

Student organizations see shortfalls in leadership

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Managing Editor

Vacancies present in campus organizations such as Campus Center Board and the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i (ASUH) show Chartered Student Organizations (CSOs) may be experiencing shortfalls in student leadership.

UH Mānoa has six CSOs and more than 150 Registered Independent Organizations (RIOs).

"CSO advisors have expressed that filling positions on student boards is slightly more difficult than it has been in the past," said Malia Chung, graduate assistant for Student Life and Development.

Chung believes many students look for higher paying part-time work instead of volunteering or working for stipends through a campus organization.

"CSO positions do offer stipends that vary on the number of hours required by the positions, but considering the unstable economy, I think many students are choosing to find jobs that can provide a little more financial support," she said.

The cost of UH Mānoa tuition and fees for the upcoming fall semester is \$4,047 for residents and \$10,767 for nonresidents taking 12 credits or more.

According to Penelope Wang, senior writer at Money Magazine, the cost of student tuition for college has skyrocketed 439 percent since 1982.

Melissa Omiya, a Japanese and English major with senior standing and president of Circle K International, an RIO on campus, disagreed with the idea that a shortfall exists.

"I don't really get the impression that UHM is experiencing a significant decline of student leadership and involvement with



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The university's Chartered Student Organizations have recently experienced more difficulty filling leadership positions.

in RIOs ... on campus," she said. "Circle K International does have a rather low membership count at the moment. There are probably various reasons as to why our club doesn't have many members, such as not getting enough word out about CKI or students being committed to other organizations on campus," she said.

Omiya also suggested that, "If there is a decline, then it

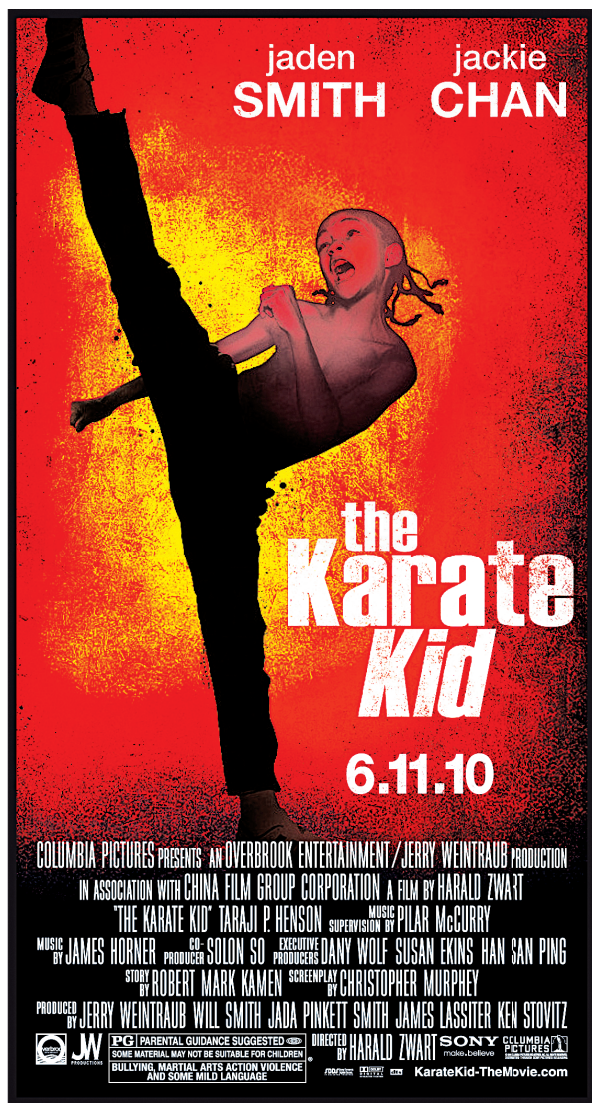
might just be a small one. In that case, I feel that the reason would be that students are becoming more wrapped up in their classes and work. With the rising tuition and fees at UHM, students are finding a greater need to work more in order to pay their way through school. At the same time, they may also try to take an extreme amount of classes in order to graduate sooner. Con-

sequently, they probably have less time to devote to extracurricular activities."

Chung says that being involved in a CSO requires more time compared to being involved in a campus club. "Students might be more inclined to choosing something that's extracurricular, but not too demanding. We do have over 200 clubs registered right now, and the number goes

up every year."

"Students have a lot on their plates these days, and many students pay their own way through school, which is commendable. We want as many students to get involved on campus as possible, but their level of involvement is really just up to them. Either way, we're still here to support students in their journeys towards success," said Chung.

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ZenShu serves late-night fusion fare

CHRIS MIKESELL
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Late-night dining and drinking venues tend to grow like weeds in the University-Kaimuki area. Sushi bars are just as ubiquitous. But a place like ZenShu, a self-described sake, sushi and sports bar, stands out among the crowd because of two words: Fusion. Izakaya.

For the uninitiated, izakaya-style dining is similar to Spanish tapas in the sense that diners order many small plates and eat a little of everything.

But while izakaya-style dishes (most of the time fried, grilled or otherwise rich fare usually meant to pair well with beer) are usually associated with Japanese cuisine, the fusion sensibilities of executive chef Wilson Chan shine through with his use of Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Western ingredients in Japanese ways.

When we visited on a Saturday – a night picked to try and avoid the crowd ZenShu usually gets when it shows UH games on its six flat-screen TVs – we encountered plates like fair-inspired Arabiki Corn Dogs with Shichimi Ketchup (\$5), Lemon-grass Wok-Fried Pork Chops (\$10), and Kabayaki Rib Eye Steak (\$15), each big enough for two or three people to share, but small enough to leave you wanting more.

Do not leave ZenShu late night without ordering at least one basket of their Lemon Caper Aioli Geso Karaage (\$8) if you are at all a fan of crispy fried squid parts. The karaage came liberally dressed in its sweet and creamy but not too sour sauce, yet maintained its crunch.

Their Mongolian Gyutan (\$7) made me think twice about tongue – the beef was cut razor-thin, grilled, and served over another sweet sauce, this time a Mongolian barbecue-inspired creation topped with barely grilled onions. It was sturdy enough to rival steak without being too chewy.

One dish that can, however, be safely passed over without missing much is the Edamame Mochiko Chicken Sticks (\$7.50). Though it



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ZenShu features towering oyster shooters like their Godzilla (\$20), featuring two raw oysters, ponzu, scallions, grated daikon and mountain yam, geoduck, tobikko, raw quail egg yolk, shrimp, uni and ikura.

is a well-executed, well-seasoned dish of mochiko chicken, that's all it is. It's the only thing that doesn't surprise on a menu where everything else shoots for the moon, humble as it is with its plainly salted edamame garnish. It is not what you will be ordering, it is what your grandpa will be ordering.

The eleven items on ZenShu's special menu are only available between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m., or after 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Wait too long, and they will be gone, as was the case with their popular Okonomiyaki Fries (\$5).

If you decide to venture off

ZenShu's happy hour menu, you'll find even more surprises. ZenShu's signature oyster shooters, for example, start off with a single raw oyster, ponzu, scallions, grated daikon, and mountain yam in the Pikachu (\$4.50), all of that plus geoduck, tobikko, and a raw quail egg yolk in the Kikaida (\$12.50), and going even further by adding shrimp, uni, ikura, and yet another raw oyster to create their aptly-named Godzilla shooter (\$20). Some people may be hesitant to make such a serious seafood investment, but for what

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America's higher standard

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To students who have been told to think out of the box, "standards" are limitations on what teachers are allowed to teach, which is why so many are wary about the academic standards released last Wednesday.

The standards were developed by governors of 48 states (excluding Alaska and Texas), the Council of Chief State School Officers, teachers, school administrators, and experts for better preparation in America's students for college and the workforce.

But changing the nation's standards is a big deal.

"This would require an immense reorganization of American education," said Amy Wilkins, vice president at the Education Trust, a group working to close the test score gap between minorities and white students.

A draft was initially released in early March and received 10,000 public comments. Since then, the standards have been revised to specify individual grade-level benchmarks in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

The recently announced standards are the hopes of the Obama administration to give school systems a stronger definition of what can be considered "challenging" — a term that has been stretched and meddled with under the No Child Left Behind law. Due to the current law, many state standards have been weakened so that more students can pass tests, and so schools can avoid penalties.

Under the current law, standard tests focus on measuring student proficiency at each level. While the new standards provide recommended reading lists for each grade along with particular ideas and functions in language arts and math classes, the administration wants to focus on the students academic

growth, rather than student-to-student comparison.

The administration will also be watching students with learning disabilities and students who are learning English as a second language to observe methods that are working.

And administration officials said that states will be forced to intervene even in seemingly high-performing schools in affluent districts where test scores and other indicators identify groups of students.

Those who oppose the new standards must realize that these new guidelines are not being made to limit student learning. After all, most countries already have national standards in education.

Japan, for example, has seven-hour school days, five days a week. Students are allowed to practice art, music and sports, and they still excel in mathematics. Taiwan, Korea, and many European countries also have similar school systems. So it is in fact unusual that the U.S. has continued on with such loose definitions of academic standards.

These academic standards instead seem to be targeting lower functioning schools. States that already have an overall high educational standard, such as Massachusetts, will not have to "dumb down" their process.

"Standards define what students should understand and be able to do... These Standards do not dictate curriculum or teaching methods," says the Common Core State Standards Introduction.

These new standards instead provide guidance to teachers and administrators toward college preparation. Schools and states that have lowered their standards to avoid fines will now have to push forward, which will ultimately result in allowing their students to have a higher opportunity for getting into and succeeding in college.

While there is required reading, such as the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, and at least one Shakespearean play, the English standards do not assign a reading list, but offer classic poems, short stories, novels and essays that a student, if given, should be able to discuss with knowledge of certain literary terms.

And in short, these standards are not made to limit what can be taught, but rather, give all students a similar core knowledge to grow and expand for a brighter future.

ZenShu

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you're getting, it's not a bad deal for what is essentially the sea in a shot glass.

If you'd rather fill your shot glasses with something a bit harder, however, Zenshu does have a full bar and drink menu. Late-night draft pints and domestic beers run between \$3 and \$3.50, and true to form, they also serve two types of sake samplers, each with three brands of sake. If cocktails are more your style, though, do not pass up their martinis — their Pine-chee tini (\$8) is slightly drier than their fruitier and sweeter Plumberry-tini (\$8). The Plumberry's briny umeboshi garnish, like most everything else on Zenshu's late night menu, delivers.

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Buyout's lesson: prepare and adapt



KENT NISHIMURA / KA LEO O HAWAII

Honolulu Advertiser Photo Editor Gregory Yamamoto shares a laugh with Editorial Page Editor Jim Kelley while the staff at the Advertiser work to put out the paper's final issue, ending Honolulu's run as a two-newspaper town. Gannett sold the Advertiser to David Black of Black Press earlier this year.

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Conventional wisdom can be a funny thing.

Conventional wisdom dictated that the 154-year-old Honolulu Advertiser, the daily with the larger staff and circulation, would more likely have bought out its competitor, the smaller Honolulu Star-Bulletin, if there were to have been any buyout at all.

But the events of Monday's media merger between Honolulu's two competing dailies prove that, sometimes, conventional wisdom is just dead wrong.

What we call conventional wisdom is often either the result of armchair analysis, a product of wishful thinking or the position of an unspoken and complacent consensus.

But none of these things can account for the unforeseeable, and the unforeseeable can change many things.

Sometimes even we journalists are guilty of relying too heavily on conventional wisdom. Though we strive to avoid it in our research and in our craft while writing about the events and questions of our time

as accurately as we can, we sometimes take it for granted when we consider our own ambitions.

Before the February 25 announcement of the proposed buyout of the Honolulu Advertiser, for instance, our futures as college journalists were more often a question of which newspaper to shoot for rather than whether or not there would be newspapers to work for at all.

Yet the proverbial writing is quite literally on the former Star-Bulletin's office wall in black, blue, and yellow. It stands, decaled on their honor boxes, in ink on the final print runs of both papers and on the newsstands. It scrolls, even as this is being written, in a slow, unrelenting march across the prompters of television news anchors, heralding the joining of these two papers in financial matrimony.

For better or for worse. In sickness and in health. For as long as they both shall live, in a world where the continued survival of any newspaper is no longer to be taken for granted. This is a world where 92 experienced Honolulu Advertiser news men and women, all of whom any aspiring reporter, photogra-

pher or analyst could learn from, found out over the course of nearly 100 days of anxiety that they, too, would be among the unemployed victims of conventional wisdom.

People like them, and, at times, like you or me, are sometimes blindsided by life, be we gritty newsmen or college students, shrimp farmers in Louisiana eking out a living among the remnants of an oil spill or U.S. Senate candidates fighting the establishment machine.

But unforeseen circumstances like these can change everything except for one thing: our ability to adapt. If we survive what happens, we can respond. We change, we grow, we learn and we rise up again and again.

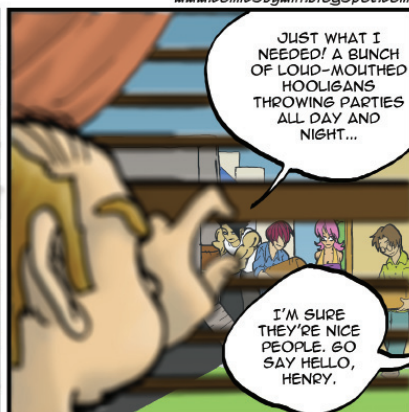
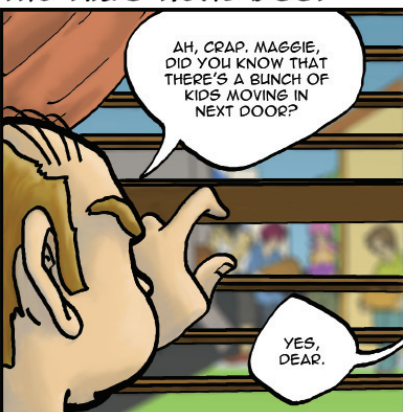
Though it seems that every sign and signal is saying that we have no place in the world, we are still standing. It may mean working extra hard to get noticed. It may mean having to not only learn from but also compete with those who came before us. We all, however, are still here because we all understand the same thing:

Those who persevere know better than to march in lockstep with conventional wisdom.

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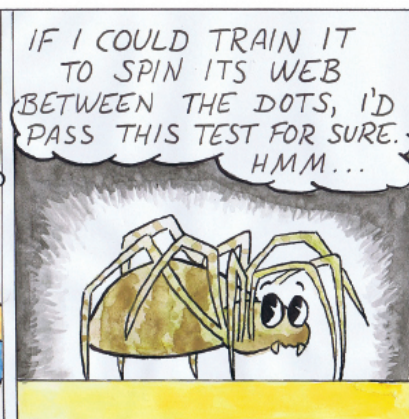
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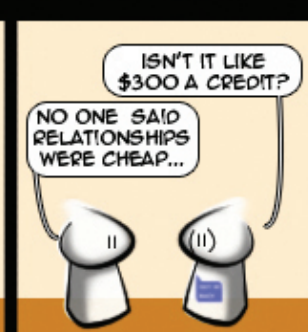
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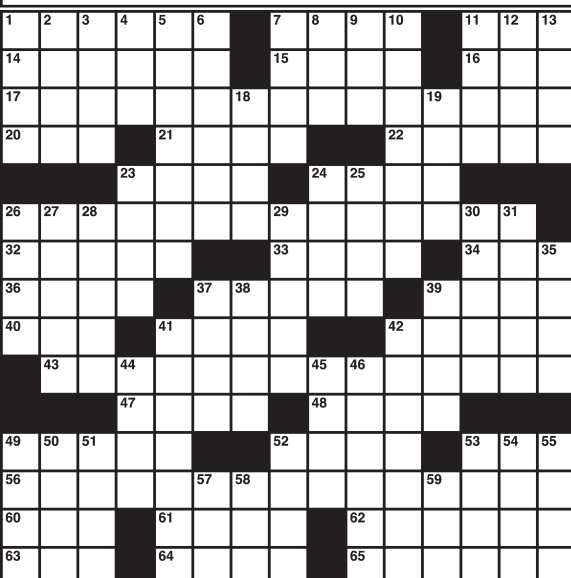
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- 7 Chew like a chipmunk
- 11 Triumphed
- 14 Netanyahu's nation
- 15 Seat of Georgia's Floyd County
- 16 Words before testimony
- 17 Fitness center array
- 20 Spray-on salon treatment
- 21 Fed. investigators
- 22 Speaker's asset
- 23 Former 3-Down leader
- 24 Medieval invader's obstacle
- 26 Instruments that often have chord buttons
- 32 30-day trial versions, e.g.
- 33 Mete (out)
- 34 Hankering
- 36 Admit openly
- 37 Smoothie fruit
- 39 Muse of history
- 40 Charles River sch.
- 41 ____ boots: '60s fashion
- 42 Head-turning swimwear
- 43 Seamstresses' aids
- 47 Numbers in photo album captions
- 48 Genesis forecast
- 49 Hyundai sedan
- 52 Soccer star Mia
- 53 "____ Misérables"
- 56 Birdlike crafts for lake rides

- 60 According to
- 61 Shorten, perhaps
- 62 "Tracey Takes On..." comedian
- 63 Wrong
- 64 Anna of "Fringe"
- 65 Parts of 17-, 26-, 43- and 56-Across

DOWN

- 1 Basic idea
- 2 Esteban's "this"
- 3 OPEC founding member
- 4 Didn't play
- 5 Hilltop
- 6 Baseball family name
- 7 ____ Torino: 1970s Ford
- 8 "____ gloom of night ..."
- 9 "Rehab" singer Winehouse
- 10 E-tailer's creation
- 11 Collaborative Internet project
- 12 Sapphic verses
- 13 Clown costume piece
- 18 Classic fruit soda
- 19 Tiny amount
- 23 Garbage transport
- 24 "Wuthering Heights" setting
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- 27 Jeans giant
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- theatrically
- 29 Software installation source, perhaps
- 30 Tent material
- 31 View from the Louvre
- 35 Nutmeg-flavored drinks
- 37 Dog biscuit shape
- 38 Caviar, basically
- 39 It may be stroked in thought
- 41 Compu Kitty or Digital Doggie
- 42 Monopoly token
- 44 Shout "Fore!" to

- 45 Asian sea
- 46 Arose
- 49 Nile dangers
- 50 German couple?
- 51 Collect from work
- 52 Home theater component, briefly
- 53 Dalai ____
- 54 Class action lawsuit abbr.
- 55 Work IDs
- 57 Commotion
- 58 Dept. head
- 59 Told too often

Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clements

Tribune Media Services (MCT)

Today's birthday (6/9/10). This year your ambition comes into balance with responsible behavior on the one hand and with great luck on the other. The truth is that behavior makes luck. Caring for home and family is at the basis of all your actions. Words and actions should reflect your values.

To get the advantage, check the day's

rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Today you want to fly under the radar. Thoughts and feelings call for introspection, and you actually get a lot done in that privacy.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- You feel all sorts of energy simmering just beneath the surface. Wait until an idea emerges clearly before taking action. Then speak your piece.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 6 -- You feel very fortunate in your choice of partners. The two of you find

skillful means to stretch the budget and get it all done.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- You discover a new method for getting the job done. Expand a small creative point so that associates grasp both the concept and its importance.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Secretly, your heart is already on vacation. However, you still need to tie up loose ends at work and settle payment arrangements. Stick to today's agenda.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Spend extra time with a close friend who understands your optimism.

You don't need anyone raining on your parade. Let it all unfold naturally.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- You feel like you spend the whole day talking to the wall. Remember: walls have ears. Others really do get your meaning, even if that's not apparent.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- You need to get comfortable today with a friend or partner. This is easy, because you know your own desires and pay attention to them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- With just a little planning, you can have your cake today, and eat it too. There's really no reason not to

push the envelope regarding love.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- As much as you'd like to play, today you need to focus on work issues. Private conversations generate wonderful ideas, but only if shared.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 5 -- The key to success today lies in knowing how to fine-tune financial reports. Luckily, correcting the numbers is a simple matter.

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Rainbows hit their stride in post season

Won WAC title and made NCAA regionals



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The Rainbow baseball team earned its first national ranking of the season following its 2-2 record in the NCAA Regionals in Tempe, Ariz. They are ranked No. 30 in the Collegiate Baseball poll.

MARC ARAKAKI
Senior Staff Reporter

The No. 30 Rainbow baseball team's late season run to the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) title and NCAA Regionals came to an end in Tempe, Ariz., on Sunday.

The 'Bows fell 8-4 to the No. 1 seeded and host Arizona State Sun Devils in an elimination game.

"I didn't want it to end like this, but losing to the number one team in the nation isn't the worst thing in the world," senior first baseman Kevin McDonald said.

"I could not be more proud of the group of guys than I've ever been around and I've been doing this for 20 years," head coach Mike Trapasso said in a press conference following the game.

Hawaii opened the Tempe Regional with a 4-3 win against the No. 19 San Diego Toreros last Friday.

Sophomore Matt Sisto pitched a

gem, giving up just two runs in seven innings. Junior left fielder Sean Montplaisir and junior shortstop Greg Garcia both went 2-for-4 with junior designated hitter Jeffrey Van Doornum and junior catcher David Freitas each adding a home run.

The Rainbows then faced the No. 1 Arizona State in the next game. A solo home run by Van Doornum was the only run Hawaii would score, losing 12-1.

Hawaii faced the Toreros again in an elimination game. The Rainbows' bats were hot, scoring 12 runs on 18 hits in the rematch. Freitas and McDonald each homered in the 12-9 victory. This victory set up another elimination game against the Sun Devils.

The Rainbows stayed close with the Sun Devils, leading 4-3 after the fourth inning on a two-run home run by Montplaisir. Hawaii failed to add more runs after Arizona State broke out to an 8-4 lead

in the eighth inning.

"I'd say [Arizona State's] an outstanding ball club. It's one of the better college baseball teams I've seen in eight or ten years," Trapasso said. "It was a long day for us, but I'm very proud of our kids. We may have played better game the second game than we did the first game as far as just a clean game."

Hawaii finished 35-28 overall and 12-12 Western Athletic Conference.

The Rainbows opened the 2010 campaign with one of the nation's top non-conference schedules. Hawaii hosted two ranked Pac-10 schools in Oregon State and Oregon and visited perennial powerhouse Cal-State Fullerton during non-conference play. They entered the WAC with a 16-12 record.

"We've played and beaten several regional teams. We've had a great schedule," Trapasso said. "Our non-conference schedule

is one of the top 20 strength of schedules in the country."

Hawaii struggled early in conference play, dropping its first two series against Fresno State and Sacramento State 3-1. The Rainbows then split the next two series against Louisiana Tech and Nevada before capturing its last two league series against New Mexico State and San Jose State 3-1.

In order to qualify for the NCAA Tournament, the Rainbows had to win the WAC Tournament (Hawaii was the WAC's only berth).

Hawaii opened the tournament with two wins against Louisiana Tech and New Mexico State. They then faced the 2008 national champion and defending conference champion Fresno State Bulldogs.

The Rainbows won the first 11-3, dropped the rematch against the Bulldogs in the double elimination tournament, but came back to take the third and deciding game 9-6.

Garcia, Van Doornum, sophomore second baseman Kolten Wong and sophomore pitcher Lenny Linsky were named to the all-WAC first team while junior pitcher Josh Slaats was on the second.

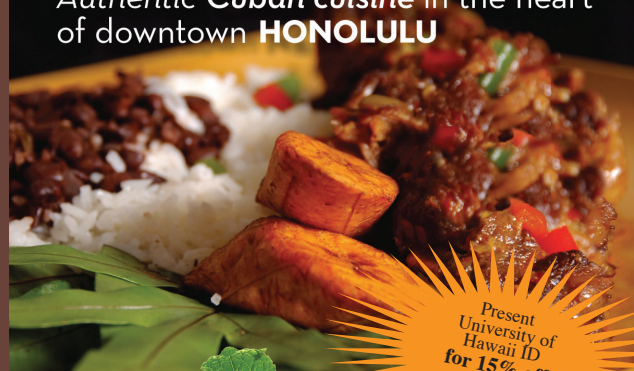
Freitas, Wong and Van Doornum were named to the all-Regional team.

"We played well," MacDonald said. "Six or seven weeks ago, we never thought we would be here, so the guys showed their toughness. I have to thank the coaches and all of Hawaii for everything they have done."

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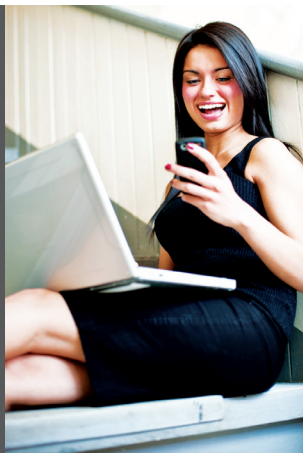
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Rainbow Wahine made history

MARIANA MONASI
Staff Reporter

The No. 16 seeded Rainbow Wahine softball team (50-16) finished an unforgettable season last weekend with a 1-2 record in the program's first NCAA Women's College World Series (WCWS) in Oklahoma City, Okla.

"I just want to thank this team for taking me on the journey of a lifetime. It was an incredible ride this year. It was unbelievable," said head coach Bob Coolen, who has guided the program to nine NCAA appearances in his 20 years with the program.

"Twenty-eight days on the road with these ladies and not once did they falter," he continued. "They played to their best. It was a great year for us."

The 'Bows beat No. 9 Missouri 4-3 in the first game of the double-elimination tournament, but then lost to No. 5 UCLA 5-2 and No. 10 Arizona 5-1.

Coolen was joined by senior second baseman Traci Yoshikawa and sophomore left fielder Alex Aguirre in a press conference following the Arizona game that could be viewed online.

Yoshikawa, who was fighting back tears, said she'd remember the unity of this year's team the most.

"We are a really close team. We had pretty much no drama at all," she said. "We backed each other every single time. We had fun playing."

"It's been really, I guess you could say, life-changing," said Aguirre, who was also in tears. "When you have a team that's as close as we are, it shows on the field. The chemistry that we have really brought out the best in all of us as players and just as people in general."

"It's been a wild ride," she continued. "We're all sorry to see it end this way but we know that we went out with a bang and we really put our best foot forward."

This year's team shattered the previous program (84) and NCAA single-season homerun record (134) with 158, including three in the WCWS by Yoshikawa (two) and Aguirre (one).



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This year's Rainbow Wahine softball team was the first to appear in the NCAA Women's College World Series, going 1-2 in the tournament.

Eight of the nine starting hitters had at least 11 homeruns.

The team also broke school records in most runs scored (488), most runs batted in (449), most doubles (92), most walks (185), most strikeouts (358), most home runs (158) and most hits (578).

Freshman center fielder Kelly Majam, led the nation with 30 homeruns, which also set a school and WAC single-season record. Her 81 runs scored and 44 walks were also school single-season records.

The 'Bows also won both the Western Athletic Conference and regular season championship for the first time. The team's 19-1 WAC record was also a program best.

Junior third baseman Melissa Gonzales (first team) and Majam (second team) were selected to the Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-America teams. The two are the program's eighth and ninth All-Americans and finished tied for the team lead of 60 RBI.

The Rainbow Wahine swept the WAC awards. Coolen was named WAC Coach of the Year, freshman shortstop Jessica Iwata was the player of the year, Kelly Majam was the freshman of the year, and sophomore Stephanie Ricketts was the pitcher of the year.

Iwata, Majam and Ricketts were joined by junior designated player Jenna Rodrigues and Gonzales on the all-WAC first team and senior first baseman Amanda Tauali'i was named to the second.

Gonzales, Rodriguez and Majam earned first team NFCA all-West Region honors while Iwata and Ricketts were named to the second team.

The team's success has already helped recruiting, according to Coolen - specifically with local players.

"It's opened up the eyes of a lot of young ladies at home, who now want to stay home. It's been tougher and tougher to keep local-grown players at home," he said.

"This journey has brought out a lot of e-mails from local players who now see we have reached the level that they want to play at," he continued. "I am very pleased by what we are getting as far as the athletics from all over the country and just the recruits that have started to look at us as a power to reckon and that bodes well for us."

"It was a great season. I want to thank everybody for following us and all the aloha and support from the fans," Tauali'i said in her video blog on the University of Hawaii's athletic Web site.

"It's been a wonderful season."