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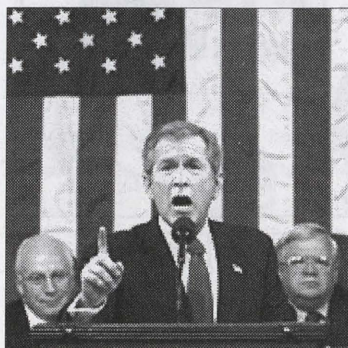


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Bush speech touches on college issues

By Justin Hahn
CO-EDITOR

In his yearly address to Congress last Tuesday, President Bush updated the American people in his annual "State of the Union" address. He also recommended certain strategies to Congress for making the nation stronger, safer and more prosperous in the year to come.

Bush touched on a number of issues, from the ongoing War on Terror, to the question of gay marriage, to the country's recent economic downturn.

"We have faced serious challenges together, and now we face a choice," Bush said. "We can press on with economic growth, and reforms in education... or we can turn back to old policies and old divisions."

Among those reforms in education, Bush spoke of plans to give more federal funding to community colleges as part of his "Jobs for the 21st Century" program.

"I propose increasing our support for America's fine community colleges, so they can train workers for industries that are creating the most new jobs," the president said. "Many of the fastest growing occupations require strong math and science preparation. (By providing this training) we'll help more and more Americans to join in the growing prosperity of our country. Job training is important, and so is job creation."

Bush added, "We must ensure that older students and adults can gain the skills they need to find work now."

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Faculty: 'We will strike!'



PHOTO: VUONG PHUNG

UH system faculty held an "informational picket" to let the Board of Regents know that they are unhappy with salary negotiations.

By Kawehi Haug
STAFF WRITER

A crowd of about 200 University of Hawaii System faculty — twice as many as were expected — gathered at the Kapiolani Community College campus early last Friday morning to let the Board of Regents, Gov. Linda Lingle and University President Evan Dohelle know that they are unhappy with salary negotiations.

Demonstrators showed up wearing t-shirts that read "Not Yet On Strike," and waving signs protesting the unfair treatment of UH faculty.

The two-hour demonstration, held during a monthly Board of Regents meeting, was intended to be a show of solidarity — and discontentment — on the part of faculty from the various UH campuses, said John Radcliffe, associate executive director for the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly.

"Faculty are showing their displeasure over getting overlooked by the State and they're not going to take it," Radcliffe said. "If we can't motivate the government, we will be forced to strike."

Friday's demonstration was what some faculty members called a

"pre-strike" — to perhaps serve as a prelude of things to come.

"We don't want to strike," said Harry Davis, associate professor of math and science at Kapiolani Community College. "But if we have to go on strike for a pay increase, we will."

Davis' position was echoed by the many faculty members holding signs that read, "We will strike" and "Don't make us do it again" — a reference to the most recent UH strike that lasted for 13 days in the spring of 2001.

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Campus lots still jammed

By Payton Cannon
STAFF WRITER

Many students arrive about a half an hour before they're scheduled to start class, only to encounter one of the more frustrating aspects of campus life: that of finding a parking spot.

Some 1,800 non-credit and 7,500 credit students, as well as 500 faculty compete for 1,248 stalls. While they do not all park at once, early mornings from about 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. present a particular challenge, as this is when most come to campus.

"I often have to search for parking for ten minutes," said Maria Crump, a second semester KCC student.

Jaret Fukuda, a sixth semester student here said, "It all depends on when you try to park. Morning times are bad ... in the afternoon it is a lot easier."

"If an additional 200-300 stalls could be added it would go a long way to alleviating this parking problem," said John Messina, Head of Auxiliary Services.

He also said, "If the city would have allowed parking along Kilauea Avenue after it was widened this too would have helped out, but this is not the case, probably because of pressure from the residents in the area."

According to Messina, a certain amount of the spaces necessarily must be reserved for handicapped

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Student activity fees fund student fun?

By Justin Hahn
CO-EDITOR

This semester, students paid \$104,650 in activity fees. The Kapiolani takes a look at how your money is spent.

Let's assume there is an average KCC student. Let's call him Byron.

Byron has just registered for classes. He's taking a full course load this semester. He looks at his bill, and sees he's paying \$45 a credit, or \$675 for this semester. It's a large sum, but he figures that since it's for his education it's worth it. But then he sees he's also paying \$20 for

something called a "Student Activity Fee," what amounts to a tax on his education here at KCC.

Byron knows where his \$675 is

The simple answer is that his \$20 a semester goes to the various activities around campus intended for the enjoyment of the student body.

"It's like the government and taxes. We all pay, but not everybody can take advantage. It's their choice."

— George Higa

going — an investment in his future. But he has no clue where his \$20 is going.

These include, according to George Higa, the Board of Student Activities (BOSA) Advisor, "concerts, guest

speakers and other activities."

And it does. Partly.

Byron, like most students at KCC, pays \$2 a credit in activity fees, with a cap of \$20 a semester. This money is split two ways between BOSA and Student Congress, with BOSA getting 85 percent, and Student Congress getting 15.

Among other things, Student Congress uses their 15 percent to run the office, send members to workshops and conferences on other islands, and finance campus improvement projects.

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SOURCES



Halliburton Payback

■ Energy giant Halliburton admitted that it has fired two members of staff in Iraq for taking kickbacks of up to \$6 million.

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Sick Chickens

■ Thailand and Cambodia confirmed bird flu outbreaks, bringing the number of nations hit by the virus to six.

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A plant's life would make the world a perfect place

By Justin Hahn
CO-EDITOR

I want to be a plant. I want my skin to become photosynthetic cells, like leaves, capable of using the sun's energy to keep me alive. I want to bask in the sun, living cleanly and without harm. I want my digestive tract to shrivel and die. I never want to eat again.

I know some people would miss the epicurean delights of the CheeseCake Factory, a hot bowl of Zipmin, or a crunchy apple. But I just get so tired of eating. I mean it's an endless cycle of torment, this business of ingesting the dead bodies of once-living organisms.

It's such a waste of time and money. First we have to buy the food, which takes up a large part of our income. Then we have to eat the food. This is a messy affair, fraught with distasteful sounds, disgusting motions and appalling sights.

Just think, who'd voluntarily want to masticate anything? Doesn't that just sound horrific? Mastication.

We all know what comes next in the process: one of the most debase, filthy acts in human experience. I won't name this act, because in life we have far too many reminders of it, from that bit on your shoe to that bum smelling of it.

The worst part is that it never, ever ends. We will be eating and defecating until the day we die.

I find this odious and depressing, not to mention tiring. Think of all the other mundane tasks associated with food that take up our time: brushing your teeth, washing the dishes, taking out the trash, wiping your butt, cleaning the bathroom, and any number of morbid facets in this, a truly grotesque existence.

This hasn't even called into question the violence needed to get the

food. The chopping and mangling of plants. The slaughter of animals and the butchering of their corpses. And then we've got the wholesale perversion of nature's essence, in which we nearly destroy anything resembling a greater order or meaningfulness.

Of course I don't have to worry about getting fat myself, as I am a vegetarian who bikes everywhere. But I know a great number of you do. It also disturbs me to see so many morbidly obese people out there. Were we all plants, no one would have to go on the Atkins diet, stress about that Cinnabon going to their thighs, or even think about their weight. There'd also be no hunger, no food allergies, and most of all, no people smelling of half-wiped fecal matter.

And besides all this, if we didn't have to sully ourselves with cooking, KCC could devote more resources to educating and enlightening the leaders, dreamers and thinkers of tomorrow, instead of churning out servants. Granted, the culinary program here boasts such fine graduates as Alan Wong and Warren Sasaki, but they are the powerful few among the menial many. And I know all those white-shirted students give it their all, walking around with thermometers sticking out of their pockets and cigarettes dangling from determined mouths. But seriously, who really wants to put the tips of their fingers on the line for complete strangers?

As it is now, the Culinary Department spends an obscene amount on training people to slice, dice and serve. Just one class could cost the school upwards of \$50,000 for materials alone. How many logic, history, art or language arts classes do you know about that drain that sort of funding?

I hear about how a lot of people,



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especially politicians, want a sustainable economy. They want Hawaii to be an inviting destination, where residents are happy and the landscape evokes a tropical paradise.

But how can a state covered in highways, airports, manufacturing plants and warehouses hope to represent the timeless quality of "aloha?" And how can the people be happy when they are slaving in a hot kitchen for 10, 12, even 16 hours a day?

I know that if I spent my life servicing the greedy, middle class hordes I wouldn't be happy.

I know that a lot of the Culinary Arts students see a job in the service industry as a step up and a way out of whatever life they or their parents suffer through. But there has got to be a better way, especially when so many of the newest, most in demand jobs have nothing to do with the correct way to chop a lobster.

Right now, work is underway to move this nation away from its dependence on fossil fuels. We are looking toward renewable sources of energy, like solar, wind, biomass

and hydrogen.

Hawaii would be the perfect place to pursue this technology.

There could be a laboratory for solar powered sustainability. Just think, if every school, college, and state building were covered in solar cells, how much money would that save on energy costs?

Of course we could just be like the Jains, and all our problems would be solved, but I like life, and I'm not looking to give up anytime soon. I just want to live it a little more pleasantly, without all the shit.

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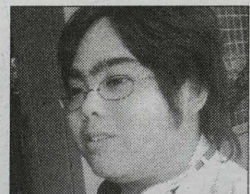
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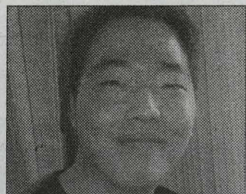
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If you could have any superpower what would it be?



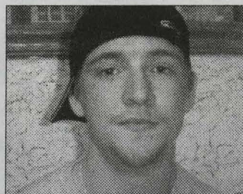
I want a lot of money. I want to rule. Rule the world.

—Allen Lai



It would be the power to make love and not war.

—Tom Morelli



I'd give everybody free education so they could get good jobs.

—Tony Carpenter



To be invisible.

—Kaleo Samson



I'd wanna fly. No traffic and there'd be great views. I could see everything.

—Christina George

MODEST
PROPOSAL

by Vuong Phung

REWRITING K-12
EDUCATION MANUAL

Giving every student in America the opportunity to reach their fullest potential is an important and controversial challenge, one that every presidential candidate as well as the incumbent must continue to address. And you, Mr. President, have recognized and maintained that education is an essential step in ensuring America's survival in the next level of intellectual competition for generations to come. There is simply no excuse for providing high-cost education with minimal results.

In response to what seems to be the decline in the US's education edge, this column, Modest Proposal, will identify sticky problems as well as provide some anchor points for consideration.

Ghastly problems:

Ethnic diversity demands equal treatment of all academic subjects, calling for a "one size fits all" solution that can cause or exacerbate a range of problems, which are ultimately not worth the effort. For instance, many textbooks are "dumbed down" so people of all levels of education can understand

them, and no group is offended.

Critical thinking is crucial and in heavy demand as we move into a new era. While the teaching of basic premises is successful in language and other survey courses, the lack of out-of-the-box thinking in later, more advanced courses poses a major drawback when students pursue higher education.

An alternate solution is a popular approach by many middle and high school systems. If a student lags behind in math, that student is often patronized with the motto, "If it's not your strength, don't loose sleep on it." Students are led into believing easier, substitute classes exist and it is okay to take them.

Conflicting messages can seriously confuse kids. Throughout the 12-year program, every kid is taught to fit in and that is the best method in surviving the real world. Assimilate is the common theme. Revisionist agendas and political correctness also contribute to the problem. Lately, the idea of a judgment-free performance for students diminishes the teacher's capability to function effectively. While corporal punishment seems "barbaric" by modern standards, its lesser brother, humility is quickly fading.

The failed attempts:

The quickest and immediate assumption as to why students are falling behind is the lack of funding. This is true in a few cases, but not all. It should be agreed that salaries



of teachers should have a reasonable, set rate of increase at a set time. But this will not improve quality of education in any way. According to a 2003 report, each child attending public school in the state of California was allotted \$10,500, compared to \$9,500 for students in private schools.

Yet results did not justify the cost. This can be attributed to the lack of a clear dividing line between the responsibilities of teachers and parents. Assuming teachers know best, many parents pay little attention to their child's progress, involvement in homework, participation in class

work, or even what is taught in class for that particular day. While parents should be the primary driving force, teachers often assume students will pursue help outside of class, despite the fact that many will not. Large class size can also water-down the quality of teaching. However, channels of communication will open if every parent is informed of their child's performance on a regular basis, even on a glittering performance. These channels create trust, involvement, and active parents who want to assist in developing their child's future curriculum.

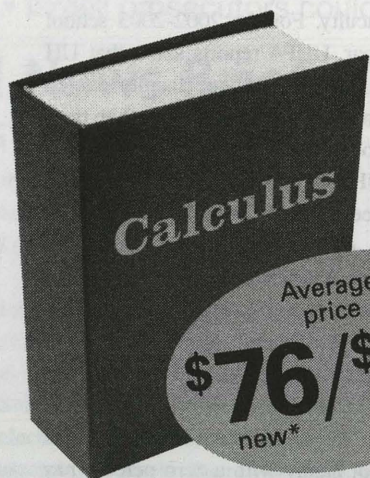
For consideration:

With the advent of the digital revolution, many educational models have been rendered ineffective. It is easy to provide computers in every classroom, steep cost notwithstanding, but without proper assistance a child will only learn how to play a game rather than exploring intellectual enlightenment.

A system of incentive must be emphasized. The natural urge of humans to achieve rewards and avoid punishments is inescapable. Mr. President, I would suggest you

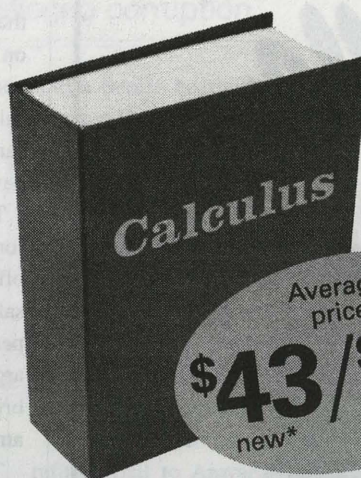
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Bush's plan advocates larger Pell grants for in-coming college freshmen who take higher-level math and science courses in high school, and increased public-private partnerships.

At an Ohio community college appearance last Wednesday, Bush proposed "\$250 million of direct money to help on programs which match workers with employers. There's no better place to do that than the community college system," he said. "The community college system is flexible. The community college system is local. The community college system accepts input."

Bush also defended his decision to attack Iraq.

"America will never seek a permission slip to defend the security of our people."

As a result of the war, he said, "The people of Iraq are free. The once all-powerful ruler of Iraq was found in a hole, and now sits in a prison cell."

But many viewed this as a reminder that inspectors have yet to find any of the weapons of mass destruction used to justify the war.

However, "nearly two-thirds of (al Qaeda's) known leaders have now been captured or killed," he said. He did not touch on the fact that Osama bin Laden remains at large, or that large parts of Afghanistan have slipped back into a chaotic haven for violent

warlords and opium farmers.

"We must continue to give our homeland security and law enforcement personnel every tool they need to defend us," Bush added. "And one of those essential tools is the Patriot Act."

"Key provisions of the Patriot Act are set to expire next year," he added as Democrats, who are usually opposed to his policies, applauded the eminent demise of the provisions. "You need to renew the Patriot Act."

"It is tempting to believe that the danger is behind us," Bush said. "That hope is understandable, comforting — and false."

Bush also addressed recent debate over the place marriage has in society, and whether it should be limited to only heterosexual couples.

"A strong America must value the institution of marriage. I believe we should respect individuals as we take a principled stand for one of the most fundamental, enduring institutions of our civilization," he said, meaning he would fight to define it as between a man and a woman, as outlined in the Defense of Marriage Act of 1996.

Bush said he would do this because "activist judges have begun redefining marriage by court order, without regard for the will of the people," and that the only avenue open was "the constitutional process."

New culinary facility in the works

By Clint Kaneoka
CO-EDITOR

KCC's plans to develop a new advanced culinary education facility at the site of the former Cannon Club are underway, and are projected for completion within the next five years, according to Conrad Nonaka, Director of the Culinary Institute of the Pacific.

The estimated \$20 million program will give culinary students intensive, hands-on training, aimed to provide graduates with the skills necessary to obtain executive level positions in the food service industry.

"We are looking to provide a state of the art facility that will not only showcase the UH culinary program, but the state of Hawaii as well," said Nonaka. "Through that effort, we hope to not only educate locally, but also internationally, especially to the Asia Pacific region."

The new facility will cut no corners in production, as it will include a signature four star restaurant, a banquet training facility, cooking labs, demonstration and competition kitchens, classrooms, an outside amphitheatre and reception area.

Despite these luxurious accom-

modations and the hefty price tag that will accompany it, funds for construction will be raised separately from the college, and will therefore not interfere or compete with the school's already tenuous budget.

"We are open to almost any area of support to bring this effort to fruition, and will not be relying entirely on the state to fill these needs," said Nonaka. "We are currently looking into private sources, such as donations, corporate contributions, foundations, fund raising events, and federal grants to provide the finances necessary for the project."

Furthermore, to help accommodate the funding, the facility will be built in two separate phases. The first phase includes the construction of a two-story structure that will include the cooking labs and classrooms on the lower level, and the restaurant, lounge and bar on the upper level. Construction for the second phase would provide an additional one-story, 500 person banquet facility. Upon completion of the second phase, both structures will be connected, and will share a common lobby.

"We are now in the 'quiet phase' of our fund raising effort," said Nonaka. "We are working closely

with the UH Foundation to develop an effective fund raising campaign. Although we hope to have the facility developed within the next five years, much of it will depend upon fund availability."

While the facility is being constructed as a separate project from the current culinary curriculum, profits generated will help to benefit both beginning and advanced culinary programs.

"We can't spend \$15-20 million without covering home base as well," said Nonaka. "While the new facility is for advanced culinary education, it will also help to pay for the entry level program. In a separate initiative we hope to update our current facility with some of the funds gained through this new program. We cannot look to expand if we can't pay for what we already have."

While the new program will provide advanced training for those pursuing a career in the culinary field, no degree or diploma will be offered by KCC. Instead, graduates will receive certification from the American Culinary Federation (ACF). While KCC has a long-term goal of offering a Baccalaureate of Applied Science (BAS) degree, no official notice has been given.

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UHPA concluded a two-year contract last spring, but Radcliffe said that salaries remained an open item on the bargaining table. The current contract says that if the matter of salaries remained unresolved after Jan. 2, 2004, UHPA union members have the legal right to strike.

The Collective Bargaining Team for UHPA has rejected the State's offer to give faculty a zero percent salary increase this year and a two percent increase effective July 1, arguing that the increase will not bring salaries to a competitive level among peer institutions.

The UHPA proposal is for a 6 percent increase in the current year, an 8 percent increase next year and a special 4 percent increase for senior faculty next year. The goals of the UHPA's Bargaining Team, as cited in the UHPA Bargaining Journal, are "to reach the 50th percentile of peer institutional salaries within the term of the contract, and long term, to bring UH faculty salaries to the 80th percentile of peers colleges and universities" — a priority on President Evan Dobbelle's agenda for the UH System. If the proposal is rejected by the state, the UHPA Board of Directors could authorize a strike sometime this semester.

According to the Bargaining Journal, UH faculty salaries on average fall at or below the 30th percentile of peer institutions on the mainland

— 70 percent of faculty in mainland schools earn more than UH faculty. For the 2002-2003 school year, UHPA reports show that UH community college faculty earned an average of \$9,004 less than their counterparts at peer institutions; UH Manoa salaries lagged behind peer institutions by \$7,223.

Although low faculty salaries is the core issue, another cause for concern among many faculty members is the perception that they are being misrepresented to the State by UH administration.

"The administration knows we're not happy with a zero percent pay raise, but they keep telling the Board of Regents that we don't need a raise," said Davis. That the Board of Regents may be getting the wrong message from the administration was an additional catalyst for the demonstration, Davis said.

Kathy Ferguson, the director of Women's Studies at UH Manoa, said the ultimate goal of the faculty is to make UH a successful learning institute, a goal, she says, that can only be reached by providing more support for faculty.

"We are hoping to call the attention of the regents and administration to the critical need for more support for UH faculty," said Ferguson between chanting motivational slogans into a bullhorn. "The state increasingly turns to

UH as the economic engine — in order to be that, we need to be able to attract good people and keep good people."

IN A NUTSHELL

UHPA has proposed a two-year salary package to coincide with current contract that expires on June 30, 2005.


The proposal:

- increases the minimum salaries by classification,
- provides a 6 percent across-the-board retroactive salary increase effective July 1, 2003,
- an 8 percent across-the-board salary increase on July 1, 2004,
- a special 4 percent adjustment to the base salaries of full professors (based on the deficits with peer institution salaries at this rank),
- a 12 percent increase over two years in the lecturer fee schedules,
- and an increase of the non-credit instructional rates to \$45 an hour.

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Campus recycling effort still new, but making progress

By Mary Lee
STAFF WRITER

In the past year, recycling at KCC has gone from virtually non-existent to a growing initiative – all because of students and a few committed faculty members.

It started in spring 2003, when students in a political science class worked with the City & County to get a large bin placed in Lot C. Then in fall 2003, the Student Congress purchased the blue recycling bins for bottles and paper.

The bins can be found at the Lama library, Iliahi, Ilima, Kalia, Kauila, Kopiko, Manono, Ohia, Olapa, and Olona buildings.

Krista Hiser, an English 22 instructor, said students from a Math and English Learning Community will work hauling the recycled materials to the large bin in the parking lot. They will also carry out data collection and analysis of bin usage.

Leigh Dooley, an English instructor, and Mark Alexander, a math instructor will also involve some of their students in the effort.

"It is hard work to dispose the recycle materials on a regular basis," Hiser said. "We can help by keeping the recycling bins clean and neat, and paying attention to

what is put into them. Despite the bins being well utilized, there are still some participants who do not pay attention to what materials are able to be recycled, and sometimes throw garbage such as chip bags, candy wrappers, cigarettes boxes and magazines in the bins. Coated paper and cardboard like cereal boxes are not recyclable."

"If you throw a messy Frappuchino in the recycling bin," Hiser said. "It's a student who is going to have to clean that up!"

According to Dawn Sakaue, Student Congress Chairperson, Hiser has been instrumental in partnering the recycling program at KCC with the Service Learning project, which is a part of KCC's Sustainability Initiative.

Hiser hopes that her students' involvement will give them a way to get to know the campus, to feel a sense of contribution and belonging, and to have a tangible view of broader environmental topics that are used as a springboard for students' research.

In fact, a group of students in Hiser's class last semester got so interested that they did a behavioral research study of this program. One of them, Roilene Miyagawa, said enthusiastically: "It has been very effective. The bin that I was

in charge of was always filled up every other day."

Hiser also feels that it will be great to have places to recycle things like batteries and ink cartridges. Batteries are toxic to the environment and to our water supply, she says. Other expansion plans or factors to consider are for students and faculty to carry reusable mugs, not to leave the car motor running while waiting for parking space, and to recycle the Kapi'o newspapers.

Sakaue said that the Student Congress will be meeting by the end of February to discuss this program, and determine if additional bins need to be purchased. All of the money made – a monthly average of \$20 -- goes back to student activities to promote sustainability on campus, said Hiser.

A student in Hiser's class commented that while we enjoy all the great stuff we have such as soda, at the same time we have to think about the impact of these things.

"Think about how we can deal with these issues," Hiser said. "Landfill, depletion of resources, air and water quality."

"Recycling requires a little more discipline on the part of the participant," said Sakaue. "But the rewards are far reaching."

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For the spring '04 semester, BOSA has collected about \$89,000. BOSA runs an annual budget of about \$200,000.*

Of this, about \$84,000 is budgeted for actual "student activities," such as a talent show every semester, guest speakers like Sam Choy, and performers like Liz Harvey and Kapena.

"A lot of that is consumed by the bands we hire," George Higa, Student Activities Coordinator said.

The cafeteria is usually full whenever these events happen, although it's not quite clear most times if the students are there just to get lunch, or to enjoy the entertainment.

These events are usually scheduled between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

"That's like the prime time," Higa said. "That's when we think most of the students are here and can take advantage of our events."

Higa suggests students who can't make it, because they either work or attend classes, "change their pattern of enrollment... It's their choice. It's like the government and taxes. We all pay, but not everybody can take advantage. It's their choice."

Each semester, the BOSA throws an outdoor concert. The surrounding community, as well as students, are encouraged to attend. These are held on a Saturday night, when students are usually not around.

"We like to get the community

involved and give back," said Higa. "You know they put up with a lot. The students parking in their driveways, the traffic and the noise. I think it's good to give back."

Each outdoor concert costs an estimated \$7,500 in the salaries of security guards, Honolulu police, and honorariums paid to performers.

Another \$22,625 is allocated for BOSA office operating expenses. This is used for administration and office supplies. For example, this year \$3,000 will be spent on "hospitality gifts," such as lei and coupons for on-campus restaurants. These gifts go to guest speakers, performers and other visitors.

This fiscal year, BOSA will spend about \$84,000 on personnel expenses.

This goes to pay the wages of the BOSA advisor, and a staff of four student workers. The Advisor and the staff coordinate most all BOSA events, as well as provide a service in the way of a "one stop lost and found," a place to get free condoms, buy bus passes, discounted movie tickets, and rent lockers. Students may also check out sports equipment, as well as post certain messages on BOSA bulletin boards around campus here.

For the complete Board of Student Activities budget, log onto kapi.kcc.hawaii.edu.

*All figures are taken from the Board of Student Activities (BOSA) fiscal year 2003-2004 predicted budget.

Recent SNAPSHOTS

- John Kerry moved into the lead after the Iowa caucuses.
- Iran's President Muhammad Khatami and his government threatened to resign.
- Israeli prosecutors could charge Ariel Sharon over alleged corruption.

Headlines and News Briefs

EVERYTHING TO BRING YOU UP TO SPEED

John Kerry won a surprise victory in the Iowa caucuses. The Massachusetts senator picked up 38 percent of the vote. John Edwards received 32 percent, pushing Howard Dean, who had dominated the race, into third place with 18 percent. Dick Gephardt, the party's former leader in Congress, ended his campaign after coming in fourth.

President George Bush delivered his annual state-of-the-union address to Congress. In a comparatively low-key speech, the president defended his decision to invade Iraq and called on Iran and North Korea to end their nuclear programs.

Democrats reacted furiously to Bush's decision to bypass the Senate and appoint Charles Pickering to the federal court of appeals, just a few days before Congress was due to begin a new session. Pickering's nomination had been stalled by the Democrats' claims that the Mississippi judge has a poor record on civil rights.

A suicide bomber in a car killed at least 25 people, all but two of them Iraqis, outside the main gate to

the area encompassing the Baghdad headquarters of the American-led Coalition Provisional Authority.

The biggest demonstration since the toppling of Saddam Hussein was held in Iraq's capital, with at least 100,000 people, mostly Shia Muslims, demanding direct elections to a transitional national assembly rather than selection by caucuses, as proposed by the Americans. The United Nations agreed to send a team to Iraq to see if fair direct elections could be held in time to produce an assembly by the end of May, as the American timetable decrees.

Iran's President Muhammad Khatami and his reform-minded government threatened to resign unless the conservative Council of Guardians, the country's highest body, reversed its decision to ban about a third of the candidates, all reformers, from standing in next month's general election.

Prosecutors said they were considering whether to charge Israel's **prime minister, Ariel Sharon**, over alleged corruption involving

a property developer and Sharon's son, Gilad.

Israeli aircraft bombed two Hezbollah guerrilla camps in southern Lebanon. The raid came in retaliation for a Hezbollah missile attack that killed an Israeli on the Israeli side of the border.

At least **27 Algerians were killed** by an explosion in Algeria's largest gas refinery at Skikda. Foul play was not suspected.

South Africa's president, Thabo Mbeki, said that his Zimbabwean counterpart, Robert Mugabe, had agreed to start formal talks with the opposition Movement for Democratic Change. Meanwhile, Morgan Tsvangirai, the MDC's leader, appeared in court on treason charges.

In an attempt to counter suspicion that **Pakistan** had helped North Korea, Iran and Libya with uranium enrichment, Pakistan barred all scientists working on its nuclear-weapons program from traveling abroad. General Pervez Musharraf said Pakistan's nuclear and missile technologies were for national defense only.

A scientist who was in a private American delegation to North Korea

told a Senate hearing in Washington that the **North Koreans** could probably make plutonium, but that he had seen no evidence that they could build a bomb.

The avian flu which has infected over ten people and killed around 1 million birds in Vietnam may now have spread to Thailand. Health experts are concerned that the virus could become far more deadly.

Malaysia's court of appeal refused bail to Anwar Ibrahim, a former deputy prime minister who wants to seek medical treatment abroad. He was jailed in 1999 for corruption, later followed by sodomy charges in what was widely seen as a politically motivated trial.

The leader of **Japan's main opposition party** called for the resignation of the prime minister, Junichiro Koizumi, after the controversial dispatch of 1,000 troops to Iraq. The country's self-defense force will engage in humanitarian work only. But critics claim that the move contravenes Japan's pacifist constitution.

The United States and Mexico convened a meeting in Washington, DC, to drum up aid for Bolivia's fragile democracy.

Officials from the **United States** and **Costa Rica** resumed final talks on a proposed trade accord. They hoped to complete them this month, to allow the Central American Free-Trade Agreement to go to the United States Congress for ratification.

A court in Lima began the trial of Vladimiro Montesinos, Peru's jailed former intelligence chief, on charges that he smuggled arms to Colombia's FARC guerrillas. Montesinos has already been convicted of four lesser corruption offenses; in all, he faces more than 60 charges.

European Union finance ministers failed to stop the rise of the euro, even though several ministers expressed concern about its effect on their economies. Ministers were at least able to agree that the European Commission should practice more discipline over the EU budget.

A bomb attack damaged the car of a newly appointed Muslim prefect in France. Aissa Dermouche, who was chosen last week as prefect of Jura, is the first Muslim to get such a post in 40 years. The attack came in the wake of street demonstrations against the French government's plan to ban the wearing of headscarves by Muslim girls in schools.

The New Pill: A Back-up Plan for the Morning After?

By Andrea Maglasang
STAFF WRITER

Maybe you've felt it: last night's ecstasy dissolving into anxiety the morning after. Whether you've woken up and wondered or not, the possibility of pregnancy exists in every sexual encounter. There are the familiar preventative methods: condoms, diaphragms, birth control pills, intrauterine devices and spermicide, to name a few. And now there is a backup plan. Nicknamed the morning-after pill, this emergency contraceptive is not a substitute for other contraceptives. It is intended for use immediately after intercourse where the regular method of contraception has failed, or was not used. And, as its nickname implies, the morning-after pill must be used as soon as possible. The morning-after pill does not offer protection from sexually transmitted diseases.

Taken in two doses, 12 hours apart, the morning-after pill can work to prevent pregnancy in one of three ways. It can prevent ovulation, so no egg is released from the ovary. It can delay ovulation if the egg has already been released. Or, it can irritate the uterine lining so that if fertilization of the egg has occurred, the zygote (fertilized egg) cannot attach to the uterine lining to begin development.

High levels of synthetic forms of the female hormones estrogen and progesterone make up the pill and is essentially a concentrated dosage of birth control pills, as they contain the same two hormones in smaller doses.

However, it is not wise to take excessive amounts of birth control pills instead of the morning-after pill, as this is neither effective nor safe. The morning-after pill can decrease the risk of pregnancy by 89 percent after one intercourse, and, if taken within 24 hours of the intercourse, can be up to 95 percent effective. But the effectiveness of the morning-after pill decreases quickly with time.

"After 5 days [from the time of intercourse] the morning-after pill is not effective," said Patti Roque, a health care associate at the South King Street Planned Parenthood facility. "Once implantation has occurred, the pill does not work."

Different from the chemical abortion pill, RU-486, which causes a chemical abortion to a developing embryo. The morning-after pill stops development before it begins.

Emergency contraception walks a fine line between preventative measure and simply another form of abortion. The pill can either prevent an egg and sperm from encountering each other, or, if they have already fused, it can prevent them from developing.

But controversy has arisen over its ethical values: when human life, and pregnancy, actually begins.

"It depends on how you define

[the pill] - whether as contraception or as abortion," said Clayton Yeung, a philosophy and microbiology student at KCC.

It also depends on how life is defined.

Robin Fujikawa, a philosophy professor at KCC emphasizes the importance of each moment that leads us to the decisions we make about how we define life. "Each moment of our lives contains the same potentiality that exists in the tiny embryo. In each decision we make rests a delicate balance of life and death, freedom and obligation, somberness and joy. When committing ourselves to an action, it is the result of a deeper process than just to buy or not to buy the [morning-after] pill; it is a combination of all the decisions we have made along the way."

There are currently two main morning-after pills, called Preven and Plan B. Preven contains a combination of both synthetic estrogen and synthetic progesterone. The FDA approved Plan B in 1999 by prescription only, a year after it approved Preven.

Today, the morning-after pill is approved in 101 countries; 33 of them offer it without a doctor's prescription. The morning-after pill is available without a doctor's prescription in five states, including Hawaii, but with a mandatory pharmacists consultation.

At Planned Parenthood, "anyone who has had unprotected sex and is within the effective time frame qualifies for Plan B as long as they have a consultation," said Roque. "If they are under the age of 14, parental consent is required."

Yeung thinks that a doctor's prescription should be necessary to acquire the pill.

"You need a doctor's [consent] for birth control pills, so you should also need it for the morning-after pill. It would make people behave more responsibly. If it were available to just anyone, young people might not take responsibility [for their actions] and experience anything they want, with no consequences."

"I don't know how many young people should be taking it without their parent's knowing," said Corin Miller, a UH Manoa political science student. "But I think it's a good thing to do more research on. Maybe it can be used as a kind of birth control for people who don't have sex on a regular basis. Not everyone has sex everyday. If it is safe, it could become a kind of after sex ritual: the guy takes off the condom, and the girl pops the pill."

In the instance of rape, "the pill seems more like contraception," said Yeung. "Because, it is impossible to tell whether or not fertilization has actually occurred. And if a woman has been victimized she should definitely have the right to decide whether she wants to take the pill or not."

Side effects of the morning-after pill exist, but are inconsistent. The most common side effects are nausea and menstrual spotting, but other noted effects such as fatigue, headaches, abdominal pain, dizziness, breast sensitivity, blood clots, vomiting and diarrhea also occur. The most severe risk in taking the morning-after pill is a possible ectopic pregnancy: a dangerous condition in which the zygote attaches itself in a place other than the uterus and begins to develop. Possible risk to a developing embryo have not been proven.

It is possible to conduct online consultations for the morning-after pill at <http://www.1st-morning-after-pill-4-birth-control.com>, where a US Board of Certified Physicians reviews requests for morning-after pills, then calls in the prescription to a local pharmacy. The FDA is currently discussing making the pill available over the counter. It is scheduled to make its decision in early February.

IN A NUTSHELL

• **Description:** A combination of oral birth control pills that must be taken within 72 hours after unprotected intercourse.

• **Effectiveness:** 80%

• **How to Use It:** Pills are available by prescription. Take the first dose of pills (usually 2-4 pills) and after twelve hours take the second dose of the same amount. The pills cause a period within two weeks, which flushes out the possible fertilized egg.

• **Advantages:** An effective back up if your primary contraceptive method fails, or good emergency option after unprotected sex.

• **Disadvantages:** Can cause some nausea, headaches, or vomiting. It may initially cause irregular bleeding and/or heavier periods. It does not protect against STDs. Don't use it if you are pregnant or allergic to the pills.

• **How or Where to Get It:** Available by prescription only from a clinician. Planned Parenthood and most clinics will prescribe them. You can order them in advance, and have them on hand should the need arise.

• **Cost:** \$20-\$25 depending on where you get the pills.

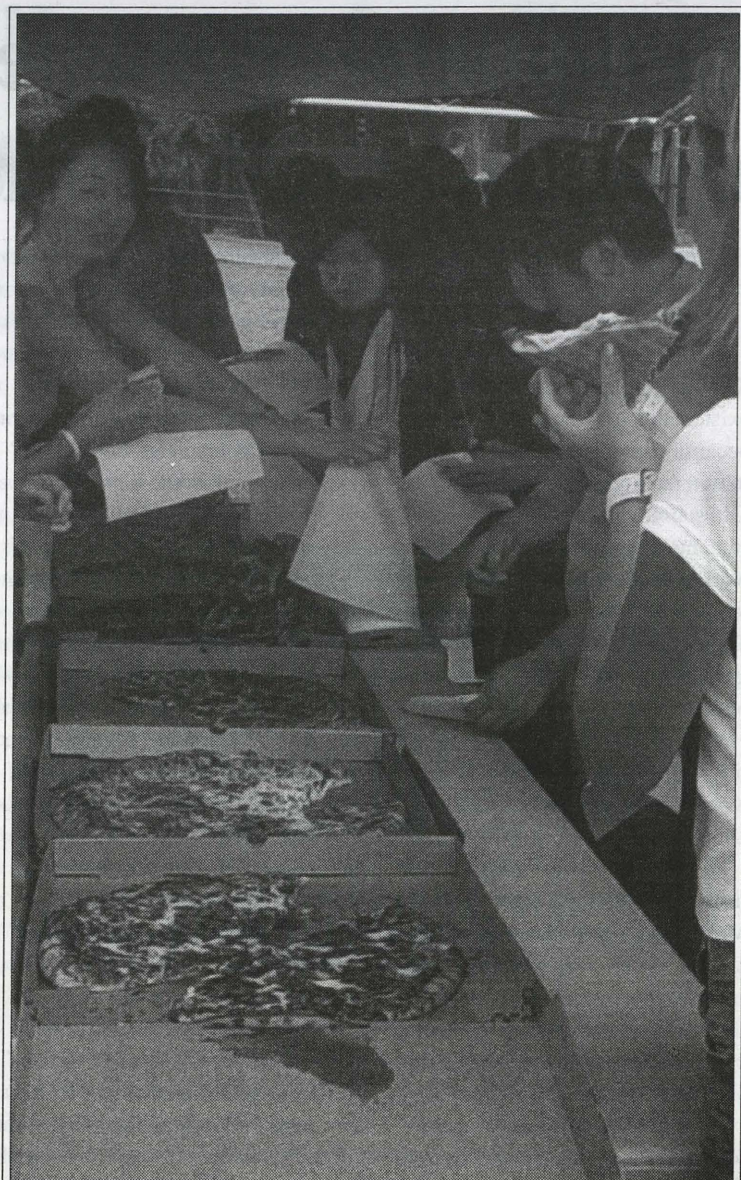


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CHOWING DOWN: New international students make themselves at home during orientation on Friday, Jan. 16

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begin mandating a tougher pass/fail system nationwide, where a certain expectation of knowledge is required before moving on. The same mandate must abolish the century-old shame of failing, and treat each year of education as a step. By not carrying a stigma of being stupid when failing a class, students will appreciate a second chance and begin understanding progression.

Creativity must be balanced with rules and standards. In no way should the new mandate allow students to take the path of least resistance. Their choices of future courses must match society's demands. Teachers, above all, must be expected to stay innovative. In following, guidelines must be flexible for them to experiment with alternate solutions, but still required approval. The "trust but verified" policy will place students and their teachers at the heart of progress, not bureaucracy.

Open communication channels would allow parents to easily monitor their child's progress. This will ensure their interests and generate their feedback, for teachers alone can't deploy all ideas. Innovations must be openly circulated; collected data must be openly scrutinized. The more information out there at the lower level, the easier your administration can respond—the less expenses will be made on private research.

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infrastructure should be reasonably timed. More to the point: four years. With your "No Child Left Behind" budget in place, Modest Proposal will accommodate your goals, securing your legacy in shaping education.

RAW DATA

• "Quality Counts 04," an independent publication, gave Hawai'i a "C" for "adequacy of resources" for 2004 and a "D+" for "Efforts to Improve Teacher Quality." Both grades were dropped from 2003's "B-" and "C-," respectively.

• According to the same publication, Hawai'i scored 17 and 18 percent on NAEP math and writing tests, respectively.

• State of Hawai'i's annual education budget per K-12 student is \$8,375 (school year 02-03), according to a press release by the Department of Education.

• President Bush requested \$53.1 Billion, 5.6 percent increase, to federal-level Education Department budget for 2004. In it, the bill required accountability in annual math and reading assessments at state level for grades 3 to 8.

Sources: edweek.org and ed.gov



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One 'Big Fish'

By Cassie Thomas
STAFF WRITER

Edward Bloom was the biggest thing Ashton, Alabama, had ever seen. All you ever hear about him, especially when talking to Edward himself, are wild stories about his life's adventures.

At his birth, Edward shot out of the hospital room like a bullet and slid a hundred feet down the hospital's hallway.

When he was in grade school he braved entering the lair of the swamp witch. When a sudden and furious growth spurt had Edward in bed for a year, he picked up a little light reading – the complete encyclopedia. It was when Edward got to the entry on gold fish he learned that goldfish, and himself, will only grow as big as their surroundings. So Edward packs his bags and sets out to make his fortune, but not before taming a man-eating giant.

Edward's tale continues as he travels across the country, ending up watching a circus. Here he meets Sandra, the beauty Edward is convinced he will marry. After a fantastical courtship, Sandra and Edward marry and have a son, Will.

Fed up with his father's tall tales, grown up Will soon becomes estranged from his father. Will becomes a journalist, a story teller of fact, and moves to the big city. But when Edward is diagnosed with cancer, Will returns home to find the truth behind the tales.

This magnificent film was directed by Tim Burton, the mastermind behind "Edward Scissorhands." The fairy tale quality of "Big Fish" combines action, horror, and romantic comedy in a delightful package

that will appeal to all audiences.

While the film's tall tales segments are told in flashbacks by old Edward, they are not choppy or hard to follow. The only truly horrific sight in "Big Fish" is Danny Devito's bare bum.

For tried and true movie goers who want substance with their romantic fluff, "Big Fish" does not disappoint. While not extremely obvious, there are a few excellent themes and concepts. Some may have trouble buying into the father/son relationship in "Big Fish" because little time is spent on the older Edward and his son when compared to the tale sequences.

The tales themselves, as Will uncovers, loop around themselves. There is a heavy mix of reality and fantasy in all things about Edward and his mythologies, so be careful not to simply accept them as the product of an over-imaginative mind. Edward Bloom is a wonderful representation of the storyteller's spirit, and like all good tall tales, "Big Fish" closes with look back and a moral.

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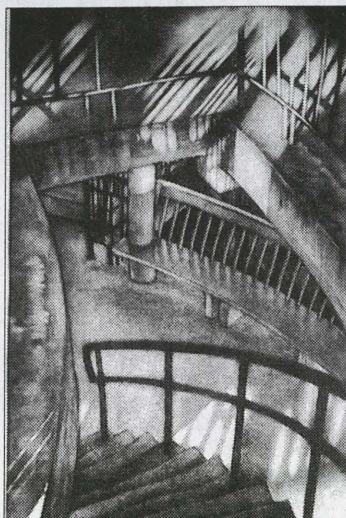
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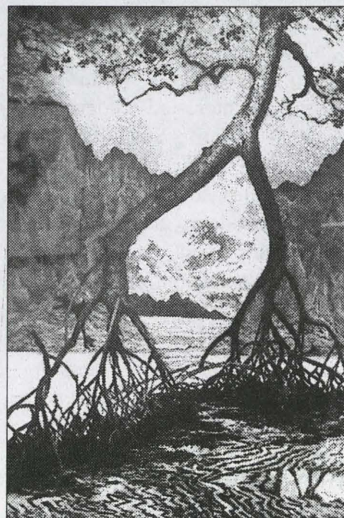
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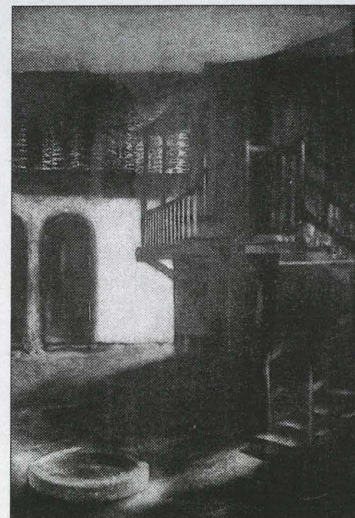
Local Art on Display



"Shades of Piranesi" Mezzotint, 1987



"Kahana" Intaglio, 1981

PHOTOS COURTESY OF KOA GALLERY
"There was a courtyard" Intaglio, 1975

By Joshua Skurtu
STAFF WRITER

Works by Dodie Warren are on display in the Koa Gallery until Oct. 5. Warren is a local artist who teaches at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. Most of her works at the show are intaglio and mezzotints. Intaglio is a process where figures are carved out of the surface of hard rock or metal. After the figures are carved out, ink is applied and pressed onto paper.

Warren's mezzotints are some of the more enticing pieces in the show. Mezzotint is a method of engraving a copper or steel plate by scraping or burnishing areas to create effects of light and shadow. These mezzotints are very detailed and, from a distance, looking like black and white photos. Another method Warren

"The Koa Gallery is always free...it's air conditioned, and it's a great place to bring a date ..."

— David Behlke

uses is called photogravure. This is a process of engraving on an intaglio plate, but it is etched according to a photographic image. The few photogravure pieces in the show are well worth your time. She has also created miniature prints. With the miniatures you have to get up close to appreciate them. The detail in these

are amazing and not to be missed.

The Koa Gallery is open Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. "The Koa Gallery is always free, there is never a charge," said David Behlke, the Koa Gallery Director. "It's air conditioned, and it's a great place to bring a date that only takes 15 to 20 minutes to look at."

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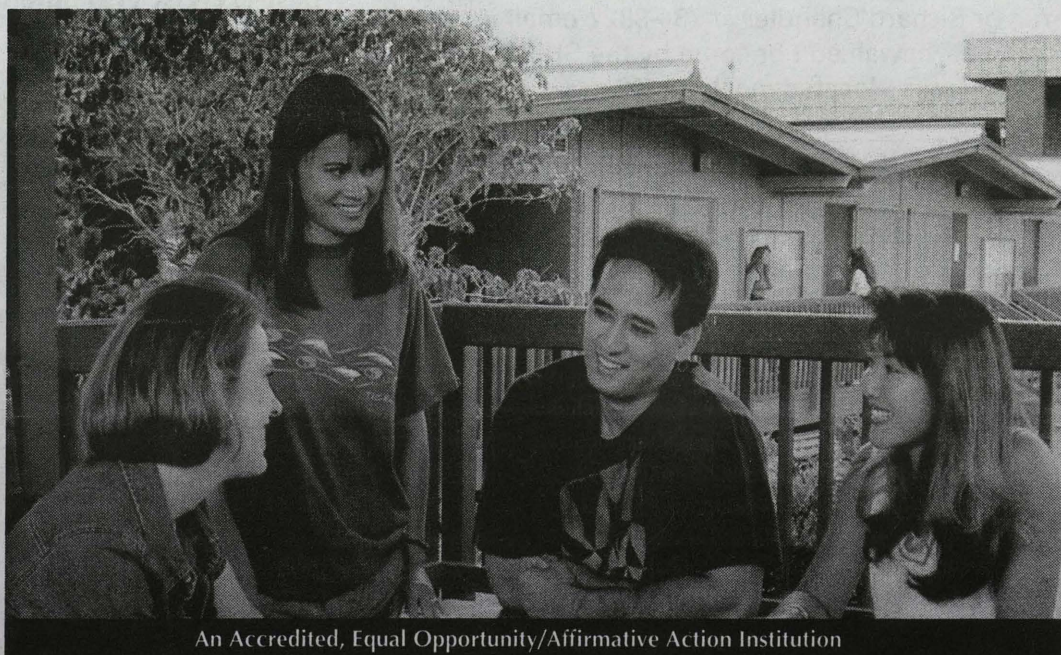
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Parking

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individuals and restricted loading zones, that is, approximately 45 of them.

In addition, about 245 of these stalls are reserved for faculty.

Ann Kinningham, the Director of Auxiliary Services said that, "Among the things being done to address this problem is the requesting of Repair and Maintenance Funds to upgrade the temporary gravel lot above the Olapa building to a permanent lot."

This project is presently listed as a "deferred project" because of a lack of funds.

Another option, Kinningham said, is the construction of a multi-story parking structure in the expanse behind the Olapa building.

"The request for capital improvement funds has not been successful," she said.

The last actual addition to the parking spaces here on campus was in 1995. Since then the student population continued to grow.

While the problem is and has been addressed by student congress and the administration there is no immediate, easy solution in sight.

Volunteers needed

The TIM banquet needs volunteers. Mon., Mar. 22, 2004. see Ron umehira, Manono 101a for more info

Accounting Student Night

Come One, Come All! Kevin Dooley, the Accounting Program Coordinator, would like to invite all interested students to the KCC Accounting Student Night, Feb. 2, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in Kopiko 127. The purpose of the evening is to get students together with potential employers. Students can learn what an accounting Career is all about, including the job opportunities available, the kind of work accountants do, and the preparation that is needed for a career in accounting.

In the last few months, the Accounting Program has received an increased number of inquiries from employers seeking to hire recent accounting graduates or students who have completed the Associate Degree in Accounting. Admission and food are free at Accounting Student Night.

A NOTE FROM IMTS

As of Jan. 27, 2004, major security upgrades will alter the way students use the MYUH website. Visit <http://www.hawaii.edu/help/security/ssh> for more information.

As of Feb. 3, 2004 changes will also be made to UH webmail. Go to <http://www.hawaii.edu/help/security/ssh> for information on these changes.

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Departmental scholarship applications will be available in February 2004 for the fall 2004/ spring 2005 academic year. Students may prepare to apply by participating in volunteer events sponsored by their department. For the current academic year, over \$20,000 in scholarships was awarded in amounts ranging from \$100-\$1,500.

The annual graduation, scholarship and awards banquet is set for Friday, May 7, 2004, at the Sheraton Waikiki. Proceeds from the Ka'Ikena dining rooms tip fund will help offset the costs of this banquet. Students who apply for and are awarded departmental scholarships are required to attend the banquet.

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2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
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Thr. 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Everyone is Welcome!

If you are interested in the International Cafe, but are not taking a class with a Service Learning option, you're welcome to join us.

Cactus & Coffee

Our cactus garden needs your help, 8-11 a.m., Saturday, February 7. Lunch will be provided for volunteers after the clean up. If you have a disability that requires extra assistance, please contact Dr.

Volunteers Needed

The Department of Health needs student volunteers to participate in a mock antibiotic dispensing clinic exercise on Wednesday, March 3, 2004. Volunteers will be asked to role play members of the general public. The exercise will be held at the Kilauea District Park, located at 4109 Kilauea Avenue from 12 noon to 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

For more information please contact Susan Erquiza at the Department of Health, Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Branch. She may be reached at 808-587-6580 or via e-mail at smerquiza@mail.health.state.hi.us. Your participation and post-exercise evaluation will help the State of Hawaii respond to an act of Bioterrorism.

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