height, but that's a topic for a different column...) are still the preferred choice of footwear. It was nice to see a few pair of ballet flats, plain or beaded, hitting the sidewalks.



Queyca Guerrero wears a beaded shrug, that matches her ballet flats, over a printed tee and finishes it off with a weaved belt high on her waist.



Combining sporty with dressy, KCC student Ben Sim wears a collared shirt and silver watch with a sports hat and shades, keeping it all white.



Shelley Rae Alvior wears a popular summer trend: a dress over slim jeans and heels. She adds several bronze bangles to her colorful dress-top.

Guys have decided to take that extra ten minutes in the morning to put a spoonful more of gel, use that thing we call a razor and add a splash of cologne... and I'm definitely not complaining. Shoes and sport caps are important male accessories. Normally worn with a jersey or plain shirt, guys have dressed up the accessories by wearing collared shirts, slightly opening up the top buttons. A repeating look is a col-

lage of skater and surf brands from head to toe.

Last but not least, the iPod has become a must-have accessory of this semester. With the prices slightly down over the summer, almost everyone is rocking the white earphones.

All Things Come to an End

This phenomenon of fashion come and go will last for about 3

weeks, at the most. The effort will lose its momentum as it starts to climb over other priorities, oh you know, like homework and stuff. Soon, students will don their fashionably wrinkled pajamas or ready-to-go beachwear. Even though we probably won't end the semester as fashionably as we opened it, at least we have something to look forward to for Spring after another break.

FACULTY INSIGHTS

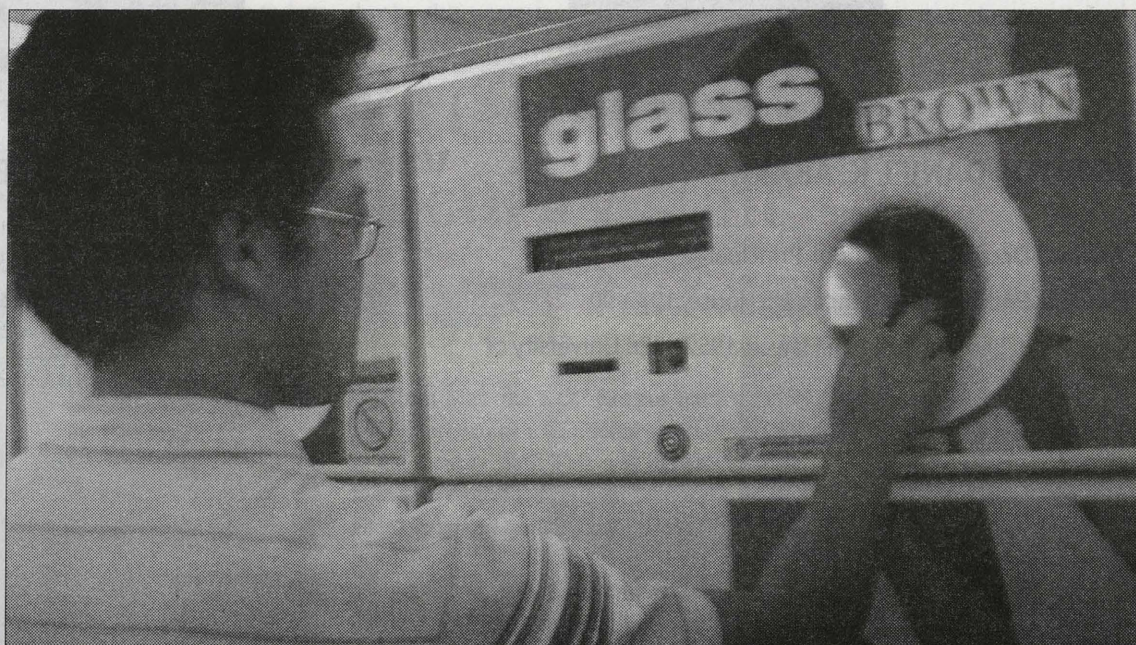
It's Not About Recycling

By Krista Hiser

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
ENGLISH 22

I'm writing this essay on a tour bus full of English 22 students. We are returning to campus from the "Tour de Trash", a field trip that I organize each semester with the City & County. This morning we have learned about Honolulu's metal recycling, green waste composting, and waste-to-energy conversion facilities. Our last stop is a bumpy drive up the Waimanalo Gulch landfill, the final resting place for everything that can't be diverted through some form of recycling.

The landfill employs workers called "pickers" whose job is to chase down plastic grocery bags that try to escape. The metal recycler has "torchers" who cut up water heaters and steel beams all day. The green waste facility has "rippers" responsible for separating yard waste from the plastic bags it is picked up in. The students on the tour bus are (I suppose) hoping not to have one of these hot, hard, dirty jobs (that's why they've come to college). But I admire these pickers, torchers and rippers. They live in reality, in the



KCC student Jeff Wang recycles a glass bottle at the Redemption Center located in RRR Recycling Services Hawaii during the tour of recycling and waste disposal sites last September.

incessant stream of 1.5 million tons of waste produced on Oahu each year. The rest of us rarely spare a thought about the end point of the things we buy, use, and discard.

For example. It's hot on campus, and you're thirsty. So you drop a buck-

25 into one of the many soda machines on campus, and chug. Now what? At several campus buildings - Kalia, Ohia, Olona, Olapa, Iliahi, Ilima, and Kopiko - you and your plastic bottle are faced with a choice: rubbish or recycling bin. Either way it's a simple

toss for you, the consumer, but dealing with your soda bottle entails a lot of work, technology, and engineering. If your bottle goes into the rubbish, it will either be burned at H-Power, or

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CORRECTIONS

In the August 22 issue of The Kapio Newspress there were a few errors in the "Who's Who" section. The correct contact information is as follows.

Julie Rancilio, Asian Studies Coordinator is located in Kalia 211 her phone number is 734-9421 and her e-mail is rancilio@hawaii.edu.

The Job Placement office is located in Manono 113, the phone number is 734-9434, or you can e-mail Michael Carmine at jobs@hawaii.edu. The correct e-mail for Jill Kouchi in the Job Placement office is hs2kcc@hawaii.edu.

The Kapio Newspress regrets the errors, and apologizes to each person who was listed with incorrect information.

In addition, Associated Students of Kapiolani Community College (ASKCC) Student Congress wishes to correct the number of at-large positions to four, instead of two, which appeared in last week's issue.

**CAMPUS &
COMMUNITY BRIEFS****Kahala Mall Theaters to Reopen by End of Year**

Kahala Mall's eight-screen movie theater will reopen by the end of the year. Construction is expected to start in the next three to four weeks. The theaters were closed after heavy rains flooded the mall with the theaters receiving most of the damage. No damage estimate has been released.

KCC Piano Students Video Featured Online

A video of KCC piano students performing at the 2006 Pianomania Concert can be viewed online. The concert was held at the Neal Blaisdell Arena. KCC students joined UH piano majors to form an ensemble, conducted by KCC associate music professor Anne Craig Lum. This ensemble performed a Gershwin medley of "Embraceable You" with "Fascinating Rhythm," as well as improvisational solos from all 12 students.

To view the performance visit <http://annecraiglum.com/pianomania/>.

Hawaii Nature Center Seeking Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with clean-up and restoration at Pouhala Marsh in Waipahu. Pouhala Marsh is currently the largest remaining wetland habitat in Pearl Harbor. It is currently used as the wetland program site for Hawaii Nature Center. Service projects have been scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 9.

For more information call Volunteer Program Manager Pauline Kawamata at 955-0100, ext. 18.

2007 Freeman-China Program Deadline

The Freeman program is entering into its third year. In the past three years, nearly 60 students have traveled to China, Japan or Korea on this scholarship opportunity. The deadline for the 2007 Freeman-China program is Friday, October 13, 2006.

For more information visit the Freeman program section on the KCC website.

Representative Case reaches out to KCC voters

By Crystal Carpenito
STAFF WRITER

Dozens of KCC students and faculty members attended a brief appearance by U.S. Congressman Ed Case on campus August 30th. Representative Case, now running for United States Senate, feels it is important to interact with people everywhere, including the people of KCC. In an effort to reach out to the campus audience, he discussed the importance of their vote toward electing the "right" candidate into Senate.

"This is your government and it's your decision to make a choice," the choice that according to Case will not only impact this generation but the generations for years to come.

Congressman Case assured the crowd that as a senator he would be more than qualified in making decisions and changes necessary to better Hawaii and America.

"A Senator is responsible for advocating and leading the United States. If you're not going to be a leader than you do not belong in the Senate," Case said.

Throughout the bulk of his speech he listed some but not all of the goals he hopes to achieve as Senator, including balancing the federal budget, national security and protection against terrorism, governing the country and ourselves better, assurance of good



Congressman Ed Case (second from right) addressed potential voters at KCC.

employment and economic growth, future investments, social security, Medicare, and environmental protection.

"A Senator must consider all of these," Case said.

When asked how we could better relationships with China, Congressman Case spoke of China as an economic power house in which we should remain economically active with. Increasing protectionism, in his opinion, will not work.

"It can and should be a good economic relationship, where each country could benefit from the other," Case commented. Alexander Posey who attended the speech for an English 100 assignment said "It's good

to know people are aware of the future...and making preparations for relationships with China."

Although some students found his speech moving and his views convincing, few were there to support him in his candidacy. There were many students who attended as a class assignment or to receive extra credit. Monica Winders, a student taking Political Science 110, said that if registered to vote she would vote for Congressman Case because of "his strong desire to change the way politics work rather than stick to the Hawaii political culture of today," but that she would not have come to the speech if not for the extra credit.

Rebecca Kamikawa, another student taking Political Science, said she

would have attended the speech with or without extra credit. Though voting for Congressman Case would be a tougher decision for her to make.

"It's hard because although his case was convincing I need to hear Akaka's case too," Kamikawa said.

Congressman Case made what to some may be argumentative comments concerning Senator Akaka, saying he would better represent the mainstream of Hawaii than Akaka and better represent "today." Critiquing Senator Akaka for his fundamental differences in political culture, he referred to Senator Akaka's preference of party as a "machine" an "exclusive club" that doesn't work for today and will not work for the future.

When asked by a member of the audience what he felt about the Akaka Bill he said he has been supportive, but also said that although he wants native Hawaiian culture to survive and prosper, federal recognition is an extremely unlikely result.

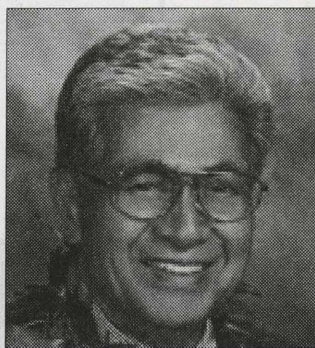
With less than 20 days left until Election Day Congressman Case is hard at work practicing for debates and making public speeches.

"We want your vote, and for you to ask your friends and family for their vote."

For information visit www.edcase.com.

Tale of the Tape

Compiled from www.congress.org

**SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA**

Previous Occupation: School Principal

Previous Political Experience: US House, 1977-90

Education: BEd University of Hawaii, 1952; MEd University of Hawaii, 1966

Military: USA, 1945-47

Birthdate: Sept. 11, 1924

Term: 3rd

First Elected: April, 1990

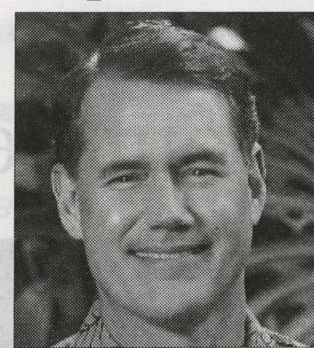
Committees:

- » Armed Services
- » Energy and Natural Resources
- » Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
- » Indian Affairs
- » Veterans' Affairs, Ranking Member

Rank in senate: 71 of 99

Rank in party: 28 of 205

Power score: 24.67 the highest being 96.75

**REPRESENTATIVE ED CASE**

Previous Occupation: Attorney

Previous Political Experience: HI House, 1994-2002; US House, 2002-present

Education: BA Williams College, 1975; JD University of California, 1981

Birthdate: Sept. 27, 1952

Term: 2nd

First Elected: Dec. 2, 2002

Committees:

- » Agriculture
- » Budget
- » Small Business

Rank in elected class of 2002: 46 of 51

Rank in house: 410 of 438

Rank in party: 179 of 205

Power rating: 5.02 highest being 97.25

Student's Main Concern on Textbook Prices

Frustrated students suggest alternative ways to save on expensive textbooks

By Emmanuel Reyes
STAFF WRITER

Textbook prices have always been a concern for many students every semester. An average full time student at KCC spends at least \$400 a semester for books alone. Many students feel that the bookstore should do something to help students save money towards textbooks.

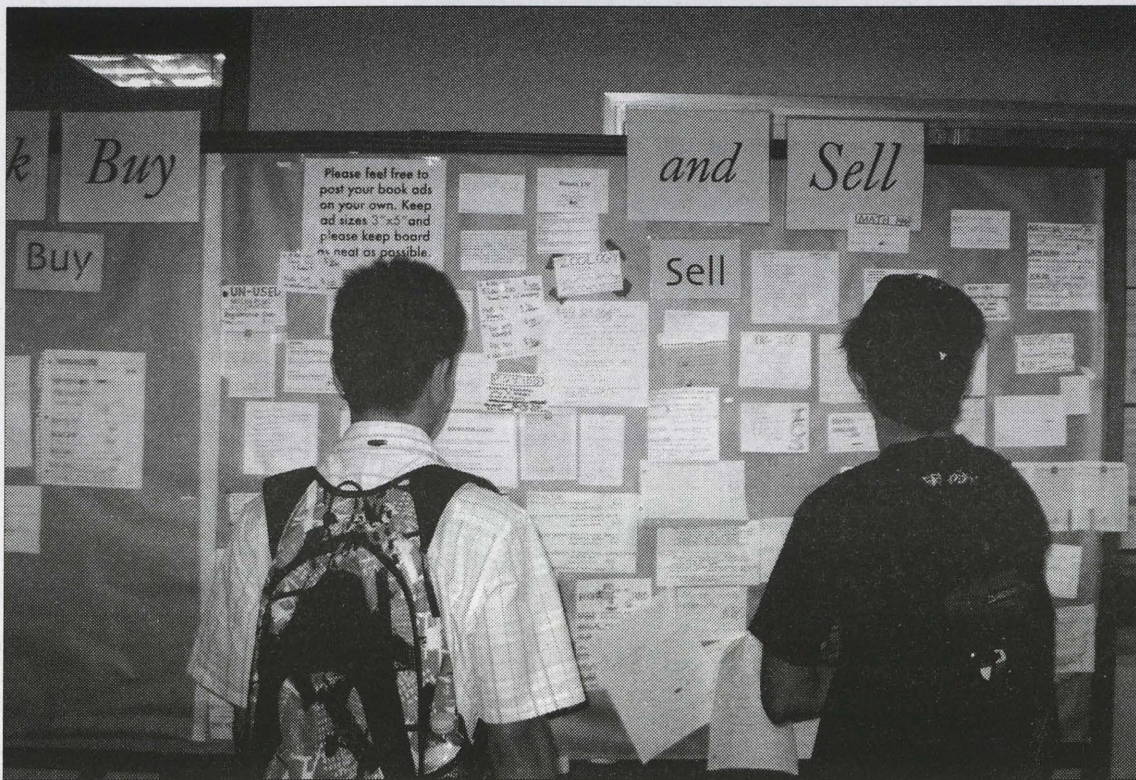
"The books are so expensive that the bookstore should do a tax write out for every book that we purchase. Getting a tax write out for our books will at least help us feel better about spending so much money towards our studies," said Diana Tungpalan, a nursing student who has been in KCC for two years.

There are also other alternatives that can help students save money when it comes to purchasing textbooks.

"I buy my books online because I saved at least 30% off of the bookstore prices including the cost of the shipping. I go to collegeboosdirect.com and it takes up to a week maximum for the books to arrive," said Terrie Lou Reyes, who is a double major student. Another website that students buy their books from is campusbooks.com. The online store compares their prices from other websites and other popular bookstores.

Sherryl Casinas, a Liberal Arts major, and currently in her third semester at KCC, buys her books on the first day of school, but came to find out that some of the books are not really useful.

"Some teachers only cover a small section on the book and not



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One place that students can put ads to buy and sell used books is at the Ohia building, near the bookstore.

I did not even buy any of my books this semester because I am still looking for ways to save money towards textbooks.

— Pearlline Lucena, KCC Student

the whole entire book," Casinas said. "The books are so expensive to buy and you don't get as much when you

sell it back. They don't even buy all the books."

The bookstore buys books back from students at the end of the semester, and many students take advantage of that, but students explain that the bookstore does not buy all the books that they want to sell back.

"I receive less than the original price of the book that I bought in the beginning of the semester. They should buy all the books back so at least us students could get some money back," said Claire Madlang-bayan, a nursing student.

Some students feel that the prices of the textbooks are "ridiculously expensive" and they feel that the bookstore do not consider the plight of students.

"I did not even buy any of my books this semester because I am still looking for other ways to save

money towards textbooks," said Pearlline Lucena, a student who has been at KCC for a year and a half now. But the bookstore's sale this year shows otherwise.

"The book sales for this first week of school had been a very good turn out," said Sheryl Suki, a clerk at the bookstore. "The amount of the students so far for this first week is not as much as the previous semester."

Despite students' complains and concerns about the textbook prices, the bookstore cannot really change the price or price match because they are under the UH Manoa bookstore. They are not an independent bookstore.

"We are not in charge of pricing the textbooks or price matching the books. We just follow of what the UH Manoa bookstore does on their price," Suki said.

KCC welcomes new security staff

By Dena Nakahashi
STAFF WRITER

Since May, the KCC campus has welcomed two new additional guards to the security staff. This was in part to relieve two of the original security guards who had been injured off-duty. In addition, they will also share some of the five-day-week morning and night shifts. There will still be one guard on duty per shift from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. from Mondays through Fridays. Private guard service, Freeman Guards Inc. covers the graveyard hours from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. and this includes the weekends. Joseph Campos hopes that KCC will receive several more officers to replace the Freeman Guards in about a month to better serve the needs of the students.

Security is available 24 hours a

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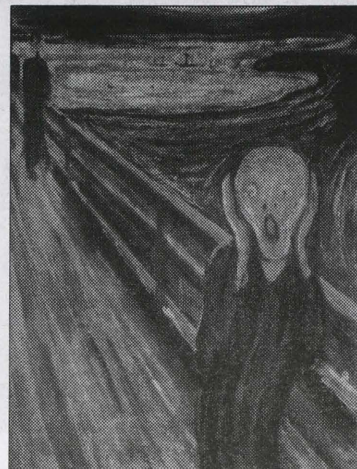
- » Travel and park in lighted areas; travel in pairs
- » Report all suspicious activities
- » Don't leave belongings unattended
- » Familiarize yourself with location of phones and security office

day, seven days a week.

Campus security can be reached at these numbers: On campus extension: x9900 and Off campus: 808-734-9900.

To learn more about security escorts, safety precautions, or what to do if you witness suspicious activity, go to the KCC website: <http://www.kcc.hawaii.edu/object/campussecurity.html>

RECENT SNAPSHOTS OF EVENTS AROUND THE GLOBE



Edvard Munch's "The Scream" was safely recovered by Norwegian police on Aug. 31 after it was stolen two years ago.

Abe formally announces candidacy

As Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi prepares to step down, Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Shinzo Abe announces his candidacy to the position. Abe has been considered by many in Japan to be the fore-runner to win the election on 20 Sept. particularly since he is the right-hand man of Koizumi's administration. He is not expected to make any major changes in policy if he takes the post.

29 killed in Iran plane fire

A plane in Mashhad, a north-eastern city in Iran, caught fire and killed 29 passengers on board. The Russian-built jet carrying 148 passengers from Bandar Abbas skidded off the runway and burst into flames. Earlier reports put the death toll at 80, but was later corrected to 29. According to a spokesman from the Civil Aviation Organization, the cause of the accident is still not clear at this time.

Palestinian aid decline

Palestinians are expected to receive \$500 million dollars in aid as international donors met in Stockholm, Sweden to discuss donation needs. Aid in Palestine has been dramatically affected since Hamas, whom many Westerners consider to be a terrorist organization, took power. Correspondents at the meeting noted that Palestine did receive as much aid as Lebanon, whom donors had pledged \$940 million.

Hurricane John picks up again

Category three Hurricane John has gathered force again even though it is thought to have weakened earlier last week. Some 10,000 residents and tourist on Mexico's Baja California region have been evacuated by Mexican authorities. Shelters have been put up to accommodate those with homes in low-lying areas, and most U.S. tourists are heading home. The hurricane is expected to dissipate as it moves into the Pacific Ocean.

Board of Student Activities (BOSA) Public Hearing Announcement

The Board of Student Activities Charter has not been revised since August 1986. The BOSA Charter Committee is recommending the following major changes to the BOSA Charter:

- Board Members must be in good academic standing (i.e., 2.0 cum GPA)
- Enrolled in Kapi'olani Community College with six or more credits

A public hearing is scheduled for:

Date: September 20, 2006
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm
Place: Ilima 202A

We welcome your comments at this meeting. Copies of the old charter and new charter with the recommended revisions are available for public viewing in the Office of Student Activities in Ohia 102.

Students Shape Technology Growth at KCC

Plans to install campus-wide wireless access may be proposed again

By Mike Hewitt
STAFF WRITER

Several recent ongoing student initiatives are changing technology at Kapi'olani Community College. The first initiative is the expansion of wireless Internet access, while the second proposes the establishment of student technology help-desk internships, and an upgrade for the Cybernesia computer lab. These projects are a result of efforts of the Associated Students of Kapi'olani Community College (ASKCC) Student Congress, with the cooperation of KCC administration, faculty, staff, and students.

As laptops become more affordable and technology more widespread, the need for wireless access is increasing. Recent statistics from the Center for Excellence in Learning, Teaching and Technology (CELTT) reports that the number of student help requests for accessing free wireless service increased from 575 in 2004-2005 to 625 in the 2005-2006 academic year, averaging about 86 requests per month. CELTT Interim Coordinator, Mary Hattori said CELTT determined priority for the first 12 buildings (see sidebar) by estimated usage. Surprisingly, requests by teachers at buildings initially given the lowest priority are also steadily increasing.

"If you build it they will come," Hattori said.

She emphasized that more importantly "students are a force for change that drives the growth of technologies on campus." Stu-



STAN SILVA / THE KAPI

Kapiolani Community College student Yvonne Kinerney uses the student-developed wireless network to access the internet from her laptop in the Ohia cafeteria.

dents are often asking teachers for forms and assignments posted online through WebCT, and many teachers are developing their use of the technology as a result.

Construction on the second stage of a three-stage proposal to have the entire campus installed with wireless access ended last year. The third stage of development is on hold while ASKCC seeks more input on the need for further development from students. An ASKCC survey conducted in January of 2006 asked 499 students if they use wireless Internet access on campus, and if so, are more access points needed. The vast majority of respondents said they did not use wireless Internet access, so Student Congress decided not to approve funds at that time.

Culinary Arts student John

Watson spent more time on campus when he had a laptop because wireless access makes it very convenient. Watson pointed out that computer labs do not open until 9 a.m.; but from 7:00 a.m., he can borrow a laptop at the library.

"I like time to edit writing early in the morning before class so I can get in the groove. With wireless, I can also do my work at different places on campus while I'm still in the thick of things after class. More laptops at the library would help because they're often all checked out," Watson said.

Confirming Watson's opinion about the laptop shortage, Library Assistant Erika Swartzkopf said that more laptops would benefit students.

Students wishing to get access to free wireless service can bring their

own laptops to CELTT, the library, or the Cybernesia Café.

A second unrelated student technology proposal would replace computers in the Cybernesia computer lab with computers built, networked, and maintained by KCC students. It would also give students hands-on experience through help-desk technology internships. Inspired by the KCC nationally recognized program of service learning, the project will encourage practical student skills while serving our college community outside the classroom. In discussing the proposal, Philosophy instructor Robin Fujikawa said it "seems to give students a kind of personal ownership of and investment in learning."

The Student Congress proposal submitted in April of 2006 was too late in the year for funding, but KCC

WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS

- » Ilima
- » Iliahi
- » Kalia
- » Kauila
- » Kopiko
- » Lama
- » Manele
- » Manono
- » Naio
- » Ohia
- » Ohelo
- » Olapa

Chancellor Leon Richards recommended resubmission this year. Under the proposal, Student Congress would pay \$6000 from student activity fees. This funding depends on \$6000 in matching funds from KCC administration. The money would provide parts for at least 24 computers with the latest duo core technology at less than \$500 each. The initiative would save money on computers and maintenance, while providing real world experience, and encouraging the idea of students serving students.

Assistant Professor Steve Singer said a separate faculty proposal based on the Student Congress initiative would create a technology help-desk class open to students of any major. Another current proposal would make internships mandatory for Information Technology Systems degrees. If the proposals pass the curriculum development committee and faculty senate, they will take effect as early as the fall 2007 semester. CELTT has agreed to provide related internship opportunities.

UH Manoa Health Services also extends to KCC

Many students are unaware of where to go to meet health requirements

By RG G Lagunday
STAFF WRITER

According to KCC administration, there is no health clinic on campus. Although KCC has no health clinic on site, students can seek medical attention at the University of Hawaii Health Center if needed. The Health Clinic is located on 1710 East West Road and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for walk-in visits and appointments. Walk-in visits include services dealing with general medicine, such as immunizations for school registrations or illnesses.

Medical concerns that have to do with dermatology, nutrition, psychiatry, sports medicine or wom-

en's health are by appointments only, and can be made daily from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. According to Jae Sutton, having to go to another campus can be troublesome.

"Getting back into school was stressful because I didn't have a regular doctor to go to and get my shot for school," said Sutton.

After realizing he needed to meet health requirements, Sutton visited the Health Clinic at the Manoa campus.

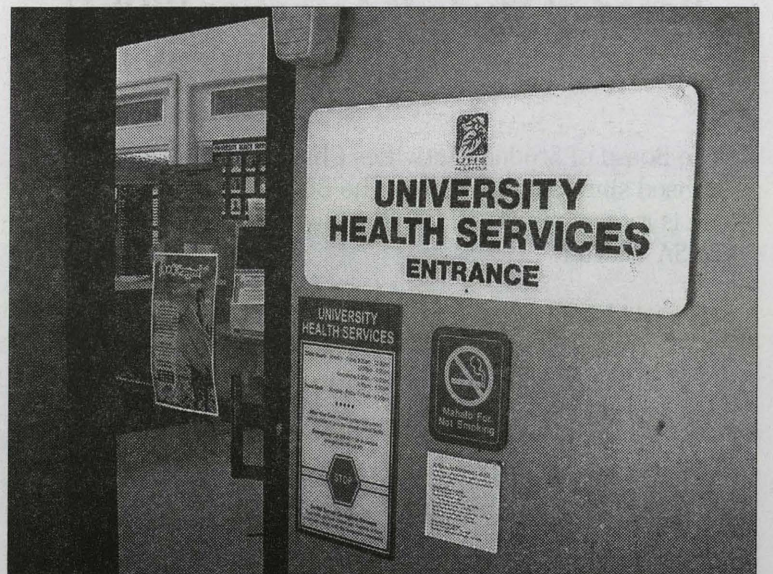
Some students are unaware of the health requirements.

"I didn't know that I had to get a TB clearance before going to college," said Joel Cabucana.

Cabucana said that he was excited to be taking steps to getting back to school, but when he found out he needed shots he didn't know where to go. Unlike Sutton, Cabucana searched for a clinic off campus to get his TB clearance. Health clinics such as the Lanakila Health Clinic and the Diamond

Head Health Clinic offer free TB testing. In order for an individual to register for classes, a copy of a completed Health Clearance must be sent to the registrar. Without the completed Health Clearance, the registration process can be prolonged, and the student may even miss the semester. The University of Hawaii System requires that a Confidential Health Form be turned in, that State of Hawai'i tuberculosis clearance guidelines are met, and that a prospective student provide any kind of documentation of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella before being allowed to register for classes.

The University of Hawaii operates on what is called fee-for-service, meaning that certain insurance claims are turned in to insurance companies by the University of Hawaii. When a claim is submitted there may not be any additional fees charged to the student. For students without insurance, visiting



THOMAS DUARTE / THE KAPI

University Health Services located on the UH Manoa campus offers an array of health options for KCC students.

fees will be paid from their own pockets. Fees range from \$10 to \$70 depending on the type of visit. Medications and supplies are additional costs. For more information

on Health Services students can visit the University Health Services Manoa site at <http://www.hawaii.edu/shs>. They can also be contacted by phone at (808) 956-8965.

Getting around campus

A list of office numbers and hours that can make life easier for students

By Liana Hofschneider
STAFF WRITER

As the semester settles in, here are a couple of contact numbers and office hours to take note of.

Kekaulike Information and Service Center (KISC) at 'Ilima 102 handles registration, transcript services, Veteran's certification, Financial Aid and various student services. The Cashier's Office is also located in KISC. Their contact number is 734-5555 and 734-9524 for the Cashier. Office hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. However, KISC closes early on Friday at 12:30 p.m. and is closed on State holidays.

"Students graduating in the Fall 2006 must file their petition for graduation no later than October 16, 2006," said Sharon Fowler, manager for the KISC on advising students of the Fall 2006 graduation requirement.

In the 'Iliahi building, room 113, which houses the three Arts and Sciences counselors, is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. Walk-ins are accepted on a first come first serve basis. However, making an appointment at least a day in advance is advised. Their contact number is 734-9247. Counselors are also available in several disciplines including New Media Arts, Exercise and Sports Science, and Special programs to name a

few. The office may be contacted to provide you with campus telephone numbers and office locations.

Need a place to study and a computer lab?

The Lama library hours are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Fridays. The library is closed on weekends and holidays. Their contact number is 734-9268. However, the computer lab in the library opens its doors at 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and closes at 3:30 p.m. on Friday.

Cybernesia is KCC's newest computing lab where students may play games and chat. It is located at 'Iliahi 125-126, and lab hours are Monday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The testing center is also located in the building and operates on the same days, but closes at 2 p.m. on Monday and Friday and 4 p.m. on Tuesday to Thursday. However, students taking online courses and tests or exams are encouraged to arrive at least one and a half hour before the closing time of the lab. You may contact the lab and the testing center at 734-9144.

Locker rentals, movie tickets, U-Passes (semester bus pass) may be purchased at Student activities office at 'Ohi'a 112 Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and closes at 3 p.m. on Friday. Their telephone number is 734-9576.

Finally, the campus security emergency contact number is 734-9900. The office is located at the auxiliary services office at Olopuia 103. The auxiliary services contact number is 734-9157.



STAN SILVA / THE KAPOI

Na Palapalai played at the Ohia Cafe on Aug. 24. With Kuana Torres on guitar, Kehau Tamure on the ukelele, and Keao Costa on bass.

Music entertains all semester long at KCC

By Marie Kuroda
STAFF WRITER

The summer of concerts may be behind us with the start of the new school year, but the 'Ohi'a cafeteria and the Great Lawn are great places to catch some live music this semester. On Aug. 28, the roots reggae band from Palolo, Ooklah the Moc, rocked KCC in sweet vibes on the lawn. So far bands such as Kanalo, the USAF (air force) Band, Tradewinds, and other musical groups have graced us with their presence. These concerts are open exclusively to students and the community. Concerts are organized by the Office of Student Activities (OSA), who host and choose the bands. The Board of Students (BOS) fund the events and keep the concerts free for us.

According to Dr. George Higa of the OSA, the concerts are provided for the enrichment of students at KCC, and student input is important to the OSA since it's where the ideas of who should perform are made. Higa also said that he tries to get alumni to perform as well, some well known alumni of KCC are Jake Shimabukuro (ukulele

virtuoso) and Kevin Okimoto (guitarist/vocalist in the Opihi Pickers) and his band. Thanks to Higa and the team of hard working students who are open-minded to a variety of music, KCC has a range of musicians coming to perform: Jazz, classical, reggae (Natural Vibes performed on the first day of fall '06), rock, and international.

For students who want to perform, OSA hosts talents shows in the cafeteria. Applications have begun for this semester, and the deadline is Sept. 25. Higa knows that there is a wealth of talent here at KCC, so don't hide or procrastinate for this opportunity to perform for prizes. Another big performance at KCC is International Week; music and dance from all over the world is performed at this annual festival.

Students from music classes at KCC, dance troupes and clubs perform as well. Popular and traditional songs from different countries and flamenco dancing were just some of the performances that were on at the last International Week. To find out more about upcoming events, check posters on the walls in the cafeteria, and fliers posted on bulletin boards. More information can also be found <http://news.kcc.hawaii.edu>.

Ooklah the Moc is one of Hawaii's finest roots reggae band from Palolo Valley. They have released three albums so far and have been a great inspiration for musicians

UPCOMING EVENTS

» 9/25 Deadline for talent show (Ohia 101)

» 9/30 Outdoor Concert (6-9:30 p.m.)

UPCOMING OOKLAH SHOWS:

» 9/16 Detox, Downtown Honolulu

» 9/22 Aloha Theater, Kainaliu, Big Island

» 9/23 Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park, Kapolei, O'ahu

and the local community. The band performs in various places, not just here in Hawaii. From WA to CA, they are going on a West Coast Tour that will begin on Sept. 1. Missing from the stage was Sista Micky Huihui, but the two guys Ras Bird and Kali were having a nice mellow show here, playing both old and new songs. And it's always a pleasure to watch Sista Paula Fuga, who came up on stage to sing some of her sweet 'n sour Lilikoi tunes. Thanks to the OSA and BOS for providing us with the music, the musicians and all the students that were skanking it out there.

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KCC language instructor awarded

Compiled by Staff

Last semester language instructor Satoru Shinagawa was recognized for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology. He attended a conference at the center for the advancement of teaching and learning at the Florida Community College (FCC) at Jacksonville, where he was awarded a plaque.

Shinagawa was recognized for his development of a 100 percent online Japanese language course, which does not use online course management systems such as WebCT. He began development of his course in 1997 before WebCT was in use.

"I needed to make everything from scratch," he said. "At that time there were very few if any institutions that offered Japanese language (courses) online."

Today with the advent of the WebCT system, which is widely used throughout the UH system for online courses, Shinagawa still chooses to use his stand-alone course website. He upgrades his website with new technologies and focuses on finding new technologies that can improve

online instruction.

"Pod casting is new and has great potential for language instruction. I have started basic pod casting, but I will continue my investigation into how it can be useful for language instruction," he said.

Shinagawa attributes his abilities to create an effective online instruction course to his science background. Early in his academic career he studied information technology and computer programming.

"That gives me a very unique combination of backgrounds and it has helped me look for ways information technology and liberal arts can be used to improve language instruction he said."

The conference was held April 12, 2006 and around 800 college faculty members from various academic disciplines and colleges and universities from around the world attended. During the conference more than 200 presented and according to the Shina-



Shinagawa

gawa of those presenting all submitted papers for publication, from that group 13 papers were selected and three were from award winners one of them being his.

"This makes me even more pleased to have my paper selected for publication because there were so few of the award winners who had papers published in addition to the award," he said.

The International Conference of college teaching and learning is held annually at FCC. During the conference various speakers, presenters and interactive workshops are available to attendees. The conference seeks to promote the use of technology to improve higher education learning.

Satoru Shinagawa is an Assistant Professor and has been teaching at KCC since 1996. He feels that the KCC administration has been instrumental in the winning of his award. In the early stages of his course development the college did not hesitate to honor his requests for computer equipment and peripherals, which made it possible for him to develop his now award winning online instruction course.

Palolo:

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Pipeline Program in 1995.

"Palolo is the only low income area in east Honolulu," Franco said. "We wanted to work with the community to help the quality of life there."

Also involved in the program are Chaminade University and UH-Manoa. The main priority for the program is to serve the Palolo community, especially in the area of education. This program not only assists children, but Palolo residents of all ages.

"We set up the program so we have students doing service learning from preschool to elders. Our students work with kids, teens, adults, and elderly," Franco said.

During the first years, the program was involved with tutoring students at Palolo Elementary, The Hale, and Mutual Association Assistance Center. Teen reading circles were held at Jarrett Middle School and Kaimuki

High School. Additionally, the program was involved in assisting elderly at Palolo Chinese Home for Elderly.

This program has then expanded.

"In 2003 we worked with 107 community based organizations and 42 schools. That was impressive," Franco said. A few additions to Palolo pipeline are The Kid's Club and Head.

There are many benefits for students active in service learning. Successful students can qualify for tuition waivers and scholarships. Students can also grow by enhancing academic skills, teamwork skills, and building up their resume.

"Primarily service learning has a beneficial outcome for students," Franco said, "but also the community benefits. It's a two way street."

For more information about the Palolo Pipeline Program, contact Bob Franco at 734-9514 or bfranco@hawaii.edu.

Bookstore:

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with theft.

To deter theft the UH bookstore, including all system outlets, has a policy that all bags and books must be left in the front of the bookstores in the provided lockers. According to

Souki many students don't abide by this policy and attempt to walk into the bookstore with their backpacks. KCC students who are not comfortable with leaving their personal belongings in the designated area can check them in with the bookstore staff. They can tell the security guard they would like to leave their belongings with the bookstore customer service,

then the staff will tie a number tag to their belongings, give them a number, and after shopping they can bring the number back to retrieve their things. According to Souki students should not feel offended when the staff asks them to leave their belongings in the front because it is a blanket policy for everyone who enters the bookstore at all UH bookstore locations.

Recycling:

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buried in the landfill. But, if you recycle your bottle at KCC it has a more interesting lifespan. It first becomes part of a service-learning project, then KCC gets paid money for it, then it is sold and shipped off-island to be made into something new.

It's a tiny thing, but this type of decision has to be part of how we live in Hawaii. Because of our campus-recycling project, students encounter the complexity of a decision between tossing a plastic bottle or recycling it (or better yet, not buying it in the first place and instead using our many clean, cold, and free water fountains). The service-learning students in English 22 and Math 24 who manage this project come to understand first hand the massive effort and creative problem-solving that go into waste management.

It's finally sinking in that we need to look more closely at the way we live. Recycling is the tip of a (melting) iceberg. It will not stop climate change, will not end our reliance on foreign oil, will not make clean water. But what it might do is begin a process of critical thinking. My hope is that rising oil prices and rising sea levels can be counter balanced by a rising consciousness on the part of Hawaii's

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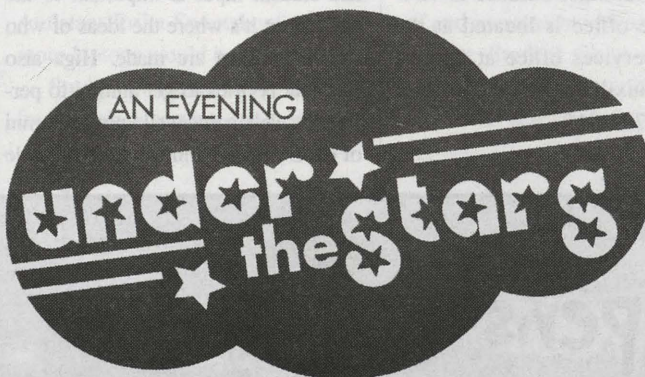
1. Recycle on campus. Any type of recyclable material – bottle, cans, glass, plastic, whatever, can be recycled in the green bins. Empty the bottle, throw away the cap, and don't throw any garbage in the recycling bin!
2. Share your ideas or talents to help our service-learning project improve!
3. Attend or volunteer at the City & County Discover Recycling fair on Sept 21, 22, and 23. They are really looking for volunteers to interact with K-12 students.
4. Visit www.opala.org or contact Krista Hiser (hiser@hawaii.edu) for more information about the Discover Recycling fair, the Tour de Trash, or KCC's environmental sustainability service-learning pathway.

college students. As our tour guide, Steve Kelsey, the City & County's recycling manager, said – "decisions made today determine the kind of world we live in tomorrow".

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Note: In case of rain, the concert will be relocated into the Ohia Cafeteria. For more information, please call the Kapiolani Community College Office of Student Activities (808) 734-9576.