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JORDAN LUZ

EDITOR'S FAREWELL

Dear Readers,

As graduation approaches and my time on *The Hoot* draws to a close, I would like to take this time to reflect on this grateful opportunity to serve as your Editor-In-Chief, striving to provide you with the highest quality of news on campus. Leaving is bittersweet.

I would first like to express my deepest gratitude to the faculty, staff and students for supporting and contributing to the success of *The Hoot*, in the past and present. Thanks to all of you, I have been able to break the ice of my potential as a writer and grow as an individual. My appreciation goes to Shannon Putnam who has served as an exemplary advisor for The Hoot. Words cannot express how thankful I am for the guidance that she's provided for our entire staff.

All of this couldn't have been possible without our dedicated team of writers, whom I'll sorely miss. They are the backbone of *The Hoot* and have brought life to the newspaper. I'd pick this group of writers to take charge over and over again. Each one has contributed greatly and it has been a pleasure working with them and I wish each of them the very best in their future endeavors.

Although my time as the Editor-In-Chief has been short, it has been a great honor and I've enjoyed every second of it. As a full-time student, working a part-time job and contributing to other clubs, juggling *The Hoot* with everything has been a challenge. But it has truly been a rewarding experience and I wouldn't trade it for anything.

I hope every student at UHWO finds their own place with like-minded people who support and challenge them. I encourage everyone to think about joining *The Hoot*, whether you are a freshman or senior. Admittedly, it's not for everyone and it's not always easy. But for those who find their niche here, it is an organization like no other, especially for those seeking to be writers and journalists.

From the people who pick up The Hoot daily to the people who have only read one issue, thank you for reading. It has been a pleasure.

Sincerely,

Iordan Luz

The Need for an ATM on Campus

KELSIE VALENTINE

Many University of Hawai`i – West O`ahu students have noticed that the ATM at Hawaiian Grown Kitchen has disappeared.

As part of a contract with the University Hawai`i Federal Credit Union (UHFCU), the ATM was provided on campus for student convenience.

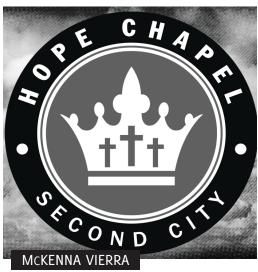
"The contract for the ATM is for one year," said Kimo Yamaguchi, UHWO facilities and auxiliary services manager. "The ATM was in HGK from January 2013." However, the company that had the contract with UHFCU prematurely removed the machine.

"The company that UHFCU was contracting with pulled the machine, citing that the amount of transactions could not support the costs associated with having the machine on campus," Yamaguchi said. "However, the UHFCU is assisting us in trying to get another ATM on campus."

West O'ahu Week: Earth Day and West Fest

The University of Hawai`i – West O`ahu celebrated Earth Day on April 22 with festivities focused on sustainability. Students enjoyed live music and entertainment, a volleyball tournament and an Earth Day art and poster contest. The event also included a canned food drive, sustainability education booths, native plant scavenger hunt, information on building a compost for your garden, a vermicomposting workshop and working in the UHWO organic campus garden.

On April 23, UHWO held its West Fest to celebrate West O`ahu week. UHWO clubs and organizations produced interactive games for students, who also took advantage of a photo booth, airbrush paint tattoos, a balloon artist, caricature drawings more.



April 7 marked the one-year anniversary of Hope Chapel Second City worshipping at the University of Hawai'i – West 0'ahu.

Though fairly new to the campus, Hope Chapel Second City has existed since August 2011 when it branched from Hope Chapel Olomana in Kailua. In its humble beginnings, Hope Chapel Second City was first held in the pastor's backyard for about 40 people. From there, the church moved under a tent at Hawai`i Maoli, then to the gymnasium at Kapolei High School. Now at UHWO, the church has grown to nearly 300 members.

Guy Kapeliela, pastor of Hope Chapel Second City, is a gentle giant with a captivating testimony, members said. Born and raised in Kailua, Kapeliela shared how he turned to drugs, alcohol and violence at a young age.

When at the brink of destruction, he began searching for a meaning in his life. In 1985, while attending college in Fresno, Calif., Kapeliela said he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Through God's grace, Kapeliela said, the bondage of substance abuse was broken and his life was restored. He has now been pastoring for 15 years. His family includes wife, Claudine, and three children, Mehana, 15, Keanu, 13, and Kealakai, 11. Humorous and real, Kapeliela shares his love

for God by preaching The Gospel. Services are held Sundays at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in UHWO's multipurpose room. Hope Chapel Second City offers ministries for every age. Its mission is to attract all people, connect them to God's ohana, train them to live a Godly life and send them out to reach out to the world, Kapeliela said.

Hope Chapel Second City aims to impact everyone in Kapolei by participating in many community projects such as the Convoy of Hope, fairs and highway cleanups.

In the future, Hope Chapel Second City aspires to own its own property and to continue to minister to the community by building a Hope Center to support the needs of Kapolei, Kapeliela said. The church hopes to continue planting churches throughout Hawaii and the Pacific Rim.

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en strutted about in high heels to generate dialogue about ending sexual violence during the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event at the University of Hawai`i – West O`ahu on April 9.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes was open for men to walk in high heels and for women to hold signs, with all genders working together to promote awareness and to protest against gendered violence.

Though the sight of watching grown men walking in red high heels may have caused quite a stir, it is the public spectacle that sent a message against sexual violence, shining a light on the hidden plight of women.

"I can understand the pain that [women] are going through," says UHWO senior Magic Aumoeualogo.

Janice Sonouchi, the campus representative on the UH Commission on the Status of Women, says the event cultivates the male experience in understanding the struggles that women face on a daily basis, with the high heels as a symbol for their struggles, including sexual assaults ranging from verbal harassment to rape.

"Everybody knows a woman. [It] could be a mother, daughter, friend," reminds Sonouchi.

Women are often degraded, dehumanized, turned into sexual objects and targets of violence in order for men to assert power. UHWO Student Life Coordinator Rouel Velasco says, however, that men are often blamed for these problems versus being educated and included in the healing and prevention process.

"While men are often seen as the perpetrators [of sexual violence], we need to realize that they are also part of the solution," Velasco says.

Velasco promoted the event to male students, faculty and administrators to encourage participation in Walk a Mile in Her Shoes to help develop an understanding of gendered sexual violence while also teaching other men about awareness and rejecting the jokes or media that perpetuate the degradation of women.

Dr. Steven Taketa, UHWO's psychologist and disabilities services specialist, says that sexual identity plays a significant role in everyone's

lives, and the damages that women face are limitless

"From my experience as a therapist, there is no limit to the damage [sexual violence] causes," Taketa says. "It creates a sense of helplessness and fear, and women are much less capable of loving fully [as a result]."

Sexual violence is ultimately a lose-lose for all involved. While women are the targets of violence, men are also limited to putting up an overly masculine front because of social norms and expectations. Taketa also says that the effects of gendered sexual violence as well as the role of the media harm men in more ways than we know, and the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event was an opportunity to change these ideas.

"The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event is men taking a stand to teach other men to rethink the way we treat women and view them," Taketa says.

Leslie D. Cabingabang, coordinator of the Prevention, Awareness, Understanding (PAU) Violence Program at the UH Manoa Women's Center, believes that the event is a good start to learning about how to stop rape and other forms of sexual assault.

"Walk a Mile in Her Shoes helps start a conversation about what women face when they are objectified," Cabingabang says.

According to The New York Times, nearly one in five women surveyed said they experienced rape or attempted rape, while one in four women reported being beaten by an intimate partner and one in six women have been stalked.

One in seven men have experienced severe violence from an intimate partner, while between 1 and 2 percent of men have been raped, the Times said.

The percentages of sexual violence are starkly disproportionate, with women bearing the brunt of the attacks. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes was a chance for everyone to begin to change ideas about men and women and to take steps toward ending sexual violence.

"I wish a lot more men would get involved and show their support against domestic violence," says UHWO groundskeeper Edmund Paaoao, who participated in the walk.

Hawaii Senate Steps in on Student Fees

SHANE NISHIMURA

he stir over the University of Hawai`i – West O`ahu charging student fees for nonexistent services has made its way to the state Legislature.

In early January, UHWO garnered media attention when a student complained about paying fees for services that weren't yet available. As a result, UHWO refunded \$64 to all students.

Since then, there have been mixed feelings on campus as well as among lawmakers. State Sen. Donna Mercado Kim introduced Senate Bill 2280, which passed its first reading on Jan. 17. The bill would "Prohibit University of Hawai`i board of regents from imposing student fees for services not available to students," according to the Hawaii State Legislature's website.

While it appears to stop the university from charging students for irrelevant fees, the bill will make it harder for campuses to start new services. According to UH West O'ahu Student Life Coordinator Rouel Velasco, "one reason is that the fees paid by students are not all collected at the same time. There is a huge percentage of students who are on financial aid whose payments come in at later date than from students who pay it out of their own pocket." In other words, not all funds will be readily available to start a service.

Sophomore Adam Freitas says, "the bill seems to be a good thing for the university because we won't be charged from extra fees for services that don't apply to us." If the bill passes, UH campuses will be prompted to establish services quicker because they will be available as soon as its student fees go into effect. However, it's unclear how the university will be able to start a service without any money to begin with. "In order to implement a service by the university, substantial funds must be available at that time to actually deliver the service," Velasco said.

Originally, implementing student fees prior to the availability of the supposed service allowed for a reserve fund readily available for purposes such as initial purchases of equipment. Without such funds, there will be fewer sources from which to acquire money. If the bill becomes law, UH campuses will need to find another way to generate the money necessary to start a new service.

As of mid-April, SB 2280 is under review by the Senate Higher Education Committee.

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Student Sustainability Fund AKA "The Green Fee"

LAURA McDOWELL

ext semester University of Hawai`i students might see an additional \$5 "Green Fee" when paying their tuition, but the UH West O`ahu student government opposes any new fees.

This fee is known as the Student Sustainability Fund or "The Green Fee" and is up for a vote before each of the UH campuses. Each campus must vote individually to initiate the \$5 fee. The fee would charge students across the 10 UH campuses \$5 to go toward campus sustainability efforts.

The Green Fee would provide an outlet for campuses in Hawai`i to support programs, initiative and events to foster leadership and make the state a leader in sustainability in higher education. The fee would be student controlled, meaning the students decide what the money will be used for not the university.

Each UH campus will vote on whether to enact the fee. As of April 21, Windward Community College and UH Manoa are currently on board. According to the Associated Students of UHWO Vice President Ryan Sommer, "UHWO is against the fee because of the current high student fees and there is also a bill with ASUHWO saying that UHWO cannot change the fees for the next four years".

The Board of Regents recently adopted a Sustainability Policy for the UH System, modifying its mission and purpose.

The purpose of this change to the BOR Policy was, "To organize the University's commitment to sustainability; to work with the stakeholders in the state to execute a globally recognized approach; to realize cost efficiencies and educational program benefits for the campuses and the students in the UH system."

Forums providing more information and details about The Green Fee and what it will be used for, will be held.

Possible projects on the UHWO campus could be a hale in the Student Garden or water bottle refilling stations. To stay updated and active in The Green Fee forums please contact Sara Perry at scalhoun@hawaii.edu.

Modified Mission and Purpose:

Within its unique location, the University will serve as a leader in how it stewards the resources of the islands and the world for the benefit of all. The University will be a global leader and model the integration of sustainability throughout its teaching, research, operations and public service. The University recognizes that an important knowledge base in sustainable island systems resides in the indigenous people of Hawai'i and all those for whom Hawai'i is home. The University commits to consult with local cultural practitioners and sustainability experts on best practices in sustainable resource allocation and use for the well-being of our communities, our state and the world...



very semester, I am never prepared for finals. Some of us just wing it and pray, hoping to get anything above average. Most of the time I do better than expected. I thrive on the thrill of being under pressure. But I can't always rely on the adrenalin to get me through. So I've come up with a list of ways to best prepare for finals. Hopefully it'll help you as well.

1 Get organized, don't procrastinate.

Simple enough. Make sure you manage your time wisely and don't procrastinate.

Create a schedule that fits in time to study, do homework, work, and sleep. But don't stress yourself out. We've all been through worse.

You can also relieve some stress by going out with friends or dining out, but be reasonable and make sure that you establish a good balance between hard work and free time.

2 Study here, study there.

Study in the bathroom. Study in your room. Study during commercial breaks. But don't study while you're out on a date, that's just rude.

Studying doesn't have to be a chore so don't make it one.

Study wherever and whenever you can. It'll

be like reading the Facebook newsfeed or checking Instagram.

Create flash cards or study guides, download it onto your phone and read it during your spare time.

It gives the illusion that you're doing some social networking and not studying in public.

3 Take care of yourself, have some "me" time.

This tip is vital in keeping your sanity. We always make time for family, friends, and school but never time for ourselves.

In past semesters I have spread myself way too thin; wound up pulling all-nighters, and ultimately got sick. So, have some "me" time! You deserve it!

Rest up, eat healthy, exercise and take your Vitamin C. One night, I stayed up writing 10

essays before my final and thank God for OJ (orange juice). I didn't get sick.

Remember, too much stress can make you sick. Take your Vitamin C! Trust me, it helps the immune system.

4 Stay Optimistic

Keep in mind that no one likes a Negative Nancy or a Debbie Downer, so stay positive!

You'll pass the exam! You'll get that "A" you've been working so hard for!

Never put yourself down. You don't need any bad juju or unneeded stress to jinx you during finals. Think positive!

Don't torture yourself, it's just finals. Good luck and finish strong!

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Best TV Shows to Watch

Bates Motel

Interested in watching a twisted drama? Bates Motel is a prequel to Alfred Hitchcock's horror classic Psvcho and provides audiences with



a contemporary spin as it attempts to unveil the story of how Norman splintered into a butcher knife-wielding slasher in drag.

Bates Motel stars Anthony Perkins as Norman Bates and Oscar-nominated actress Vera Farmiga as his mother, Norma Bates. Max Thieriot also stars as Norman's brother, Dylan Bates. Bates Motel is currently airing its second season on the television station A. & E.

Norman has an immensely close bond with his mother and is a bit of an introvert who is highly intelligent and sometimes humorous. Norma, on the other hand, is a complicated character due to her emotional complexity and devotion to her son. Dylan, Norman's half-brother, is more of an edgy outsider who sees through the twisted relationship between Norman and Norma. When put together in the same house, this family fits the description of a psychotic household.

If you're more into the darker side of television, check out Bates Motel. Perhaps Bates Motel could inspire you to re-watch Psycho.

Bates Motel airs Mondays at 7 p.m. on A&E.

Hannibal

Hannibal isn't a show for those who have a weak stomach. It's horrific. It's thrilling. It's twisted. It's gory. It's psychological. What more could you ask for?

Hannibal is based on Thomas Harris' Red Dragon, which takes place before Hannibal Lecter has been busted for any of his crimes. In the show, Hannibal-played by the creepy Mads Mikkelsen-is a practicing psychiatrist who has been brought in by the FBI to aid a special investigator and criminal profiler named Will Graham, played by Hugh Dancy, who has the unique ability to empathize with killers. The show also stars Lawrence Fishburne as Jack Crawford, the head of Behavioral Sciences at the FBI and Graham's boss.

Hannibal offers Will his unique perspective, much as he does for Clarice Starling in Silence of the Lambs, only not from behind bars. But no one knows that Hannibal is so good at helping Will profile serial killers because he's one himself.

In the U.S., Hannibal airs on NBC-but don't mistake this show for some watered down series neutered by the network. Hannibal has more bite than half of the edgy shows on cable television right now. Its themes are adult, its violence is visceral and its imagination is boundless.

Hannibal currently airs Fridays at 8 p.m. on NBC.





KRISTIAN GUYNES

New Girl

If you love to laugh, New Girl is the show for you.

New Girl is now in its third season, and has been nominated for several awards, including five Golden Globe

Awards and five Primetime Emmy Awards.

The show features Jess, played by Zooey Deschanel, a quirky and bubbly school teacher in her early 30s, and her four male roommates: Nick, Shmidt, Winston and Coach.

Nick is a sarcastic law-school dropout, who is now dating Jess. Schmidt is a previously overweight but now conceited, yet lovable, businessman. Winston is a bit a clueless and doesn't think before he acts, which usually ends badly. Coach is a personal trainer who recently ended a long term relationship and no longer knows how to talk to women.

Another character who is always by Jess' side is Cece. She has been Jess' best friend since they were in elementary; she is a model and a bartender.

The characters are incredibly well-written, each one of them having a back story that is easy to keep up with and very believable. Soon enough, you'll be feeling like these characters are your friends too. They all have different personalities and obsessions that make them unique and set them apart from each other.

With this cast and a hilarious story line every week, this show is hands down one of the better comedies on television.

New Girl airs Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on FOX.

Devious Maids

Suspense, mystery, drama and comedy are intertwined in the scandalous show Devious Maids.

The show focuses on five Latina maids in Beverly Hills: Marisol, Rosie, Carmen, Zoila and Valentina.

Although they all work as maids, Marisol has a huge secret. After her son was accused of murdering a former maid, Marisol goes undercover to uncover the truth.

Rosie was arrested by immigration officials when her boss turned her in after learning she was having an affair with her husband.

Carmen dreams of being a Latina singer and has agreed to enter into a fake marriage with her boss. He's a star who thinks his career would be ruined if society knew he was gay.

Zoila is an overprotective single mother, which prompts her daughter and coworker, Valentina, to find a new employer.

According to Lifetime, Devious Maids is its fastest-growing scripted series ever and is the number one series across cable in its Sunday time period among women. Its finale last September garnered 3 million total viewers, making the episode Lifetime's best drama telecast in 2013.

The second season of *Devious Maids* resumes April 20 at 10 p.m. on Lifetime.

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niversity of Hawai`i - West O`ahu students are craving more inexpensive food choices on campus, according to a survey by The Hoot.

The campus community was asked what they thought of the only hot food source on campus: Hawaiian Grown Kitchen. The survey, sent out to all UHWO students via email, was conducted from Feb. 1-18. Thirty-five students responded to the 10-question survey that consisted of seven multiple-choice and three open-ended questions.

The survey results showed concern about the menu prices and healthier menu options. More than 25 of the respondents also expressed concerns over whether the restaurant used organic or local produce in their dishes.

Grant Kawasaki, owner of HGK, and Lorenzo Vega Nefulda, HGK restaurant manager, explained the reasoning behind their pricing and setup during a recent interview. Just more than half, or 52 percent of survey takers, said they would like to see cheaper prices from HGK. Entrees range from \$4.75 sandwiches to \$10.00 open specials.

"Students do not understand what goes on in the back," Kawasaki said. Rent and labor costs are at the forefront of every business, he said, noting the costs of meats, produce, fish and dry goods such as packed condiments, napkins, disposable cups, containers and utensils also have to be considered.

The volume of customers also affects pricing. "Volume is key. If the student body would double, it would be more of a steady income and stabilize costs," Kawasaki said

Nefulda said the lack of foot traffic after

certain hours keeps the restaurant from extending its hours. "There is not enough foot traffic in order for the business to sustain itself. We would be losing money," Nefulda said.

Some of the survey comments suggested that HGK hire culinary students to help bring down labor costs, creating a win-win situation. But HGK is a private business, unlike Leeward Community College's cafeteria, which is a state-run operation, Kawasaki and Nefulda said.

Having culinary students working at HGK would create more liabilities for the restaurant and UH, and such a partnership would have

depends on where the wholesaler is getting their produce, Kawasaki said. For example, green onions could be purchased for 89 cents a pound locally, but if green onions are not plentiful when needed, the wholesaler must outsource to other businesses to satisfy the demand of green onions for their customers.

Those who responded to the survey also stated the need for healthier food choices on campus. When volume increases at UHWO, it will be easier to accommodate more needs of the campus, Kawasaki said. For instance, a salad bar was added for a short time in the café, but there was not enough demand and

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to be approved by the chancellor and the UH Board of Regents. HGK has spoken to Waipahu and Campbell high schools, but no programs have been arranged. HGK is open to the thought of integrating service learning with its kitchen.

Survey respondents also raised concern about the quantity of local and organic produce being incorporated into the HGK menu. The survey results showed 39 percent would purchase food based on whether it is organic or not.

"We get our produce from D. Otani Produce, a wholesaler. If a restaurant does not go through a wholesaler, it is easy to get faded out," Kawasaki said.

The use of organic and local produce

HGK said it was losing money from wasted products.

HGK ensured they are working to address the needs of the campus community.



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SHANE NISHIMURA

TECH REVIEW

Seven Apps That You've Probably . Never Heard Of





French Girls

Free on App Store & Google Play

French Girls is an app that allows you to send a picture of yourself to a random person to draw. In exchange you draw another person's picture. Over time you'll accumulate an album of photos of yourself drawn by complete strangers. However, be careful of inappropriate content as there are no available ways of filtering the pictures yet.



FastCustomer

Free on App Store ⊘ Google Play

A smartphone app that will "navigate the phone tree to whichever department you need" and call you once they reach an agent on the line. Simply choose the company number and select a department and FastCustomer will go through the hassle of waiting on the line for you.



\$0.99 on App Store and Google Play

Start the app's timer at the beginning of a movie and you'll receive notifications of the best times to use the bathroom. It'll even send you a synopsis of what you missed. RunPee's database is constantly updated, often on the day the movie is released.

CamScanner

Free on App Store ⊘ Google Play

An app that allows you to convert pictures taken on your smartphone into a pdf. It is handy when you don't have a scanner around but need to digitize any type of paper document. CamScanner is able to optimize the document's quality by getting rid of shadows and adjusting to angles.

SpaceTeam

Free on App Store ⊘ Google Play

A multiplayer only game where you and up to three other friends work together to keep your ship alive. Each player is given a set of commands on their phones that they have to shout at each other in order to survive. It's perfect to play at parties and to use as icebreakers. You'll find yourself yelling out loud to keep your ship alive.

Cartoons HD

Free on gappcenter.com/cartoon/

An app that allows you to stream movies and TV shows for free. Cartoon HD offers more than 4,000 movies and shows in high quality, some as recent as Disney's Frozen. Simply download the app from the website on your smartphone.



Free on App Store ⊘ Google Play

Similar to Pandora, Songza is a music based app that streams music from your phone or computer. Songza is unique because it offers playlists according to what activities you are doing. Titles such as "Coming Down After A Party," "Hanging Out In The Man Cave" and "Getting High" make this app definitely worth looking at.

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KRISTIAN GUYNES

HOT **EATS** *El Mariachi*

ew to Kapolei, El Mariachi serves authentic and filling Mexican dishes.

This is El Mariachi's fourth location, with the first being in Kaneohe, followed by Aiea and Maunakea Marketplace.

Owner Jesus Torres grew up eating Mexican food prepared by his family. With Mexican food constantly on the menu in his home, he was destined to learn how to cook those dishes as well. His family taught him how to cook authentic and delicious Mexican dishes, which have made their way to his restaurant menu.

El Mariachi's menu consists of delicious carne asada, carnitas, enchiladas, sizzling platters, and burritos that take up about half the plate.

The Campeon Burrito is a large flour tortilla stuffed with grilled steak and chicken, beans, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, and Spanish rice. The burrito is then smothered with enchilada sauce, more cheese, guacamole, and a dollop of sour cream, served with a



side salad.

If you like seafood, Chuys' Spicy Shrimp might be the entrée for you. The shrimp is sauteed in a spicy chipotle and garlic sauce and is served with black beans, Spanish rice and guacamole. The shrimp was tender and with the mixture of flavors it's an enjoyable meal.

If you have room, the Nieve Frita (fried ice cream) is heavenly. It's vanilla ice cream, hand rolled in a crispy cinnamon coating. It is then topped with whipped cream and chocolate drizzle.

Expect to pay \$11 to \$30, which seems pretty steep, but the portion sizes are huge. The plates are so filling that two people might be able to share a plate.

El Mariachi has a lively and friendly atmosphere that is group and kid friendly.

To find out more about El Mariachi, call (808) 674-8226, visit its website at elmariachirestauranthawaii.com or dine in at its location in the Kapolei Marketplace (590 Farrington Hwy. Unit 531 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.



MCKENNA VIERRA

MOVIE **REVIEW**Son of God

on of God is more than just a movie. It's a spiritual movement.

According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, more than a half-million tickets were sold before the film even hit theaters. *Son of God*, created to be shared and viewed all across the world, brings the Bible to life. Actor Diogo Morgado, portrays the role of Jesus as the film spans from Jesus' birth through his humble teachings, to crucifixion and resurrection.

Son of God is the first major motion picture about Jesus' life since the Passion of the Christ released 10 years ago. Son of God is not as graphic as The Passion of the Christ, although Jesus' crucifixion is not whitewashed. From beginning to end, the film and its depiction of Jesus is reverent and follows the Bible. In every scene, Jesus' kindness, mercy, intelligence and determination to follow the will of God is evident, despite the hardships he faces.

Roma Downy, executive producer, shared with *USA Today*: "I wanted all of the focus to be on Jesus. I want his name to be on the lips of everyone who sees this movie, so we cast Satan out. It gives me great pleasure to tell you that the devil is on the cutting room floor. This is now a movie about Jesus, the son of God, and the devil gets no more screen time, no more distraction."

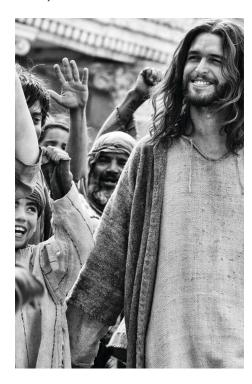
As I watched Son of God, the Bible and Jesus' teachings became genuine. The Bible, being the oldest book written, is oftentimes so familiar to us that we forget how powerful Jesus was and is.

Each time we open the Bible and re-read a verse, we have the opportunity to discover something that we've never noticed before. Truly, Son of God has provided me with this opportunity and has left me with an unforgettable experience.

As people walk with Jesus in an unfamiliar setting—a movie theater—the revelations can be extremely powerful. In the end of the movie and after Jesus has been resurrected, he returns to earth to tell his last disciple, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not

seen and yet have believed."

Son of God succeeds in animating the Bible and serves as a reminder, restoration and rejuvenation of one's faith.



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FACULTY OF THE MONTH: Jayson Chun

NOVEN VALENZUELA

fter bungling an interview for his dream job as a cartoonist, Dr. Jason Makoto Chun found a new calling—history.

Chun, a professor of history at the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu, decided to pursue a degree in his field after he was unable to become a cartoonist despite his ability to draw. Although he still wanted to pursue his passion, Chun decided to study history with a focus on Japanese history because of his childhood memories of anime and manga.

Chun's journey took him to the University of Georgetown where he worked as a waiter as he earned his Bachelor's degree in history. He wanted to learn Japanese to help his future studies so Chun moved to Hiroshima for two years to immerse himself in Japanese culture.

From there, Chun then went to the University of California, Santa Barbara where he acquired his Master's degree in history and spent some time as a teaching assistant. Chun finished his studies at the University of Oregon, earning his PhD with a specialization in Japanese history. Chun continued to teach at Oregon and Pacific universities. Chun mentions he was one of the first few



professors who taught Japanese popular media culture.

While in Oregon, Chun would sometimes drive for hours just to eat at the local L&L that reminded him of home. Chun says, "Even if I lived in Oregon, I always tried to enjoy Hawai`i and not Oregon." It was at that moment that Chun decided to move back to his roots in Hawai`i. "It was worth moving back to Hawai`i despite the massive pay cut," says Chun.

Chun now teaches various history classes at UHWO during the fall and spring semesters and teaches anime and J-pop classes during the summer at the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa. Chun's most notable classes involve rare topics such as J-Pop and K-Pop, history of manga and anime and Asian popular culture.

"The study and understanding of other cultures are one of the biggest things missing from education today," Chun notes. Chun often promotes study abroad programs like the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) and English Program in Korea (Epik). He also advises the Manga Anime and Gamer Society (MAGS), whose goals are the aforementioned programs.

Besides traveling and study abroad, Chun advises students to "follow your heart, but consult your head" when it comes to finding your calling in life.

"Do not settle, find professors who challenge and tell you the truth, push beyond the comfort zone and expand your mind."

For Chun, two people have made him the professor he is today. "I'm in debt to Dr. Dan Boylan. He taught me to teach from the heart," Chun says. Dr. Michael Delucchi is another mentor who Chun says, "taught me not to back down from my standards."



SENIOR **SPOTLIGHT:** Kalea Perry

KELSIE VALENTINE

alea Perry, one of the many non-traditional college students attending the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu, encourages undergraduates to get involved in campus activities to make the most of their college experience.

In the fall of 2011, this single mother transferred to UHWO from Windward Community College to finish her degree in Business Administration and Accounting.

"I transferred to UHWO because of the lower tuition costs and the fact that I've heard the professors are wonderful," Perry said. "I felt excited to finally come back to school to finish my degree," said Perry, who took a 10-year hiatus from schooling.

She returned in full force.

Perry was a member of the Investment Club until the fall of 2013. She is the executive chair of the Accounting Club, and also the secretary of the Associated Students of University of Hawai`i – West O`ahu.

As part of the Accounting Club, Perry assisted with planning for the UHWO Internship Fair and Networking Event in March. Perry also helped to establish the

West O'ahu Week project, which took place April 21-25.

As the semester comes to an end and graduation creeps closer, Perry is excited to be moving on. "I am currently looking into graduate schools for my MBA," she said, "Graduation will be bittersweet for me. I am excited and relieved to finally get my degree, but I have had a lot of fun over the past couple years and I will miss my friends on campus."

To the undergraduates of UHWO, Perry suggests: "If at all possible do not take a break, one semester off can turn into 10 years in a blink of the eye. Have fun and get involved, there are a lot of really great clubs here on campus and student government always has empty seats that need to be filled."

Speaking from her own experience, Perry urges student to delve in and take an active role in campus life. "Getting involved [will] add to the college experience and provides so many more opportunities for fun and learning new things."

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What is your stress reliever?



"Playing videos and drinking beer because I don't have to think about anything, I can just relax."

Jon Sung, Education



"Video games because it makes me relax and I don't have to think about school."

Brianna Tapia, CENT



"To relieve stress, I like to jam out to my music while I work out at the gym."

- Leilani Artaho, Psychology



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