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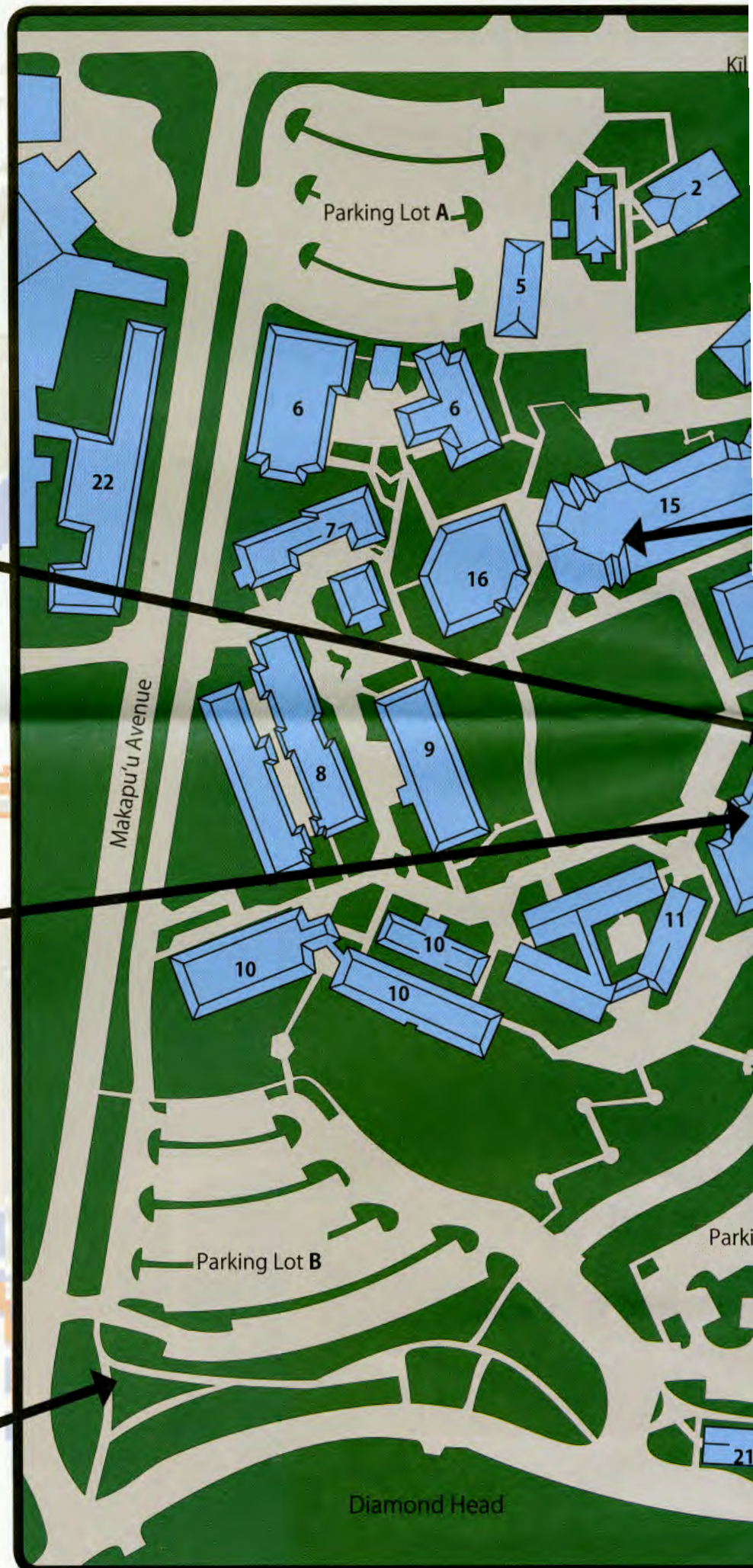
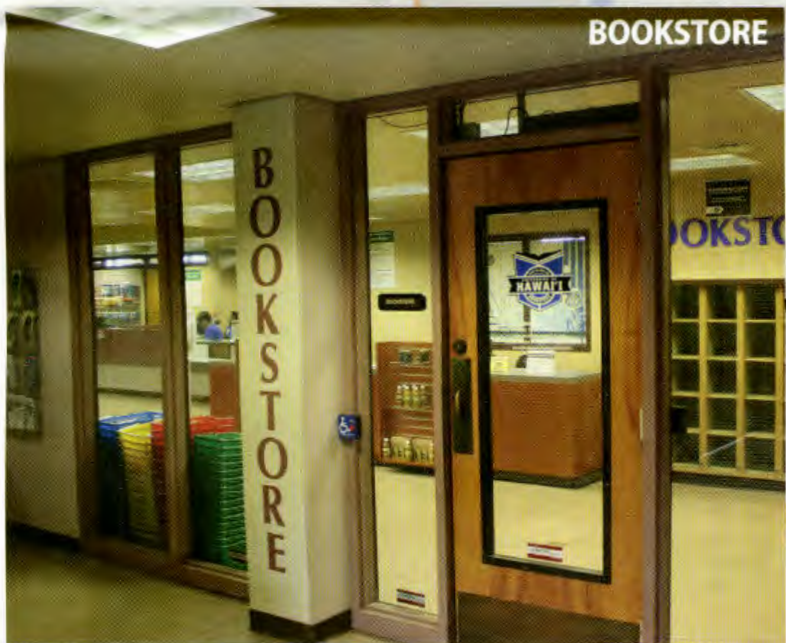
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Student count going up, up, up

KCC may be the first Hawai'i community college to reach 10,000 students

By Joie Nishimoto
EDITOR

For the past few semesters, KCC has seen a spike in enrollment and that trend may continue to go up.

According to the University of Hawai'i System's Institutional Research Office, 9,102 students were enrolled at KCC last fall, a 10.7 percent increase from the 8,221 students enrolled in Fall 2008.

As of press time, on Aug. 18, enrollment for this fall was counted at 8,940 students, according to a report by Mona Lee, vice chancellor of student affairs.

Lee noted that the enrollment statistics are not official yet.

"It changes every day," she said.

She said official enrollment numbers would not be available until after Friday, Aug. 27, which is when late registration ends.

As enrollment continues to increase, KCC faculty members try to accommodate for the growing number of students.

"We watch the enrollment every day," said Lee. "The department chairs can add more classes."

According to Charles Sasaki, dean of arts and sciences, the school has been doing its best to improve student success rates.

Sasaki said most students continue their education at KCC and at the same time, there are many first-time students that register for classes.

"As our reputation for excellence also continues to grow, we've been enrolling larger and larger entering classes of new students every semester too," said Sasaki. "When students come to us, we commit to helping them to graduate so we've been adding sections all summer."

Lee said that to accommodate the students, more seats in both online and in-person classes have been added. As of Tuesday, Aug. 17, 90 percent of seats were filled, with just fewer than 3,000 seats open for students.

"We added 10 additional sections as late as (Aug. 13) in an attempt to



KAPI'O ARCHIVE PHOTO

As enrollment continues to increase, KCC administrators and faculty are looking for ways to accommodate the growing number of students on campus.

8,940

Number of students enrolled at KCC last of last Wednesday

meet increased student demand," Sasaki said. "Our chancellor, Leon Richards, has made it clear to us that we should do everything we can to serve students. I agree."

Sasaki said that there is a possibility that KCC could be the first community college in the state to reach 10,000 students in the near future. As enrollment continues to grow, he said funds should grow too.

"Theoretically, state funding should follow enrollment so if our enrollment grows then funds to support the college should follow," said Sasaki. "In this economy though, there's not enough money to go around. Anyway, we are all doing what we can to cut back on costs and employees are making great sacrifices so that instruction for students isn't impacted."

Need parking? Good luck

With enrollment continuing to rise, parking continues to become a problem for many commuters who drive to school.

According to Milton Higa, vice chancellor of administrative services, increased enrollment logically could make parking a larger issue this semester; however, he noted that more students could be taking online courses.

"It's hard to expect," said Higa.

For the last three years, KCC was able to obtain a permit from the state Department of Land and Natural Resources to use the lot across from campus on Diamond Head Road for overflow parking during the first few weeks of the semester.

This year, though, KCC was denied the permit. Plans for the land to turn into a park along with community complaints may have

contributed to the DNLR's decision to deny KCC's request.

"We're a little concerned this year (with parking)," said Higa. "Many people will be disappointed."

Currently, there are about 1,300 parking stalls on campus. There have been talks to build a parking structure on campus, but the plan has yet to be formally accepted and approved by the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

One alternative for students who drive to school is to park at the old Canon Club. According to Higa, KCC controls the land because it will be the site for the future Culinary Institute of the Pacific.

Higa stressed the importance of considering the neighborhood if students have to park on the street.

"Our closest neighbors complain and have concerns about cars

blocking their driveway," he said. "We need their continued support."

Charles Sasaki, dean of arts and sciences, said it can be annoying for students trying to find parking on campus.

"I understand how frustrating it is for students to not be able find a parking space when they need to get to class or take a test," he said.

Higa encourages students to use other means of transportation, such as the bus, but also said to be patient.

"Come early," he advised. "Evaluate (when the parking lot is busy). Continuing students know how to plan accordingly, but new students might not have the same appreciation. They'll be the most frustrated."

— Joie Nishimoto, editor

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New tourism instructor Kawehi Sellers went from dreams of acting to a passion for teaching.



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After a year of extensive renovations, the bottom level of 'Iliahi has just opened its doors.

New instructor been there, done that

By Remington Taum
STAFF WRITER

Kawehi Sellers has recently joined the faculty and staff at KCC as a new instructor for the tourism department.

Sellers has spent the past six years at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa — the first three as an instructor in tourism and the last three years as an advisor — but she recently decided it was time to move back into the classroom.

"I felt I made the most impact on students in the classroom," said the O'ahu native who grew up in a beach-front home in Punalu'u.

Sellers hadn't planned on being a teacher when she was growing up. In high school, she had her eyes set on being an actress. That dream quickly faded as she focused on public relations in college.

After graduating from the University Lab School, she attended the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for a degree in communications. While working towards her degree, she also participated in two internships. The first was for the radio station Hot 93.9 FM, which led her to work for a public relations agency in Honolulu. This agency represented hospitality and tourism companies like the Sheraton Hotels in Waikiki and Hilo Hattie.

Her grandmother was a housekeeper at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, her aunt is a travel agent and her mom has been in the tourism industry for almost 40 years. Joining the family line, Sellers knew she had found her calling.

"I found my niche. Honestly,



tourism is in my blood," she said.

Later, after graduating in 1997 and working at the Stryker Weiner Associates Inc., she continued on the public relations path with a job in tourism at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Sellers, who took classes at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, had a great instructor there, Erika Lacro, who taught her that everyone, no matter what age they are or if they attended college, has the right to learn and is capable of learning new skills.

From this class, she worked as a quality training coordinator and taught New Hire Orientation, Diversity Training for team members and managers, First Choice Service (Customer Service Training), and Supervisory Skill Builders and Harassment training at the Hilton.

Her instructor (Lacro) was later



PHOTO COURTESY OF KAWEHI SELLERS

Top: Kawehi Sellers (in brown shirt) with UH students working at the Hakipu'u Lo'i. Above: Sellers surfing at Publics in Waikiki.

hired at the UH Travel Industry Management (TIM)

School. A few years later, a position opened up at the TIM school, giving Sellers another opportunity to

work with her previous teacher.

Learning more from the Educational Institute of the American Hotel & Lodging Association, Sellers has become a certified hospitality



KAWEHI SELLERS

Age: 35

Birthplace: Honolulu

Reading Material: Textbooks and "The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein"

Family: Married for 10 years with two sons

Last movie seen: "Eat, Pray, Love"

Favorite place to visit: Disneyland

supervisor and certified hospitality educator.

At the end of her last three years of teaching at UH Mānoa, an opportunity came up for an instructor position at KCC earlier this year. Sellers jumped on the chance to get back into the teaching atmosphere.

Showing her love for education, Sellers is currently working toward a master's degree in education with an emphasis in higher education, and she is expected to graduate in December.

"To me, teaching is a privilege," she said.



SEAN NAKAMURA / KAPI'O

After one year of extensive renovations, the bottom level of 'Iliahi has become a one-stop shop for everything student services. This is an outdoor area for students to sit down and eat or study. The goal of the renovation is to create a more conducive environment that would encourage student engagement.

A year later, 'Iliahi now open

By Paige L. Jinbo
ASSISTANT ADVISER

Ready. Set. Open.

After six months of delays, Phase II of Kahikoluamea is making its debut to the KCC community.

After one year of extensive renovations, the bottom level of 'Iliahi has become the one-stop shop for everything student services. Service Learning, Phi Theta Kappa, Honors Education, First Year Experience, Office of Student Activities and Student Congress have moved under one roof. KCC's security guards have also

made the trek from Olopuu to their new office in 'Iliahi.

Last summer, the first floor of 'Iliahi was completely demolished to create a more conducive environment that would encourage student engagement.

In addition, two classrooms on that same level were completely gutted to house the Arts and Sciences counselors, the Honda International Center and the International Café.

The wildly popular sandwich

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THE VIEW WE TAKE

Multimillion-dollar mosque near Ground Zero causes uproar

President Barack Obama's decision to support the development of an Islamic community center near Ground Zero proves that he's lost touch with the people of America.

Cordoba Initiative, a non-profit organization, recently got the green light to create \$100 million Islamic community center. The project is called Park51: a 13-story development with a pool, gym and a 500-seat auditorium, of which the mosque would be a part. The plan is for it to be built two blocks north of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Republican candidates unleashed their anger on Obama's support for the right for Muslims to build their community center calling him "an elitist who is insensitive to the families of the Sept. 11 victims." The candidates have already named the future site the "Ground Zero mosque."

At a dinner at the White House, Aug. 13., celebrating the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, Obama defended the development.

"Muslims have the same right to practice their religion as everyone else in this country," he said. "That includes the right to build a place of worship and a community center on private property in Lower Manhattan, in accordance with local laws and ordinances."

It's not the local laws, ordinances, or even the U.S. constitution that's being questioned it's the rationale behind the location of the Muslim community center. Critics are not denying rights to Muslims having a place to practice their religion, but it's unnecessary to build it on the site where nearly 2,800 people lost their lives.

There are certainly better alternatives for the location of the center. While Obama is far from "pandering to radical Islam," as Newt Gingrich has said in a recent interview, Obama's choice to support the development of the center in such



close proximity to Ground Zero is extremely callous. Not only is it an affront to the families of the Sept. 11 victims, but to the American people.

The justification for building it near the Ground Zero site is there's "a growing number of congregants at the only other mosque nearby created a need for an additional Islamic center in the neighborhood," said Daisy Khan, Rauf's wife, in an interview with The Associated Press. She added that it was a way to showcase the efforts that peace-seeking Muslims were making to rebuild lower Manhattan.

Building this 13-story community center in its planned location doesn't prove that we're making strides with improving relationships between Islam and the West. It illustrates that the leader of our country doesn't have the best interest of us at heart.

The many who are in favor of the center are calling those who oppose the development racist because they're making the gross distinction that all followers of Islam are terrorist. This implication is awfully incorrect. This is not the reason why many are vehemently against it.

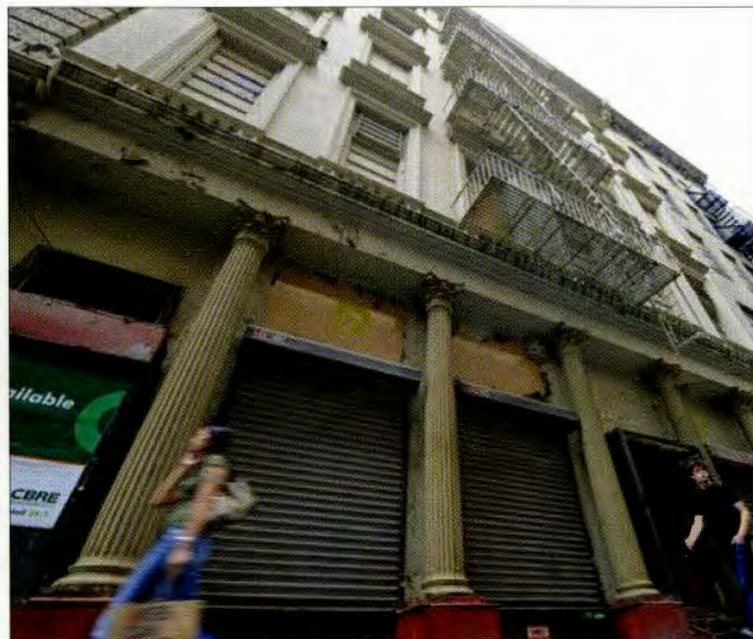
Many are vehemently against it simply because of its location. Not

to mention that Muslim cleric Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf is the key person spearheading the \$100 million project. Rauf is the founder of Cordoba Initiative. Although Cordoba Initiative aims to improve relations between Islam and the West, Rauf's relationship with the U.S. has remained sketchy. According to AP, in a CBS News interview shortly after Sept. 11, he said, "United State policies were an accessory to the crime that happened." He's made comments that have people questioning his loyalty to Americans.

The events of Sept. 11 damaged all Americans. Whether it was someone we knew, faith or hope, we all lost something that day. Ground Zero serves as a memorial to where these things are remembered. Building anything near it is dishonorable and a disservice to the citizens of this country.

Obama and his counterparts best find another way to showcase the strides we've made to build a better relationship with Islam.

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



Top Left: Guests gather at their tables as President Barack Obama hosts an iftar dinner at the White House in Washington on Aug. 13.

Top middle: Pedestrians walk past the 19th century building on Park Place in Manhattan where the planned Islamic community center is to be built.

Above: Protestor Greg Johnson, right, and counter protesters Ina Marshall and Tim Foster, left, arguing during a demonstration against the planned mosque and Islamic community center.

CAMPUS VOICES: What class are you avoiding?



"Linear Differential Equations. It's been a while since I studied math."

Rickey Tso, 24,
electrical engineering



"Airline Res and Ticketing. I might make mistakes and it seems complicated."

Crystal Fortune, 24,
tourism



"Any chemistry class. It's just too hard. Too many memorizations and calculations."

Kenjiro Suzuki, 19,
liberal arts



"Science classes, because I'm weak in science."

Bona Lee, 22,
liberal arts



"Any math pass 100 is what I am avoiding to take."

Matthew Alexander,
22, liberal arts



"Nutrition. There are so many different terms. I think I'll get confused."

Shene V. Westhuizen,
20, culinary

COMMENTARY

Not a teenager anymore



SEAN NAKAMURA/KAPI'O

Joie Nishimoto finds herself the editor of the school newspaper at just 20 — and she is a bit overwhelmed.

By Joie Nishimoto
EDITOR

Growing up, I've always been one of the youngest in groups.

Being an August baby, most of my friends were born within the first half of the year. March and May still continues to drain my bank account because most of the people I love dearly were born in those months.

So when I first joined the Kapi'o, it came as no surprise to me that I was still on the younger end. I was 19 years old when I first joined, and this month I hit the big 2-0.

I probably should not be complaining, though. Twenty is still a very young age, but I feel like I'm having a prelude to turning 25, which is known for being the age for the quarterlife crisis.

In Japan, turning 20 is the equivalent of turning 21 in the United States. Becoming 20 years old in Japan is known as "hatachi." I feel like an adult, minus the obvious perks of being 21.

It feels like I've been 18 for two years and now I'm 20. It doesn't make a whole lot of sense, but only now I feel like an adult. It may be because I still hang around the same group of people since high school.

Honestly, I'm not looking forward to the next 340 something days. I am terrified that the first two weeks of being 20, which had my stress rate up and my and my nerves on edge, is a gloomy forecast of what's to come.

When I look back at my previous goals, I realize that I should've had more realistic dreams to accomplish. When I turned 18 in 2008, I dreamt about moving to the west coast in 2009. I wanted to be at some prestigious university. I wanted so many big things, but I never put in the effort needed for those thoughts to become reality.

And then my former editor brought this up during one of our breaks from sitting in our cold office.

"You're editor at 20."

Wow. That thought never occurred to me until she said it out loud.

With just one year as a writer for the Kapi'o under my belt, I was able to see from a glance the roles and responsibilities that the editor has. To think that I will be going through all of that this year makes me a little uncomfortable because I'm so inexperienced at this particular job title.

I'm used to writing stories, reading and editing some, writing cutlines and so on. Now I have to keep my mind going, otherwise I'll fall back and that might be one of my biggest challenges. There is always something for me to do, and procrastination is my biggest enemy.

So when I think about being the new editor at just 20 years old, maybe I have accomplished a lot. Sure, I'm not at the University of Southern California or at New York University, but I am home and somewhere along the way, I found the Kapi'o.

Maybe 20 won't be so bad after all.

Renovation:

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shop Subway has also re-opened and is ready to make those submarine sandwiches for members of the KCC community.

Funding for the renovation was provided by the Title III grant.

Prior to the renovations, the majority of the student services offices were located in different buildings on campus. According to Keith Kashiwada, KCC student engagement coordinator, having all the services in one place would assist students more efficiently.

During the first few weeks of school, the first floor of 'Iliahi will serve as a satellite location for the Keka'ulike Information and Service Center. There will be student workers from KISC relocated to 'Iliahi to answer any questions regarding admission, registration, transcript services, registration and financial aid.

Many will notice that the inside of

the center is similar to its counterpart upstairs. The furniture and set up is the same as Kahikoluamea. Most of the chairs and desks are on wheels to give students the feeling of flexibility and mobility. Although there are multiple computer stations, students also have the option to checkout laptops.

"I hope they (students) come here and look at this place as a place where they feel comfortable and welcome," said Milton Higa, vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Initially slated to be completed in February, this last phase of Kahikoluamea has been long awaited by students, faculty and administration.

"We've really appreciated everyone's patience and understanding during the renovations," Kashiwada said.

He said there wasn't just one reason completion of the building kept getting pushed back.

"We didn't anticipate the degree of complication and the scale of work that needed to be done," he said.

While students can come in and start utilizing all the services available, there will still be a few changes that will be made throughout the semester. A small coffee shop will be built at the back end of the center. The two classrooms in the hallway have yet to be completed.

In addition to all the changes inside, the outside underwent a dramatic makeover. All the tables and chairs outside were replaced with new ones. Cement was poured over the ground to create a more leveled concrete area.

To give students a new place to congregate an amphitheater was constructed adjacent to the building.

Despite all the extenuating circumstances that delayed the completion, Kashiwada and Higa are excited that the new center is going to finally welcome its first students this week.

"There's always a lot of fear and trepidation when something's new," Kashiwada said. "You hope that students are going to like it."

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SEAN NAKAMURA / KAPI'O

Desserts when you're down

By Joie Nishimoto
EDITOR

You just got out of a bad break up and all you want to do is stuff your face with some junk food and have sad romantic films like "A Walk to Remember" repeatedly playing on your TV. You look in the refrigerator and — oh, no! — you have nothing to snack on to ease your stress. What to do?

Sometimes when I'm upset, I find that cooking makes me feel better. Here are the Top 10 desserts you can munch on when you're feeling down in the dumps, and if you're not really great with the kitchen, you can always buy them at the store.

10. Carton of ice cream Nothing hits the spot than a quart of Häagen-Dazs ice cream. With flavors like banana split, pineapple coconut and even sorbet, you will be amazed at how much better you're feeling after taking a spoonful in your mouth.

9. Trifle Trifle is a different take on your typical cake. This cake comes in layers, and is normally very soft and mushy. Try a chocolate trifle with chocolate pudding, whipped cream and heath bars and mix it all up when you're upset, or try a strawberry trifle with shortcake as a healthier alternative.

8. Cookies If you like to bake, there's nothing more fun than the process of making cookies. You get to beat the eggs, use strength to mix the heavy dough and plop spoonfuls onto a pan. All that work will surely keep your mind off your problems.

7. Rainbow cupcakes Nothing says happy better than a plain vanilla cupcake with colors of the rainbow.

6. Fruit salad Probably the healthiest option on this list. If you're really mad, I'm sure you will find relief in chopping the fruits and stabbing them with your fork.

5. S'mores You don't have to be camp-

ing to enjoy a s'more. Just put the marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers together and heat it in the microwave for a few seconds and soon you can relieve your childhood through this old school snack.

4. Cheesecake Cheesecake is probably one of the easiest desserts to make. Sure, you can go all fancy with it, but just add some sugar, whipped cream, milk and top it off with Jell-O and you're good to go.

3. Lemon meringue pie If you're in the mood for something not too sweet and a little tangy, then a lemon meringue pie will do you good. It's perfect for those who don't have a huge sweet tooth.

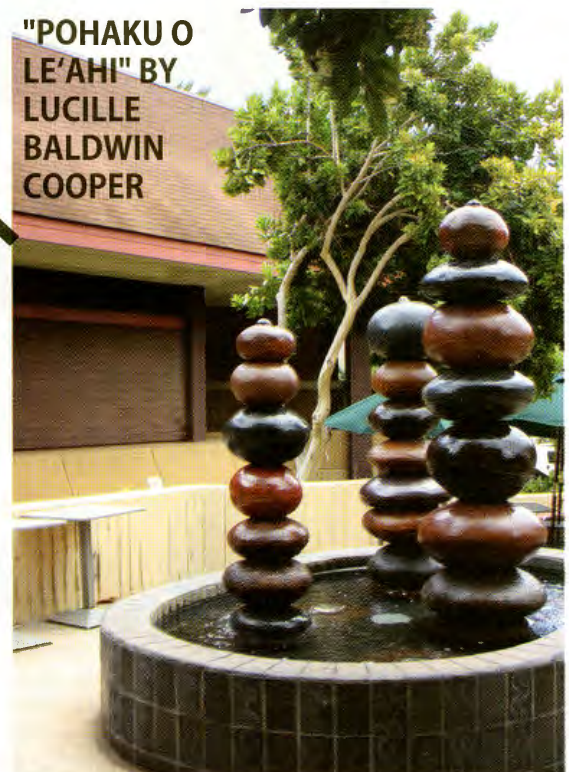
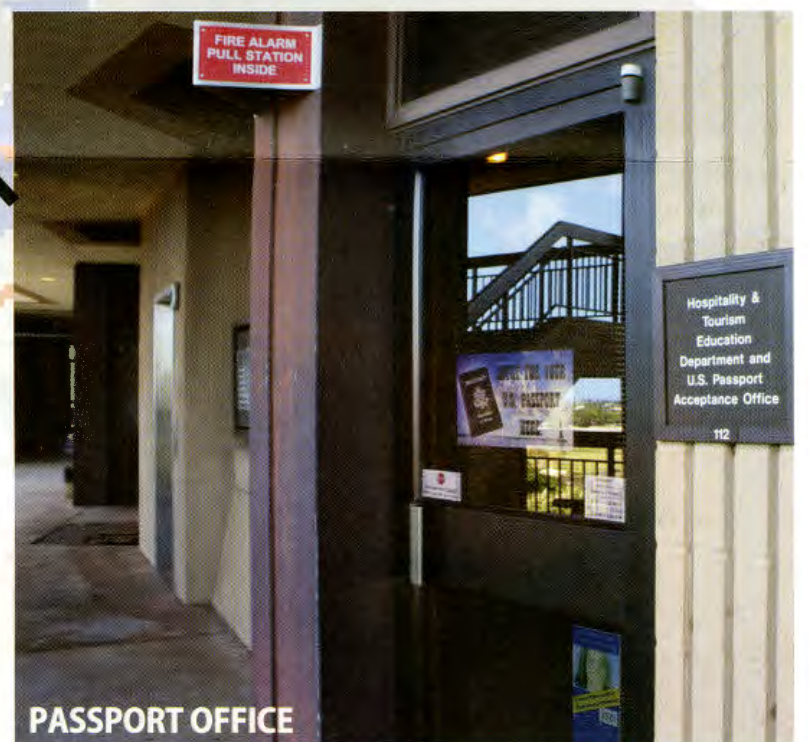
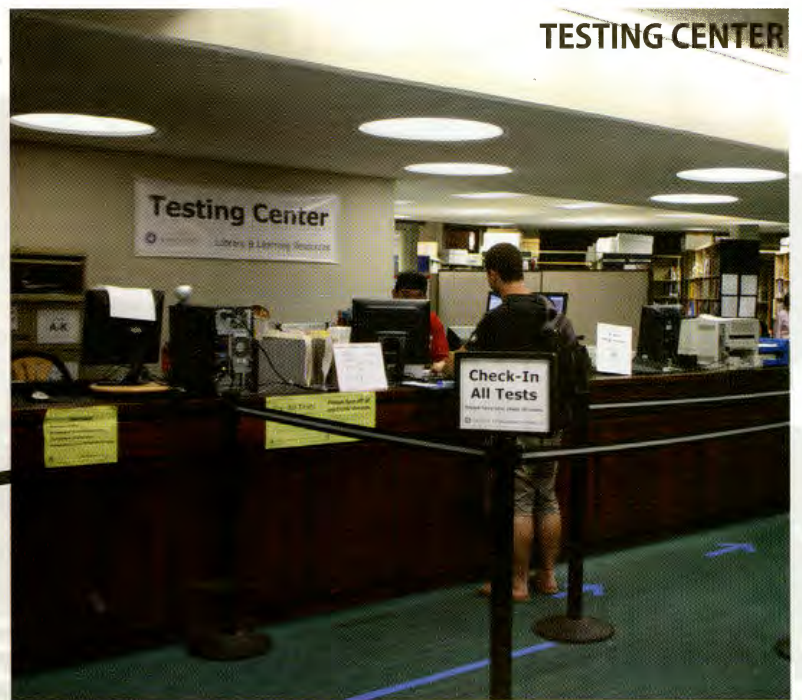
2. Brownies If chocolate isn't enough for you and cake is too much, a slice of brownie fresh from the oven (topped with some ice cream, perhaps?) will make the perfect companion when you're watching TV.

1. Chocolate What can I say? Chocolate is a girl's best friend. You don't need to have a boyfriend to enjoy some See's or Godiva.

Next week we will share our Top 10 grab-and-go snacks.

If you have a suggestion for a future Top 10 list, e-mail us at kapi'o@hawaii.edu.

AMAZING ACE



- 16. KALIA
- 17. NAIO
- 18. 'ÖLAPA
- 19. 'ALANI
- 20. OLOPUA

- 21. CHAPEL
- 22. LĒ'AHU HOSPITAL

Chapter 1: What You Need To Know

By Mahoro Kusunoki and Remington Taum

KAPI'O STAFF

High school is over and all of a sudden, the first year of college is beginning. It's time to dive into a new environment full of new stress levels, crowded classrooms and schools clubs to join.

It's hard just switching to a new school right after high school. But when moving to a larger campus — and getting to create your own schedules and having to manage time properly are thrown in the mix — it can be hard to find your way around campus and develop a routine.

Here are some suggestions and tips from us at the Kapi'o and counselors Sheldon Tawata and Steve Harris to survive the first week — or year — at KCC.

U-PASS

Located in the OSA office 'Ōhi'a 101

The Bus/City & County of Honolulu University Bus Pass (U-PASS) Program provides reduced rate bus passes for Hawai'i's college students. Must present validated KCC photo ID when purchasing.

Cost: \$125, all sales final, no refunds (\$300 value)

Each pass will cover five months of each semester (Aug. 1 through Jan. 15, 2011)

Lost and Found

<http://kapiolani.hawaii.edu/object/lostandfound.html>

Parking permit

<http://kapiolani.hawaii.edu/object/parkingpermit.html>

Campus ID

<http://kapiolani.hawaii.edu/object/campusid.html>

Student discount movie tickets (Ōhi'a 101)

<http://kapiolani.hawaii.edu/object/movietickets.html>

Tutoring Center

<http://kapiolani.hawaii.edu/object/malama.html>

ATM Machines

Bank of Hawai'i and First Hawaiian Bank, located in 'Ōhi'a cafeteria

REMEMBER THIS!

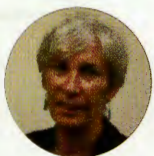
- Print your schedule and come early to locate your classes
- Review your schedule before the first day to make sure everything is correct
- Anticipate heavy traffic on the roads and on campus, so plan accordingly
- Stay healthy
- Make sure college is a priority
- Don't hesitate to ask for help
- Know how to get in contact with your counselor. (Find your counselors at <http://kcc.hawaii.edu/object/counselorlist.html>)
- Try to e-mail your teachers before class starts to introduce yourself and get an idea of the class
- Get books as early as you can
- If you are struggling in a class, don't be afraid to speak with your instructor. Just as students have different learning styles, instructors have different teaching styles.
- If you are taking an online course, don't hesitate to meet with your instructor in his/her office during office hours or online. Instructors will have preferred ways of contact listed in their course syllabus.
- Be aware of add/drop class dates at <http://kcc.hawaii.edu/page/acadcalendar>
- Aug. 27 is the last day to register, add or change full semester classes as well as last day to withdraw from full-semester classes with a full refund.
- Sept. 13 is the last day to withdraw without a "W" on your transcript.
- Attend the Secrets of Success (SOS) workshops. The workshops help students to gain skills needed to succeed at KCC. <http://library.kcc.hawaii.edu/SOS/>
- It may sound obvious, but college is very different from high school. Even though it sounds great, you have more freedom in college and that can become a challenge. Having more freedom can be great because you can plan your own schedule.
- Remember that you are responsible for your getting your work in on time and attending class without any outside rules or demands.
- The Kahikoluamea Center ('Iliahi 231) has student peers who can advise regarding course selection and degree requirements as well as tutoring for developmental math and English courses.
- Malama Hawai'i (Manele 110/111) offers full counseling support to Native Hawaiians and those students interested in majoring in Hawaiian Studies. They offer peer advising and mentoring, tutoring, financial aid assistance, as well as community projects and activities.
- Maida Kamber Center for Career and Transfer Services ('Ilima 104) provides help with choosing a major, deciding a career or transfer options.

Who's Who On Campus

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