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KELSIE VALENTINE

HOW & WHERE to Get Cheap Books for School

Anyone who refuses to pay full price for college textbooks has quite a bit of research to do before the spring semester starts.

According to estimates from The College Board, students will spend about \$1,200 a year on books and supplies. Although textbooks are a necessity for classes, there are options for cutting your expenses every semester.

Before you begin, consider checking with your professors to see if the same textbook will be assigned next year.— If it's not, then it wouldn't be prudent to buy it new and resell to the bookstore.

Selling and buying textbooks on Craigslist, e-Bay, or Amazon are options for many students. However, the problem with these sites is there may be newer and more

expensive editions of the text you wanted.

Another option is to go to sites like half.com or thebookbeaver.com. This is especially useful when looking for international textbook editions because they can run as low as a fourth of the U.S. price.

Also, using search and comparison engines like campusbooks.com is useful because they give the best available quotes on buying or renting new, used and digital texts. There are literally dozens of similar search engines to use. You'll find that the rental prices range from one third to half the book's list price, which is a great deal for textbooks you don't really want to keep.

When it comes to digital textbooks, or e-books, the prices are usually higher than the printed rentals and sometimes even more than buying used books. Although e-books may offer convenience to Kindle and iPad owners, they will likely only save you a couple dollars at most. Digital textbooks are also difficult to resell, and there are many that use a one-time passcode—and even then, there is still a limited amount that you can print.

Lastly, there is that option of not buying any textbooks. If you've got a lot of friends on campus, or maybe you're just not shy to ask around, then trading textbooks directly would work out great. For those who prefer to do less legwork, check out sites like www.bookup.co to find, sell or barter your textbooks with other students.



JESSICA GARDIEN

GETTING READY for Next Semester

The semester is coming to an end, but don't forget the next one is just around the corner. Enjoy the holidays and be sure to relax as much as possible because the stress you are likely experiencing now will return in about a month. To help you out, here are some tips and tricks to make the beginning of the semester easier.

Get books ahead of time

Many students want to get their books at the cheapest price possible. The problem usually arises when they order their books online a week before school starts because the books probably won't arrive until the second week into the semester. Many instructors jump right into the work so having the books needed for a class is crucial. To avoid this problem, try to order books a

month before the semester. The bookstore website lists all the required texts needed for each course, but if you are still unsure, email the instructor about the textbooks needed.

Get Organized

Class, work and study schedules should be planned out as much as possible. This reduces the possibility of having to do things at the last minute. Getting organized also allows students to get enough sleep every night, which can be a struggle when the semester starts rolling. Keeping on top of things at the beginning of the semester will keep you sane when things get really hectic.

Get your supplies

No one likes to be the student without paper and pens on the first day of school. You don't have to have every single thing for every class on the first day, but students should have at least some paper, a folder and something to write with. By the second week, everything should be organized and ready for the rest of the semester. Have notebooks or some kind of note-taking system in place.

THIS MONTH in History

- **December 5, 1492** - Haiti was discovered by Christopher Columbus.
- **December 16, 1773** - The Boston Tea Party occurred as colonial activists disguised as Mohawk Indians boarded British ships anchored in Boston Harbor and dumped 342 containers of expensive tea into the water.
- **December 4, 1791** - The Observer newspaper (the first Sunday newspaper) was first published in Britain.
- **December 5, 1791** - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died a pauper at age 35 in Vienna, Austria. He had become seriously ill and rapidly declined, leading to speculation that he had been poisoned, although this was later proven false. During his brief life, he created over 600 musical compositions and is widely considered one of the finest composers who ever lived.
- **December 2, 1823** - President James Monroe introduced his "Monroe Doctrine" during his annual message to the Congress, prohibiting any further colonization of the American continents by European powers, stating, "we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety..."
- **December 13, 1937** - The beginning of one of the worst atrocities of World War II as the Chinese city of Nanking (Nanjing) was captured by the Japanese. Over the next six weeks, the Rape of Nanking occurred in which Japanese soldiers randomly attacked, raped and indiscriminately killed an estimated 200,000 Chinese persons.
- **December 1, 1955** - The birth of the modern American civil rights movement occurred as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man and move to the back section of a municipal bus. Her arrest resulted in a year-long boycott of the city bus system by African Americans and led to legal actions ending racial segregation on municipal buses throughout the South.
- **December 3, 1967** - The first successful heart transplant was performed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard at Cape Town, South African, on Louis Washkansky, who lived for 18 days.



SHANE NISHIMURA

The No'eau Center held the first of three Cram Jam sessions last month, offering tutoring to students preparing for finals and end-of-semester papers.

Those who attended the event were able to receive help by tutors of the No'eau Center and Kealaikahiki Native Hawaiian Program. Lokelani Kenolio, the Director of the No'eau Center, said Cram Jam offers a place for students to come and hang out, and with help of the library, students were able to stay until 10 p.m.

"The Cram Jam was a good event because our library is so spacious, quiet, and had no shortage of outlets. Though it wasn't like a cafe where typical coffee shop food and drinks were offered, the library's atmosphere and the No'eau center's

hospitality more than made up for it," said Noven Valenzuela, a junior at UHWO.

With the success from last semester, the No'eau Center decided to offer three Cram Jam sessions this fall. The first session focused on helping students write their final papers, whereas the next two will focus on math and statistics.

However, students are encouraged to come regardless. At the event, snacks and drinks were provided as well as free pizza, which was funded by the Student Activities Fee Board.

Natalie Eichner, a senior at UHWO and

also an English tutor at the No'eau Center said "A student can go over to the 'English' table and work on forming a thesis for an upcoming paper, and then move over to the 'Math' table for last minute help with homework, preparing for an exam, or anything in between. The Cram Jam is also a great way to get some extra studying time in, while having fun working alongside your classmates and tutors."

While the event was happening on the second floor of the library, there was food and drink tasting at the entrance of the library. Hosted by UHWO Food & Beverage Director John Murakami, this section of the Cram Jam featured snacks and drinks provided by Coca-Cola and Odwalla to see which products appealed most to students to help with studying.

The most popular products will be considered for possible vending machine options in the future. The upcoming Cram Jam sessions will be on Dec. 4 & 5 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., along with another food and beverage premier on the Dec. 4.

ATTENDING CRAM JAM?

EMAIL UHWOTHEHOOT@GMAIL.COM
AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU LIKED
ABOUT THE EVENT.



JORDAN LUZ

MAJOR BENEFITS Psychology!

Still haven't decided on a major yet? Thinking about switching majors? Or you just don't know what to do? Deciding on a major can be stressful. Before you dive into a major, it's important to take into consideration your future career plans.

If you're interested in understanding human behavior and using that knowledge to solve some of today's most pressing problems, then psychology is the perfect major for you.

Psychology is the study of human behavior and whether you're interested in education, health, the economy, technology and politics, you should have some understanding of why people think, feel and act in the ways that they do. Psychology courses will help you find answers to those questions.

• How can you find out more about a psychology major?

I strongly encourage you to take an introductory seminar in psychology, or a beginning course, to test the waters. Then if you're interested in learning more about the specifics of the major, you can go to the student services office or ask one of your professors and they will be able to provide you with more adequate information. The University of Hawaii West Oahu has a great student services office, faculty and staff and they are there to help answer questions about existing majors and prospective majors.

• Some of the benefits of a degree in psychology:

First of all, a bachelor's in psychology would be useful for any type of career involving working with people. This does not mean, however, that a bachelors in psychology degree would allow one to work in any field. For example, a bachelors

in psychology would be helpful for anyone in the nursing profession, but that person would need a nursing degree. In that case, the bachelors in psychology degree would become a foundation for additional training.

There are several types of work you can pursue with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Government social services offices, for example, tend to hire people with this degree as case managers and counselors, while law enforcement organizations often hire psychology graduates to be probation officers.

The best opportunities for advancement without graduate schooling are available in private companies, where degree holders in psychology can work in advertising, marketing research or sales, then move up in the company based more on performance than by getting an additional degree. It's actually one of the more versatile college degrees you can get, because employers of almost all types recognize that it gives you an ability to assess people and communicate with them – skills that are valued highly in virtually all organizations.

CAMPUS NICE-TO-KNOWS: WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH STUDENT FEES?

ELIMA PANGORANG

As some students may be aware, this school year initiated an increase in student fees — jumping from a mere \$5 to \$126. With such a dramatic increase in student fees, many may wonder where all that money is going.

A general breakdown of the money can be found in University of Hawaii West Oahu's 2013-2014 catalog — accessible through UHWO's website. Here is the breakdown of the funds, as shown in the catalog:

- Student Government fee, \$5
- student activity fee, \$14
- student publication fee, \$9
- student health fee, \$30
- student technology fee, \$8
- student transportation fee, \$26
- Campus Center programs fee, \$6
- Campus Center operations fee, \$28

Each fee is overseen by a fee board that manages use and distribution of monies. "The Student Activity Fee Board [SAFB] one of the new Chartered Student Organization's [CSO] is currently in the process of being structured and is managing that fee/account," said Kalea Perry, current Registered Independent Student

Organizations (RISO) leader. Leslie Opulauoho, Director for Student Development at UH West Oahu says there are advisory committees for each fee that are composed of both students and staff members.

Since the new fee has only been implemented as of this semester, Opulauoho marks this as a transitional year. That is, the committees are currently planning new programs and resources for the UHWO community.

Examples of such resources provided by Opulauoho and Native Hawaiian Retention Specialist, Tanya Uyehara—a member of SAFB include a nurse with the student health fee and potential van shuttle service using student transportation fees.

So far the extra money students have been paying are going to appropriate uses to improve campus life, Opulauoho said.

"Our student population is growing as well as our student life," said Uyehara, noting there is "definitely more student involvement." This means with a growing population it seems only fitting to have an increase in student fees to accommodate rising demand.

This semester, student fees have been used for a couple events. "We wanted to try to be able to offer students some evidence of the fees that they were paying" said Opulauoho, "so there were some funding through the fee board."

Thus far, Fall Fest held on Nov. 20 and the Cram Jam hosted by the No'eau Center in the library were partially funded by the SAFB.

Fall Fest was run by various student clubs part of RISO. Though RISO is currently self-funded through fundraising and club fees, Opulauoho says the SAFB is planning monthly meetings for student clubs to voice their input regarding financial services.

Uyehara says there will be "listening group" sessions next semester that will be open to students. In fact, both Opulauoho and Uyehara strongly encourage and request student attendance because student input is needed and valued. Since students are paying a healthy amount of money, they might as well have a say in how it is spent, administrators said.

Perry agrees that the listening group concept presents a "great opportunity for students to get involved and provide their voice." Ultimately Perry looks forward to SAFB's start so that they can "provide funds to RISO's and activities for all students to enjoy."

TOP HOLIDAY MOVIES TO WATCH

JORDAN LUZ

HE SAYS



Joyeux Noël (2006)

Based on the true story of an improvised Christmas truce during the first year of World War I, German, French and Scottish soldiers come together as brothers on Christmas Eve, lay down their arms, and set aside their differences. The film, written and directed by Christian Carion, was released in 2006 and stars Guillaume Canet as French Lt. Audebert, Daniel Brühl as German Lt. Hortsmyer and Gary Lewis as the Scottish priest. As Christmas Eve falls upon the soldiers, they drink champagne with each other, exchange small gifts and gadgets and share photos of their wives and girlfriends. The truce carries over to Christmas day when the soldiers enjoy a friendly game of soccer and is long enough for them to bury their dead. Joyeux Noël aptly displays the sentiments about the madness of war through the views of soldiers from each front. Although this film takes place during World War I, it will surely bring out the Christmas spirit among family, friends or even your significant other because it displays how people from different worlds can come together, set aside their differences and enjoy each other's company.

Elf (2003)

Elf, directed by Jon Favreau, stars Buddy (Will Ferrell) who believes he is an elf. While Santa Claus is distributing gifts around the world, a baby, Buddy, crawls into his sack and accidentally makes his way back to the North Pole. As a result, Buddy is raised by Papa Elf (Bob Newhart) and consequently believes that he is an elf, too. Eventually Buddy finds out that he's really human and makes his way to New York City to seek out his birth father. This comedy should be an automatic pick to watch for the holidays. Who can forget the famous scene where Jovie (Zooey Deschanel) is singing "Baby It's Cold Outside" in the shower and Buddy joining in as he sits on the sink?



ROSIE BARFIELD

SHE SAYS

I love the holidays with Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas all so close together. Who wouldn't? That's why my top holiday movie is The Nightmare before Christmas (1993). This delightful tale directed by Tim Burton intertwines the magical whimsy someone feels as a kid during the holiday season while simultaneously being a fun and enjoyable movie to watch as an adult. Jack Skellington (Chris Sarandon) is bored with Halloween until he discovers Christmas and tries to take it for himself. Mayhem ensues only

causing more problems for himself and Sandy Claws, or Santa Claus. The voice performances of the cast are mesmerizing, the songs are catchy and the stop-motion animation is dead on. With such memorable characters this movie has and will continue to be a classic holiday movie everyone in the family will enjoy.

My next pick is Edward Scissorhands (1990). Another Tim Burton film, this may not seem like a typical holiday movie but the story is just as heart-warming as the classics. Edward (Johnny Depp) is a mechanical man that remained unfinished for many years due to the death of his inventor (Vincent Price). He is found in an abandoned mansion by Peg (Dianne Wiest), the perfect Avon lady. She takes him to her home where he must learn to blend in with mainstream society, but there's one problem -- his hands are made of large, sharp scissors. Edward may have been seen as a monster, but by the end of the film you'll be in tears after watching him fall in love with Kim (Winona Ryder). A wonderful yet dark love story with some very funny quirks emerges from this offbeat tale. If you're looking for a romance to get the snugly holiday spirit going then I suggest checking this one out.

tea or coffee. No matter what is happening around me I know I can escape for a few minutes and relish in the warm feeling those drinks bring -- especially during the cooler fall months.



Feature Story

GENERATION X: THE CLUB DRUG

KRISTIAN GUYNES

The use of ecstasy has skyrocketed among college students. And although one of its street names is candy, this drug can be extremely harmful.

Among its many slang terms, the more popular names include: X, E, rolls, love drug and Molly.

According to Garyn Tsuru, a psychology professor at the University of Hawaii West O'ahu, MDMA (or methylenedioxymethamphetamine) was created in the early 1900s and marketed as ecstasy. In its original form, studies have shown ecstasy to be an effective antidepressant.

In the 1980s, the safety of using ecstasy was questioned because it is chemically similar to methamphetamine and mescaline. Therefore, the drug became illegal in 1985.

Ecstasy has high hallucinogenic properties and causes its users to enter a euphoric state.

A senior at the University of Hawaii-West O'ahu, Jennifer (a pseudonym is being used for legal reasons), says she takes ecstasy to help her mood.

"I take ecstasy when I want to have a good time," Jennifer said. "I get so stressed out from school that ecstasy helps me to feel carefree and happy."

Although ecstasy makes users feel happy, there is a down side to this popular drug.

First off, dehydration is a very common effect of ecstasy. The body will tend to overheat, causing the person to need a substantial amount of water. Although keeping hydrated while on this drug is important, it can also lead to another negative effect, water poisoning. When a person drinks too much water, the body starts to retain dangerous levels of the fluid, which can lead to the swelling of the brain, causing possible brain damage or death.

Another negative effect of ecstasy is that it cuts off the constant flow of oxygen from

getting to your brain. This is dangerous because it can cause a person to black out, seizure, develop holes in the brain or die, said Tsuru.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration uses a ranking system for drugs. There are five different categories ranging from schedule one as being extremely dangerous to schedule five, the least dangerous. Ecstasy is categorized as

"In essence, the user is basically playing Russian roulette each time they take a hit," Tsuru says.

In Hawaii, the use of ecstasy has seen a dramatic increase in the past few years. According to data provided by Drug-Free Hawaii, the 2009 National Youth Risk Behavior Study found that 8 percent of Hawaii high school students have tried ecstasy at least once. Eight percent may not seem dramatic, but the study includes only those who admitted to taking the drug.

Many teens indulge in ecstasy at events such as raves. In Hawaii, the popularity of raves has increased with a turnout of more than 5,000 teens at a single event; many of the attendees being college students.

In recent years there have been several

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a schedule one drug, along with other dangerous substances, such as LSD and heroin.

What many teenagers don't know is that the ecstasy you buy on the street may not be pure MDMA, if it contains MDMA at all. Many current ecstasy producers will add fillers to the substance. Some popular fillers include: LSD, cocaine, caffeine, methamphetamines or even rat poison or veterinarian pharmaceuticals, according to the article, What are the effects of MDMA?, published by the National Institute on Drug Abuse online.

deaths at popular Hawaii raves. Last year, 19-year-old Rachel Clute, a University of Hawaii-Hilo student and cross country athlete, was found unconscious in a car after attending an O'ahu rave known as Digital Wonderland. The medical examiner ruled that the cause of Clute's death was an overdose of ecstasy.

The use or possession of ecstasy is illegal and carries harsh fines and jail time. Anyone convicted of possessing or using ecstasy could serve a minimum of six years in jail and/or pay a hefty fine ranging from \$2,000 to \$100,000.



Feature Story

FALL FEST

Food, Fun and Facts

ELIMA PANGORANG

The center courtyard at the University of Hawaii West Oahu came to life during the annual Fall Fest, drawing crowds of students with food, fun, and even facts to make the event entertaining yet academically friendly.

A variety of UHWO clubs who are part of the Registered Independent Student Organizations (RISO) community put their heads and resources together to plan the event, which was held Nov. 20. The Glee Club ran a booth and also hosted the open-mic contest, center stage, which featured talented singers, poets, and even beat-boxers.

The brightly decorated booth of the Gay-Straight Alliance club was set up nearby. The group's presence at the Fall Fest was much more than just for pleasure.

"We are here to promote equality in the school grounds" said Lindsey Leinau, GSA vice president. A visit to their booth would get visitors free condoms and \$10 "I Am" T-shirts that members say encourage the expression of individuality.

Why the condoms? "AIDS is still a serious problem in our community and there is help," Leinau said. To aid in awareness, a portion of GSA's proceeds and other donations was slated to go to the Life Foundation, which offers free education and counseling for those affected by AIDS/HIV.

Students also had the opportunity to "plant a plant" at the Ecology Club's booth. The activity was very fitting as the campus' brand new garden broke ground just a few hours prior to Fall Fest. Melissa Saul, faculty advisor of the club, sees the garden as a "place where the community can come together."

Saul feels there is a disconnect between today's youth and the land. The garden is a tool to reconnect as much as possible to traditional Hawaiian ways where malama 'aina was a key concept, "where the land gives to the people and the people give back to the land," Saul said.

Students develop a mental and physical connection to the land. "Everything is

hands on experience, applied learning" said Monique Mironesco, a UHWO political science professor. This garden is only a beginning to UH West Oahu's growing academics, "there is a planned multidisciplinary program that is going to be rooted in sustainable agriculture," said Mironesco.

The Fall Fest also included the accounting club, anthropology club and insurance club, among others. There was ample opportunity for students to enjoy different activities and learn more about what goes on around campus with clubs and academics.

**WHAT WAS YOUR
FAVORITE MOMENT
FROM FALL FEST?**

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ROSIE BARFIELD

TECH REVIEW

*Top 5 gadgets for the
Holiday season*

With the holidays upon us, now is the time to purchase your loved ones their desired gifts. This season gadgets are huge with almost every company releasing a new product in time for the holiday buying frenzy.

If you don't have much tech sense, don't worry! We've compiled a list of the top five must-have gadgets for the 2013 holiday season.

1. iPhone 5s

There is no question that this smart phone is on the top of almost everyone's list this year.

The new and improved iPhone 5s boasts an exclusive fingerprint sensor in the home button to unlock the phone as well as a new chip and an all-new coprocessor the A7 and M7. This makes it about 40 times faster than the previous model.

Although it may look the same, almost all features have been updated including the new iOS 7 operating system, which is beautiful in its simplicity. While old iPhone users can download the update; it works at its best with the iPhone 5s.

This gadget costs \$199 with contract or \$649 without.

2. 3DS XL or 2DS

The 3DS XL is the largest DS system out on the market today. It comes in a variety of colors and even a few special edition themes such as Pokémon, Animal Crossing and Zelda.

The screen is 90 percent larger than that of the earliest DS system. The battery life is also impressive with 3.5 to 6.5 hours playing 3Ds games and a whopping six to 10 hours playing original DS games.

The 3D aspect can be turned off or on and not recommended for younger children. For that reason Nintendo also released the 2DS, which is recommended

for children for its durability. As well as totally eliminating the 3D feature it is the first system of the DS line to not snap shut.

There is also a considerable price difference between the two systems the 3DS XL sells for \$199 while the 2DS is at \$130.

3. GoPro Camera

This handy little camera is awesome for extreme sports enthusiasts or anyone who wants an awesome camera that is water proof and shock absorbent.

The device can connect to YouTube with ease for those who love sharing their own videos.

The Hero 3 white is the cheapest model only costing \$199 compared to the Hero3+ black edition which is \$399. The white model offers built in Wi-Fi. It is also 20 percent smaller and 15 percent lighter than other models and it includes high-quality 1080p30, 960p30 and 720p60 video and 5MP photos.

These cameras are perfect to mount on a helmet or take diving underwater. They also offer a wide variety of accessories for the camera as well, including a mounting kit, memory cards, cases, and replacement parts in case you're a little too rough with it.

4. Kindle Fire HDX 8.9

For those of us who just can't stomach to shell out for the extreme price tag of an iPad there is a nice alternative, the Kindle Fire by Amazon. At \$379 the newest

edition boasts the biggest screen to date with 8.9 inches. It can be purchased at 16, 32, or 64 GB and can use Wi-Fi only or be connected to your cell phone plan. It has a faster 2.2Hz processor and an interesting new feature for all tablets – the 'Mayday' button which connects you to a live Amazon help representative 365 days a year directly from your device. This feature would be great for older users who still want to be tech savvy but need some help. In addition the user is also connected to Amazon's vast library of TV shows, movies, games and more.

5. Pebble E-Paper Smart Watch

Look out for this new trend of smart watches! They are electronic watches that connect to your smart phone so your watch gets automatic updates from your phone such as messages or caller ID. Right now the biggest name in the industry is the Pebble which began as a Kickstarter project, which is funded by pledges from supporters.

The only model available currently has a black and white e-paper display, a seven-day battery life, and is waterproof up to 165 feet. This device connects to either iPhone or Android users via Bluetooth.

As of now there are a couple of apps that can be downloaded to allow faster implementation of updates and other cool features. There is not a lot of software for the device at this time but due to its popularity, expect more soon.

Rumors are floating around that Apple will come out with its version, which people are now calling iWatch. Until then the Pebble is the best choice as far as smart watches go, at \$150 it would make a unique gift for someone.



KRISTIAN GUYNES

HOT EATS

Brick Oven Pizza

Brick Oven Pizza gives a widely loved dish, its own unique touch.

The business originated in Kaua'i in 1977. Since then, Brick Oven Pizza has extended its business to O'ahu with two locations. It opened its Kapolei store in 2011 and recently opened a Kane'ohe location in October.

Brick Oven Pizza's CEO, Corey Aguno, said that coming to O'ahu was a gamble. "When we decided to extend to O'ahu, we just wanted to test it out," Aguno said. "We wanted to slowly start up the Kapolei location to see how the customers would respond to it, and I'm glad to say that the business has done well enough that we've decided to branch out to Kane'ohe."

With specialty pizzas and sandwiches, it's hard to not love Brick Oven Pizza. From their pizza to their dressings, everything they make is from scratch. This is one of the ways the eatery ensures its customers are getting fresh and delicious meals.

Among the more popular dishes are the chicken wings, oysters, "Super" Sandwich, and of course, the thick-crust pizza. The most popular pizza is the "Super" Pizza, which layers homemade pizza sauce with a combination of: mozzarella, salami, pepperoni, mushrooms, black olives, Italian

sausage, seasoned lean beef, Portuguese sausage, smoked ham, green onions and bell peppers.

New to the Kapolei location is the buffet. For \$16.99, you can get an unlimited selection of chicken wings, spaghetti, cheesy bread, salad, soups and a variety of pizzas.

Brick Oven Pizza's guests not only rave about the food, but also about the overall atmosphere. With its red and white checkered table cloths, it makes guests feel like they're in a modern-day upscale pizza parlor.

Kelcey Chinen, a regular customer of Brick Oven Pizza and a sophomore at the University of Hawaii at West Oahu not only goes there for the food, but also to have a good time. "I like going to Brick Oven Pizza because they have a family-friendly setting, yet it's fun," Chinen said. "My favorite time to go is when they have live music. You are able to enjoy good music and great food with your family and friends."

Besides live music nights, you can also go there for happy hour for specials on drinks and appetizers, which is from 2 to 6 p.m. every evening. Another popular time to go is to watch your favorite sports on one of the big-screen TVs.

For more information, call (808) 674-8561, view their online menu at brickovenpizzahi.com or stop by the Kapolei location at 889 Kamokila Blvd., #206, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.



Scan Here to get directions to Brick Oven Pizza from the UHWO Campus!



SHANE NISHIMURA

MOVIE REVIEW

The Intouchables

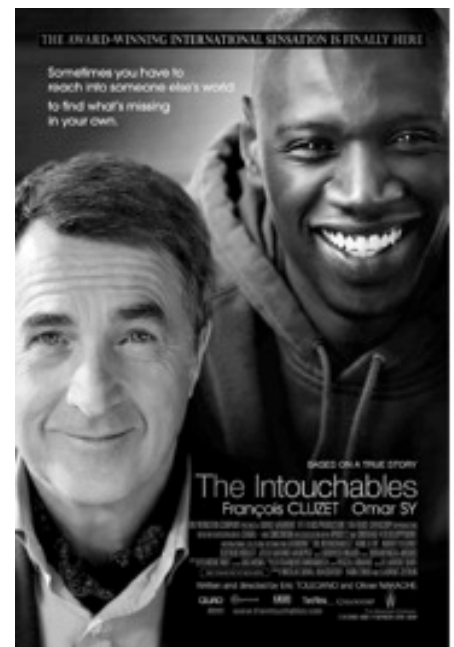
Inspired by a true story, *The Intouchables* is about the unlikely relationship between a handicapped millionaire and his newly-employed caretaker who has been out on parole for robbery. Philippe (François Cluzet), who is paralyzed from the neck down, has lived a sheltered life since his paragliding accident. He has since been surrounded by his protective staff and "high-cultured" lifestyle. In spite of the many who applied for the position, Philippe offers Driss (Omar Sy) the job because of his insensitive approach to Philippe's condition. Ironically, Driss' only reason for applying was to be rejected so that he could collect welfare. During his employment, Driss' lack of discipline and blunt approach causes Philippe to feel alive again.

Being a quadriplegic, Philippe is denied his independence. He is unable to do anything unassisted, and because of that, his life has

become repetitive and dull. Through his relationship with Driss, Philippe begins to veer off his boring lifestyle and is introduced to Driss'. Often, they enjoy smoking weed and listening to Earth, Wind, & Fire rather than the classical music that he has been listening to for so many years. Through Driss, Philippe learns how to discipline his own daughter, and finally builds up the courage to start dating again after his wife passed away. The bond they developed becomes apparent when Philippe goes into a state of depression when Driss is away. Philippe realizes that aside from the basic services of a caretaker, what he really needed was companionship.

At times some of the events seemed too unrealistic. However, *The Intouchables* is able to deliver the cliché plot of the unorthodox worker impacting the life of his uptight employer quite successfully through the performance of François Cluzet and Omar Sy. It was easy to get into the movie because of the connection the two actors create. Overall, I would easily recommend this movie to anyone because of its great casting and upbeat

feel. Just don't expect the film to get too emotionally in-depth.





FACULTY OF THE MONTH: *David Odhiambo*

SHANE NISHIMURA

Students of Dr. David Odhiambo marvel at how the professor's life reads like a novel.

An English professor with a love for writing, none would have guessed that as a child growing up in Kenya he wanted to become a professional soccer player like his idol, Pele. In fact, school was more of a hassle because his mother, a local school teacher, made him study during the holidays, said Odhiambo.

Along with other children in his hometown of Nairobi, Kenya, soccer was important to him, and becoming a professional player became his dream. At age 12, Odhiambo

moved to Winnipeg, Canada, to attend boarding school. Since soccer wasn't as big in Canada as it was in Kenya, his interests shifted from becoming a professional soccer player to competing in the Olympics as a track and field athlete.

Unfortunately, as he was nearing the end of his high school career, his goal to make it in the Olympics came to a halt when he injured his leg. While injured, Odhiambo turned to reading to pass the time. It was then that he discovered his love for reading and knew he wanted to become a writer.

When he attended college at the University of Massachusetts, Odhiambo was influenced by many writers and philosophers. The most influential figure to him was likely author James Baldwin. Odhiambo said that he felt connected to the author because in his books, Baldwin's characters often dealt with racism, something that Odhiambo had to deal with at his boarding school in Winnipeg. Other influential figures include philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard for his work in existentialism and author Kurt Vonnegut for his dark sense of humor.

Beginning his master's program in fine arts, Odhiambo needed a way to help pay for his tuition. He started to teach lower level courses at his university and it was then he realized that he didn't want to just write, but to teach his craft as well.

There was something about teaching that he just liked, it was probably being on

the other side of the room, he said. So he decided to apply for a PhD program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and studied to the point where he felt comfortable of teaching a class.

Since his time at the University of Massachusetts, Odhiambo has written several books. His first, being *Diss/ed Banded Nation*, is about a jazz singer in America who struggles with drugs, racism, poverty, and the possibility of being deported to his homeland, Kenya. Odhiambo's second novel is *Kipligat's Chance*, which is about a 17-year-old track athlete who tries to get a university scholarship through running in order to escape poverty. The Reverend's Apprentice is Odhiambo's third novel that is a modernist fiction, which was a new style of writing to Odhiambo, and which he finds to be his most satisfying.

Fellow Humanities and English professor Amy Nishimura describes Odhiambo as "a dexterous wordsmith who carries this skill into the classroom. He patiently listens and responds to students, and he mirrors an appreciation for how words impact people in remarkable ways."

Currently, aside from teaching English at the University of Hawaii West Oahu, Odhiambo enjoys running – especially through the rain – and reading in his spare time. He also enjoys driving around the island and going to the beach with his wife, Carmen Nolte, who is also a professor at West Oahu.

CAMPUS VOICES

What are your thoughts on same-sex marriage in Hawai'i?



"I'm glad this issue has been resolved. Gay or straight, we're all human in the end."

– Rebecca Carino, Junior, English



"I think same sex-marriage is a step in the right direction towards equality and a good indicator of society's progress."

– Noven Valenzuela, Junior, English



"I support same-sex marriage in Hawaii and applaud the Governor and Legislature for ensuring true equality for all!"

– Tyrell Ma'ae, Junior, Public Administration

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Kristen Labiano

KELSIE VALENTINE

For Kristen Labiano, music, curiosity and laughter are keys to having a fulfilling campus life at the University of Hawaii West Oahu.

This fun-loving senior, who is president of the Glee Club, is an English major who says she looks forward to helping others whenever she can. Labiano had transferred to UHWO in the Fall of 2009 right after earning her Associate's degree at Leeward Community College. She decided to pursue a higher education due to the convenience and cost effectiveness of the new school.

"At first, I wanted to major in Sociology," says Labiano, "I just picked it because I was interested in people—I'm a people person," said Labiano, a talented singer and musician.

However, she later decided that an English degree was a more suitable match. "I liked the variety of topics that English encompasses: music, psychology, history, social issues...and I relay enjoy exchanging ideas with my peers

about any topic. It's so interesting to hear other people's views," said Labiano.

"When I took those classes in English, it was like those pieces in Tetris that began to fit nicely together. Everything cleared up for me—it was inspiring, and it felt amazing to finally find the right major for me," Labiano said.

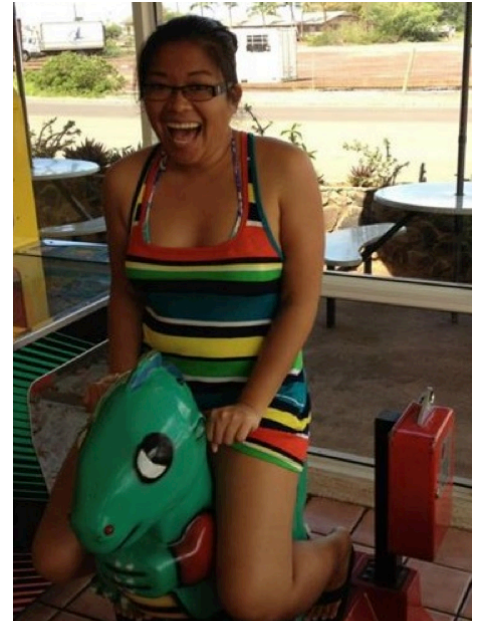
Coasting off this excitement, Labiano is not only the president of UHWO's talented Glee Club, she is also an active member of the GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) Club as well as the recently revived Humanities Club.

Labiano is also a RISO (Registered Independent Student Organization) leader who is very enthusiastic in creating activities and other extracurricular opportunities for the UHWO community to enjoy.

Last month, the Pueo leaders and other RISOs collaborated on creating the Fall Fest event. Labiano says that "originally, we 'Gleeks' had wanted to organize an Open Mic event—but helping the other RISO leaders and club members organize this big, campus-wide event was a wonderful experience!"

As the semester comes to an end and graduation creeps closer, Labiano is excited to be moving on—but of course, there is always some anxiety about her future.

"I would either like to take time off to just work, or maybe apply to grad schools on the



mainland...maybe I'll even go abroad! Who knows where the winds of life may steer me," Labiano says.

To the undergraduates of UHWO, Labiano suggests: "Don't be afraid to ask questions—that's what learning is all about. And, as a Humanities major who enjoys being in clubs and helping other people, don't be afraid to say 'no.' You have to remember to always, first and foremost, take care of yourself. Love what you do, and keep laughing."



News from the UHWO Library

Extended Hours – Dec 2-5

You've asked, and we've listened – the UHWO library will stay open late during the last week of classes!

Monday-Thursday, December 2-5, we will be open from 7:30am-10:00pm, so you will have extra time to study and write papers. Librarians will also be available until closing to help with laminute research.

Cram Jam – Dec 4 and 5

Along with our extended hours, we're also excited to once again host the Cram Jam. On Dec 4 and 5, the No'EAU Center tutors will be available for help with math and statistics -- plus free pizza and drinks in the No'EAU Center from 5-10pm.

Holiday Hours and Closings

During Winter Break, the schedule for the UHWO Library will be as follows:

Saturday, December 14 CLOSED

Monday, December 16 – Friday, December 20 OPEN 8AM to 5PM

Saturday, December 21 – Sunday, January 5 CLOSED

Monday, January 6 – Friday, January 10 OPEN 8AM to 5PM

Casual Reading – NEW TITLES

Before you head off-campus for Winter Break, stop by the library to pick up some fun reading. Check out this collection on the second floor of the library for a mix of popular fiction and non-fiction, young adult and adult books.

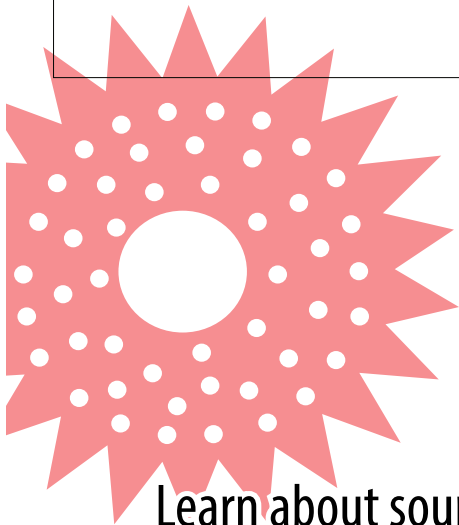
New titles in this collection include Allegiant (the final book in Veronica Roth's Divergent Trilogy), Stephen King's Doctor Sleep, Nicholas Sparks' Longest Ride, and many others!



Congratulations to The Hoot's sustainability columnists, **Laura McDowell**, and the Eco Club with breaking ground in UHWO's new garden!

Native Hawaiian Scholarship ‘Aha

Tuesday, December 10, 2013
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at
University of Hawai‘i West O‘ahu
Campus Center



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for Native Hawaiians including eligibility
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