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More than just books

Apart from books, KCC's library offers other student services.

By **Thuy Dang Kawano**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This is the fifth week of school, and students who have not visited the library should take a peek inside because, it is not a typical library compared to other community colleges.

When students walk into the library, the first thing they will see is CNN playing on a large television screen surrounded by tables and sofas for students to lounge around while waiting for class to start or to relax.

The library is made so that students can be comfortable in their surroundings. There are about a dozen computers for students to access the Internet. For those who are not familiar with using a computer, a circulation desk is located in the back of the library with experienced librarians to help students find what they are looking for.

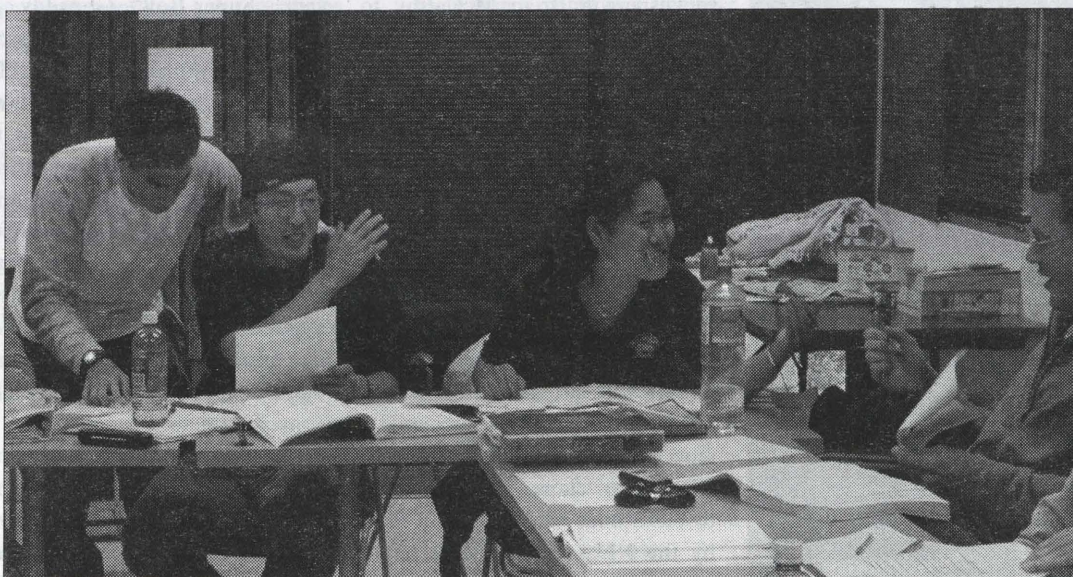
Students can borrow circulation books for 28 days for home or outside use. The reserves, Hawaiian collection and the periodicals are for library use only. Students can make copies or read the items in the library. In order to borrow books, students need to have a valid library card which is also issued at the circulation desk.

However there are books that are not available in the library due to budget restraint. To resolve the problem, the library is working with Amazon.com to accept donations or create opportunities for people to purchase desired books to help the school.

There are six books wanted by

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SAYWHAT?



Students from the Freeman Foundation China scholarship study together.

Freeman scholars prepare for studies abroad

By **Thomas Duarte**
NEWS EDITOR

Enter the Manono building, head down the hall to classroom 110, peer inside and you will see the Freeman Foundation scholarship recipients immersed in Mandarin. The 10 students are the recipients of the Freeman Foundation China scholarship for study abroad. For one semester these students will prepare to spend a semester at a University in China. During their first semester of the scholarship the students will learn all aspects of the Mandarin language and will learn about the Chinese culture.

"It's hectic, I've never been exposed to an Asian language so it's very hectic for me," scholarship recipient Daryn Moyer said.

According to Moyer, many of the other students have had experience with other languages and have taken to Mandarin more easily than him.

"I already learned a language. I was a missionary for my church and I served in Brazil where I learned Portuguese," scholarship recipient Alex Posey said.

According to Posey, he wants to learn Chinese because of his interest in an international business major. He feels knowing Chi-



PHOTOS BY ROXANE CAIRES
Freeman scholar Justin Young.

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— Alex Posey, KCC Student

nese and Portuguese will help him in the future.

This semester, the students spend most of their free time studying to keep up with their schedule, which sometimes has them taking three tests in one week.

"We are in class all day and then we go back to our dorm and study some more," Jason Tom scholarship recipient said. "We don't get much sleep so sometimes I take naps and then go back and study."

With all their work and studying, the students are able to see improvement in their abilities in a short time.

"It has been an amazing experience, in a month we can have a basic conversation," Posey said. "In the beginning no one knew anything, but now we are starting to create our own compliments."

In China, these students will be able to take what they have learned and test it out on the streets of China.

"If you go out and talk to people and make a fool of yourself and speak to whoever you find you'll learn the language more," said former scholarship recipient Eric Stennet.

Stennet has already spent his

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Student loan programs get \$12 billion cut

New bill to raise interest rates on student and parent loans.

By **Clint Kaneoka**
EDITOR

On February 1, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to pass a bill increasing the interest rates on student and parent loans at colleges and universities throughout the nation. Known as the Deficit Reduction Act, the new bill will cut an estimated \$12 billion from student loan packages, and approximately \$27 billion from other federal programs, such as Medicaid and Medicare.

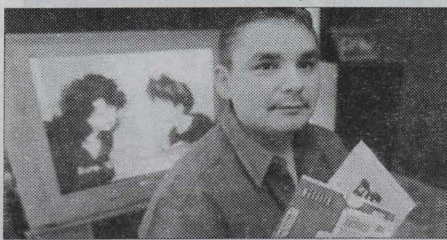
According to a press release from Public Interest Research Groups (PIRG), the bill will generate its savings largely by "forcing student and parent borrowers to pay excessive interest rates on their loans and by increasing interest rates for parent borrowers." The release also says that these increased rates will help to provide up to \$70 billion in tax cuts for some of the nation's wealthiest.

"Today the House of Representatives completed the largest raid on student aid in history," said PIRG associate Luke Swartout in the release. "At a time when college costs continue to rise and students are going deeper into a financial hole, Congress has mistakenly decided to use students and families to pay for other priorities."

The new bill will affect student loan rates by creating a fixed 6.8 percent interest rate on federal loans. Currently, the interest rate for such loans is 4.7 percent, although this rate changes annually, and can fluctuate up to 8.5 percent depending on the U.S. Treasury Bill.

Furthermore, the bill will also

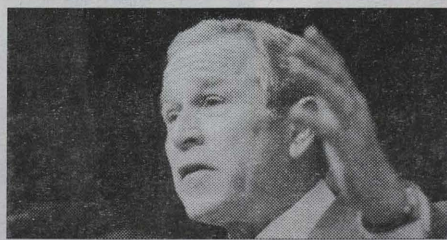
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We're gonna have to cut you off!

Heavy renters from Netflix are having their shipments delayed and given longer waits for new releases to protect the company's profits.

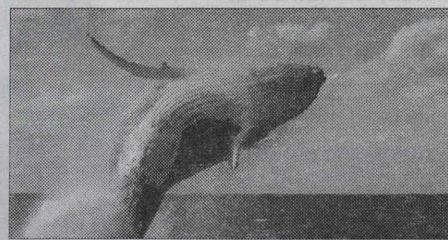
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Misuse of Iraq Intelligence

Another former CIA official says the Bush administration misused intelligence by "cherry picking" pieces to support WMD's.

Full Story @ www.reuters.com



Kibbles n' bits n' whale bits

Whale meat from Japan's "research" group is so abundant it is being marketed and sold as whale food.

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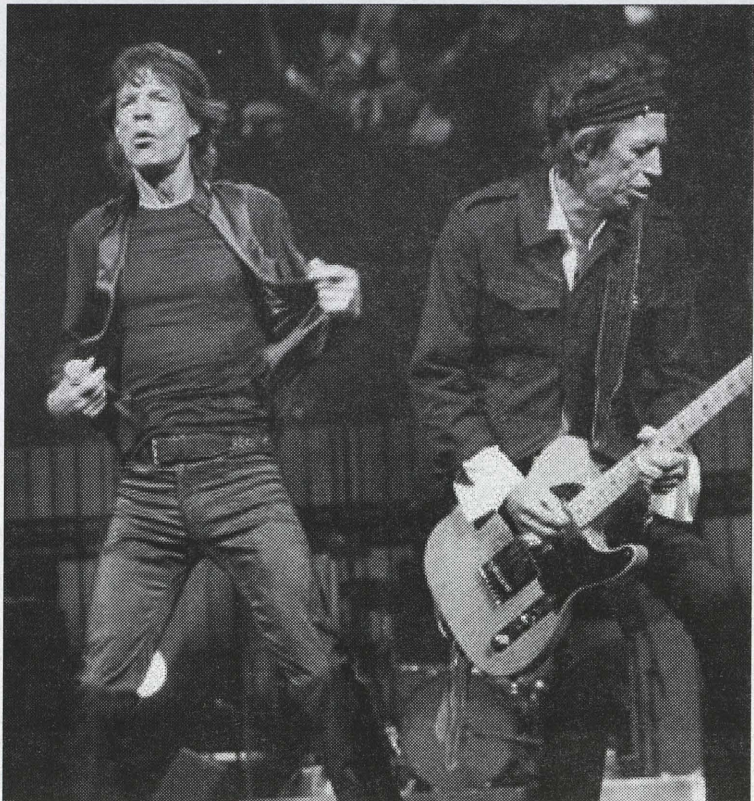
Toxic love

EPA warns of dangerous levels of romance in the air.

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THE VIEW WE TAKE

Censorship at Super Bowl offends many



RYAN REMIÖRZ / AP

Rolling Stones Mick Jagger, left, and Keith Richards perform during their concert at the Bell Centre in Montreal Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006.

"The Rolling Stones were aware of our plan which was to simply lower the volume on (Mick Jagger's) microphone at those two appropriate moments," said NFL spokesperson Brian McCarthy to Reuters, referring to lines in "Start Me Up" and "Rough Justice." "We had agreed to that plan earlier in the week. The Stones were aware of it and they were fine with it."

On the other side, through their spokeswoman Fran Curtis, the band said they felt the censorship was ridiculous and unnecessary. The band was aware of the censoring, but did perform the songs in full with all the lyrics. Showing their obvious disagreement on what is offensive and what is not. ABC who claimed the changes to the Stones show were all done by the NFL washing their hands of any responsibility. The songs which were censored for being too sexually explicit were "Start Me Up" and "Rough Justice," which

can be heard in full on most classic rock stations or even during other sporting events without audience complaints.

During the commercials of last year's Super Bowl, Godaddy.com came under fire for their parody of the wardrobe malfunction. The spot ran only once and then was pulled off the air for being too sexually explicit. This year the company had to revise the commercial they wanted to run before it could be accepted by the league and the network. Some might see hypocrisy in all of this, believing that if the NFL is trying to have morals, they should at least be consistent.

During the game, the obvious uttering of expletives from the coaches on the sidelines were okay. It was also okay to have Jagger running around on a giant tongue, now that might be offensive. It was also okay to have a monster and a robot produce a gas

guzzling baby car.

If the NFL wants to be family entertainment then maybe they should do away with their beer ads. Most of the commercials during the game were from ABC and its underling's promos or beer. Some of the so-called funniest and best commercials were for beer.

It's difficult to know what people find offensive. Some find nothing offensive in anything seen at the Super Bowl, regardless of it being the wardrobe malfunction or the sexual explicit commercials. Still there are some who still live in the past where everything is taboo except beer and violence. Given the direction the NFL is going with their halftime show next year's show will probably be a marching band reminiscent of past Super Bowls.

The Kapi'ō Newspress welcomes all responses to this subject. Address: "Letter to the Editor," kapio@hawaii.edu.

At Super Bowl XXXVIII (38) in 2004, Janet Jackson had a "wardrobe malfunction" that passed some people by and offended others. The fall out from the malfunction pretty much ensured that MTV will probably never again produce another halftime show for the Super Bowl. Additionally, the paranoia of networks and the NFL to limit the amount of offensive

material shown in game has been heightened.

This year the halftime show festivities at Super Bowl XL were handled by the aging rock group the Rolling Stones. It's hard to believe the Rolling Stones to be a group needing censorship during the Super Bowl, but the NFL did and it turned out the Stones were not too happy about it.

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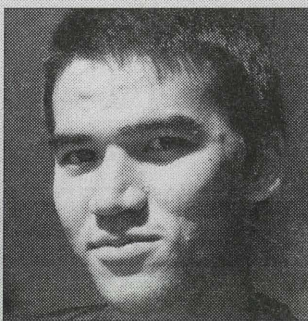
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SPEAKOUT

What are you plans for Valentine's Day?



Joannie Wong: Grab a bunch of my friends and go out to eat — they're all girls.



Matt May: Not a thing. I don't celebrate Valentine's Day. I think of it as a greeting card holiday — a waste of money.

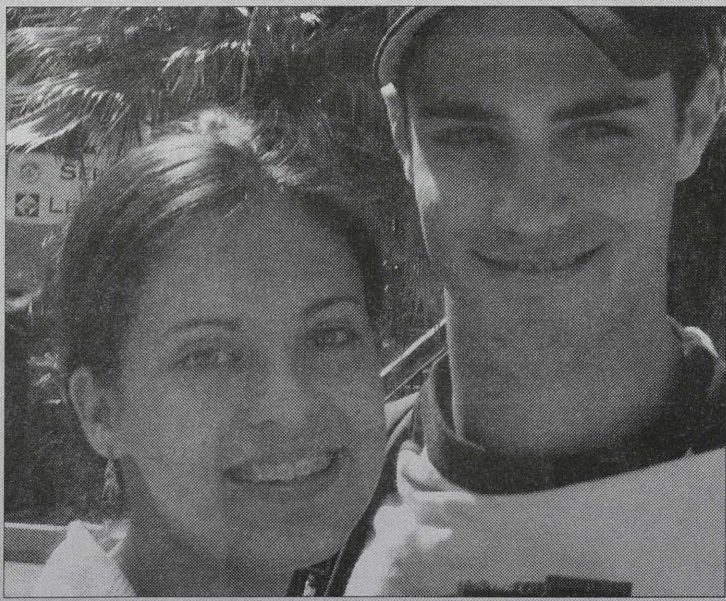


Andron Garrigus: I'm going to sleep in.



Ronelle Vaughn (left): Just hang out with friends.

Nicole Shibata (right): Nothing... maybe school and homework.



Mike Alices and Angel Stone: We're going to have to do something on Monday, because we both work on Tuesday. Probably just go out to dinner.

News organizations under scrutiny

Plagiarism in newsrooms results in questioning of journalistic integrity.

By Diane S.W. Lee
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Last semester, issues of The New York Times were distributed daily on several stands set up around campus. Despite the fact that the newspaper was periodically delivered a day late, it was free — an offer too good to refuse.

Yet, day after day as I walked in and out of the Kalia building, I saw several stacks of the Times piled two feet high next to the recycling bin. The newspaper offered the latest reports on national and international events. Of course, only those who picked up a copy got their daily serving of the news.

I'd hate to burst your bubble, but the Times no longer offers free copies this semester. However, all hope is not lost, because they do offer discounts to students who subscribe.

In part, the drop in newspaper sales is a result of the competition from major broadcast and cable television outlets. With newspaper circulation plunging worldwide, many newspaper organizations have begun seeking new means to attract younger readers: potential, long-time subscribers. Discounts and promotions are among some of the ways to entice younger audiences.

Many may argue that television doesn't offer as in-depth stories that print newspapers do. I must confess, nevertheless, most of the news I acquire is from television. And to say the least, my mother refuses to switch channels, receiving the news from only one source — Joe Moore.

With the boom of new technology, the Internet easily attracts younger generations, or shall I say, my generation, because of its accessibility. Why subscribe to the print edition when one can receive it for free, online? With the Internet, anything is possible. And unfortunately, plagiarism

is one of the possibilities.

The New York Times admitted to journalistic fraud committed by one of its reporters, Jayson Blair, who faked interviews, plagiarized from other newspapers and even fabricated quotes in more than a dozen articles. Reporter for The New Republic magazine, Stephen Glass was also discovered to have fabricated many stories.

According to a recent study from the Pew Research Center, media credibility ratings have dipped in recent years. The report cited that public attitudes toward the press are more critical, with patriotism and fairness often in question. The public doesn't know whom to trust anymore, and I don't blame them.

An internal committee at The New York Times even went so far as to issue a recommendation in taking a variety of steps to reestablish readers' trust. The committee recommended that the paper write about its inside operations, reduce factual errors, limit anonymous sources and respond more to its critics and readers.

Sad to say, we in Hawaii are not immune to such events of plagiarism. A recent investigation of plagiarism lead by Wikipedia.org and Hawaii Reporter resulted in the firing of Tim Ryan, veteran reporter for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Over the past several years, Ryan was found to have directly copied material from national reports without proper attribution in multiple articles.

With the exception of our annual April Fool's issue, our staff puts in an extra effort to produce an accurate and balanced issue of the Kapi'ō every Tuesday. As readers, you depend on us as a news source to provide credible reports regarding issues that arise on campus, in the community and the rest of the country.

I attended a journalism workshop last fall of 2005 in hopes of enlightenment about my new career decision, but instead I left feeling a bit disappointed and discouraged. One of the speakers there didn't seem too enthusiastic or motivated about being a journalist. "Three jobs?" I asked. "That's right," he said, adding that

he was barely surviving with the high cost of living associated with dwelling on the islands. I began to contemplate switching majors to find a stable career that offered more financial security.

More than a month ago, freelance journalist Jill Carroll was kidnapped in Bagdad while on an assignment for The Christian Science Monitor. Carroll's captors threatened to kill her by Jan. 13 if all female Iraqi prisoners weren't freed by then. Despite the past due of her deadline, there has been no word on release yet. And unfortunately, it looks like they won't be releasing her anytime soon. According to the Monitor, Carroll is the latest of 31 journalists to have been kidnapped in Iraq. In a report compiled by The Committee to Protect Journalists, more than 47 journalists worldwide have been killed since the beginning of the Iraq war.

A career in journalism doesn't look as appealing as it did in the past. Especially with the poor credibility ratings, cutthroat environment, recent layoffs, events of plagiarism and kidnappings. My mother suggested that I look into several career paths such as becoming a doctor, pharmacist or nurse. Yet, pursuing a career in the medical field was out of the question; I squirmed at the sight of blood. In addition, I am weak in both math and science.

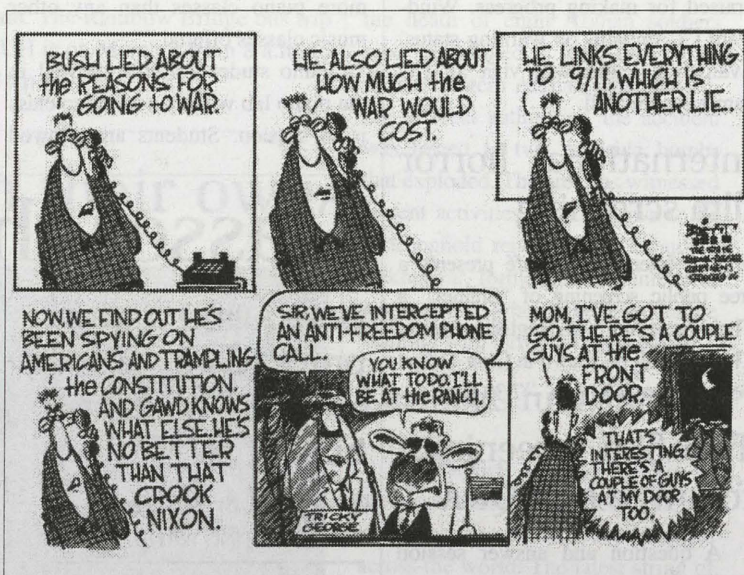
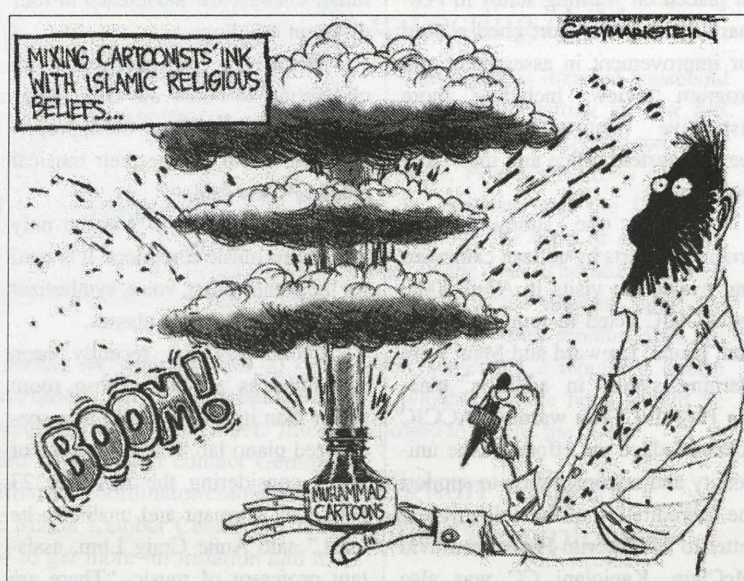
Despite several incidents of miscommunication and the occasional lack of co-operation from students, faculty and staff, there were moments when I truly savored meeting people, reporting events and writing stories. Every profession has its high and low points. No matter which career field one decides to go into, there will always be competition, layoffs and people who cheat. And as long as I am able to share knowledge with those who read my articles, I will be content — and that's the truth.

P.S. Please recycle this newspaper.

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This week in the funnies

A selection of comics from the national newstand



COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

OP-ED COLUMN

Student Congress continues efforts to improve campus

By Mike Hewitt

STUDENT CONGRESS CHAIR

This year Student Congress (SC) actively represented students by participating on the KCC Accreditation Self-study Committee, the KCC Policy Planning, and Assessment Council, KCC Faculty Senate, UH Student Caucus (system wide) and at the Ho'ō Pili Hou state student leadership conference. We introduced ideas for KCC to administration, faculty, staff, and the legislature for improvements to lighting, safety and security, and increasing the number of 100+ level tutors, internships, waivers and scholarship opportunities. We

followed up on expediting trimming trees of dangerous branches on campus. It is likely because of our efforts that feminine hygiene supplies will be available in some campus restrooms this year.

Student Congress funded emergency 100+ tutoring for Math/Science and Language Arts this semester through Holomua Center. We finished a \$15,000 phase of wireless internet development with assistance from the Center for Excellence in Learning, Teaching and Technology. The third phase is \$15,000 (not \$5,000 as earlier reported in Kapiō). Student Congress has determined through student surveys that we probably

have enough wireless access for now on campus. No survey collected suggested need for more hot spots.

The student congress voice on renegotiation of the contract for Subway on campus helped keep food service alternatives open for students for a few more years. Subway contributed almost \$30,000 last year from their profits to our library and students who use technology on campus. Our culinary department expressed interest in taking over Subway space this year without a similar deal for students.

A SC proposal for a centralized student technology help-desk to aid students on all technology issues is

being considered by administration and concerned parties. Another related proposal would create an internship help-desk program to service students of any major to implement help desk technology, and to assist the idea of utilizing incentives for student internships and encouraging student mentors.

Student Congress prepared and submitted written legislative testimony in support of February 7 State House Bills 3186 and 3187. Testimony stressed better lighting on campus as a safety and security issue. It supported excellence in education, meeting federal standards, resources conservation, and

basic maintenance and support needs.

The fall Student Congress accomplished a great deal by planning. Our goal has been to leave a working blueprint for those replacing us in 2006-2007. Your attention and input can make a difference in our future. Your presence is requested on the third Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. for a Student Congress open forum. Our student charter does not allow those not elected to vote but any student can participate in the process. Please look for our meeting announcements on bulletin boards soon and attend if possible.

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY BRIEFS**Hawaii and Honolulu CC taken off warning**

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges' Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) removed Hawaii Community College (CC) and Honolulu CC from the warning status based on recent progress reports. All seven UH community colleges submitted progress reports to ACCJC last October and were visited by special evaluation teams in November 2005.

After the commission reviewed UH CCs' October 2004 progress reports, Honolulu, Kapiolani, Kauai, Leeward, Maui and Windward were all placed on warning status in February 2005. The report cited a need for improvement in assessment and program review, including more distinctive relationships between the UH system office and individual campuses.

Following the submission of progress reports by college campuses and evaluation visits in April 2005, the ACCJC acted to remove Kapiolani, Kauai, Leeward and Maui from warning status, in addition, placing Hawaii CC on warning. ACCJC acknowledged the efforts of the university and administration to support the accreditation of the colleges in a letter to UH Interim President David McClain. Kapiolani CC was also praised for making progress. Windward CC remains on warning status. Evaluation teams will visit all CC campuses this fall.

International horror film screening

The International Café presents a free public screening of "Shutter," a Thai horror film with English subtitles. The film will be shown in Ohia 118 on Feb. 15 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Two film screenings, followed by a Q&A

A question and answer session will follow shortly after the screening of "Class Dismissed" and "Wrestling with Manhood." The film "Class Dismissed" explores the ways in which race, gender, sexuality intersect with class, while "Wrestling with Manhood" addresses the relationship of real-life violence with the popularity of professional wrestling among younger male audiences.

Sut Jhally, professor of communication at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and founder and executive director of the Media Education Foundation, will hold the discussion. An award-winning teacher, Jhally has published numerous books and articles on the media. He is also the producer and director of films on gender, sexuality, and race to commercialism, violence, and ideology.

The film and discussion will take place on Feb. 20 from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Ohia 118. Admission is free and open to the public.

Music classes lack classroom space

By Ellice Flores
STAFF WRITER

There are roughly 300 music students per semester at KCC, and with an expanding program, the music department is in great need of more classrooms.

The KCC music program started out as three piano classes and a vocal group, whereas today the program offers four levels of piano instruction, three levels of classes instruction for guitar, piano, and voice, as well as beginner's ukulele, five core classes, piano by ear with improvisation, synthesizer ensemble, and musical theater.

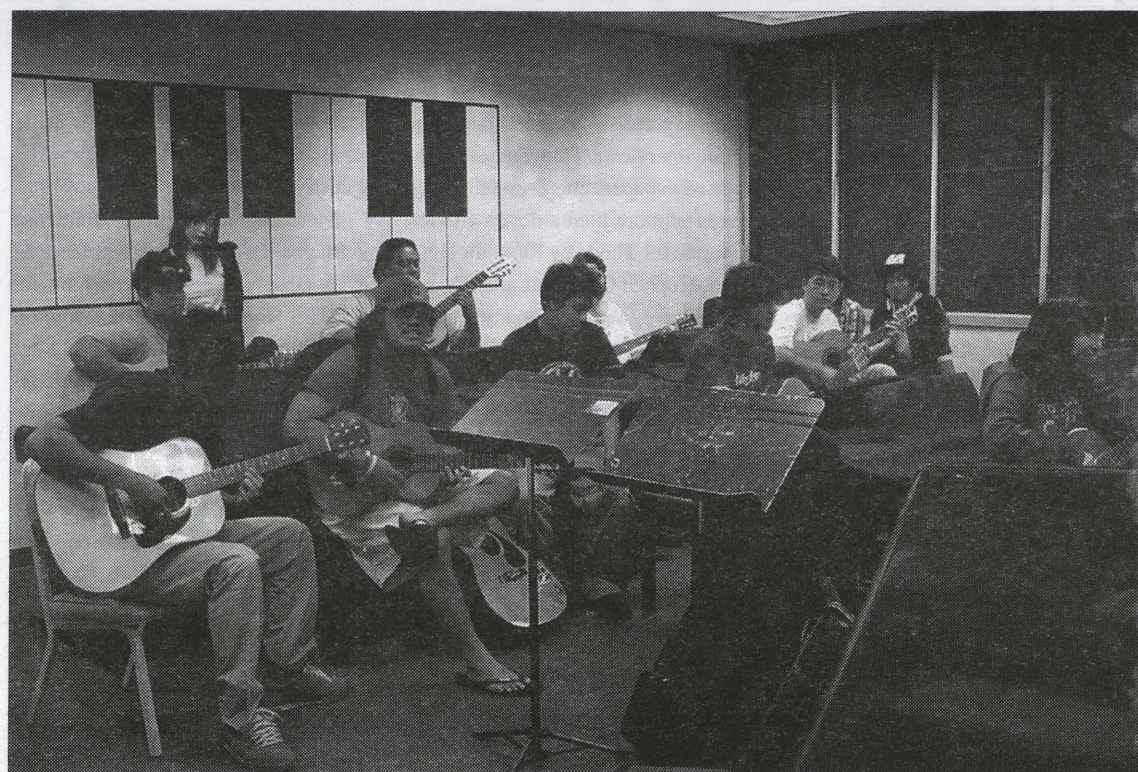
Music instructor Lina Doo says to accommodate the growing number music classes, she must teach in four different buildings.

"We are in great need of more classrooms to house our class offerings and to give students the appropriate facilities to pursue their musical studies," Doo said.

Currently, Olona 109 is the only designated music classroom. It is used for the piano, guitar, voice, synthesizer ensemble, and ukulele classes.

"Olona 109 has recently been scheduled as a multipurpose room rather than its true function as a specialized piano lab. It is a poor use of space considering the fact that 23 pianos sit dormant and unable to be used," said Anne Craig Lum, assistant professor of music. "There are more piano classes than any other music classes offered."

Piano students aren't allowed in the piano lab when a non-piano class is in session. Students are allowed



DIANE S.W. LEE / THE KAPO NEWSPRESS

Students of Stuart Nago's guitar class crowd up Olona 109, a piano room which is often shared by many other music instructors.

to practice during any piano class, but considering most piano classes are full, there are hardly any pianos available except the ones in the two practice modules.

"There are times in the day when you want to practice, but can't because there is a class going on and they won't allow you to practice in the rooms," music student Tad Kamimura said.

As a member of the synthesizer ensemble, Kamimura is concerned about the minimal rehearsal space in the piano lab, since synthesizers and

drums take up a lot of room.

"With the current area we have, there is a risk of something falling or someone bumping into the keyboards by accident and breaking it. That is my main concern," Kamimura said.

Another member of the synthesizer ensemble, Mira Secretaria, who is majoring in music adds, "It would be nice to have a separate room for the synthesizer ensemble because the equipment is heavy. Also because we always have to constantly set up which takes up a lot of time."

Some music classes were once

held in the Maile building and the chapel. With the performing arts program also growing, both of these locations are filled to capacity with classes. The Maile building is mainly used for dance and drama, while the chapel holds classes for ballet and hula. According to Doo, both of those buildings have major termite damage and are in need of repair. The chapel floor is currently being repaired, but is difficult to use for dancing classes because of the subsequent sanding and varnishing. The Maile floor is

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Classes that suit all tastes and interests**Unrequired classes prove to be inspiring for some students but not all.**

By Rachel Breitwieser
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There are two predominant philosophies that students use when choosing classes for college: take only classes required for their major, or they throw in some extra classes purely out of interest in the subject.

Money and time are often important factors for students when choosing classes. So for many students, especially those who have a full-time job or a family to take care of, taking classes that only apply toward their major may be the most sensible thing to do. However, for those not as pressed for time or money, taking classes purely out of interest may help keep things from getting boring. KCC student, Brent Arakaki explains that taking classes you find interesting, "keeps you motivated." Arakaki is planning to get his BA in business, but also takes interest in music, singing, religion, and philosophy. He is aware of the cost of college, but took

the extra classes anyway.

"I wanted to learn interesting things even though it prolongs my college years," Arakaki said.

Arakaki says parents' pay for school, but he works 20 hours a week for extra income. He admits, ironically, that his grades are better when he works.

"I took one semester off of working and I didn't do as well," Arakaki said.

Arakaki plans to continue taking classes that interest him, such as weight lifting at UH.

Arakaki is just one of many students who have a love of learning.

"I love learning," said Robert Hendrickson, a nursing student at KCC who already has a BS in ecology, evolution, and biology conservation.

Hendrickson has taken a variety of different classes in addition to his major requirements. Although he spent five years with an undecided major, he advises other students to take classes that interest them.

"Do things that you love because ultimately it keeps you more focused," Hendrickson said.

Then there are students who are meticulous about their choice of

classes. Debby Pagatpatau does not believe in taking classes that are not required.

"I strictly (take) classes that I need," Pagatpatau said.

Pagatpatau said she would rather work than take classes that are do not count toward her major because the general education requirements, such as those in humanities and arts, are enough to diverge her from her nursing studies.

Some students fall in the middle of these two philosophies, taking classes outside of their major for practical rather than personal reasons. One student, who is working toward a degree in anthropology, may take an extra year of French to communicate with French in-laws, or for extra practice before a trip to France.

Students who are undecided as to what their particular interests are can seek help from coordinator and counselor, Gemma Williams, with the Maida Kamber Center suggests that students first determine their personality style through a free online test on the career system, Career Kokua. Students can log on to the service and take a series of 45-minute questionnaires. One test helps students determine which of six personality types

they fall into.

Psychologist John Holland developed this test, also known as the Party Game. According to Williams, this test helps students think about what kind of person they are. The test can help students figure out, "what are their likes, dislikes, skills, and values," Williams said.

After taking the various tests online, students are presented with a printout that consists of a description of themselves, as well as 15 career suggestions based on their personality type. Williams said that students should pick two of the 15 and analyze with specific aspects of the career that appeal to them through the online service.

"In areas that people use the skills they want to use, something of strong interest, and utilize values (people) achieve greater success in areas that are congruent to (their) personality," Williams said.

Those interested in taking the personality and career tests can visit Gemma Williams or log on to <http://careerkokua.org> with user name "kccmkc" and password "truc9usp" or call Maida Kamber Center at 734-9500.

Excessive drinking may lead to cancer

By Ryan Watkins
U-WIRE

Last week, results of research done by the International Agency for Research on Cancer was released to the public, stating that too much drinking raises the risk of certain types of cancer, including mouth, larynx, esophagus, liver, colon and breast. This is just another example of how things done in excess can lead to harmful side effects.

The study done by the IARC showed many believe total abstinence from drinking would solve this problem, but that is not the case. Other research done over the years has proven that when done moderately, drinking can help combat and even prevent the risks of cardiovascular diseases.

"Lots of things that we do in life can be good or bad based on how much we use them," Chris Austin, the assistant director of Health Promotion at North Carolina State University, said. "If we abuse them, that is where the problem lies."

According to the World Health Organization, in the year 2000 alcohol was the cause of death of 185,000 men and 142,000 women in developed countries. However, in that same year, alcohol prevented the deaths of 71,000 men and 277,000 women.

"Everything causes cancer in excess," Matthew Veety, a senior in electrical and computer engineering, said. "People just need to learn to drink responsibly. Moderation is the important key."

Even the American Heart Association does not have a concrete answer other than drinking excessively will cause negative effects to one's health. Yet at the same time they admit drinking does have some positive side effects.

According to the AHA website, alcohol or some substances such as resveratrol found in alcoholic beverages may prevent platelets in the blood from sticking together. That may reduce clot formation and reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke.

"For some people, there are indeed some benefits of using alcohol, but like with anything else, there are some very important guidelines," Austin said. "But if you're under 21, you still should not drink at all."

Both the AHA and the IARC recommend watching how much you drink. While the substances inside alcohol may have scientific benefits, the same benefits can be obtained from regular exercise according to the AHA.

Rainbow program offers transfer help

By Hector Franco
STAFF WRITER

Students who go to community colleges usually see themselves leaving for a four-year university eventually. What those students do not know is how or when to transfer to universities. "I guess you just go over there (UH), and talk to the transfer office," KCC student Eric Stennett said.

Students who go to KCC or any of the community colleges in Hawaii need at least 24 credits and all 100 level classes to transfer to a university such as UH. Students who are coming in from high school to a community college might be able to transfer to universities with high SAT scores and a well-rounded transcript. Seniors with 45 or more credits, who are not going to a university, get a letter sent to them from UH about a program called the Rainbow Bridge program.

Stennett, like others, had never heard of the program. But June Gamiao, another KCC student, said she received a letter about the program in the mail.

Students who sign up for the program are given a bus ride from KCC and taken to UH Manoa. The students going on this bus ride will be there during a non-instructional period at UH and at all the community colleges. Students will be able to familiarize themselves with the Manoa campus, the staff, and the programs at UH. Taking the bus is not required to participate in the

DEADLINES

Following is a list of course and their expiration dates.

	Fall	Spring
• Architecture	February 1	September 1
• Arts and Sciences	May 1	October 1
• Business	May 1	November 1
• Education	March 1	September 1
• Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Studies	May 1	October 1
• Medicine	November 1	—
• Dental Hygiene	March 1	—
• Nursing	March 1	October 1
• Ocean, Earth Science, and Technology	February 1	September 1
• Social Work	March 1	October 1
• Travel Industry Management	March 1	September 1
• Tropical Agriculture	February 1	September 1

Source: <http://hawaii.edu>

Rainbow Bridge program but having a car could be helpful.

Students of KCC are allowed to take different classes at all the different community colleges in Hawaii except UH. But students who are enrolled in UH can go to any community college on the island like a regular community college student.

The Rainbow Bridge program

is mainly for students with 40 - 45 more credits that have not been transferred into a university yet. Interested students can contact Gemma Williams, coordinator/counselor at the Maida Kamber Center in Ilima 104 to get more information and to sign up for the Rainbow Bridge program. The Rainbow Bridge bus trip to UH is on March 3 from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Students cope with living on their own

Compiled by the Kapi'ō Staff

Many college students must make the jump from living in the comfort of their family's home to living on their own. With this comes many new responsibilities such as cooking, cleaning and paying for everything they need to survive. For a lot of students, being in college now means that they are going to be relying on themselves instead of others.

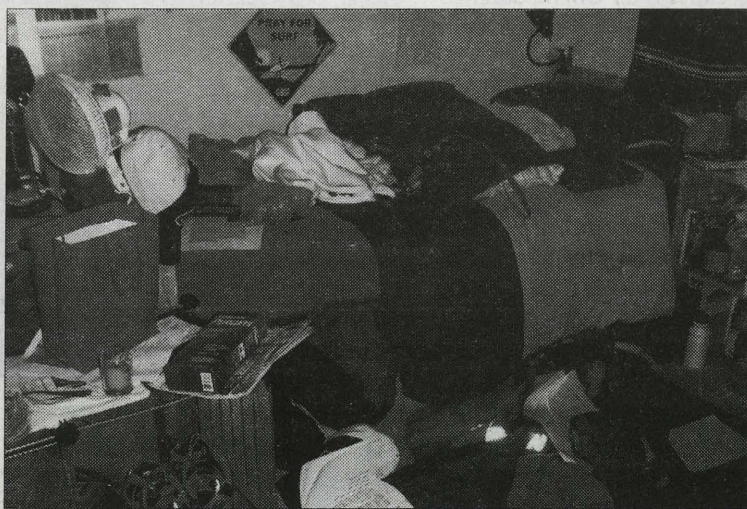
According to David Salazar a former college student, the best part about living by yourself is having to rely on yourself to take care of yourself. There are many reasons for a student to be living their own some of these reasons can be out of their control.

"My mom moved out, and was trying to save money," Salazar said.

In his case he had no choice, the only option was to live on his own. But for some students they find joy in their new found independence.

When students have a late night and come home to their own house, they don't have to worry about the hassle they receive from their parents.

"You can come home and relax



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A messy dorm room often results from students living on their own.

LIVING OFF CAMPUS

Accessing needs and budgeting. It is recommended that you allot 1/3 to 1/2 of your gross income for housing.

Also consider the following in your budget:

- Utility bills
- Food and meal expenses
- Extracurricular activities
- Entertainment and personal

necessities

• Furniture and appliances
Before looking for a place to prepare for additional costs:

1. Deposit - equal to one month's rent
2. Application fee
3. First month's rent
4. Utility deposits

Source: <http://www.housing.hawaii.edu/och>

RECENT SNAPSHOTS OF EVENTS AROUND THE GLOBE



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Shia Muslims around the world take part in the Ashura festival.

Japanese princess expecting child

The Japanese imperial household may be finally getting an heir this fall. The wife of the second son of the emperor, Princess Kiko, is reported to be pregnant and the family is anticipating the birth of a new heir later in the year. The last male heir was born to the imperial family in 1965, and in recent months Japan has been witnessing a mounting debate on whether female heirs should be allowed to ascend the throne.

Afghan soldiers killed in explosion

Afghanistan's police chief reported the death of eight Afghan soldiers who were killed in the Kunar province of eastern Afghanistan. According to local authorities, the accident was traced to two roadside bombs that exploded. The area has witnessed violent activities and is known to be a stronghold renegade of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, former prime minister of Afghanistan, who is believed to be working with terrorist organizations.

Cartoons fuel anger

The Danish satirical cartoon of the prophet Muhammad continues to spark anger in Muslim communities across the world. The latest string of protests were participated by thousands of Muslims in Lebanon, Cape Town, South Africa, and Bangladesh. Kofi Anna, U.N. Secretary General has publicly criticized editors who continue to print the controversial cartoons even after witnessing the discontent and anger it caused.

Bomb kills 27 in Pakistan

Pakistani worshippers were caught in the midst of a violent suicide bomb attack at a religious procession in Hangu, a northwest province of the country. Explosions tore through a bazaar as hundreds of people were making their way to the main Shia mosque in the town, killing 27. Since then the area has been secured by military troops and a curfew has been imposed. Local authorities have called for a judicial inquiry into the attack.

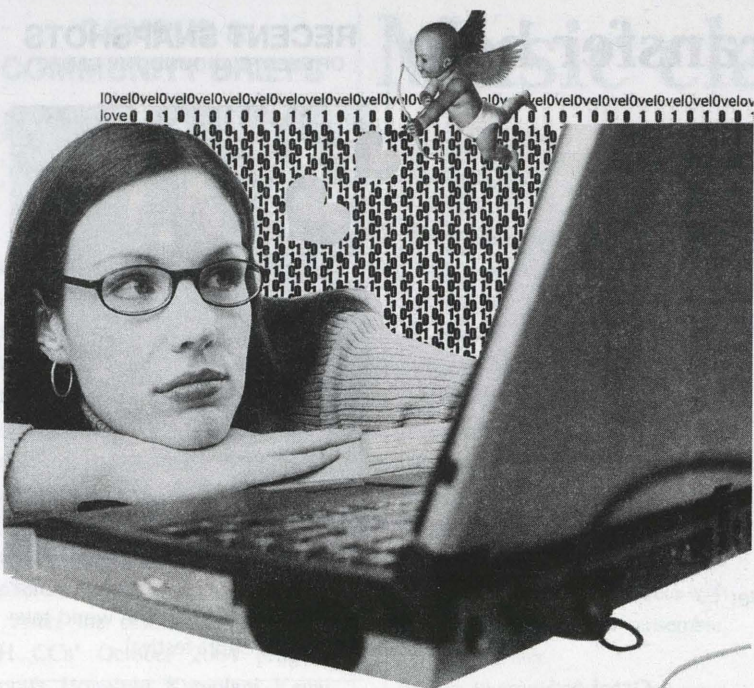


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Technology may lead to more romantic opportunities

Online dating has its perks but many are aware of its pitfalls too.

By Xionel Menard
STAFF WRITER

Internet dating websites provide a buffet for people with every kind of taste to find potential partners. Some sites cater to people who hunger for serious relationships and friendships, while others feed alternative and carnal appetites.

When someone joins a dating site, they become an individual dish in a human menu. People can describe themselves however they wish, providing their pictures and sometimes videos of themselves while highlighting the ingredients that make them who they are, and who they think would compliment them. There are particular sites that are not only for individuals, but for groups and couples. Sites for every sexual orientation and itemized fetishes exist as well. Through an Internet search using keywords, one can find dating sites that focus on finding people of particular ethnicities or from certain countries. There is a dating Web site for everyone.

Most dating sites require payment that ranges from \$10 to \$100 per month. There are sites that include assistance in finding a partner based on various questions, and some sites allow users to chat with voice and video abilities with along with traditional email correspondence.

Students at KCC have mixed opinions about Internet dating. "I think it's funny," said Lena C. who scoffs at Internet dating. She prefers meeting boys through school. Theresa Yang said, "Lots

Online dating lets me narrow down and refine what I think I'm looking for.

— Captain C., Online dater

of my friends find their boy-friends through online dating, but I'm skeptical about who's on the other side and if what they say is true." Henry Luka mentioned that he would consider dating online just for a virtual fantasy, but not in reality for fear that the person is pretending. On the other hand, Elad Ngujeoe enjoys online dating and finds that the girls turn out to be just like their photos. Ngujeoe's friend, Anthony Murakami, wouldn't consider it despite his friend's favorable experiences. "I want to see the person personally, and can't handle the insecurity of having no idea what kind of person they are," Murakami said. Maria Mark enthusiastically added, "My best friend met her boyfriend through online dating."

Those who are serious members of online dating sites confirm many of the fears that KCC students have. A online dater known as Dr. Dave initially joined two years ago with a bunch of his buddies as a dare. He noticed many people lie online, including his friends about their age,

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and you don't have to worry about somebody telling you not to do something or to pick up something," said Alberto Avila, University of Central Florida student.

Among many of the challenges facing these students a major issue can be money.

"The hardest thing about living on my own is managing money wisely," Vanessa Apilado KCC student said.

According to Apilado, she has eliminated her extraneous spending such as cable and Internet to ease financial challenges. Being able to purchase the everyday necessities such as food and groceries can be difficult when you are living on

“Watching what you eat and buying food and groceries is a challenge when living by yourself.”

— David Salazar, Student

your own. Usually people stock up on fast food because they don't have the time to go home and cook for themselves.

"Watching what you eat and buying food and groceries is a challenge when living by yourself," Salazar said.

Housing options for college students in general are limited, and for community college students the limit is even greater. The University of Hawaii dormitory is open for use by any student in the system. The only catch is UH Manoa students will be accepted first making it highly unlikely for other students to get a dorm room. The university has set up the Off-Campus Housing referral program (OCH) for use by any UH system student. After logging into the system by using your UH system ID you can search through the OCH Web site for vacant housing as well as rooms for rent.

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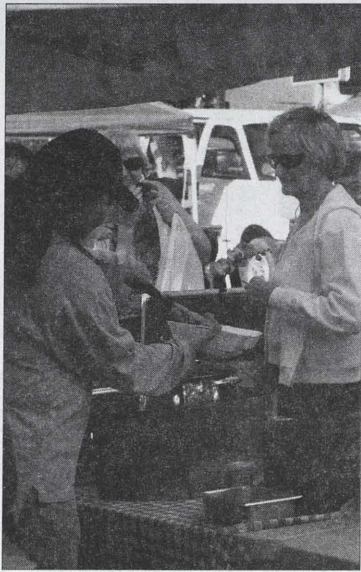
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A vendor prepares hot breakfast plates for hungry farmers' market goers. The farmers' market is known as the only one in Hawaii to feature all locally grown and produced foods.



Crowds of people gather every Saturday morning at the farmers' market held at Kapiolani Community College (KCC). It opens from 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. every Saturday in the parking lot of KCC off Diamond Head Road.

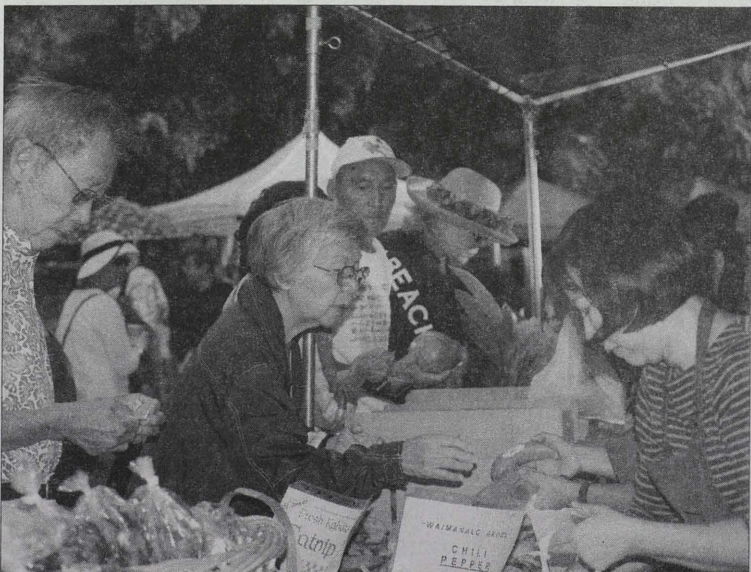
PHOTO ESSAY

THE PRICE IS RIGHT

By Diane S.W. Lee



Christina Luck (center) and Margret Schneider browse through various breeds of orchids. Vendor at Newman Orchids, Kal Yee (far left), admires the variety of hybrid flowers shipped fresh from Big Island, Hawaii.



Shoppers choose from a selection of home-grown papayas. Early risers who flocked to the farmers' market acquired the greatest bargains on produce and food products.



Yumiko Saito with her son, Sean Wilbur, greet a Chinese lion at the farmers' market. Lion dancing was a special treat for shoppers on Saturday, February 4. Members of the Chinese Lion Dancing Association performed with traditional fireworks to ring in the New Year.

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becoming bowed.

According to Lum, this problem doesn't look like it will be getting fixed anytime soon.

"Sadly, the same overbooked schedule is slated for Olona 109 for the fall 2006 semester," Lum said. "This is killing the piano program as students can only practice before 7:45 a.m. or after 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday or after 6:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday."

Music student Takaya Otaki expressed similar concerns.

"There are over 100 piano students and there is no room for us to practice unless we have a piano at home," Otaki said.

There are many ideas to what could be added to expand the music department facilities.

"It would be great for students and faculty to go to just one building that houses all the music classes," Doo said.

Lum and Doo would like to have newly-furnished piano labs for class instruction, classrooms fitted with audio and visual instruction,

computers for the core classes, and storage space for equipment and for students to store their instruments. Lum says he would like at least one additional classroom by spring 2007. A recital room to hold music concerts and performances is also essential for the music department.

"We are purchasing a concert grand piano and we have no recital room for this instrument," Lum said. Piano student April Leong agrees.

"We go to Ohia and Maile building for our recital performances and we don't have access to a recital piano before hand. So when it is time to perform, the piano feels strange. I freeze up on a strange piano," she said.

How the problem will be resolved is still a big question.

"Because of our growth, the administration needs to plan and include a facility for the performing arts in the next 'ten-year master plan' that will serve our dance, drama, and music needs," Doo said. "Unless we can be part of that future plan and have more classrooms or a facility or we will continue to have these problems."

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semester in China at Beijing University and was able to explore the city. While exploring Beijing, he was able to meet people and also a high school student in need of a tutor whom he tutored for free. Other students were able to get part-time jobs teaching English, and were able to stay in the country after completion of the program.

Many of the students have interest in the Freeman Foundation scholarship program because they know that the experience of learning a language and living in China will help them in their future careers. Some students are in the program trying to rekindle their heritage, which they have lost after spending most of their lives in Hawaii.

"Both my parents were born in

China so I am trying to recapture my culture, my roots," Tom said.

Tom knows Cantonese, but is experiencing Mandarin for the first time and is excited to visit the homeland of his parents and learn more about his culture and people.

The scholarship program criteria is a minimum 3.0 GPA, two letters of recommendation, an essay describing academic goals, be a full or part-time student, no higher than college level Chinese 101, and candidates will be judged by an interview.

"It was probably the most nerve wracking interview I have ever been in," Posey said. "It was crazy intense."

For more information about the Freeman Foundation and other study abroad scholarships and opportunities go to www.kcc.hawaii.edu/object/studyabroad for a list of resources.

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increase interest rates on loans taken out by parents from 7.9 percent this year to 8.5 percent when the bill goes into effect. According to analysts, this would result in parents paying a total of \$2 billion in additional interest payments over the next five years.

However, while these new interest rates will go into effect when the Deficit Reduction Act is officially implemented, student and parent loans that have already been taken out, as well as the maximum Pell Grant awarded to students applying for a financial aid pack-

age, should not be affected.

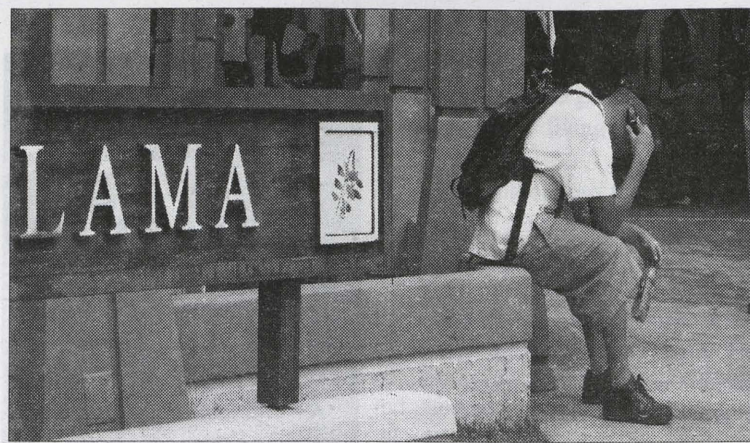
While the new interest rates will undoubtedly raise the amount students and parents will have to pay for their higher education loans, some of the money will be redirected back into education programs. The new bill will spend \$3.7 billion on grants for those majoring in math, science, and foreign languages, and will gradually lower charges for some students over the next five years. Additionally, although the fixed 6.8 percent interest rate in up from the 4.7 percent charged this year, proponents for the bill say that this fixed rate may help protect students as interest rates continue to rise.

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the school at this time. The most desired book is A Dictionary of Linguistics & Phonetics (Language Library), said to be "The best dictionary there is for the discipline" by RW.

Others include "He's Just Not That Into You: The No-Excuses Truth to Understanding Guys," "Learn Hawaiian at Home," "Waiting: A Novel, Nureyev: His Life," and "The Global Resume and CV Guide."

Student and staff may want to consider donating to the library's wish list. "I consider the library to be an essential part of my college experience. Anyone who uses



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A student chats on his cell phone outside of the lama building, where the library is located.

the library should consider giving back in any way they can and the wish list seems to be an easy way to do just that," communications major Rachele Kirk said.

"A donation of fifteen to thirty dollars for a book is a bargain considering that the education gained by its readers is priceless," Kirk added.



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more potential for deception," Dr. Dave said. "I can't lie because I'm a public figure in the community as a physician so people would know if I did." His friends sometimes use online dating for serial intimate encounters, and some of them have been lured to foreign countries for the promise of romance only to be robbed by maniacal hairy men pretending to be women online. Other online daters would misrepresent themselves, and upon meeting some would not be the same person as they claim. Fortunately Dr. Dave treats online dating with integrity and honesty and appears just as his pictures depict, "I've only met a couple people, I'm very picky and screen them thoroughly," Dr. Dave said.

Another earnest online dater has been assaulted and threatened from those he met online. Another online dater, an international airline pilot known as Captain C. had been belligerently stalked resulting in restraining orders. "It's not flattering to be stalked, to be called, and followed constantly and to have my friends and family's lives

threatened," Captain C. said. He joined online sites because he works exclusively around men, and doesn't date flight attendants, nor does he do the "bar or club thing." When he meets the women, they are 20 years older or drastically different from their photos weight wise. "When I meet them, it's like who the hell are you!" Online dating lets me narrow down and refine what I think I'm looking for," Captain C. said. He suggests meeting potential dates over a public lunch, that way you can meet and get to know the other party. Besides, a lunch date allows you to escape. "If I don't fear for my safety, I try to enjoy the evening for what it is, have a nice dinner, enjoy the conversation, learn about someone else, and chalk it up to the road of experience," Captain C said.

Some people have had happy endings, like a military officer who identifies himself as Corey who met his wife online. "Online dating is the easiest way to meet people, you can be really selective," Corey said. Internet dating proves to be an uncertain but it is also a colorful menu, and definitely a modern social outlet to appease and entertain.

SAFETY TIPS FOR ONLINE DATING

1. Always arrange to meet at a busy public place.
2. Bring a friend along and agree to meet at a prearranged place afterwards. Work out a signal whether you want them to stay with you or not.
3. Don't give personal details such as addresses and surnames. It is possible for address details to be obtained through your telephone number.
4. If you don't bring a friend along tell someone where you are going and what time you will be back.
5. Initially, don't go home with your date, bring them to your home or accept a lift.
6. Trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy, there is probably a reason.
7. Don't give out personal details when you chat to on the Internet.

Source: iVillage.co.uk