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KCC welcomes dozens of new hires

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All of Kapi'olani Community College's new hires attended the New Faculty Orientation Tuesday, Aug. 16. At the orientation, faculty were taught about various student services like CELTT. About 15 to 20 new faculty were hired full-time.

Every year, Kapi'olani Community College hires new faculty to the campus. By this fall, KCC will have hired dozens of new faculty, making this one of the largest new group of hires to this campus.

Louise Pagotto, vice chancellor of academic affairs, said many positions have opened up, such as math, languages and history, in addition to 14 counselors to provide academic support.

Charles Sasaki, dean of arts and sciences, said 15 to 20 new full-time faculty have been hired, including three new professors in the English department.

"We looked at the highest-need areas," he said. "We need more people in arts and sciences."

Pagotto said most of the positions that became available were through retirees.

"(These hires) are not so unusual," she said. "Many of these openings come from retirement, or a couple of people change jobs. But a lot of them are my age and are about to retire."

The retirements were not all from the last year, but also from year's prior. Sasaki said money had to be saved before the college could hire more faculty members.

The college started the hiring process in November 2010.

There are several steps to hiring new faculty: inventory, prioritizing campus needs, crafting, adding and screening.

During the inventory process, Pagotto said the college decides what positions they know will be vacant. Then they prioritize campus needs by which departments are growing and need more positions.

After that, job descriptions are created and once the listings are made available, applications come in and a committee looks at the applications. Sasaki said the committee is comprised of five to six people.

"It's not one person's decision (to hire)," Sasaki said. "So in just hiring three people, 15 people are invested."

Sasaki said these new hires, which includes many part-time lecturers, will bring fresh ideas and a new dynamic to the college.

"They're a really good group of folks," he said. "They are very talented and bring a new energy. They have a depth of experience and an openness to trying new things."

The new faculty members, he added, had prior experience in either teaching or in private industries.

Pagotto also said they will help to look at ways to improve student engagement and success.

"When you hire people, you look for the people who have new energy and will support the diversity of the college," she said. "We never really looked at student engagement. To the ones who think this is important, we go, 'Yeah, that's the kind of people we need.'"

The new faculty members will work alongside current faculty to improve KCC.

"We have a solid crew who built the college," Sasaki said, "and with the new folks, it will be really exciting. One of my favorite parts about my job is building the college."

Pagotto hopes that students will welcome the new faculty.

"From a student's point of view, they should meet with them (new faculty)," she said. "They'll be new to the campus, so be helpful to them."

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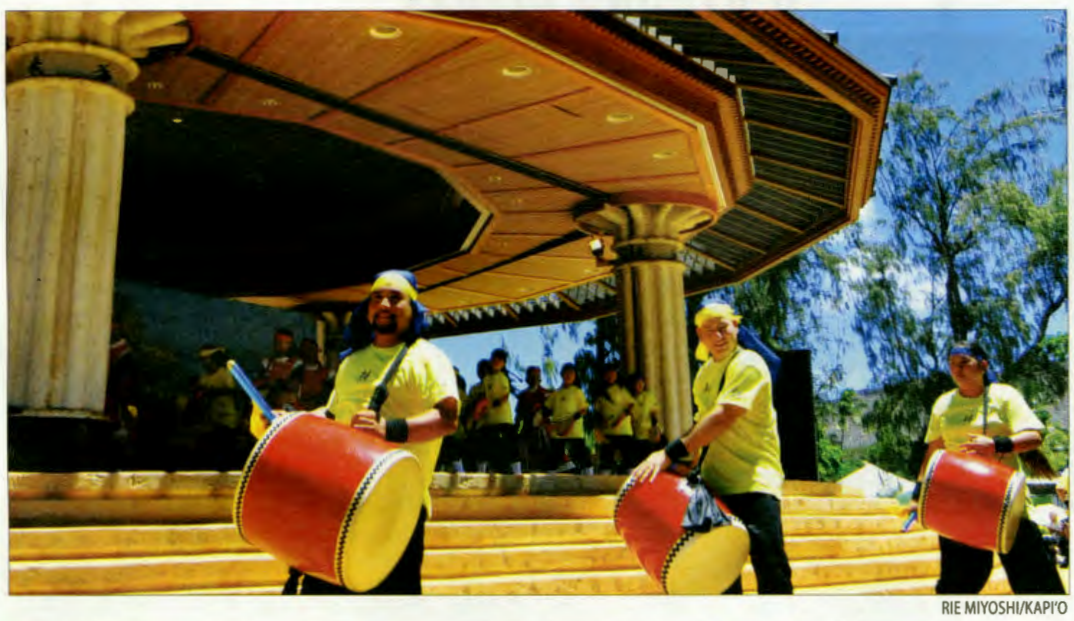

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The 29th Okinawan Festival will occur Sept. 3 and 4 at Kapi'olani Park in Waikīkī . This year the festival will feature the tradition of tattooing of Okinawan women and a new food product —fundagi.

Repeating class an option for students

By Joie Nishimoto
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For many college students, maintaining a high grade point average (GPA) is an important goal, but sometimes failures can happen.

And students at Kapi'olani Community College have the option to retake the class for a higher grade.

The campus has a repeat courses policy, which allows students to retake a class if they failed or want a better grade.

In the catalog, the policy states that students are allowed to repeat courses taken at KCC in which they received a grade lower than a C. Students can retake a course to earn a better grade, and the college will accept the higher grade.

Also, no additional credits will be earned through retaking a course. Once a student repeats a class, that student will only earn credits that he or she failed to earn the first time around. Some music classes are exceptions, said Sharon Fowler, counselor for arts and sciences.

"The performing music classes, like guitar, piano and ukulele, are exceptions," she said. "Those are two credits each and you can take up to six credits."

Charles Sasaki, dean of arts and sciences, said students often overlook the policies in the catalog.

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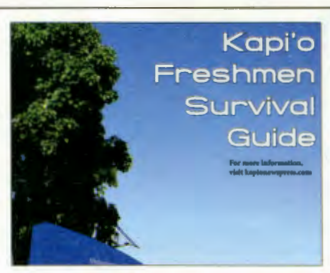

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Two Takes: Books or e-books?

SEAN NAKAMURA /KAPI'O

Both e-books and classic paper books provide another approach to reading chosen material.

TAKE TWOs

By Nix Kinney

STAFF WRITER

I am a fervent advocate of classic paper books. There is an underlying romance to a true hardcover, something neither a Nook nor Kindle can embody. I stand by real books in the nostalgic way that people stand by records, preferring one golden medium for its pops and crackles over the latest bit of technology.

Like a record, paperbacks cannot overcome the convenience of modern gadgetry, but they do carry with them a type of experience that electronics can never replicate.

If you're already sold on the idea of e-books, then believe me when I say that I understand where you're coming from. The arguments against paper books are in abundance and easy to make.

Perhaps my opponent in this debate has capitalized on your love for convenience and technology in order to further sway you in favor of e-books.

Expected.

Or maybe he unleashed a flurry of multisyllabic jargon that made you feel intellectually vulnerable to his point.

Cheap.

But there is an irrefutable allure of classic paper books that can never be duplicated through electronic mediums, and it is because of these subtle charms that I am unable to make the switch.

There is a kind of character that develops in a paper book when chapters accumulate dog ears and form creases at the spine. There's an untold history as well, made obvious by minor tears, watermarks and yellowed pages.

Although notes can be made in the virtual margins of an e-book, they remain stored in the memory of the e-reader and do not transfer over when the book file is shared. Gifting your favorite book is no longer as sentimental, not only because it cannot be wrapped, but also because there is no place to leave those iconic inscriptions left scribbled and fading on inside front covers.

But beyond this, the invasion of e-books leaves little room for libraries. These are the places where many of us have spent our childhood lost between Narnia and "Where The Sidewalk Ends." What would a child's personal library look like without the magic of Eric Carle and Dr. Seuss lining the tops of dresser drawers? Having a child pick out a bedtime story from an e-reader catalog simply isn't the same.

Which goes to show that not all books translate as well into a digital format. Textbooks, for one, would become as heavy as your Kindle if you were to purchase them in an electronic format. However, the price you pay for the digital version would be minimally cheaper than the true textbook, which you could sell back over the Internet.

But in the end, if everything convenient in life prevailed, then we'd all be advocates for fast food. Pre-cooked and frozen food cannot triumph over a meal made from scratch in the same way that e-books can never duplicate the experience of a paperback.

In this way, books are better left classic.

By Alika Pfaltzgraff

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Like so many technologically-jaded inhabitants of this hyper-attuned society we find ourselves in, I can't help but be wary of the purported "latest and greatest" device being thrust upon us by this or that company. By the same token, I can't passively ignore something just because of the frantic shenanigans of the market. One must be willing to carefully examine new gadgetry before fully embracing or dismissing it.

The e-reader is one such device that I was especially skeptical of, given my general propensity for analog over digital. The desire to hold something tangible will always be there, and with good reason. That being said, I've discovered a lot to like with e-readers after much research and consideration.

Obviously the biggest feature here is the ability to condense several tomes into one device, which is very enticing for the bibliophiles out there who are perpetually engrossed in several stories simultaneously. In addition to books, it is capable of displaying magazine or newspaper articles, and even audio books.

Of course, there has never been a better time to purchase an e-reader, as the market has been saturated with several iterations of a once clunk, now refined product, with enough variety to accommodate the casual and the voracious reader.

Depending on what you want out of your e-book, you have the potential to replace several gadgets with one item. For instance, Amazon's Kindle supports audio books and MP3 playback, with text-to-voice autonarration as well. You also have the option of purchasing the Wi-Fi edition for a mere $114. The Kindle is the most affordable option and also boasts one of the largest digital stores.

The Barnes & Noble Nook Color is somewhere in between the Kindle and iPad 2 in that it's a lot more versatile than the former, but a lot cheaper $250 than the latter.

But if you are looking to get the most bang for your buck, the iPad 2 is unparalleled in several regards in terms of functionality. It contains Kindle, Kobo, and Nook apps with full access to the book stores, on top of Apple's own program. Though it will run at least $500, its multi-faced design and sleek aesthetic more than makes up for the price.

There are a bevy of websites that have transcribed books into e-book format, with the ability to play on almost any reader. www.gutenberg.org is one such site, that has already added 3,000 books to its library, from literature's most sanctified authors. The books' copyrights have expired, and have now become public domain, and many of them will likely never be republished.

The upside to e-readers cannot be understated, and after careful consideration, to my disbelief, I fully endorse them.

Missing student data raises concern about security

By Angeline Han

STAFF WRITER

The recent news about a data breach at Kapi'olani Community College has left many students wondering about the security of their personal information.

About a week ago, the school announced that boxes of files containing personal information were missing from a secured storage area, affecting 1,916 KCC students.

This is the second data breach in two years at KCC. The first occurred in May 2009, when 15,487 students who had applied for or were granted financial aid were at risk of identity theft after a computer was infected with malware.

"It makes me insecure," said Samroot Bashir, 21, a freshman in computer sciences. "KCC is a very big college, and their reputation could go down. Why would parents let their kids come to college when this happens?"

After reading the e-mail sent to students by Chancellor Leon Richards, Min Abrigo, 21, medical assistant, was also concerned.

"It was a shock," Abrigo said. "I didn't think the UH system could screw up over something so big."

Since the breach, KCC has taken steps to ensure there are no more security risks. The remaining files were moved to a more secure location immediately after the breach occurred.

The campus is looking at a more centralized, secure and better monitored storage for all paper records containing personal information.

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Missing student records from July 1 raised a concern among students.

The data was reported missing by campus employees on July 1, but was officially reported to police two weeks later.

The files contained some combination of names, addresses, phone numbers, social security numbers, and/or credit card information.

The boxes of paper files containing personal information were reported missing by campus employees, according to a statement released by Richards. The files were kept in a secured storage area.

The boxes were initially thought to have been moved by an authorized employee, but upon further inspection it was found that this was not the case.

The files were not classified as stolen, since there was no evidence to

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Welcoming freshmen to the first semester

By Remington Taum
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A new campus, new classes and the freedom to leave for lunch, are all part of the freshmen college experience. It's that time again to welcome the incoming students to a new adventure.

As an incoming student, there are so many new things that loom over a student's head, such as the deadlines to be aware of.

College goes by a different operating system in comparison to high school. It's tough getting used to a new campus that may seem bigger with a lot more freedom to come and go as you please.

Here are some tips and suggestions put together by the Kapi'o staff, Sheldon Tawata, Kuilei coordinator, Joe Yoshida, counselor for Mālama Hawai'i, and Steve Harris, arts and sciences counselor, to keep in mind when approaching your first semester at KCC.

Yoshida said it is important for students to take advantage of the resources on campus: serving on the student board, student congress, joining a club participating in campus events.

KCC offers the monthly ice cream social, which includes free ice cream in a variety of flavors.

In addition, students can also enjoy and participate in International Education Week and the International festival, which occurs in the fall and spring, respectively.

Here are some tips to surviving your first semester in college.

Important dates

Don't forget those important deadlines for your first semester. Knowing these dates can help keep you on track to be ahead of the game when the deadlines finally come up.

"Make sure you are aware of the academic calendar and plan accordingly. Make sure you know what these dates really mean," wrote Yoshida in an e-mail.

- Aug. 22: First day of instruction and late registration begins. Students registering for Fall 2011 class will be charged a $30 late registration fee.
- Aug. 26: Last day to add classes, and drop a class for 100 percent refund, and change full-semester class selections.
- Sept. 1: Ka'ie'ie application Spring 2011 deadline
- Sept. 12: Last day to withdraw with 50 percent refund from full-semester classes.
- Oct. 25: Final withdraw deadline. Complete withdrawals must be done in person.

Remember this:

Being a new student on campus can be quite the new experience, so be sure to stay on track but still have fun to get the best out of your college experience.

- Don't hesitate to ask questions about deadlines.
- Read and understand the syllabus provided by your instructor.
- The syllabus is a contract with your professor for that class.
- Attend all of your first classes.
- Students just out of high school will experience more freedom, keep in mind that you are accountable for all the work you do.
- Attend Secrets of Success (SOS) workshops and take notes.

Top 5 study tips for your college years:

1. Take good notes.
2. Don't procrastinate.
3. Create a study group in your class.
4. If you work better alone, do that.
5. Take advantage of a class that utilizes service learning, if you like hands on learning.

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Check out our "Survivor Guide Part 1," where Kapi'o staff writer and videographer Nix Kinney takes you around to meet faculty and staff and familiarize yourself with the campus. In the video, Kinney will take you to places like the cafeteria and Lama Library. Later this fall, you can expect our "Survivor Guide Part 2." Visit our website, www.kapionewspress.com, to view our video.

Services on campus:

As a new or continuing student, it's good to be aware and take advantage of the services that are offered on campus. The first step is to learn what they are; here is a compiled list of some of the services that KCC offers.

- TRIO Student Support Services offers: Academic progress monitoring, academic advising, laptop loans, personal and career counseling.
- Kekaulike Information Service Center (KISC): Assistance with general admissions, information and assistance with financial aid, placement testing information, international student admissions.
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Program (STEM): STEM helps to improve the quality in the science, math, technology and engineering fields. This is achieved through undergraduate research projects, and through instructional classes, according to the KCC website.
- Malama Hawai'i Center: For Native Hawaiian students and students who are interested in Hawaiian studies and language. The center offers tutoring, assistance with Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), as well as community projects focusing on caring for the island and indigenous culture.
- Single Parents and Displaced Homemakers: Information sessions, free career seminar, textbook purchase assistance.

Attendance not mandatory, but skipping can hurt

By Joie Nishimoto
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Pagotto

For many students, attending class is key to passing the course. However, Kapi'olani Community College does not have an official school policy for attendance.

Which means you can't usually fail a course just by solely skipping classes, said one administrator.

Louise Pagotto, vice chancellor of academic affairs, said there is no institutional policy for attendance, but faculty can have their own class policies.

"Some faculty do (require attendance)," Pagotto said. "There's usually a reason for that, like if there is a lot of stuff that happens in class. One example is language learning, then of course you'll have to be there."

But not attending class can affect your grade, especially if you miss out on classwork.

"I think that faculty members have a statement where attendance may factor into their grade," she said. "I don't think a student can be failed for not going to class. The faculty is supposed to make that known in their syllabus. It should be there and the students should see the consequences of going or not going to class."

Susan Jaworowski, assistant professor and paralegal program coordinator, explains to her students that attendance is necessary in order to learn the material and practical skills taught.

"My policy is to treat students as adults and potential legal professionals, so I tell them that will have a hard time passing if they do not attend," she said, "especially in LAW101, as there is no textbook for that course. If they then fail to attend, they will probably do poorly on the weekly quizzes, weekly discussion boards, assignments and final. I do not feel the need to assess any other punitive measures as I think that the consequences of failing are enough."

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Students can't fail a class by just skipping classes, but each instructor has their own class policies.

Estin Ma, 26, is returning to KCC after a six-year break from school. Prior to his hiatus, attendance was required for all his classes.

"I pretty much had to come to class," Ma said, "and that's why I dropped out. I partied too hard."

Some professors may award points to students who show up for class, which factor into a student's grade.

Others, like speech instructor Hae Lin Han, dock points if students do not attend class. In her classes, if a student fails to attend, 10 points are deducted from the total grade for each unexcused absence.

Julie Rancilio, assistant professor of history, does not grade students based on attendance but on class participation.

"If a student fails to come to class, they lose participation points, which affect their overall grade," she said. "However, a few legitimate, excused absences (I require a reason for their absence if they want it to be excused) are taken into consideration."

There are excusable reasons for a student to not attend class, such as family emergencies. It is the students' responsibility to inform their professors.

Jill Abbott, English professor, said there are the students who could do well in the class, but are "hampered by events that simply flatten them ..."

Students who don't care about the class are more difficult to work with because they don't try to communicate with the professor, she said. These students are more likely to end up disappearing or not officially withdrawing and ultimately fail the class.

"Those who do (keep in touch) I can try to help. Those who do not," Abbott said, "I cannot help, and that is very frustrating."

Although KCC does not have a policy for attendance, students are advised to attend all classes.

There is value in going to class, Pagotto added, because students can get perspectives from the faculty member on assignments.

"The class is where those ideas become yours in the process of talking, discussing and asking questions," she said. "Some students say, 'So what? I read this in the book,' but it's the next steps after the book that would make the lesson interesting."

Judson Winland, 20, prefers going to class because he cannot rely solely on a textbook to learn the material.

"I've skipped a few classes here and there," he said. "But I'm more of a discussion-type learner."

There is nothing that can be done to put a stop to students who skip classes, Jarowowski said. But she hopes the education they receive is really the incentive.

"Nothing 'prevents' them from skipping," she said, "but I think that the educational activities encourage attendance."

College myths explained and busted

By Natalie Austin
STAFF WRITER

With every shared experience comes a shared myth, and college is certainly not an exception. With the concerns of new classes and expectations, meeting new people and partaking in new adventures, your freshman year is already on track to stress you out.

Myths about college do not need to be added to the list of bothers.

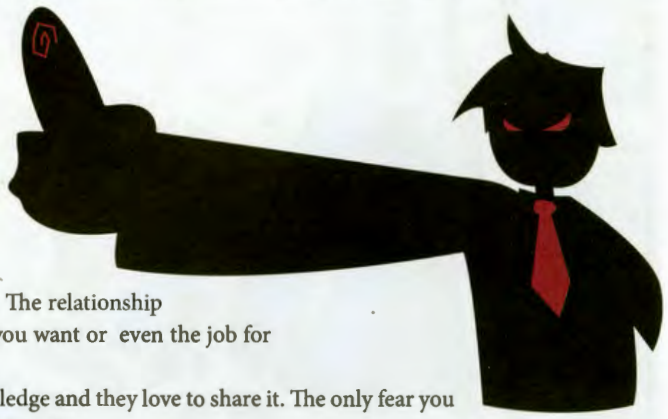
Some of these myths include the Freshman 15, haunted dorms, pressures to rush and tyrannical teachers. Every myth has a little bit of truth, but the trick is to decipher truth from tale.

You will get fat your freshman year

You may have heard about this one from the first time college became a reality for you. This is the myth that every freshman gains 15 pounds during their first year away from home. While this may be true for many students, it certainly does not pertain to all.

Choosing a school system like the University of Hawai'i and its sister schools already sets you apart from students across the nation. You will be living in a state where the sun shines year round and the Pacific Ocean is outside of your doorstep. It is almost difficult to maintain an unhealthy lifestyle here.

While you can spend quite a bit of time in dining halls, you can also spend plenty of your free time at the beach, hiking or doing any of the many activities Hawai'i has to offer. As an incoming freshman, the best advice you can take for warding off unwanted pounds is to remember what your mother used to tell you: take everything in moderation close to heart. And remember, alcohol is highly caloric.



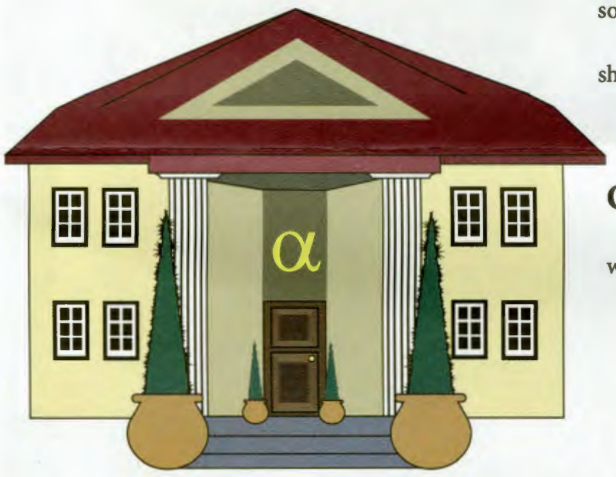
Your professors are your enemy

Some students who have become accustomed to the coddling they received as high school students worry that their college professors will be tyrannical.

Rest easy youngsters, your professors are highly qualified lovers of academia.

For the most part, you will find them accessible and engaging. The relationship you have with a college professor can help you get the internship you want or even the job for some.

Take advantage of these professors as they have incredible knowledge and they love to share it. The only fear you should have is that you will not have enough time with them each semester.



Greek life is the only way to make friends

The media often portrays college as a time to spend worrying about what sorority or fraternity you will "rush" with and what image you must maintain once you have joined.

Another wonderful benefit of joining the UH family is relaxed Greek life around campus.

For those wanting to join a sorority or fraternity, there are options at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

But for those worried that if they do not join they will lack a social life, let your concerns end here.

The UH system, including Kapi'olani Community College, seems to revolve around the connections you make in the classroom, dorm life and extracurricular activities like intramural sports. Rest assured, you will not feel pressure to join the ranks of any group, but they are there and thriving if that is what you are looking for.

Freshmen year will have its ups and downs, but the myths that are usually the main focus of our attention almost never bring you any serious problems. So sleep soundly in your new dorm room, as the ghost that supposedly haunts your room will probably leave you alone. And if it doesn't, you can always request a room change.

CAMPUSVOICES: What are your goals for the first semester?

"Try to find something I want to do in the future."

Danah Resgonia, 18, liberal arts

"To basically try and manage work, school and family."

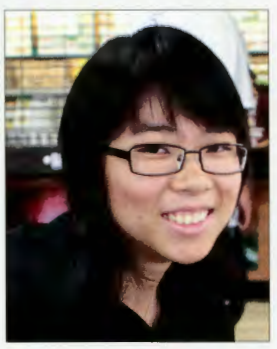
Chasen Yuu, 18, liberal arts

"Trying not to fail my classes."

Weimi Miao, 18, liberal arts

"Try to get straight A's and manage work."

Brent Shigano, 17, liberal arts



"Get all As."

Yu Ting, 18, liberal arts

"(To) get as many pre-requisites as possible with as high grades as I can."

Ellis Lee, 21, liberal arts

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THE VIEW WE TAKE

Hawai'i's combat against homelessness shows possible resolve

Hawai'i's 90-day plan to fight homelessness recently concluded with state officials extolling the substantial achievement of moving more than 400 people across the islands out of emergency shelters and the streets of the city. The state announced Sunday, Aug. 15 more than 200 people from Waikīkī and the urban core were moved out of their makeshift residences.

"I think the numbers speak for themselves," said Marc Alexander, state homeless coordinator, in an interview with KHON2 News. "You take the Big Island, Maui, Kaua`i, they have been doing a great job permanently housing people."

In 2005, more than 5,500 people were housed in temporary shelters. In 2009, that number jumped to 7,500 people, a 36 percent increase. This was largely due to an influx of new and out of state homeless people. Many of the people in the shelters are from the Compact of Free Association (CFA), which is comprised of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands and Palau. These governments made an agreement with the U.S. government allowing their residents to travel freely and receive services as if they were citizens.

There are also many homeless from the Mainland who are given a one-way ticket so they can be in year-round warm weather. In 2009, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and his administration gave one-way airfare tickets in part of a program to get homeless people out of the city's shelters, as the shelter system is expensive. It costs $36,000 a year per family.

This plan is one of few proactive and proactive plans to come into effect. Many fundraisers and events are held to help the homeless in shelters, but very few to get them off the streets and into housing so they can segue into stable lifestyle.

Moving the homeless from their imposed setups and illegal campsites only pushes them to another part of the island, merely sweeping it from one side of the corner to the other.

With this plan, there will be more services provided to the homeless, along with a statewide hotline system to help identify homeless people in need of assistance. According to the state, the hotline has received more than 500 calls and e-mails, with more than 130 people referred to housing resources.

Many organizations and institutions came together to help out with the 90-day plan: Bridging The Gap, Waikīkī Health Center, City & County of Honolulu Department of Community Services & Office of Housing, Institute of Human Services State Department of Human Services Homeless Programs, Wai'anae Community Outreach, Partners in Care, U.S. Vets, Housing and Urban Development, Hawai'i Region.

Though it is still on a small scale, and the plan has already ended, it has nonetheless gotten results, and with the newly formed Hawai'i Interagency Council on Homelessness there can be long-range, long-term actions taken to resolve homelessness; a quick jumpstart to a long overdue overhaul to our community.

Many people do not want to acknowledge that the homeless are part of our landscape, community and, indirectly, in our lives. People should not dehumanize the homeless just because they don't lead a conventional life. Nor should they judge them for not having steady work.

Giving aid to the homeless and providing food, shelter and clothing is much needed, but a cure needs to be found, rather than temporarily treating the problem.

The view we take is written by the editors of the Kapi'o. We welcome all responses to this subject. E-mail "Letter to the Editor" at kapio@hawaii.edu.

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Marc Alexander, Hawai'i's coordinator for homelessness, speaks before a special state House hearing on the possibility of establishing "safe zones" for the homeless held on Thursday, July 28, at the Hawai'i State Capitol in Honolulu. (AP Photo/Audrey McAvoy)

Repeat:

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The repeat policy is unique to the college, said Fowler. Each campus may have a different policy. At University of Hawai'i Mānoa, for example, students have a limit to how many times they can retake a course.

At KCC, however, with the exception of pre-college math (PCM 23), students are theoretically able to repeat a class for an unlimited amount of times. Fowler advises avoiding retaking classes multiple times.

"Try to stay away from it," she said. "It can be very costly."

Jonathan Lam, 27, has been in and out of school since 2005 and had to repeat classes.

"It's a little more time consuming to retake a class and you also have to pay again," Lam said. "But it's never bad to learn anything twice. You're always going to learn something new."

The most common course students retake is math, Sasaki said.

Some students can retake courses for competitive reasons. Students in programs like nursing can retake a class, even if their grade is higher than C. Although KCC will not make any GPA changes, the department can accept the higher grade.

It is important for students to be aware of the college policies in order to be successful during their time at KCC, Sasaki said.

"Not every semester goes well for everybody," he said. "We want to give every student the opportunity to succeed."

Sometimes students tend to avoid repeating a class they did not enjoy.

"A lot of students have the mindset of 'I got a D, it's enough,'" Sasaki said. "If people hate a class, they don't subject themselves to take it again."

Respiratory care major Ikaika Stricker, 25, has never retaken or failed a class.

"I think if students have to retake a class, there should be a reduced fee but maybe take it from the same professor," he said. "If they take a hard teacher, they're going to obviously want to take an easier one the next time."

Fowler recommended that students keep up with the coursework and start off strong in the beginning of the semester.

"Don't fall behind," Fowler said. "Keep in contact with the instructor. Follow the syllabus. Keep up with the class. If an emergency occurs, always let the instructor know. That's how students get Fs. Just don't give up."

Students who do fail a course are encouraged to repeat it.

"It's a life lesson," Sasaki said. "If you blow it, you can either close your eyes and move on, or do it better the second time."

For more information on KCC's repeat policy, visit http://kcc.hawaii.edu/page/catalog.

Breach:

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suggest they were.

Students who have done the following are affected: requests for transcripts by mail or phone with credit card payments processed Feb. 6, 2010 to June 30, 2010; made credit card payments by mail or phone of non-resident application fees processed Feb. 6, 2010 to June 30, 2010; registered by phone, mail, or fax for non-credit (continuing education) courses with credit card payment July 1, 2010 to Nov. 3, 2010; requested a credit card payment refund by phone, mail, or fax for non-credit (continuing education) courses from July 1, 2010, to Nov. 3, 2010.

The files contained some combination of name, address, phone number, social security number, and/or credit card information.

Students whose information was compromised are advised to get free credit reports from all three credit agencies — Equifax, TransUnion, and Experian — and review bank and credit card statements for anything suspicious.

Contact the right financial institutions at once after discovering any discrepancies.

All students are urged to contact the school if your identity or accounts have been infiltrated, and request refunds on unauthorized transactions, close accounts, and place credit cards in a state of "fraud alert" or "freeze."

"It should be more organized in the system; hopefully they prevent it from happening [again]," Abrigo said.

For more information, e-mail kccalert@hawaii.edu, call (808) 734-9513 on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or go to www.kcc.hawaii.edu/object/idalert.html.

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The media has come a long way in terms of stereotyping and prejudices, even in Hawai'i racisim stiill remains an issue.

In stereotypes we consume

By Alika Pfaltzgraff
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The media-saturated society we live in today has sadly brought all of the racial stereotypes and prejudices of the past to the future. One would think that instances of racist, sexist media would decrease as our country gravitates toward an increasingly PC-oriented democracy.

YouTube tells us that this is not the case.

Hundreds of commercials and film clips from around the world have been made available to the general public, allowing anybody with Internet access to society's long, tumultuous history of stereotyping.

Disney has had a long, dark history of trying to cover up their racist depictions of foreign cultures and societies, and "Aladdin" is the perfect example of this. In the opening credits, there is a song sung by an Arabic merchant, welcoming the viewer to the Middle East. In the theatrical release, there's a line that says, "Where they cut off your ear if they don't like your face."

The line, which was later removed in the DVD cut, suggests that Middle Easterners are judgmental, hostile towards foreigners and predisposed to violent behavior. And although there isn't necessarily a subject at this point in the movie made to look good from this line, I suppose by imposing this artificial stereotype, anyone who isn't Middle Eastern is made to feel better about themselves.

Of course, racist movies aren't limited to Disney, and in 2008, Mike Myers threw his hat into the Hollywood hatred with "The Love Guru," which was based around Myers playing an Indian love guru. In the film, his accent is overly – and poorly – done and there's a plethora of sexual innuendo.

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For instance, there's one character named Guru Tugginmypuda, which speaks to the caliber of intellect within which the film operates. Overall, the film offers a desolate, unimaginatively sad portrayal of Indians as a sex-oriented, depraved society.

Alas, even when Hollywood tries make a "culturally sensitive" film, it fails miserably.

In "The Last Samurai," Tom Cruise plays a uncouth ex-marine in Japan, who falls in with a local clan that teaches him the samurai way of life. The title refers to Cruise as being the only man capable of preserving the Asian lifestyle. In this movie, Asians are negatively presented as somewhat helpless civilians, whose way of life would crumble sans aide from this lonesome Caucasian. Cruise, the white male, is portrayed positively, depicting him as a mysterious vagrant able to infiltrate a society wholly foreign to him, and somehow rectify their differences for them.

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"Hawai'i Five-0" is a perfect example of this, as it generally portrays locals as ignorant criminals, only capable of being caught by sophisticated white people.

Hopefully these films and shows will learn to portray people in a more realistic manner in the future, so as to not perpetuate the ignorance currently consuming our culture.

Maureen Bogdanowicz, a beloved professor in the Languages, Linguistics and Literature Department, passed away this month. Services were held on Aug. 18 at Hosoi Garden Mortuary. Donations may be made to:

In Memory of Maureen Bogdanowicz
St. Francis Hospice
The Sister Marueen Keleher Center
Attention: David Wu, Business Office
24 Pu`iwa Road
Honolulu, HI 96817

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Autumn appreciation

By Angeline Han
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With summer at a close, autumn is coming in full swing. Yes, I prefer to say autumn, not fall. Not everyone appreciates the poetry of autumn, the word or the season. Sure, it is the mark of a new school year and less sunshine and more rain. Holidays back to back, even more after autumn ends. But even though we live in Hawai'i and we can't watch the leaves change color, there is a lot to appreciate about this season.

Here are the Top 10 things to appreciate about autumn.

10. Less tourists
Ha! Not really. But there are more tourists the hotter it gets, and summer in Hawai'i is the most popular among visitors.

9. Less bugs
When it's colder, the cockroaches, centipedes, silverfish don't come out in the multitude. Insects thrive in wet weather, but tend to seek food and shelter in homes during the summer.

8. Candy overload
It begins its peak in October during Halloween, and it continues peaking until January, after Christmas. Desserts – and sweets, too – are all meant to ruin any diets you thought you could stick to. (Don't you know that's what New Year's resolutions are for?)

7. Seasonal products
So many products that should come in packs only come out near the holiday season, like Lip Smackers' Vanilla Creams. Why can't they sell those year round? Many of our favorite food and beverage stores sell seasonal products too, with flavors such as pumpkin and cinnamon to ring in the autumn season.

6. Cool mist after the rain
Yes, it rains in summer too, but after it rains there's a humid and muggy fog hovering where the moisture rises up. In autumn, after it rains, there's a mist that's refreshingly cool and chilly, and it usually smells fantastic.

5. Huge surf
Monster waves always roll in autumn and winter, and many people take a day off in the season to drive up to the North Shore early in the morning to watch the surf or a competition. The waves even get bigger on the east shore, too!

4. Return of our favorite TV shows
Isn't is funny how the cliffhangers keep you on your toes a whole season the shows are gone? Now we have "Hawai'i Five-0" and "Glee" back to make up for the deficit of socializing in our lives.

3. 3. Sales, sales, sales
I like to take advantage of the school savings that almost always happen ... and buy books. I buy my next Halloween costume the day after Halloween at a deep discount. And there are always bed sheets on sale at Macy's for Thanksgiving.

2. Warmer clothes to wear
Hello, Mainland fashion that is too hot to wear during the summer. I've been looking for a good excuse to wear – boots, wellies and leather kind alike – since the new year and here you are.

1. Family time
This is the special time to bond and gather with family whether you live miles apart or live together. Relatives from abroad usually come to visit this time year. Sometimes, it's the only time in the year you see them, so value every moment.