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Ka Leo's last issue of the semester

Today's issue of Ka Leo O Hawai'i is the last regular issue for the 2006-2007 school year. The next issue will be printed on May 23, after which time we will print once a week until the next academic year.



CampusBeat

Compiled by Michelle White

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Monday, Apr. 23

9:30 a.m. – A man exposed his penis to a woman on Seaview Avenue near Hunnewell Street. He stopped his white truck and asked for directions. When she stepped closer he told her to, "look at this." She noticed that he was masturbating. He then drove away. The man had a bald head and was of medium build.

4:26 p.m. – Campus Security officers took possession of a water bong and marijuana. The contraband was found in a Hale Lehua dorm room the previous night.

8:18 p.m. – A student reported that his car window had been broken while at the lower campus parking structure. Campus Security officers determined that someone had broken the car window to gain entry but did not steal anything. The student's jacket was left on the ground near the vehicle.

Tuesday, Apr. 24

2:12 a.m. – A caller reported that some people were setting fire to a tree near Hale Noelani. Campus Security officers found two women trying to extinguish the fire. The women were questioned and released.

Wednesday, Apr. 25

7:41 a.m. – A car and a bicyclist ran into each other on East-West Road. The car turned left and hit the man on the bicycle. Both drivers claimed the other was negligent.

Thursday, Apr. 26

1:35 p.m. – An iPod was stolen from a room in the POST building.

8:10 p.m. – A caller reported seeing a gunman in the Art building gallery. As Campus Security officers arrived they saw that one of the security monitors showed that a man was in the Art Gallery with a gun. An HPD officer entered the building and determined that there was no gunman in the room.

Campus Security determined that the security camera on one of the monitors was playing a tape. There were no signs to indicate which monitors were live, which led to the confusion.

Editor's note: The information in Campus Beat has been provided by security logs, officer reports and witness statements.

Staff to save on pre-tax bus passes

By Charlotte Marten
 Ka Leo Staff Reporter

Starting this summer, the University of Hawai'i will be implementing a one year state pre-tax bus pass pilot program for its faculty and staff. Eligible university employees on O'ahu will be given the choice to purchase monthly bus passes through payroll deduction on a pre-tax basis.

A single monthly payroll deduction will be made before federal, state and payroll taxes are withdrawn. The savings for each employee will vary depending on their tax bracket, but all employees will save money on their bus fares.

There is a combination of reasons UH wants to launch the program, said Sam Callejo, UH vice president for administration.

"The program's goal is to ease traffic, save tax dollars and encourage the use of mass transit in the area," he said. "This is a good option, a positive thing; I am pleased to offer it to UH staff."

To qualify for enrollment in the program, employees must be eligible to participate in the State of Hawai'i Employees' Retirement System, not already have paid parking at a UH lot through a payroll deduction and work at least 20 hours a week, Callejo said.

Sandra Wu, a faculty member at UH School of Communications, said that she uses mass transit often and that she has been waiting for a program like this one to emerge.

"I personally think that [the] bus system in Hawai'i is very good and, we should take advantage of it," she said. "I definitely think that a pre-tax bus plan is a wonderful idea."

Chika Matsuo, student at UH, said that this new program for staff might be a great way to reduce traffic.



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A pre-tax bus pass for UH staff and faculty will begin this summer. The pilot project will be for one year to encourage mass transit use.

"Traffic and parking gets pretty bad here on campus," Matsuo said. "I always take the bus to school to save money. I am sure instructors would like to save money too."

The university also offers a 50 percent discounted bus pass (\$100/semester) called the U-Pass program for O'ahu students that can show student ID. Callejo said that the U-Pass program also started out as a pilot program that became very successful.

"Hopefully we can get the same positive results from the new pilot program," he said.

Wu said that some of her colleagues live close to campus and would prefer not to drive to campus and fight for parking stalls.

"They were discouraged by the expensive bus fare," Wu said. "Reasonable bus fare plan would definitely encourage faculty to use it and ease the traffic around campus."

David Doolin, faculty at UH, said that he does not take the bus to campus because there is no decent direct route from his home.

"The bus pass idea is a great idea but this being the U.S. I'm not sure how much it will catch on – people do love their cars out here," he said. "Also, I bet most faculty will site the length of time it takes on the bus to get from A to B."

Callejo said UH has never had a similar program but he is hopeful.

"The Department of Transportation wants to ease traffic

so [the Department of Education] decided to participate," he said. "The pre-tax bus pass program will be offered to the entire state department but UH are the first to launch it."

Kevin Parker, a part-time student at UH, said he doesn't think faculty and staff will take the bus to save a few hundred dollars a year. "I think most people are too comfortable driving their own cars," Parker said. "I drive my own car even though bus passes are not very expensive: it is just not convenient to take the bus."

UH employees interested in signing up for the pre-tax bus pass pilot program should submit an enrollment form. Enrollment lasts through June 15 for an August 2007 bus pass.

Climate change heats up research

By Dan Souder
 Ka Leo Staff Reporter

This school year has been, for some faculty and staff of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, a string of breakthrough projects.

Dr. Roger Lukas, a professor in Oceanography, does research on climate change and its implications for Hawai'i. Normally this entails going out on a boat once a month to take measurements of the oceans such as its temperature and pressure at various depths. But last year, an old AT&T cable on the ocean floor was put to new scientific use. It's part of the

Station ALOHA project.

"We picked up one end of the cable and moved it," said Dr. Lukas. "We use it to power our instruments five kilometers down on the ocean floor."

With this cable Dr. Lukas can track measurements in real time. This gives him precise data from his office chair, and the ability to record the variations in measurements of temperature every day, instead of once a month. With a microphone on the ocean floor, Dr. Lukas can also record the sounds of the ocean, including the strange and ethereal singing of migrating whales. Eventually there

will be a video camera down there as well.

The measurements he's making are a part of his work on climate change.

"Our instrumental records, actual measures of air temperature, sea level pressure, water level, and things like that, only go back about a hundred years," Dr. Lukas said. "But, independent of how short that baseline is, in conjunction with the models we're able to discern that there is in fact a global warming trend and that it's associated with increased CO₂."

While Al Gore's film, "An Inconvenient Truth" has alerted mil-

lion to the dangers of climate change, Dr. Lukas said that even if we stopped burning fossil fuels tomorrow, some climate change will still occur in this century.

"The new IPCC [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change] report of 2007 says 7 to 23 inches over the rest of this century in terms of global average sea level rise," Dr. Lukas said. "The only process they took into account is the warming of the ocean water and its expansion and not the addition of new [melt] water. That means it could easily be a

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couple of feet larger than 23 inches by the end of the century. If it's four feet, you can only imagine what is Waikiki going to look like," he said.

"We need to start preparing now, locally in Hawaii, to take these global climate simulations and understand what it means for Hawaii. That we can do," Dr. Lukas said.

Climate change is also having an effect on Hawaii's animal life. Dr. Sheila Conant, the chair of the Zoology department, has been studying the endangered species of Hawaii's indigenous birds.

Unfortunately two species, the Kauai creeper and the Kauai akapea, have suffered a profound population decline in the last couple months.

"We think that this population crash may be related to the mosquitoes getting into the swamp," Dr. Conant said. "Probably for a number of reasons. Global warming is a good possibility. And the greater numbers of people creating standing water areas where mosquitoes can breed."

There has been some good news as well.

"I think the best news that we've had in the last year is that the Hawaiian petrel, which has been on the endangered species list for a long time, has turned around some really good population growth on the island of Lanai," Dr. Conant said. "There are hundreds, maybe even thousands, of petrels nesting there."

Dr. Conant and others working with this species believe it has

recovered because goats, a predator, were eradicated from Lanai 20 or 30 years ago.

Another scientist, Dr. Nader Haghighipour of the NASA Astrobiology Institute, has been researching how planets are formed, specifically habitable planets similar to Earth.

"We are next to the ocean, so the idea is how life appeared in water, where life exists in water, how life started in water and expanded to land, and how water appeared on Earth," Dr. Haghighipour said about the Institute's goals. "What is the microbiology of life, what is the biology of life, and what is the connection between planet life and its origin in water?"

"What I personally do is try to understand two things," Dr. Haghighipour said. "One is how water appeared on Earth. The second thing is whether Earth-like planets exist in other solar systems."

"There are different models of how basic elements that are necessary ingredients for life appeared on Earth," Dr. Haghighipour said. "Some part of it came in through the impact of comets and asteroids." The idea is these and other large objects "delivered water and the ingredients of life to Earth."

For a planet to sustain life, it must have liquid water. Such a planet must be about the size of Earth, have an atmosphere and plate tectonics, and it must be the right distance from the sun. Recently for the first time scientists have discovered a planet, called Gliese 581 Celsius, that matches these criteria, although they don't know for sure yet whether it has liquid water.

"That's something that requires more research and investigation," Dr. Haghighipour said. "The planet itself as far as we know has the capability."

Students cheat in Duke University's largest scandal



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At Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, 34 students cheated on an exam. Some students will either face expulsion while others will be suspended for one year. University's officials expect the students to appeal.

34 students cheat on exam, face expulsion and failing grades

By Stanley B. Chambers Jr.
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

DURHAM, N.C. – In the largest cheating scandal in the history of Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, 34 MBA students face steep penalties after university officials determined they collaborated on answers of an exam.

Nine students face expulsion, said Mike Hemmerich, an associate dean at the business school. Fifteen will receive a one-year suspension from the school along with a failing grade in the course. Nine will only get a failing grade in the course. One

student received a failing grade for the exam. Four students were found not guilty. All were from the class of 2008.

Federal privacy laws prevent naming the involved students, said Hemmerich, who wouldn't disclose the affected course or what the test was about. He only said those involved were first-year students taking a required test.

A professor noticed unusual consistencies in the answers of a take-home exam, which students are supposed to do on their own, Hemmerich said. Further investigation disclosed students were meeting in groups to work on the test. Students are allowed to use notes and other materials for the exam. Hemmerich wasn't sure if the convicted students gathered at once or in separate groups. The students were found guilty by Fuqua's judicial board after the panel heard 22

separate cases over several weeks.

"Fuqua depends on every member of its community to uphold the code in both spirit and action," Fuqua dean Douglas T. Breeden said in a written statement. "This is why we require, as a condition for enrollment, that all students acknowledge their personal acceptance of the code."

The honor code is nothing new for Fuqua students, who are provided copies of it when they apply to the school and during student orientation. It is also discussed in a leadership and ethics class and the code's preamble is displayed in classrooms.

Hemmerich expects the students to appeal, which will take about a month. They are considered regular students and can participate in classes and final exams until then.

100 YEARS STRONG

BY PATRICIA WILSON

Renewing a Gift



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This sala was designed and crafted in Thailand. It was brought here to replace an earlier sala given to the university by King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, which was dedicated in June of 1967. The sala was reassembled here at the university by Thai artisans last October and its dedication ceremony is planned for 2008. Princess Maha Chakri Sririndhorn will host the ceremony.

Magazine's list of most influential people doesn't include President Bush

By **Corky Siemaszko**
New York Daily News (MCT)

NEW YORK – He's the president of the United States, the leader of the free world, the most powerful person on the planet. But President Bush doesn't have enough juice to make Time magazine's 100 most influential people in the world list.

For the first time in the four years that Time has been compiling the list, Bush didn't make the cut.

"We felt that he has lost much of the influence he once had," Time's deputy managing editor, Adi Ignatius,

said Thursday. "Democrats now control both the House and Senate, and he has lost support from many of the United States' traditional allies and even from many prominent Republicans."

The White House did not return a call for comment. Adding insult to injury, Time included Al Gore – the man Bush defeated in the disputed 2000 presidential election.

Even a fake journalist, "Borat" buffoon Sasha Baron Cohen, was deemed list-worthy.

There were some other surprising omissions.

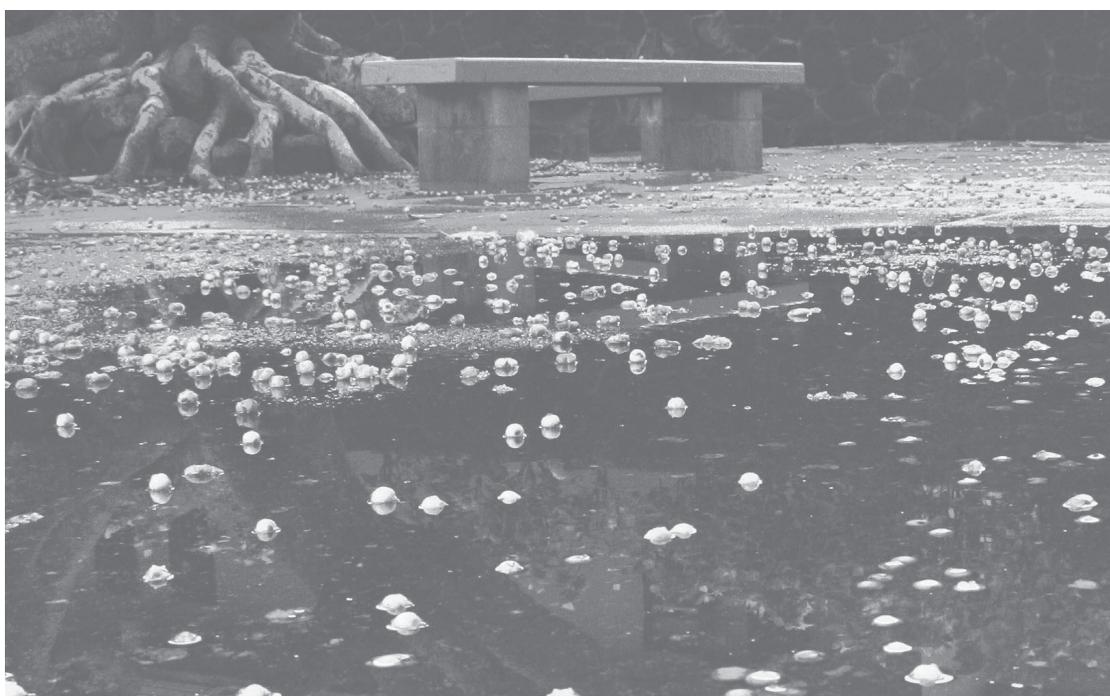
New York Mayor Michael

Bloomberg made it, but Rudy Giuliani didn't. Elizabeth Edwards got the nod, while her husband, John, the presidential candidate, didn't. And Sen. Hillary Clinton is on the list – but not Bill.

New Yorkers on the list include director Martin Scorsese, comedian Rosie O'Donnell, Yankee pitcher Chien-Ming Wang, subway hero Wesley Autrey and Neil Tyson, director of the Hayden Planetarium.

Hollywood was represented by the likes of George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Tina Fey, Leonardo DiCaprio and others. "American Idol" creator Simon Fuller is also on it and so is Osama Bin Laden.

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Welcome to the monkey house



By Casey Ishitani
Ka Leo Comics Editor

To believe that one is more relevant than another, or that one thing is more relevant to any other is both pretentious and boldly masturbatory.

That being said, the recent losses of Kurt Vonnegut and David Halberstam, both icons of originality and integrity, are by far the worst things that could happen to American culture since our college newspapers got co-opted by mtvU.

Of course, this is a generation that was raised on "South Park" and Maxim Magazine. This is a generation that bends and folds between token quotable heads and celebrities who celebrate its societal trappings in a marginalized niche.

Can one really expect our generation to produce authors and journalists that can match Vonnegut and Halberstam? Or, are we asking the wrong question?

Perhaps it is defeatism that makes us seek out unsalvageable nuggets of humanity in the corners

of college campuses, just so that we can go, "We really are doomed, aren't we?"

Writers who can't form coherent or intelligent arguments are given a forum to rant and joke. Artists who feel no responsibility to instill meaning in their works are given space to display their hollow "expressions." Reporters who feel that all the tools they need for the daily grind are in journalism school become subjects in what Hunter S. Thompson called "a cheap catch-all for f--koffs and misfits."

Relevance is delegated to the Internet, where one can indulge in multiple routes for sourced information while downloading music files and looking for porn—a step beyond what the former generation called what they did "multi-tasking." On the Internet, one can express him or herself without having to fill a page with information—a page that could have been more importantly filled with negligible ruminations and advice columns.

It's not that there aren't good authors or reporters in our generation doing good work, but there aren't individuals doing work that shows how subjective the status quo really is. It isn't like we have a harder time expressing ourselves. Vonnegut started his anti-authoritarianism before Joseph

McCarthy's corpse had begun to rot and Halberstam sent dispatches from Vietnam that rustled the feathers of the Kennedy administration (and we know how former mobsters are).

The hopeful scenario is that this is just a minor setback, that there will be an upstanding individual voice—in literature or journalism—to pull us from the muck that should have been raked twenty years ago.

The frightening scenario is that there is no one (as in "Harrison Bergeron"). Our leaders and educators have dropped standards to the lowest common denominator. There is no room to expand, there is nothing to achieve and there is no one to inspire.

The evidence: I walk into a room full of writers and say, "You guys hear that Vonnegut and Halberstam died?" Nobody knows about whom I'm talking. Congratulations, kids. You've made your leaders proud.

Have a great summer!

About the column:

In his weekly "humor" column, Casey Ishitani feels unstuck in time as he digests the fact that he is the only one in his newspaper who knows who Vonnegut was, then vomits it all over those around him. (Which is a total exaggeration—signed the copy editors)



Vonnegut would be disappointed.

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Ingredients for a fun campus: teachers and a bar

By Justin Hahn
Ka Leo Commentary Editor

I've been at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for six semesters, and now I'm graduating. I never took to classes very well. They were nice, but, you know, they just weren't my thing. But while I killed time here in college, I developed an affinity for the world around me. Now that I'm leaving, I'm going to miss some things about this place.

Trees

Oh, god the trees. Where to begin and where to end? Some days I feel like pulling a John Muir: climb up the nearest palm tree and hang on. But there's so many trees, I don't know which one to hug first—the stinky skunk trees, the

conveniently fruiting Surinam cherries, the elegant albezas, the luminous gold trees and everything in between. The trees around campus are a reminder that life is beautiful, and it's worth living. It's easy to forget this, but when I walk out of class to a grassy knoll cloaked in highlighter-yellow blossoms, I can't help but smile. It's like I go to school in a botanical garden.

Teachers

They occupy this strange place in my life. They're not exactly friends (most of them), but after a semester of conversations, arguments and consultations, they might as well be. Their politics, their philosophies, their quirks, foibles and vices: they've all gone into shaping me. They're like aunts or uncles. Only not really. Because we

don't love each other, we don't have to love each other, and I'm never going to see 95 percent of them again. I am, nonetheless, grateful for their impact on my life and count them as forming me.

All the beautiful people

Walking around this campus is like walking around a fashion magazine. We're young, tanned, toned and multi-cultural. Whenever I lose faith in humanity, or when the world gets too ugly, I head over the Art Building. Skinny jeans, fitted T-shirts, socially aware haberdashery and outfits even a three-year old wouldn't dare. It's like the world has meaning again, and honestly, there's some hot girls on this campus.

Project Muse

I haven't been to the library to do research in more than two years. That's because our electronic journals collection is a priceless research tool. If you haven't checked it out yet, you're wasting your time. Yes, only a meander through the shelves can glean a thorough grasp of a subject. But who needs that when Project Muse does all the work?

Mānoa Gardens

Nowhere else can you get drunk right before your botany final, shoot the bull with your history professor, meet

the girl of your dreams, all in one day—and all on campus.

All that being said, there are some things I am not going to miss about UH-Mānoa.

Bureaucracy

Pointless, contradictory and just plain hateful rules. For example, a student from Kapi'olani Community College is a transfer student at UH Mānoa but not the other way around. I can't graduate until I pay a \$15 diploma fee. Only gowns bought from the Campus Book Store can be worn during commencement (no matter how similar they might look). A U-Pass is actually a \$100 sticker, and if I lose one, I'm out \$100. Technically we can't use the campus computer labs to MySpace or Facebook. Skate boarding is prohibited everywhere on campus.

Squeaking chairs

Has no one thought to spray some lube in these things? A little WD40, or maybe some TriFlow would do.

Busses and traffic

I won't even go into that. I've wasted enough of my life worrying about the piss poor transit system. This university knows cars are untenable transport options, but very little is done to change that.

A token bus pass here and an ill-conceived (and terribly wasteful) system of shuttles doesn't cut it.

Campus Security

I'm sure they mean well, but c'mon. I saw a gaggle of these guys run, flat out through Sakamaki Hall only to stand waiting for the elevator. These are the people who called the Honolulu Police Department about an art installation commenting on our authoritarian and security-obsessed culture. These are the people who treat students like cattle, like thugs or like sex objects. But then again, what else am I going to say?

Campus activism

What little that does visibly exist is hilarious, bellicose and impotent. Activists (usually of the neon green variety) rarely get anything done the way they approach things. Sometimes I think they're just an excuse, some figment of an Orwellian nightmare. And I wouldn't be surprised to think that, since most of the important decisions are made behind closed doors and without student input, this is the case. But just because I'm eternally the optimist, I'll give the activists a hint: put on some shoes, get a coherent message together, and co-opt the system for your own gains. I suggest Campus Center Board, or the Co-curricular Activities, Programs and Services office.

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The world's broken, but at least you're a freethinker

By **Kris DeRego**
Ka Leo Staff Writer

Postmodernists don't smile. Instead, they furrow their brows and dig deeper into their brains than any neurosurgeon would dare to venture. This furrowing, if done correctly, forges a smirk that's deceptively similar to a smile but is actually a deconstructed abstraction of the universal sign of happiness. A post-smile, if you will.

The reason for the post-smile is simple: postmodernists, like all other post-ists, are never satisfied. For them, the world is characterized by irresolvable contradictions and complexities. Discarding the organizing principles that governed prior intellectual discourse, postists maintain that the meaning of an experience (whether it's the experi-

ence of viewing a painting, being an American or reading this article) can only be understood in relation to previous experiences, both individual and communal. Universal absolutes are derided as superficial, and through binary opposition, ideas are defined by what they aren't as much as by what they are. If you're feeling a little dizzy at this point, you're probably on the right track.

When the underlying assumptions of postmodernism wrap their tentacles around a theory, they tear it to pieces, leaving behind a muddled jumble of hypotheses and conjectures. Essentially a reaction to modernist thought, which emphasized the ubiquity of form and function; postmodernism seeks to expose the multiple meanings buried within a text by decon-

structing the way a text's features sabotage its message. Since virtually everything is a text, according to postmodern theory, everything gets shredded with equal determination. The resulting chaos is less postmodern than postmortem; it would be hardly recognizable to the illustrious thinkers whose work it engulfed. No wonder post-isms are often expressed as the death of their subjects.

Following postmodernism's success in academic circles, deconstructive analytical techniques spread like wildfire to other theoretical disciplines, begetting, among others, post-structuralism (culture is dead), post-positivism (knowledge is dead), and post-historicism (history is dead). These days, it seems like every theory is accompanied by a competing post-

ism; I keep track of them all on post-it notes, though I don't use the fluorescent ones, since they seem like a post-post-it-notism critique of the color yellow.

While many of these philosophies posit legitimate criticisms of prevailing beliefs, I draw the line at post-postmodernism, which is simply a reaction to a reaction. That much reacting usually causes an explosion, sometimes right next to my frontal lobe.

So what does this mean for you, the graduating senior? Does this mean that the degree, which you've worked so hard to attain, has the market value of Enron stock? Am I saying that your instructors failed to prepare you for a world that's suffering through a midlife crisis without the benefits of Viagra?

No, I'm not saying that. I'm sim-

ply suggesting that, at some point, you'll realize that the world is broken. At some point, you'll learn that the preceding generations, who were supposed to bequeath you a better world than their own, instead left beer bong and condom wrappers on the floor. And instead of taking responsibility for their mess, they invented a clever discursive heritage to cover it up.

At some point, you'll begin to notice that the proliferation of post-isms is representative of a wider culture that's become so critical, so negative as to be anti-intellectual. If you're going on to grad school, you'll notice this sooner than most.

That's ok, though, because you know, deep down inside, that you've cut through the cynicism to become, at last, a freethinker.

Environment and economy must work together for sustainable future

By **Callan Sullivan**
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(U-WIRE) CORVALLIS, Ore. - When confronted with the vast mountains of scientific evidence showing that humans are causing serious environmental degradation (not to mention consuming resources and subverting ecosystems at un-sustainable rates), some conservatives respond by deriding environmental concerns. No matter how scientifically rigorous, they're painted as "hysterical" warnings that "the sky is falling," voiced by fear-mongering "alarmist" liberals (depicted as insincere, mansion-owning politicians, anxiety addicts, closet Communists, humanity-haters or some combination).

Yet frequently, while ridiculing scientific warnings of environmental damage, these conservatives engage in fear-mongering themselves. They offer a different, ultimately less well-founded Chicken Little scenario in which virtually any new large-scale environmental laws (regulations mandating major reductions in greenhouse emissions, for example) will inevitably cause significant economic damage and high unemployment.

The sky won't fall due to global warming, resource depletion or the collapse of overstrained ecosystems, they argue; it will fall if tough new policies are established to protect the environment. Industry routinely overestimates regulations' costs, writes author Stephen Shalom; compliance costs for vinyl chloride regulations, for instance, were 7 percent of predictions. Such economic alarmism continues.

Last November, for example, Fox News host David Asman asked former presidential candidate Steve Forbes what will happen "if people buy into [Al Gore's] global warming hysteria ... if his global warming agenda somehow gets mixed up into our agenda, the national agenda, what'll it do to the economy?"

"It will ice the economy," Forbes replied. "... the fact of the matter is, the policies that result from it would hurt the economy, would create unemployment."

Such notions rest on the false impression that serious environmental protection and economic well-being are entirely opposing goals. Given this supposed choice between eating today and protecting future generations and other species, society must (according to this perspective) choose the former.

But according to journalist Mark Hertsgaard's book *Earth Odyssey*, "the assumption that environmental protection must cost jobs and lower profits," though shared by many worldwide, "is simply not true."

While effective environmental protection is neither easy nor free, numerous examples show that the "environmental protection vs. economic well-being" formulation is, to some extent, a false dichotomy. The two can often go hand-in-hand - a fact that requires wider recognition if human societies are to survive in the long term.

"Not only do some companies and nations know how to lower carbon dioxide emissions without economic pain," Hertsgaard writes, "they are already doing so - at a profit. The key is efficiency: not doing without, but doing more with less."

Sweden, Hertsgaard writes,

found it could phase out nuclear power while maintaining economic growth, though nuclear power supplied half Sweden's electricity. Cogeneration - in which heat produced by electricity generation is reused rather than wasted - played a large role. Energy efficiency, Hertsgaard notes, has vast potential in countries like China, where equipment is often outdated and "small investments can yield enormous benefits."

Society often fails to implement efficiency measures not only because many lack awareness about (or a cultural impetus toward) efficiency, but because of perverse incentives. Tenants

disregard electricity bills paid by landlords; energy companies profit "based on how [much] energy they sell, not how efficiently they operate." The wrong activities - like fossil fuel production - are subsidized with taxpayers' money. Further, environmentally destructive activities like drilling for Alaskan oil are capital intensive and create few jobs. But insulating a house is labor-intensive and creates many jobs.

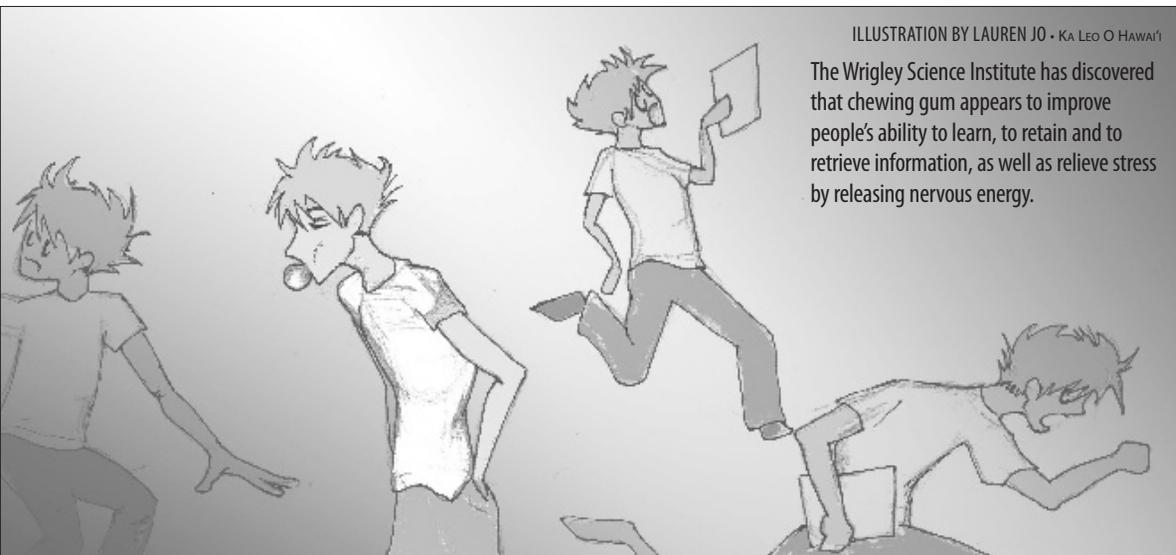
Successful collaboration between the environment and the economy isn't limited to efficiency measures. A 2001 study published in *Nature* found that marine reserves can actually increase com-

mercial fishing catches, since protected fish populations can grow until they spill out of the reserve and into adjacent fisheries.

Neither the profit motive nor current technology will ensure complete sustainability; rather, they're stepping stones. Ultimately, economic well-being must be uncoupled from capitalism's need for ceaseless growth (since resources are finite). Currently, however, harnessing the profit motive for greater environmental protection is vital if we want to seriously begin the process of creating a truly sustainable society.



Chew your way through stress during finals week



By Charlotte Marten
Ka Leo Staff Reporter

It's semester's end and finals and registration for Fall 2007 all together can cause anxiety and stress for any University of Hawai'i at Mānoa student. But there is good news: new research has found that chewing gum may be the answer for students worried about passing their finals next week.

The world's leading gum maker, Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co, has created the Wrigley Science Institute, an international advisory panel of scientist and research experts who study chewing gum.

These scientists have uncovered that chewing gum appears to improve people's ability to learn, retain and retrieve information, as well as relieve stress by releasing nervous energy. Chewing stimu-

lates certain areas of the brain due to increased heart rates, thereby increasing blood flow to the brain.

Lauren Pankhurst, Senior Account Executive for Consumer Health Edelman, said when it comes to finals preparation, college students are constantly looking for ways to enhance studying and ease exam-related stress.

"Chewing gum may help students to say sharp during finals," Pankhurst said. "Even some teachers have reversed traditional chewing gum policies and encourage students to chew during tests to help heighten alertness and concentration and boost test scores."

Sara Jensen, a student at UH, said she does not chew gum while studying.

"I wish I could avoid cramming but it seems to always happen before finals," Jensen said. "I try to

relieve stress by listening to music. I do not think I would do any better on exams if I chewed gum."

Wrigley's research has shown that students who chewed gum while studying obtained significantly better scores than people who did not; this is a result of the increased focus and concentration from chewing gum, which is especially important around finals time.

Miki Komatsu said that she always chews gum while she studies, but mostly because "it tastes good."

"I have a whole new reason to chew gum now," Komatsu said. "It makes sense that chewing gum would make you more focused."

According to a 2005 survey from The Princeton Review, in con-

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Send any campus events to calendar@kaleo.org at least one week before the event date.

"Apoptosis in shrimp," a seminar, Monday, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Agricultural Science Building, room 219. Amornrat Phongdara from the Songkla University, Thailand will present.

"National school reform in Greenland: cultural compatibility and an externally developed model of effective schooling," an educational psychology final oral, Tuesday, 9:15 to 11:15 a.m., Wist Hall, room 130. Tasha Wyatt will present. Info: 956-8500.

"The role of prosodic boundaries in comprehending Korean pseudo-cleft sentences" and "Hawaiian ai," two linguistics seminars, Tuesday, 12 to 1:15 p.m., St. John Hall auditorium, room 11. Jaehoon Jeong and Kazuko Selig will present, respectively. Info: Nora Lum, 956-8602, linguist@hawaii.edu, <http://www.ling.hawaii.edu/uhmtuesem>.

"Three essays on international monetary economics," an economics final oral, Wednesday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saunders Hall, room 515. Somchai Amornthum will present. Info: 956-8500.

"Pioneers on the homefront: an exploratory study of early home-schoolers in Hawaii," an education final oral, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wist Hall, room 233. Anita Kelly will present. Info: 956-8500.

"Strategies implemented by principals during second-order curriculum changes," an education final oral, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wist Hall, room 233. Sheila Jones will present. Info: 956-8500.

"Academic freedom and autonomy: Walter Eells and higher education in occupied Japan," an education final oral, Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m., Wist Hall, room 115. Ruriko Kumano will present. Info: 956-8500.

"Bridging the gap between theoretical linguistics and psycholinguistics in L2 phonology: acquisition and processing of English word stress by French Canadian L2 learners," a second language acquisition final oral, Friday, 9 to 11 a.m., Moore Hall, room 575. Annie Tremblay will present. Info: 956-8500.

"Re-placing Hawaiians: sense of place and identity in Wai'anae," a geography final oral, Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saunders Hall, room 704F. Kali Fermantez will present. Info: 956-8500.

"Power and Islamic knowledge preaching and teaching Islam in colonial South Sulawesi and Kelantan, 1905-1945," a history final oral, Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sakamaki Hall, room A201. Muhamad Ali will present. Info: 956-8500.

UHM graduation ceremonies, Sunday, undergraduate – 9 a.m. and advanced degree – 3 p.m., Stan Sheriff Center. Campus parking is free. After ceremonies, friends and family may meet the degree candidates at the Les Murakami Stadium (A-M), and the soccer field (N-Z). Info: UHM chancellor's office, Wendy Pearson, graduate@hawaii.edu, <http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/commencement>.

"The custodians of the gift: intangible cultural property and modification of the firewaking ceremony," an anthropology final oral, next Monday, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Saunders Hall, room 345. Guido Carlo Pigliasco will present. Info: 956-8500.

"Integrating multiobjective prioritization and simulation for fire regime management in Southern California watersheds," a geography final oral, next Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saunders Hall, room 443. Noel Ludwig will present. Info: 956-8500.

100 YEARS STRONG

BY PATRICIA WILSON

Grid Scape



1982

Grid/Scape is a small-scale aluminum and terrazzo sculpture. This piece created by Mamoru Sato in 1982 was given to the university in memory of the architect Glenn Edward Gunter, who lived from 1943 to 1974. The green represents his life in Hawai'i, and the black represents lava.

Photo by Patricia Wilson

End of the semester, not the celebration

By David Pham

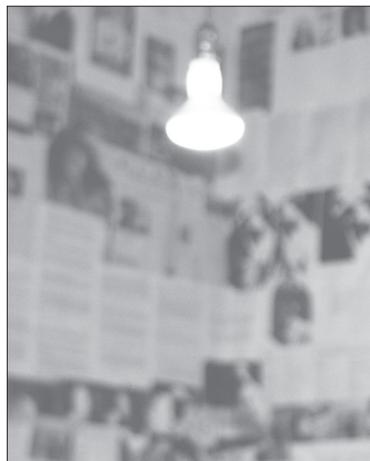
Ka Leo Features Editor

As the semester draws near to a curtain close,
 With projects, finals, and overdose.
 We've made it through stress, burdens and anxieties
 And often missed our TV varieties.
 But let's not forget the good times shared,
 As the Centennial Celebration has more to be spared.

For this semester has been filled charities and discoveries,

Like food drives, Pluto, and Centennial Flower Anthurium species.
 Far out concerts like the Aloha Bash,
 And the after party midnight crash.
 Fashion shows like the Centennial Seven,
 And a new chancellor called into action.

Yes, this semester has passed by fast,
 Here comes summer, let's have a blast!
 UH Mānoa has existed for a 100 years,
 Our sweet home, the prerequisite for our careers.



TOP: UH students were paid \$7.25 an hour to be in Micheal Files' exhibit room from a grant he received for his conceptual art. Some took the opportunity to hang out and make some extra cash.

MIDDLE: Files paid attendies for viewing his exhibit "Ephemera" and spent his free time in the gallery explaining his live art journey to interested students.

BOTTOM: A naked bulb lights the scene of Files' live art exhibit of his three week exploration of a beggar's life.

KUMARI SHERREITT
 KA LEO O HAWAII

**Pushing art boundaries:
 the Michael Files project**

By Kumari Sherreitt

Associate Features Editor

Recently, I happily got a time-card that I clocked in on and got paid minimum wage for going to Michael Files' exhibit at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa BFA art show.

"I was going to put a sign in the homeless shelters," Files said, "that said 'get paid to look at art.'"

Nestled in a corner room of the "Pivot" art exhibit, as I squeezed my way through an array of handsome and complex pieces, was the smorgasbord collection of trash that Files called "Ephemera" (short lived things). It's a piece from his "new life," or "dip into homelessness" project. The latter label, he says, is a misconception.

From the pictures, the project almost seems comical. There are photos of Files posing on the beach and all around the island on his journey to a "new life." A simple glance at the pictures is not enough to depict the hardship of the project – smiling faces of strangers he met and a series of bar shots from some nights at art openings downtown.

"It is ridiculous," he said about the perception of the project, "and aspects of the project kind of mirror that."

"This is live art, I wasn't

in a gallery," Files said. "I was out doing it."

Files, an eccentric yet easygoing print making graduate, is no novice to creating live art. He has done many other abstract projects, like his photo signing of a Photoshop image of him shaking hands with President George W. Bush.

The Project

From February 21 to March 14, the only "investment," as Files calls it, was the art room where he spent his nights on a discarded futon that he found on the street, and a blanket that he had brought with him.

He walked or ran everywhere he went, an aspect important to the way in which he followed his inspiration for the project – as a street beggar or mendicant like the monks and mystics in many eastern cultures – in a society that does not openly accept this role.

"In the West it is frowned upon," Files said. "You are considered a derelict."

The items collected were all the pieces that had passed by him, from his three weeks on the lowest social level.

Changing preconception

It was a paradoxical exhibit distributed through the gathered materials of time spent, both before and after the project. At a glance, the exhibit resembles a drop-off trash site that exploded onto the walls.

The preconception that art is for the elitist – and this project is in a sense – prompts a protest against this and the artists that propagate that notion.

"Art is about using big words," Files said with sarcasm. "And the galleries are so imaculate that people feel that, and it bothers a lot of young people."

"[Art] is meant to inspire, not make you feel dumb," Files said.

The project was also a mockery of the degradation of American culture.

"India is supposedly a third world country, yet [the U.S. has] the highest homicide rate," Files said.

Inspiration

As an avid traveler of India since the age of seven, Files has been influenced heavily by the lives and philosophy of the country.

Meer Baba, TeChing Hsieh and

This race is B-A-N-A-N-A-S



The 6th annual Jamba 5K Banana Man Chase will be held on Saturday at 8 a.m. Participants can enter to win an entire year's worth of Jamba Juice, valued at \$260.

COURTESY PHOTO
KIRRA DOWNING

By Kelli Shiroma
Ka Leo Staff Reporter

On May 12, grab your family and friends, lace up your running shoes and get ready for the 6th Annual Jamba 5K Banana Man Chase!

At 8 a.m. (rain or shine), join fellow O'ahu residents as they chase life-size bananas around Ala Moana Beach Park and Magic Island.

"Six runners wear banana suits; they start the race a little earlier than the other runners [around 30 seconds]. The bananas are spread out all throughout the race, and the participants have to try to catch them," according to Kirra Downing, an organizer of this annual event.

The first three male and female participants to pass the bananas and finish the race – which is about 3.1 miles – will win an entire year's worth of Jamba Juice, valued at

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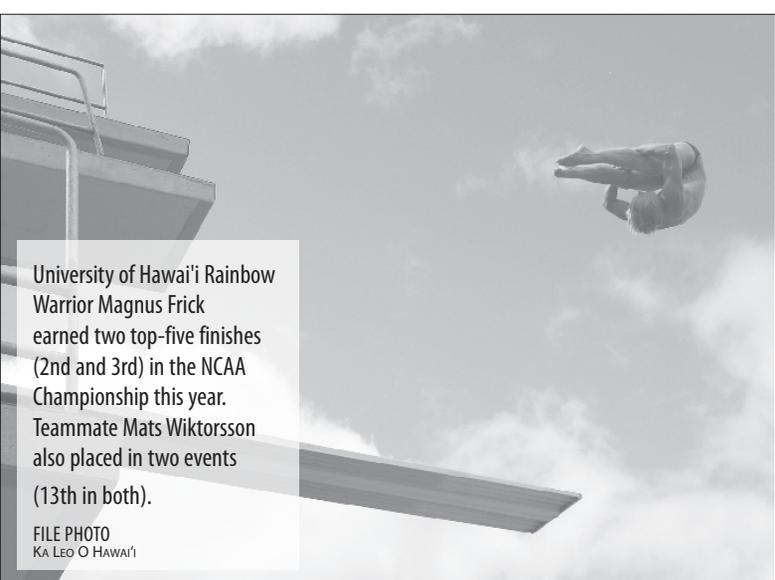
WICHMANN

RIGHT: Kanoë Kamana'o, a member of the Rainbow Wahine volleyball team, is one of three graduating seniors from the squad. Kamana'o earned All-America honors at the close of the 2006 season.

LEFT: Riley Wallace finished his career at UH this season after 20 years with the Rainbow Warrior basketball team.



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KA LEO O HAWAII



University of Hawai'i Rainbow Warrior Magnus Frick earned two top-five finishes (2nd and 3rd) in the NCAA Championship this year. Teammate Mats Wiktorsson also placed in two events (13th in both).

FILE PHOTO
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Running, diving, hitting...

Compiled by the Ka Leo Sports Desk

Riley Wallace out, Bob Nash in

The name Riley Wallace is practically synonymous with the University of Hawai'i Rainbow Warrior Basketball team. For the last 20 years, Wallace has been at the helm for the 'Bows. In that time, Wallace earned a record of 316-252, including 15 winning seasons. Wallace is considered to be the winningest coach in the history of the UH men's basketball program. But as this past season came to a close, so also did his tenure with the team. Wallace, who's contract with UH expired at the end of the 2006-07 season, now faces retirement, and the new coach who'll step up to the plate is none other than last season's associate head coach, Bob Nash.

Nash has been coaching with Wallace for the last 19 years and has been part of 11 of the team's past 12 all-time post-season appearances. He also played for the Warriors and was part of the "Fabulous Five" back in the 1970-71 season. To this day, Nash still holds some of the school's records, including

most rebounds in a game and in a single season. Nash was hired to head the program on April 14 and his work is already underway.

Softball - not over yet

The Rainbow Wahine softball team is having a spectacular season powering their way to a No. 14 national ranking and a regular season Western Athletic Conference title with a current record of 45-9.

Kate Robinson emerged this season as a force on both sides of the ball. So far this season, Robinson has amassed a 15-0 record to go with a 1.56 earned run average. She also broke the single season home run record at Hawai'i with 18.

The Wahine seniors, even though there were only two of them, have played a very large roll in the success of this year's team. Tyleen Tausaga leads the team in hitting with a .408 batting average and second baseman Alana Power was excellent in the field turning out nine double plays along with several other web gems, including a memorable one against Fresno State

that helped secure the regular season conference title for UH. However, no statistic will make up for the amount of leadership skills these two players provided both on and off the field.

Speaking of leadership, in his 16th season, head coach Bob Coolen has proven himself over the years as one of the best Rainbow coaches of all time. His record of 723-459-1 at UH to go with six NCAA tournament appearances make him the winningest softball coach in UH history. Now he will take his team back to the post season, first to the WAC tournament followed by the NCAA regional tournament. With most of his team remaining intact for next season, look for good things out of the Wahine. Next up: the WAC tournament scheduled for May 10 to 12.

Football - Brennan stays put

The Warrior football team finished the 2006 season with an 11-3 record and a plethora of other records as well. UH quarterback Colt Brennan broke 12 and tied four NCAA passing and total offense records last season, the most notable coming in their final game of the season when he set a new record 58 touchdowns in one season. Brennan turned down the opportunity to forgo his senior year and enter the NFL draft, choosing instead to return to the Warrior program for next season.

Also in 2006, the Warriors broke into the top-25 for the first time since 1993 and finished the season with a 41-24 win over Arizona State University in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl. Warrior head coach June Jones surpassed Dick Tomey as the school's all-time winningest coach in football last season and will continue the streak this fall.

Diving - Frick and Wiktorsson scoring big

Magnus Frick and Mats Wiktorsson were two of the school's top performers in athletics this year.

Banana

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\$260. Participants pay a \$25 to \$30 entrance fee and have the option of raising additional money, to go to people in Hawai'i with muscular dystrophy.

The Jamba 5K Banana Man Chase originated in San Francisco, where "the races [there] were successful and we liked the idea; they were something we adopted," Downing said.

Last year, between 600 to 700 participants showed up to the chase, but this year the organizers hope that number will double.

Even though the race begins at 8 a.m. and is usually finished by 9 a.m., the fun doesn't stop there. Families and friends can take part in post-race festivities, which include massage tables, free Jamba Juice smoothies, rock-climbing walls and grand prize give-aways.

Jamba Juice has teamed up with the Muscular Dystrophy Association for the past five years to sponsor this event. Over \$180,000 has been raised during previous years to benefit the MDA thanks to numerous donations from active participants. According to its Web site (<http://www.mdausa.org>) the MDA is "a national voluntary health agency dedicated to conquering more than 40 neuromuscular diseases that affect a million Americans of all ages."

This national non-profit health agency is responsible for promoting quality of life incentives in addition to finding treatments and cures for neuromuscular diseases.

About 75 percent of the funds raised by the MDA to toward funding innovative research, supplying equipment repairs and purchasing and providing support group sessions and free clinics.

Jamba Juice entered the local market in 1999, and now owns 36 stores on O'ahu, Kaua'i, Maui and the Big Island; over 700 people are employed by the company.

Looking for a way to de-stress after finals? Register for the 6th annual Jamba 5K Banana Man Chase, shake the dust from your dirty running shoes, and head down to Ala Moana Beach Park on Saturday, May 12 - it will be one of the most fruitful decisions you'll ever make.

Upon entering, each participant will receive an official

Juice for a year

The top male and female participants in each of the following age categories are also eligible to win an entire year of Jamba Juice: ages 12 and under, 13-15, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70+.

Jamba 5K Banana Man Chase T-shirt, along with a packet filled with materials from the sponsors of the event.

For more information regarding the Jamba 5K Banana Man Chase, go to the Jamba Juice Hawai'i Web site <http://www.jambahawaii.com> or the Muscular Dystrophy Association Web site. Race entry forms are available at all Jamba Juice locations on O'ahu, or they can be obtained from the Jamba Juice Hawai'i Web site or <http://www.active.com>.

Gum

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junction with Wrigley, more than 85 percent of American and Canadian college students admitted to feeling increased stress at exam time.

A recent online survey conducted for Wrigley by StrategyOne between March 9 and 14, 2007, found that nearly half of college students between ages 18 and 24 years old say they stress more about finals than they do about choosing an academic major, going on a first date, going on a job interview or dealing with roommates.

According to the survey, students have many reasons to be stressed out during finals: 44 percent of students surveyed classify themselves as "last-minute cramers," and 80 percent of students feel stress from having to study for more than one final at a time.

But some students have realized the value that chewing gum might have in stress relief - 56 percent of students surveyed chew gum to relieve stress during finals, and 25 percent chew gum to increase focus and concentration.

In addition, the survey shows that many students take the wrong approach when it comes to finals time preparation, leading them to make less healthy choices such as eating fast food, drinking caffeine and staying up late at night.

Anna Alessi, a retired English instructor, said that students face multiple stresses and most of them have no training on how to efficiently cope.

"A student might have financial worries or relationship prob-

lems and that is why they fail an exam," Alessi said. "All students approach finals differently, some can handle the stress but others just don't know how to focus."

The survey found that 63 percent of males versus only 35 percent of females procrastinate by playing video games. Females are, however, more likely than males to procrastinate by using e-mail, talking on the phone or shopping.

Jeff Lee, a business student at UH, said that he doesn't worry about finals.

"I don't know what people are complaining about," Lee said. "Just sit down and study and get it over with, chewing gum or not."

UH nursing student Lisa Davis said that she would like to learn more about healthy studying while preparing for finals.

"It gets too crazy; I get scared of failing classes or turning in

final papers too late," Davis said. "I think the university should have some workshops to help students reduce levels of school stress. Finding effective ways to study would be better for everyone."

Pankhurst said that consumers have used chewing gum to improve alertness and concentration for a long time.

"Athletes are constantly seen chewing gum on the playing field," she said. "The U.S. Armed Forces have supplied chewing gum to their members in field and combat rations since World War I."

UH students looking for tips to reduce stress this finals week can log onto <http://www.wrigleysfinalsrelief.com> and test their luck at the "Extra Credit Trivia Contest." The winner will receive the Ultimate Study Break - a trip for two worth \$5,000.

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WHAT IS YOUR PLAN FOR THE SUMMER?

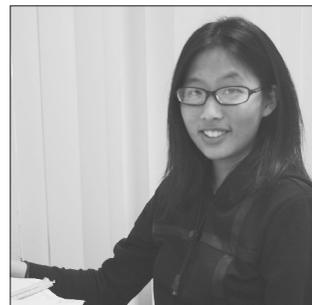


"I'll work at Marriott, cruise around the island and then a forced vacation back home."

Andrea Dunn | Marketing

"I'll be at my office at Moore Hall...working."

Darrell Kicker | International Student Exchange Coordinator



"I'm rearranging furniture and finding a job. Then, since it's been four years, I'm going to the beach."

Elizabeth Kor | Economics

"I'm just doing an internship at Hawaiian Electric Company."

Vance Hashimoto | Mechanical Engineering

"I'm also doing an internship but [...] for Oceanic."

Lori Miyasaki | Mechanical Engineering



"I'm doing both summer sessions. Yeah, it sucks."

Sean Smith | Japanese

Live on the air waves with Star 101.9 disc jockey Pixie



By Kathleen Ramirez
Ka Leo Staff Reporter

When driving to school through the crazy and long morning traffic, I turn up my radio to Hawaii's New Music Alternative Station Star 101.9 F.M. Little did I know that Star's the "Bizzaro Morning Show" disc jockey and producer Laura Clay, also known as "Pixie," is a senior Speech student graduating from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa this Spring. I was given the opportunity to interview this down-to-earth and cool student at Paradise Palms not too long ago.

On the Air

You can listen to The "Bizzaro Morning Show" Monday through Friday, 5:30 to 10 a.m. and listen to Pixie on air on Sundays, 9 to 2 p.m. Visit <http://www.star101fm.com> for more information.

Originally from 'Ewa Beach and a class of 2001 graduate from Campbell High School, Clay discovered her love for listening to music at a young age. In August 2002, she started an intense internship at Star 101.9 and worked her way up to being

producer for the morning show.

Now Clay juggles her schoolwork with her busy job. She wakes up at 4 a.m. to be at work by 5 a.m. every Monday through Friday. In addition to being an "on-air talent" or disc jockey, she also works behind the scenes by keeping the show on schedule, gathering information for trivia games, and answering phone calls.

Sometimes listeners call the radio station with more than song requests on their minds. Callers have asked Clay on dates and have even proposed to her over the phone.

"One guy called in and asked me to marry him," Clay said. "And I thought, 'This is weird, I don't even know you,' so I told him to send me a ring and then I would marry him, but I haven't gotten one yet."

Fans also recognize her in public and ask for her autograph.

"I forget that I'm wearing my bag that says "Pixie" on it," Clay said. "It's cool when people recognize you, but I think, 'Hey, it's just me - Pixie.'"

She still collects CDs and just got her first MP3 player from her friend as a graduation gift.

Meeting celebrities is one of the many

perks of being a DJ.

"I've met Tommy Lee - he's a really nice guy," Clay said. "I also met Ron Jeremy, Jack Johnson and my favorite band, The Ataris."

Movie star Adam Sandler and alternative band "My Chemical Romance" tops her wish list for celebrities that she wants to meet in the future.

As for graduation, Clay plans to walk at UHM's upcoming Spring Commencement Ceremony on Sunday.

"My parents really want to see me walk, and it's also Mother's Day," Clay said. When asked about what she'll miss about UH, she said, "I'll miss all of the different people that I've met but I won't miss the expensive food."

Clay plans to work full-time at Star 101.9 and she hopes to have her own slot on air in the future.

"I really want to be a morning show talent who is ultra famous," she said. "I want to be a better version of Howard Stern and have more class than he does."

When asked for any words of wisdom for continuing students, Clay said, "It doesn't matter how long it takes you to get a degree as long as you get it. In the end, you'll have the degree, and that's what matters."

KATHLEEN RAMIREZ • KA LEO O HAWAII

101.9 F.M. the "Bizzaro Morning Show" disc jockey and producer Laura Clay, also known as "Pixie," is a senior speech student graduating from UHM this month.

Homeless

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Santiago Sierra have all had their individual influences on the conceptualization of art for Files. Meer Baba, a Hindu mystic, now a teacher in the West. TeChing Hsieh, a live artist based in New York, is a controversial Sierra and a social commentary artist whose one piece of live art involved real prostitutes and drug-addicts.

Hsieh's audience has been just as heavily inspired by the devotion and sacrifice that Files gave to his work. In the communal comment book found in a used Corona box in the exhibit, there are poems and thank-you notes from many creative students.

Mysticism in art

Files proudly wears a pendant of Teresa de Avila, a Catholic saint who was known for her mystical deeds, which he holds as an everyday inspiration.

"I love her story," he said. "She was a true mystic."

Mysticism is a fond feature in Files' life because of its basis in the greater picture - the knowledge that there is more than mundane existence.

"Artists in the West with a mystical bend tend to end up with an understanding of [mysticism] as atheism," he said, "because there is no understanding of [mysticism] in the West."

Files' art is an outlet for his mystical philosophical view, and his artistic style confronts everyday faults through social commentary.

"I like to make people think," he said, "I try to make something that is dramatic, that is important."

Although he is weary of most forms of institutional religion, he was immensely impressed and appreciative of Shaun Castro's overtly Christian-influenced exhibit "What are you living for?" also in the BFA exhibit.

"It was so brave of him to do that," Files said, in an area like modern art that explicitly separates itself from organized religion.



WEBER

LEFT: The University of Hawaii's Warrior football team finished the 2006 season with an 11-3 record. UH quarterback Colt Brennan chose to stay for his senior year, despite NFL interest.

RIGHT: University of Hawaii's Rainbow Wahine water polo team were ranked 4th in the nation this season.

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to the TOP 10

Both natives of Sweden, Frick and Wiktorsson competed in the NCAA Championship and placed. Frick, a junior, finished in second place on the 1-meter springboard and in third place on the 3-meter springboard at the diving competition. Wiktorsson, who competed in three events at the championship, took 13th on the 3-meter and 13th on the platform.

Track and field - Wichmann running up a storm

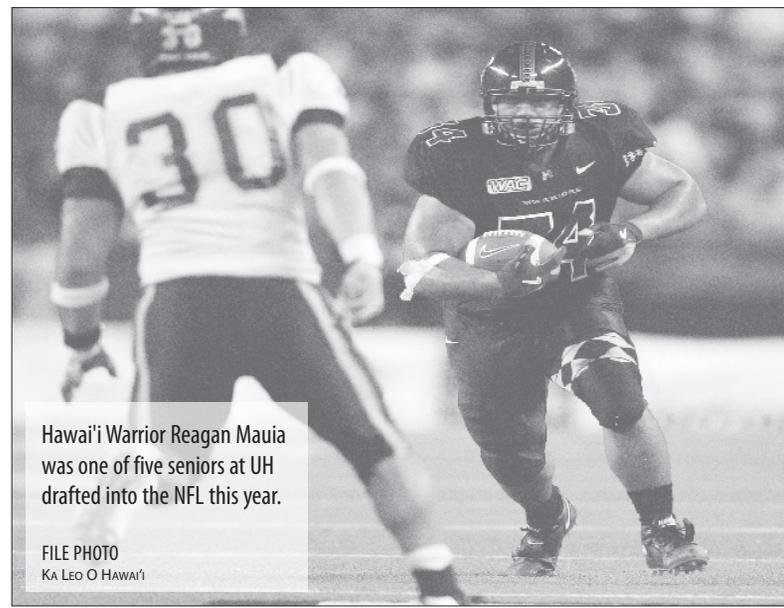
Whether it be indoor or outdoor track and field season, UH junior Annett

Wichmann contributes quite a bit to the team. Wichmann, who is also a member of the women's cross-country team, competed for UH in March's 2007 NCAA Indoor Championship where she finished in 11th place in the pentathlon. Wichmann was the first-ever UH participant, set two personal bests and three school pentathlon event records while competing at the Championship. Prior to her performance in the NCAA Championship, Wichmann won gold in the WAC Championships, becoming the nation's fourth-ranked pentathlete. Her contribution helped UH to their highest

finish and most point total ever in the WAC Indoor Championship this year.

Wichmann has furthered her mark, competing also in the outdoor track and field season, where last year she set a newschool record in the heptathlon at the WAC Championship. She is the first UH athlete who is slated to participate in her second NCAA Outdoor Championships. Apart from Wichmann, Hawaii has also qualified four athletes for May's upcoming NCAA West Regional.

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Hawaii's Warrior Reagan Mauia was one of five seniors at UH drafted into the NFL this year.

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