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Fall Fest at Aloun Farms  
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## EDITOR'S NOTE

**AUSTIN WANDASAN**

Greetings fellow students, it's your politically neutral Editor-in-Chief to give you a passive-aggressive opinion on stuff. With the elections wrapping up by the time you read this, it is a good time to comment on the state of our nation. Let's start with Trump. Wait, nevermind, I don't want to lose our conservative readers. OK, let's talk about Hillary. Yeah, let's not talk about Hillary either. You know what? Let's not talk about politics at all.

Oh no, now I'm complacent and people are going to think I didn't vote or that I'm afraid to give my political opinion. If I'm

not supporting X, I must be supporting Y, and vice versa. Then I'm not gonna support either, I'm taking the middle ground. Now people are going to think I wasted my vote on a third party that had no chance of winning. No! Now I lost my independent readers, too.

Do you see where I'm going with this? Choosing a side, supporting a policy or even complaining about something has become such a negative thing in 2016. Look at social justice warriors, or SJWs, and the reputation they got for fighting for the good of the people.

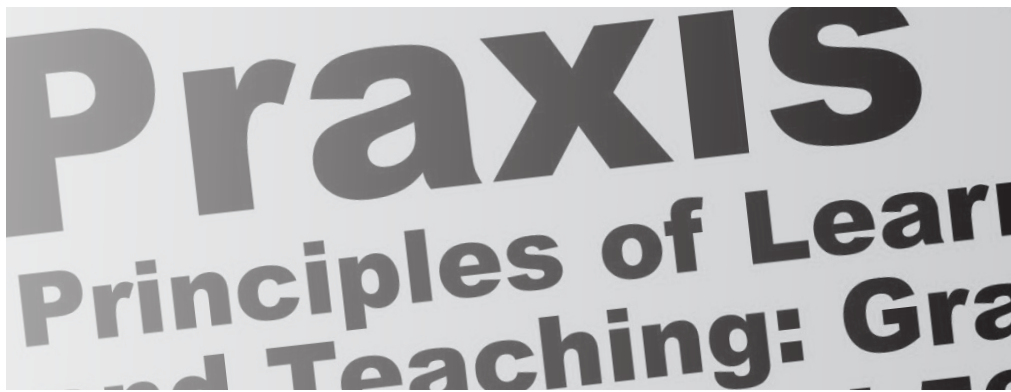
Read that last sentence carefully; why is that a bad thing? I mentioned in the last issue that *The Hoot* "spoke to my sense of social justice." While I wouldn't want people to think I'm a raving feminist posting click-bait articles on Facebook, I'll just have to continue quelling the internal dialogue I'm having with myself about my social face. That's why I don't care about "making a stink" by calling out the problems with society.

We seriously need to get over this culture of looking down on protesters, especially here in Hawaii. They're not wasting their time, they're not being crazy. They're being Americans, they are fighting for what they believe in by going past the keyboard and physically protesting something.

You have to respect that effort. At the very least, it opens up a dialogue on the issues.



## IN OUR VIEW



## Certification Tests Costing Future Teachers Big Time

BY ARIANA SAVEA

All majors are not created equal, some incorporate a certification test as a graduation or program admission requirement. For Education majors at the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu, it is the cost of these tests that make a big difference.

The Praxis Core is the first of many steps for a future teacher, and includes three tests (reading, writing and math), each at a fee of \$90. Test takers may opt to take all three together within a five-hour span for a package price of \$150.

A freshman entering the Education program would have to take 15 to 18 credits per semester to ensure that they are ready to enter their first of two professional blocks, which allows them to get classroom experience as a student teacher.

Before they can do this, they must pass the Praxis Core. Additionally, students must have these scores by the first week of Fall semester if they plan on entering Block 1 which is only offered in Spring.

At a certain point, students cannot proceed in their program unless they have Praxis scores. In this scenario, Jennifer Morrison, a senior Education major, says, "They will probably have to take a semester, or maybe even a year off."

A previous classmate of Morrison's failed to pass the Praxis and could not move on in the Education program at UHWO. After five failed attempts, she transferred to Chaminade, where the Praxis is not required until later on in its program.

Educational Testing Services (ETS), a nonprofit company that administers many standardized tests including the SAT, ASVAB and the Praxis, has had minimal

transparency in regard to its finances. Although they are entitled to this non-disclosure as a nonprofit, The Washington Post reported on ETS directors' salaries and in 2013 noted that its "President, Kurt Landgraf, received \$1.3 million in total compensation."

According to ProPublica, ETS had revenue of more than \$1.1 billion in 2013 while, in 1995 Fairtest stated, "The largest income sources were College Board programs [like] the SAT and related admissions products which brought in \$134 million." These practices of monetized testing seem to have been occurring for decades.

ETS headquarters are in Princeton, N.J. where you will find the ETS Princeton Campus as well as the Chauncey Hotel and Conference Center, named after the founder, Henry Chauncey. Americans for Educational Testing Reform (AETR) noted that "ETS is paying its trustees well over half a million dollars a year."

Are College Board programs paying for trustee income? Robert Schaeffer, public education director at Fairtest, told The New York Times, "It's very sad to think how many families' SAT and A.P. fees went straight into bonuses."

Austin Wandasan, a junior Education major, said, "When I went to take my Praxis at Wayland Baptist University, out of curiosity, I asked the test proctor, 'What do you guys get out of it?,' and she said, 'We get paid by ETS.'" Wandasan reminisced on the process of purchasing the test online and being redirected to a webpage offering a \$30 study guide, also owned by ETS, "It's a con'd noting that monopoly, by definition."

(see Certification on page 10)

## Change in UHWO Leadership Sparks Delay in Aid Payments

BY KARIS TAUTOLO

Grants, scholarships, work study and loans are among the types of financial assistance available to college students, and help cover such expenses as tuition, student fees, housing, books, supplies and transportation.

For the fall semester at the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu, however, students were met with a delay in financial aid disbursements reportedly due to a change in leadership in the school's financial aid office.

With the position staffed again, things have returned to normal and aid is being disbursed on schedule. But there were problems.

Kelia Horswill, a sophomore pursuing an Education major at UHWO, said, "I speak for myself as well as others when I say that financial aid is crucial when attending college." She added that she has "older brothers who went and are continuing college and financial aid is beneficial to all of our schooling. On-time disbursements is very important also. It gives us an idea of what we have to pay out-of-pocket and what kind of scholarships we should be applying for in the upcoming semester/year."

The in-state tuition at UHWO is \$6,888, and an out-of-state tuition costs \$18,888. According to the College Board, the average financial aid package is \$2,931, with 50 percent of financial needs being met.

"It is safe to say that dedicated students are very busy and spend a lot of their time at school and/or doing school work," Horswill said. "With school limiting the amount of time students have, it is hard to balance financial problems they may face while trying to chase a dream and profession."

"That is my biggest fear. I wouldn't want something like money to get in the way of my education or be the reason why I discontinue."

Tazsharae Willis, a Pre-Nursing student at UHWO, says she is among those students who wouldn't be able to afford schooling if it wasn't for financial aid. It is also evident that it is the key to success for many students that attend college with Tazsharae going on to say "it helps relieve the stress of one more thing to worry about."

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## UPDATES FROM THE ASUHWO STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICE:

The Senate would like to say “thank you” to all those who voted in the Fall 2016 ASUHWO special elections. The voter turnout was the highest UHWO has had for special elections. We hope you didn’t forget to cast your ballot in the 2016 Presidential Election on Nov. 8 as well.

The ASUHWO senate members and their initiatives are:

**President:** Isaiah Baclan (senior); continuing the Lending Library in partnership with many professors to offer books on reserve so that students do not have to purchase many entry level books during their freshman and sophomore years at UHWO.

**Vice President:** Haylie Culp (senior); researching how to create a reward program for students to mirror a scholarship, with the reward being a voucher to the bookstore. Since many students receive financial aid, and a monetary scholarship can negatively impact your award, this program would help to offset costs while rewarding students who are actively involved on campus.

**Secretary:** Lehua Gould (junior); reworking the ASUHWO website to be more user-friendly. Did you know we have links for free services for students?

### Treasurer:

Elizabeth Gustafson (senior); serving on the Strategic Planning Committee and developing best practices to ensure ASUHWO filing and office use are maximized for student use.

### Distance

**Learning Senator:** Shermila Sioson (senior); exploring the development of a connections tab on Lulima for Distance Learning students to connect. Also exploring best practices guide for distance learning success to help students in online courses have access to taped lectures or visual learning tools.

**Freshman Senator:** Adryana DeAngelo; developing a tool for students who want to attend events on campus to have the opportunity to find a partner so they don’t have to go alone.

**Sophomore Senator:** Christielove Espinosa; creating a 4-in-a-Row Life Size game for campus events for students to play, while encouraging discussion with ASUHWO about advocacy concerns from students.

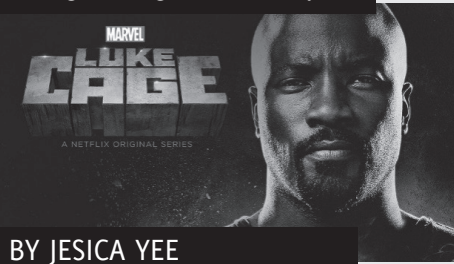


**Education Division Senator:** Lydia Haff (junior); developing a Teacher Talk series to give access to information for education students, encourage students to meet with their faculty advisors and compile testimony for future initiatives.

**Business Administration Division Senator:** Gabe Geronimo (junior); creating partnerships for students to access infield professionals as mentors for BUSA students to learn from prior to entering into internships.

Visit the ASUHWO website for updates on your class and division representation at [www.asuhwo.com](http://www.asuhwo.com).

## TV SERIES REVIEW:



BY JESICA YEE

Taking applications for a hero who knows what really goes down in the streets.

“Luke Cage,” with the title role played by Mike Colter, is given super strength and bulletproof skin—and a heart of gold—following a sabotaged experiment.

After being accused for a crime he didn’t commit, Luke escapes from prison. Now he’s back on the streets to grow his legend as the “Hero for Hire.”

This action-drama Netflix original aired on Sept. 30 per IMDb. The complete first

season is available on Netflix, while a second season is still in the air.

Netflix and Marvel executives were more than happy to bring their first black superhero into their collection on the small screen, according to *Time* magazine. Not only is “Luke Cage” the first superhero show starring a black man, the character was also the first black man to be represented in his own comic book.

The TV series was created by Cheo Hodari Coker, who based the storyline on the Marvel Comics character by Archie Goodwin, John Romita Sr. and George Tuska, according to IMDb.

*USA Today* says, “Cage is Marvel’s best TV series yet, but more importantly he’s the superhero that the world seems to need most right now, mainly because he’s the most real.”

With high definition VFX and special effects backed up with quality writing, “Luke Cage” is a great addition to Netflix’s already stellar originals library.

If you like gang warfare, corrupt cops, big twists, bazookas and original stories, then this is the show for you.

## STUDENT LIFE EVENTS

### November

- 15-17: Free Coffee + Snacks + More (First-Year Experience + Student Life)
- 17: Ho’okani Kulanui (Piko)
- 17: West Sesh (Student Activity Fee Board)
- 21: 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (IMWest Intramural Sports)
- 28-30: Free Coffee + Snacks + More (First-Year Experience + Student Life)
- 29-30: Cram Jam (No’eau Center)

### December

- 1: Self-Care Workshop: Herbal Skin Scrub (Piko)
- 1: Pueo Awards (Campus Center Board)
- 3: Garden Work Party (Piko)
- 8: December to Remember (First-Year Experience)
- 12: Thank You Volunteers (Student Life)

**2016 FALL INTERNSHIP FAIR:**

# How to Get Your Foot in the Door

BY AARON KIILAU

Students are encouraged to attend the Fall Internship Fair to be held Nov. 17 in the Campus Center Ballroom (C-208) from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Students will have the opportunity to connect with potential employers, internship sites and graduate programs. Refreshments will be served and hundreds of dollars' worth of gift cards and merchandise will be given away by participating organizations.

Those who have attended past fairs have landed internships that can lead to full-time employment. For example, a marketing student acquired a practicum with a firm working for HART. Another student completed a practicum with Servco Pacific, and now works there

full-time. And one student landed a summer internship with Hawaiian Electric and continues there to finish his senior practicum.

Career Services hosts two fairs each semester. The other was the Opportunities Fair in October. A list of participating organizations in previous fairs can be found at [uhwocareers.com](http://uhwocareers.com).

Career Services offers 10 tips to prepare for job fairs:

- Pre-register.
- Research the participating organizations.
- Bring multiple copies of your resume with you.
- Dress appropriately; conservative, business casual attire is preferred.
- Strategize and keep your visits targeted and efficient.

- Prepare for an interview.
- Ask questions pertinent to the organization.
- Network with both recruiters and fellow students.
- Take notes; refer to recruiters' business cards.
- Follow up with recruiters; call or send them an email to thank them for their time.

This also provides you an opportunity to restate your interest and qualifications, enclose a cover letter and/or resume and ask for an interview.

## GIVING BACK

### *Gamma Iota Sigma and other campus organizations allow students to get involved*

BY HAYLIE CULP

The University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu offers many opportunities for students to get involved on campus, from Chartered Student Organizations (CSO) to Registered Independent Student Organizations (RISO).

While most clubs work to bolster students' resumes or connect them to resources, Gamma Iota Sigma is an organization for those in the insurance field, and dubs itself an International Risk Management, Insurance and Actuarial Science Collegiate Fraternity.

Although less than a year old, the fraternity has already become involved in the community. The fraternity is organizing a canned food drive to benefit the Hawaii Food Bank. Gamma Iota Sigma, Beta Upsilon Chapter collected canned food on Nov. 3 at Fall Fest, and on Nov. 9 and Nov. 16 in the UHWO Courtyard.

"We have been so fortunate of having support from Hawaii's insurance industry, that we know that it's time to give back



*Gamma Iota Sigma's Kristal Kaku, secretary, and Christian Kaiwi, treasurer, encourage students to bring at least two canned food items to support the Hawaii Food Bank.*

to the community. This is our chapter's way of doing so," said President Kelsey Barretto, a senior.

Gamma Iota Sigma's Beta Upsilon Chapter was chartered Feb. 12, 2016. This was a formal transition from the former RISO, Insurance Society, into Gamma Iota Sigma. Students who are a part of the Risk Management & Insurance Certificate Program are encouraged to join.

"Gamma Iota Sigma offers a network for students to allow industry professionals

and students to engage in courses that help advance their career in insurance," Barretto said.

To join Gamma Iota Sigma, or to contact the fraternity about donating, reach Barretto at [KelseyMB@hawaii.edu](mailto:KelseyMB@hawaii.edu) or go to <http://gammaiotasigma.org>.

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# Getting to Know Your Professors: Herman Embarks on 'Truth Quest'

BY ELIZABETH GUSTAFSON

Dr. Louis Herman forms his definition of Political Science, which he teaches at the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu, on the Socratic search for the “the best way to live.” Basically, this means that anything that matters to us is, by definition, relevant to living a better life and is political.

With his unique teaching style, Herman tells students to be able to “take charge of your own worldview, putting you in touch with reality, connecting you to the larger reality of other cultures, of other individuals, other historical time periods and then ultimately to live a better life.”

He said that knowledge is most meaningful as it connects with one's deepest experiences and emotions in life—happy, sad, joy, misery, good and bad. His teaching style is based on face-to-face discussion and the understanding that “ultimately all we have to teach is embedded in our stories.

“If we as people are able to reflect on our story and make sense of why we view the world today a certain way (it is) because of our experiences,” he added. “When we do this, learning becomes more efficient, meaningful and exciting.”

*“To become more reflective about yourself, and what is happening to all of us, what is the bigger picture and what are the problems about the world.”*

In this way, he noted, people can understand their own experience better and expand them by listening to the stories of others which helps build a shared culture and community in touch



with a larger reality “to become more reflective about yourself, and what is happening to all of us, what is the bigger picture and what are the problems about the world.”

Herman encourages students to become aware and conscious of what is going on not only to them, but also around them. This enables them to learn more about the “big picture” and helps them understand their own experience.

Students that he admires most, he said, are those who are “interested in asking the big questions, getting answers that are meaningful and someone that is looking for a life-changing experience.”

Some of the courses he teaches at UHWO include Indigenous People and Modernity, Political Philosophy, Global Futures and the Politics of Film.

Born in South Africa, Herman moved with his family to England when he was 12 years old. He went on to earn degrees in medical sciences and the history and philosophy of sciences at Cambridge

University. He lived on a Kibbutz (communal settlement) in Israel and also served in a combat infantry unit in the military for

two years. He later studied philosophy at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and completed his doctorate at the University of Hawai'i.

He has authored a book, “Future Primal,” about his philosophy. The book is available on Amazon, or

from the bookstore.

Although he has lived in Hawai'i for two decades, if you ask him where home is he will tell you, “Hawai'i, where I can be a planetary citizen. But my bones are at home in South Africa, my blood and tribe connects me to Israel and my culture is British.”

## About Louis Herman

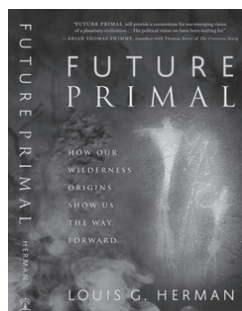
**FAMILY:** His daughter has qualified to be a veterinarian in Montréal and wants to specialize in wildlife care.

**HOBBIES:** Loves to be outdoors, in nature, and in the water, being able to connect with nature on another level, which he says allows him to stay grounded. His favorite beaches are all on the south shore, like Makapu'u, Waimanalo and Kaimana. “Ocean emersion” is his choice of meditation.

**MOVIES:** His favorite films are “Walkabout”, “Power Highway” and “Country Man.”

**LIKES:** When asked about what interests him, he says “concerts, rock concerts, trance, and raves.”

**FUTURE:** In five years he sees himself “writing another book, making a movie and setting up a center for the truth quest.”



## Growing Hawai'i's Future from the Ground Up

### Partnership with MA'O Farms proving to be a boon for UHWO

BY ADRIENE UNPINGCO

MA'O Organic Farms is helping to strengthen Hawaii's youth, communities and relationship to the land one student at a time.

Nestled in Lualualei Valley on the Leeward Coast of Oahu, MA'O Organic Farms brings together the 'opio, the youth, and the 'aina, the land. The 23-acre farm is part of the Mala 'A'Opio Community Food Systems Initiative, or MA'O, an acronym that stands for Mala 'Ai 'Opio, "youth food garden."

MA'O serves underprivileged youth through educational programs of social enterprise that are rooted in Hawaiian cultural knowledge. Internships at MA'O Organic Farms provide the opportunity to learn agricultural techniques while co-managing the farm's business functions from production to marketing and distribution.

Such programs are built to enable students to pursue higher education and, therefore, empower youth on the Leeward Coast.

"We give them kuleana," said farm manager Kau'i Sana. "We're pushing them to take all the necessary steps to do what they want to do and be who they want to be, to have responsibilities that nobody else thinks they can handle."

"At the same time, they understand Hawai'i's food system and the

potential challenges that we're going to have to deal with, like climate change and living in the middle of the ocean."

MA'O strives to continue building upon partnerships in the moku, or districts, of the West Side, including Waianae, Ewa, and Waialua, to further encourage values of education, leadership and aloha'aina (love for the land).

MA'O was one of the founding members of the Sustainable Community Food Systems (SCFS) program at the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu, according to Dr. Albie Miles, assistant professor of SCFS. Dr. Monique Mironesco and retired UHWO Chancellor Gene Awakuni worked in collaboration with MA'O, looking at sustainable food systems programs across the nation to form O'ahu's own program.

"The SCFS program is intended to train a new generation of young people to think critically about the food systems in Hawaii, the U.S., and globally," said Dr. Miles, "It is highly interdisciplinary because the social, ecological issues faced in food and agriculture are complex."

Alisha Kelii, a freshman intern at MA'O pursuing a degree in agriculture, became interested in MA'O as a junior at Wai'anae High School when a recruiter for the program visited her Hawaiian Studies class. "After her presentation, I was astounded," Kelii

said. "Everything in the program was what I wanted, and I saw it as a golden opportunity."

She finds that her internship with MA'O "without a doubt" helped her easily transition into college. Resources provided by MA'O, such as summer classes and a counselor that specifically works with MA'O interns, helped prepare her.

Connections made during her internship have transferred over into the school environment, Kelii said. "I have become friends with mostly everyone from the farm and enjoy their company on the farm and at college," she said. "Also, some of us are scheduled in the same classes so we talk about homework and how we can help each other at work."

Sana said it is important for students to "understand what it is to be a good human being. Having love and respect for each other and being able to work together, I think, can help to build community."

It is clear from Kelii's journey, which is just beginning, that MA'O is helping to build strong leaders for Hawai'i's future.



Alisha Kelii



Photos courtesy of MA'O Farms





Photo by Austin Wandasan

# Tips & Tricks to Shine Through Finals

BY KAYLA HILL

Finals are approaching and stress levels will be rising. With that in mind, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Club at the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu says that maintaining one's mental health is as important as maintaining one's grades.

Here are a tips from nami.org to help you get through it without losing your mind:

The most important thing you can do for yourself, finals or no finals, is to get enough sleep. Most adults need to get 7-9 hours of sleep so memories from the previous day can be consolidated and put into long-term storage.

Stay connected with your friends. Yes, studying is a necessity, but being among friends will go a long way to relieve stress. It'll give your mind a rest and will help you learn the material more efficiently.

Exercise can help reduce stress and improve memory and sleep. Try to exercise at least 20 minutes a day. The release of endorphins will improve memory as well as your sleep.

Eat healthy. All of us have experienced a sugar or caffeine high. For the first 20 minutes you will be energetic and ready to go, but after that initial high wears off you will feel sluggish and won't want to go back to studying. Instead, choose healthy options such as fruits, vegetables and foods high in protein.

Even though it's not easy, incorporating these tips as part of your study schedule can make you less stressed and, hopefully, do better on finals. Make plans to attend the Cram Jam in the No'euau on Dec 2-3.

## Fall Fest Treks to Aloun Farms Pumpkin patch serves as site for annual UHWO festivities

BY EMMA JORDAN

Fall season is upon us and for University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu students that means gearing up for finals and the 2016 Fall Fest. This year, Student Services took advantage of the 16th annual pumpkin festival at Aloun Farms, buying 67 pumpkins for the Nov. 3 "Boo Fest."

Since 2000, Aloun Farms has held its Great Kapolei Pumpkin Picking Patch throughout October. Along with selecting the perfect pumpkin for decorating, families and friends can enjoy tractor-pulled hayrides, pony rides, delicious

food, photo booths and games.

Always a popular spot during October, Aloun Farms also brought back a crowd favorite: the sunflower field, a popular spot for taking pictures.

Along with pumpkins and sunflower picking, there was also string bean and corn picking.

Food booths for shave ice, buttery popcorn and freshly roasted corn, loaded baked potato, were some of the items on the menu. There were also honey bee and butterfly exhibits.

### Campus Patch

The Eco Club has also purchased \$100 worth of pumpkins from Aloun Farms. With the amount of pumpkins the club and Student Services bought, a small pumpkin patch was created at UH West O'ahu. Along with the pumpkin patch, the Eco Club sold both salty and sweet roasted pumpkin seeds, as well as pumpkin-flavored baked goods.

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# Sports Roundup: UHWO Falls to LCC in Flag Football

BY THE HOOT STAFF

Despite two touchdown runs by Aukai Pennington, the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu fell to Leeward CC 4 (Leeward Toa) 26-18 in the flag football tournament semifinals on Oct. 25.

With the loss, UHWO was scheduled to play Windward Community College for third place on Nov. 1 at Moanalua District Park.

Along with Pennington's two TD rushes, Harrison Wright also ran for a touchdown. Mikey Saucedo and George Kalantzis each had key interceptions to help stymie Leeward CC 4's offense. However, Leeward Toa intercepted three passes and stopped UHWO on a key fourth-down play to preserve the win.

Leeward CC 4 had blanked UHWO 27-0 in Week 2 of the regular season.

UHWO reached the game against Leeward Toa following a 28-27 overtime victory over Kapi'olani Community College on Oct. 18.

In that game, Pennington threw four touchdown passes. George Kalantzis, William Villa, Tristan Florentin and Tyler Blackman each caught TD passes. Mikey Saucedo caught a pass for a two-point conversion and Harrison Wright rushed for another two-pointer.

Jaleel Shavers and Ernie Salas had key first-downs receptions against Kapi'olani CC. Defensively, George Kalantzis, Christian Honeker, Tyler Blackman, Mikey Saucedo, William Villa, Tristan Florentin and Aukai Pennington recorded multiple tackles (pulling the flag).



UH West O'ahu's flag football team defeated Kapi'olani CC's Panthers 28-27 in overtime.

the second annual Halloween Bash Coed Volleyball Tournament on Oct. 24 at Ewa Mahiko Gym.

The five-team round-robin tournament consisted of four teams of UHWO students and one UHWO faculty and staff team.

Placing second was JP and Friends. Members of the team included JP Kaulia, Wela Wahilani, Tiare Natividad, Raymart Nino, Zakariah Lau and Sharmaine Kahele-Madali.

The remaining teams were Team Hootie Hoo, Team "Fobulous" and Team Fac/Staff. The final standings:

Team	Record
Fantastic Four	4-0
JP and Friends	3-1
Team "Fobulous"	1-3
Team Hootie Hoo	1-3
Team Fac/Staff	1-3

## More Sports

UHWO also offers other intramural activities such as soccer, spikeball, portagee horseshoe, kickball, dodgeball, tennis and pickleball. Free play is every Thursday from 3 p.m. until dark.

There will be a 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Ewa Mahiko gym from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 21. For more information, visit [www.uhwo.hawaii.edu/im](http://www.uhwo.hawaii.edu/im).

The next IMLee Sports league that UHWO will be participating in is Futsal (indoor soccer) at the new indoor soccer complex, 808 Futsal, in Kapolei. Games will be played from 7-10 p.m. on Thursdays. UHWO will participate with three teams: Team Tyto FC, Team Asio FC (names that represent the scientific names for different types of owls) and Team Hootie.



The Fantastic Four: Alphonse Rigor, William Richardson, Kasey Schlitzkus and Andrew Leituala

## Volleyball Champs

The Fantastic Four—comprised of Alphonse Rigor, William Richardson, Kasey Schlitzkus and Andrew Leituala—captured



The UHWO flag football team includes (front row from left) Tristan Florentin, William Villa, Ryan Perreira, Braedon Alferez, (back row from left) Aukai Pennington, Christian Honeker, Mikey Saucedo, George Kalantzis, Harrison Wright and Jonathan Naeole-Casuga.

## Certification

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With so many overheads, including insurance, licensure and the Praxis, Education students find themselves looking at other options. Morrison, says, "This year, we have 293 declared Education majors, but each graduating class has only 12 to 15; so what happens to these 200 and something people in those four years?"

"It's so expensive and hard to become a teacher and for such a relatively mediocre salary. The main driving factor for Ed majors is that it's for the students," Wandasan said.

In lieu of the Praxis, some states provide other options. The California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) is being used in California and Oregon and is half the cost of Praxis Core.

Despite various complaints, however,

Education faculty cannot change the current requirements due to accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. In the 2013 WASC Handbook and Accreditation manual, it states, "Student success includes not only strong retention and degree completion rates, but also high quality learning."

Unfortunately, in the UHWO Education program, this does not seem to be the case.

Previously, Elementary Ed students also had to take the Praxis II, which focuses again on reading, writing, math and science. Morrison said, "What are they testing me on now in reading, writing and math that they didn't test me on in Praxis I?" Due to high failure rates of that particular test, in Spring 2016, a decision was made to no longer require the Praxis II for all Ed majors.

Where does this leave the Ed majors who have already paid to take it?

More importantly, the graduating

class of 2019 will be the first to have the requirement of Praxis III. This state-mandated decision will cost students \$350 to \$400 per test. Students will receive their degree but to apply for licensure (yet another fee), they must pass the Praxis III.

Praxis fee waiver request forms are available at ets.org for those who qualify.

For the time being, free resources can be found on campus including study guides in the library and No'eau Center. "There are tutors available to help in reading, writing, and math. Some have taken the Praxis, as well," said Robyn Tasaka, Tutor Coordinator at the No'eau Center.

Lydia Haff, Education major and president of the Student National Educational Association at UHWO, held a Praxis workshop on Oct. 18 and says, "We are planning on holding one per semester."

## Change

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According to

Advisors, "Colleges

are required to disburse (or pay out) federal student aid funds including Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans and Federal Pell Grants, at the start of each academic term." Unless a student is registered in Federal Work-Study, where the funds are disbursed as the money is earned.

To receive assistance, a student must first submit a Free Application for Federal

Student Aid (FAFSA) form, receive a award letter and accept the award. The grant or loan generally will cover a full academic year and the school disburses the money in at least two disbursements. Typically, the school would first apply grants or loans toward a student's tuition and fees, then rewarding or refunding the student any money that is left over once that process is complete.

UHWO has undergone a unique situation, and came out fortunate with a new financial aid director. With this came

the extensive amount of work she faced from the get-go. The unfortunate delay of disbursements is a result from the change.

Not all students that receive these awards have had troubles with late disbursements, but for those who have, it has been a very frustrating period.



**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII - WEST O'AHU LIBRARY**

*"He wahi e ulu pono ai ka noio 'a'e 'ale kai." A place where the noio bird thrives.*

Your voices have been heard. Thanks to all of the students and faculty who wrote comments and spoke to administration, the library is bringing back later evening hours. Hours for the semester are:

- Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Closed Sundays and State Holidays

### Holidays in November

The library will be closed:

- Tuesday, Nov. 8: Election Day
- Friday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day
- Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25: Thanksgiving
- The library will be open on Saturday, Nov. 26.

### Upcoming Workshops

This semester a series of workshops will be available with tips and tricks for academic research. These workshops will be held every Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Library Computer Lab (B-233). Workshop topics include:

- Nov. 16: Google Fu (Advanced Google Searching)
- Nov. 23: Integrating Sources into Your Research Papers

Check the library website ([www.uhwo.hawaii.edu/library](http://www.uhwo.hawaii.edu/library)) for more information about the upcoming workshops and other events.

### Chamber Music Concerts

The library will once again host Chamber Music Hawaii for a series of concerts this semester. The Spring Wind Quintet concert will be on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. Tickets are free with a valid student ID. The Italian-inspired program includes Respighi's Wind Quintet, Strappa's Music for the Great Circus of the World and Puccini's Crisantemi.



# CAMPUS VOICES!

*What are you most thankful for?*

COMPILED BY ARIANA SAVEA



"The new friends that I've made, because coming from a sheltered background, they've helped me to open up and experience new things."

— TAYLORAE JONES, FRESHMAN, LIBERAL ARTS



"My friends and family because I have lost a loved one this year. I'm thankful for those who are still with me because they're giving me the support that I need every day."

— KARLA HIGA, FRESHMAN, BUSA, HOSPITALITY & TOURISM



"Being alive, so I can go to college and pursue my dreams. Someday, I'd like to make a cartoon. It's pretty simple."

— AMARA BUSH, FRESHMAN, CREATIVE MEDIA



"Fresh water, fresh air, friends, family, life, freedom and Trump, but not this crappy education system. Jk. Not Trump."

— KEPA LAU, SENIOR, DENTAL HYGIENE



"The great family I have because they've always worked hard to take care of me ever since I was born. Last year, we went to Wet N Wild and the fact that I got to spend time with them was fun."="

— ROMAN TERRY, JUNIOR, ACCOUNTING AND MATHEMATICS



"My good health, a clear mind every day and peaceful feelings. I'm also thankful for my family's love and support."

— MARILOU DALISAY, SENIOR, PSYCHOLOGY

Worried that your computer is going to up and die one day? You're not alone. The thought of losing all of your important files and works in progress is definitely an awful one. However, as a student at UHWO, you have access to a tool that can help to fix this problem and leave you stress-free!

Google Drive is a tool that comes along with your Gmail account. When you open your email, click the grid icon at the top right corner of your screen. This will open up a menu with several Google tools including the Drive. Clicking on the Drive will take you to your personal Google Drive site. There, you can upload important files,

keep them organized in folders, and share files with others. Making sure that you have your important work uploaded to the Google Drive gives you a second line of defense in case of a computer crash or malfunction.

It's good practice to frequently back up your files using an external hard drive. After all, if you don't keep backing things up, you run the risk of losing your newer files. If you don't have an external drive, your drive is too full, or you simply don't want to buy a drive, you can use Google Drive as your backup storage. Be at ease! Your projects aren't going anywhere.

**DE TECH TIP**  
 <Google Drive>



## Men's Fashion: Fall for Outerwear

JACKETS, JACKETS, JACKETS!

BY ADRIENE UNPINGCO



Models: Austin Wandasan and Mark Miguel  
Guest Photographer: Lauren Galiza

The breeze is a little stronger and the air a bit colder. Yes, it's fall, the time of the year when guys switch their muscle tanks and board shorts for joggers and ... jackets.

It's been said that jackets are to men what purses are to women—it's the small difference that can turn a plain outfit into one that turns heads.

Tim Carbillon, a senior accounting major, agrees, saying: "T-shirt, jeans. Basic. T-shirt, jeans, nice jacket—'Wow, he has style!'"

And there are dozens of styles to choose from: military, utility, leather, bomber, hoodie, blazer and windbreaker,

to name a few.

Outerwear might not be absolutely necessary in Hawaii where the end-of-the-year temperatures rarely fall below 70 degrees Fahrenheit. But a jacket comes in handy in the University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu's chilly classrooms—and looking good is worth the extra sweat.

H&M, Zara and Uniqlo are Carbillon's favorite places to shop for affordable and nice jackets. With Ka Makana Ali'i mall now open just a few miles from campus, it'll be even easier to be fashion-forward this fall.