Parking privileges same despite plans

**By Alexandre Da Silva**  
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For the past seven years, a parking permit has hung in the mirror of George Simson’s car, allowing the 73-year-old former English professor to slide into highly-overflowed parking stalls at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa campus.

The university granted the permit to Simson, who retired in 1997, as a thank-you note for his contributions since he joined UH in the 1960s.

Simson, who founded the campus’ Center for Biographical Research in 1976, said he drives four miles to UH Manoa to work on the translation of an ancient manual that Russian Empress Catherine “The Great” wrote for her son in the late 18th century.

But this semester Simson worried his work on the 46-page manual would have to be put on hold for next year after he received his parking permit valid only for this fall semester — a change from Simson’s previous permits, which were valid for fall, spring, and summer.

UH Manoa spokesman Jim Manke said Simson’s was an isolated case because he applied for the permit when administrators were contemplating changes to the parking policy for retired faculty.

He said some of the proposed changes included limiting parking to areas that retirees frequently visit. Currently, retirees may park anywhere on campus except for stalls at the dorms and a dozen others reserved for media next to the swimming pool.

But Manke said meetings with the parking office bore no changes in the policy, and those who applied for permits continued to receive the year-long permit.

“The intent is to continue to issue permits throughout the year,” he said, adding that further talks to revisit policy changes have not been scheduled.

Along with parking perks, retired professors are given office space and lifetime library access, according to a Sept. 1990 UH policy created “to honor well qualified and respected retired UH faculty.”

In return, the university encourages retirees to participate in lectures, seminars and other events.

Faculty who have worked as professors at UH for at least five years are eligible to receive the benefits under the title of emeritus professor, the policy states. But one section in the policy says retired faculty may receive the privileges “dependent on available resources.”

Faculty are not promised or guaranteed a parking pass, Manke said.

This year, 275 retired professors applied for permits, up from just 10 the previous year.

Free parking privileges are granted to legislators, retired professors and Board of Regents’ staff. Passes (pictured) may soon be issued semesterly rather than yearly.

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Pull, aim, spray, sweep

**By Ron Hutcherson**  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry will meet for Round 2 tonight with Bush under pressure to stop Kerry’s momentum and counteract a spate of bad news on Iraq.

Bush heads into the second presidential debate, a town-hall meeting in St. Louis, after a lackluster performance in the first contest and a week of news that called into question his handling of the Iraq war. Recent polls show that Kerry, the underdog before the debate Sept. 30, either has closed the gap or has only a narrow lead over the president.

At tonight’s forum, audience members will question the candidates on foreign affairs and domestic policies for 90 minutes, starting at 9 p.m. EDT. Charles Gibson of ABC’s “Good Morning America” will moderate the question-and-answer session at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Kerry, who repeatedly challenged the president’s handling of Iraq in the last debate, will have new ammunition for this encounter:

— On Monday, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he hadn’t seen any “strong, hard evidence” linking Iraq and Al Qaeda terrorists. His statement was in keeping with a new Central Intelligence Agency assessment, which was first reported by Knight Ridder, states that there were underestimates of two key links between Iraq and al Qaeda.

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Often times I question whether or not I am an optimist or a pessimist at heart. There are many times when one is asked to take a middle ground on an issue or disagreement in order to compromise, but the decision to be either optimistic or pessimistic about a certain issue is certainly one that does not provide much of a gray area.

I’d say you have to be either optimistic or pessimistic — maybe not about everything all at once, because people can be optimistic about things like, say, the encounters they will face during the day while being at the same time pessimistic about the general state of the world. It’s not encouraging to the person to be commenting on how empty the glass. Because that individual’s aim is to consume the glass no matter how much they pour in.

If you were to talk about the emptiness of a glass being filled then it would imply that it was either quite a hopelessly large glass to fill or that there is some kind of hole in the bottom that works against your purpose, prompting the lament of the man who cannot seem to fill the glass no matter how much he pours in.

The same goes for the person who aims to empty the glass. Because that individual’s aim is to consume its contents, for such a person to be commenting on how much of the contents are still in the glass is almost like an emptying the glass is half-empty. Then, wouldn’t it follow that someone whose goal was to fill the glass certainly be an optimist? You can’t very well be optimistic about a certain restaurant (although certainly not on this campus). You can’t very well be an optimist about the ability of the man making the repairman giving moral support.

Of course, the other injustice of the situation is that an optimist is proven wrong, the worst that happens is that the person’s faith in the world or humanity is said to have been misplaced but is generally recognized as ultimately hopeful.

Knowing that is neither optimism nor pessimism, but simply realism. Of course, even if he were presented an opportunity to flaunt the correctness of his prediction, he would probably earn a slap for his trouble.

On the other side of the coin, cynical people also are pessimists in the sense that they don’t set very high expectations for the world around them. Both of these states of mind are dependent on opinion, although they are not really emotionally equivalent.

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Half-empty or half-full?
A closer look at our definitions of optimism and pessimism allows us to reevaluate our outlooks on life whether or not one is optimistic or pessimistic depends not on the quantitative state of one’s surroundings but rather upon the attitudes brought about by the interpretation of the world around us.

For instance, the common example of a half-filled glass. An optimist would supposedly — by definition — say that the glass is half-full while the pessimist would assert — again by definition — that it is half-empty. Then, wouldn’t it follow that someone whose goal was to fill the glass certainly be an optimist? You can’t very well be filling a glass and speak about how empty it is because that would be a bit self-defeating.

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No, if I were stuck in such a situation, I think I’d be optimistic about the ability of the man making the repairs and pessimistic about the prospect of having the equivalent of a cheerleader for company.

It’s not ambivalence, it’s applying an important decision on a case-by-case basis. Knowing that is neither optimism nor pessimism, but simply realism.

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Staying in Step

Trumpeters from the UH Band lead the way while practicing marching routines for Saturday's game against UTEP.
Getting all nuts

Warriors beat Tulsa, ready for Wolf Pack

By Brandy Flores
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After winning last weekend’s football game with a 44-16 rout of Tulsa, the University of Hawai’i Warriors squad is prepared to take on the University of Nevada Wolf Pack tomorrow night.

Starting the season with a 1-2 record that included two bye weeks, the Warriors are eager to be back on a normal routine and carry over that winning momentum into the next game.

“It’s nice to be on a normal schedule,” said head coach June Jones during his weekly press conference on Monday.

“This week we’re finally on a normal schedule so that will be good to get on a rhythm and hopefully we can go on the road and win and get something going here.”

Jones praised the performances from quarterback Timmy Chang and place-kicker Justin Ayat.

Chang, who threw for 378 yards and three touchdowns in the game against Tulsa, will be facing Nevada quarterback Andy Heiser. Heiser threw for 2,294 yards in 2003 and is looking to earn a win for the Wolf Pack following their two straight losses.

Ayat will be matched against a former Western Athletic Conference Special Teams Player of the Week in place-kicker Justin Ayat.

Whereas UH boasts slotback Chad Owens, who made eight catches for 182 yards, resulting in two touchdowns against the Golden Hurricane, the Wolf Pack adversely challenges that in the form of running back Chance Kretschmer.

Kretschmer ran for over 1,162 yards and 12 touchdowns last year and is on the Doak Walker Award Watch List, which goes to the nation’s top running back.

On Monday, Jones had yet to fully review Nevada or the team’s lineup and strategies for their opponents offense line.

“It think they have a new defensive coordinator, so it’s a different concept” Jones remarked. “They played San Diego State one way, Louisiana Tech another way and we get the Vegas tape today, we’ll spend some time with that.”

The Warrior defense combined for five sacks for a loss of 38 yards and an interception in the last game, and they will have to deal with the balanced Nevada offense.

Regarding the difference in defensive play from the last game, Jones has left the reigns in the hands of defensive coordinator George Lumpkin and secondary coach Rich Miano.

“This particular game I turned on my deal, I didn’t want to listen to it,” said Jones. “In the heat of battle, I just let them do their job. I knew they were prepared, they had two weeks. So you let guys do their job.”

In commenting about the Nevada game, Jones simply stated, “I think staying at a high level, coming out of the box and playing for four quarters is our toughest test.”
Warriors looking for a winning streak

By Stefanie Nakasone
Ka Leo Sports Editor

The Warrior football team is riding high with confidence now that they have their first win. But instead of “taking it one game at a time,” as the old saying suggests, the Warriors also need to look ahead. Their post-season lives depend on it.

Hawai’i’s Western Athletic Conference championship and bowl aspirations have never looked more in doubt, despite the Warriors’ first win of the season Saturday night.

Going into last Saturday, everyone knew the games at Boise State and at Fresno State were going to be difficult for the Warriors. But when they take on the Broncos and Bulldogs later this season, everyone knew Michigan State, the team.

The Warriors’ Nov. 27 opponent Northwestern did what so many other teams in the past few years have not been able to do — go into overtime with Ohio State and come out the victor.

“All we have to do is win every game,” University of Hawai’i’s running back West Keli’ikii said after his team’s 44-16 victory over Tulsa. And he was right.

The Warriors know very well that one more conference loss would in essence mean no WAC title, not with the Broncos still riding a nation-leading 17-game winning streak. They also know that one more loss would mean even fewer opportunities to reach the magic number of seven.

Next, UH will face conference bottom-dwellers Nevada, University of Texas, El Paso and San Jose State.

If not, it’s bye-bye bowl, hello Christmas Eve at home.

Warriors make themselves at home

By Liiane Yim
Ka Leo Staff Writer

The No. 4 Rainbow Wahine volleyball team (12-0, 2-0 Western Athletic Conference) feels that they’re definitely good to be back home. The team regrouped after their first road trip last weekend, but some changes have occurred since then.

Freshman outside hitter Tara Hittle and wife, Tani, welcomed a new addition to their family as Tani gave birth Tuesday to Jeffery Charles Makana Wade II. And now, possible line-up changes may be underway.

This undefeated team is looking for someone to step it up this weekend, claim the spotlight, lead the team. “Based on our performances at Nevada and Fresno, I don’t think we played our best volleyball,” said head coach Dave Shoji. “At this point in the season we’ve got to keep improving. Everybody needs to be on notice that that’s not acceptable and they need to keep pushing.”

This notice may concern some players, but the team feels the best six on the court will make the team more effective against other teams.

“We have a better understanding for future road trips, but we’d rather play at home,” said Hittle. “After an off night we know we always have another chance to prove ourselves.”

Perhaps matches this week will be chances for the team to redeem themselves. First up tonight at 7 p.m. are the Boise State Broncos (14-3, 3-1 WAC). Leading the front row attack for the Broncos is sophomore Cameron Flander, who averages 3.95 kills per game, and freshman Jamie Claussen (3.48 kpg). Senior middle Heather Malaschak is ranked 21st nationally in blocking.

The Broncos are in the midst of their best season in school history; prior to the 2004 season, the Broncos had never won more than one match in three years of WAC play. Their three overall losses came from Rice, Portland, and No. 1 University of Washington.

The University of Texas El Paso, (6-7, 0-4 WAC) will take on the Wahine on Sunday at 4 p.m. The Miners will be in search for their first conference win. Junior middle blocker Heather Brisnahana and junior outside hitter Kari Stacy are coming off their best matches and lead the team in kills and blocks.

“We all know we need to get so much better; we want to keep winning and keep our high rank,” said setter Cayley Thurby.
To the readers

It was brought to Ka Leo’s attention that an “Average Joe” comic strip that ran on June 3 could be interpreted in a way that was neither Ka Leo’s nor the artist’s intention. Since the time that the cartoon has run, Ka Leo staffers have undergone diversity training by the National Coalition Building Institute.

Ka Leo regrets any harm the comic may have caused any of our readers.

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Dear Stark Raving Mad,

Your situation is common and can be resolved. Your relationship with your roommate is suffering from what most relationships suffer from — lack of communication. Communication is the key to every relationship. I wish that I would have learned that before I kicked out three roommates in my first year at college.

Instead of learning how to communicate with them, I took the easy way out and gave them the boot. Despite what many would say, it is much easier to live in (peace and harmony) with our roommates than we would all like to admit.

Let’s address your issues point by point.

You said that your roommate turns off the light when she leaves the room even though you are still using it. Sounds like a severe case of selective blindness (a true medical term, a word clearly made up by yours truly). Either your roommate is suffering from selective vision and doesn’t see you in the room or she suffers from selective amnesia and forgets that you are in the room.

When you tell her that you are still using the light, you must let her know that you need the light for your health and well-being. The latter is less likely but you can hope.

Your roommate seems to feel that she is being agitated. This might be her first experience with insects. She could be consumed by a variety of insect species.

In seriousness, I don’t think that your roommate is intentionally trying to agitate you. This might be her first experience with roommates.

Dear Wala ‘Au,

My roommate does not respect me or my space. And the space we share is not that much. She turns the light off when she leaves even though I am still inside using it. She doesn’t turn her music off even when she goes out. She leaves the window wide open that doesn’t have a screen. I guess she doesn’t seem to mind waking up with mosquito bites and dead bees on the floor. But I do. I’ve asked her to address these things, and she does. But ten minutes later, she’s back at it again. I don’t think she is intentionally trying to drive me crazy. But she just doesn’t quite realize that someone else lives in that room, too.

Sincerely,

Stark Raving Mad

You said that you have problems with your roommate. I must realize that some people maintain many of the same habits that they had while living at home. Think about it, it seems to me that she is still acting like she is at home living with her parents. Maybe she hasn’t fully adjusted to sharing living space with you.

If this is not her first rooming experience, then maybe she is a careless person. Keep reminding her of her habit and maybe she will change. If she doesn’t, you must learn to cope with it.

When life serves us a lemon, we must make lemonade. Try to make the best of your rooming experience. Although it takes time to adjust to sharing our living space with other people, I’ve learned that relationships with roommates can develop into long-lasting friendships.

I never thought that I would ever say this but... “Don’t get mad, get glad. Be glad that you don’t have a psycho roommate who does God-for-委, tions about anything that’s on your mind features@kaleo.org.

This ceaseless noise can’t threaten me! she might say. Then silently walk away with a smile on your face and a glint in your eye.

Put a lock on the bathroom door. Collect a tax for bathroom privileges, thus you’re building a coalition and passing the bill.

Bag a mini-lamp, a fan, or a roll of duct tape and two four-screen room dividers (Amazon.com sells them). Separate the room down the middle and seal the windows. Break the ceiling light and the switch. Bank in the glow of your own sun and breeze. Make sure to taunt your roommate; “How are those bread lines looking? You got enough toilet paper?”

After a recent visit to the L.A. zoo, my friend Art Le Mae, exclaimed, “The monkeys were throwing their crap and masturbat- ing furiously in front of us. I don’t think they’re very happy there.”

After thanking him for the revelation, I wondered why this same phenomenon hasn’t occurred in the dorms. If not, why not?

I could advise you to extend the olive branch, that compassion should rule your actions, and that some patience is the only way to peace.

I could say that, but screw it. The next time someone tries to agitate you, I think that you should preemptively attack your roommate.

I could just meditate on my sage words: “If this war was a dictatorship, it would be a heck of a lot easier — so I’m just the dictator.”


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Zinn’s 60 years of political activism covered in ‘Train’

By Julia Wieting
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So, you say you want a revolution? Then watch “Howard Zinn: You Can’t Be Neutral on a Moving Train,” the next film in the UHM/Bank of Hawai‘i Cinema Series. This film presents the life and times of controversial historian and activist Howard Zinn, author of “A People’s History of the United States” and “A People’s History of America.”

The film will be shown at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa Architecture Auditorium Friday, Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. and 8:15 p.m., as well as on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 5 p.m. Admission is $5. Audience members are invited to a reception with UH Political Science Professor Jon Goldberg-Hiller outside the Architecture Auditorium from 5 - 6 p.m.

Zinn has been stirring up America’s political consciousness for the last 60 years, both through his writing and activism. Documented in “Moving Train” through vintage film and television footage, as well as interviews with former students such as Alice Walker, and contemporaries such as Noam Chomsky and Tom Hayden, we are shown a well-done summary of Zinn’s life.

Born in 1920s New York City to working-class parents, Zinn was exposed early on to the harsh reality of working life. During graduate school he began to question why history did not include the voices of those laborers like his parents, or women, minorities, and immigrants. This was the start of a career dedicated to putting the ordinary people back into history. Coupled with his radical new interpretation of history, Zinn began work as a social activist, crusading to empower people against the injustices in society. It started with his support of the Civil Rights movement. While teaching at Spelman College in Atlanta, he encountered first hand the inequality of racism and helped students, like Alice Walker, fight against the system that oppressed them.

From there he moved on to protest the war in Vietnam, questioning “the total good of the ‘good war,’” and galvanizing both his students and the nation to stand up against the war. His activism even extended to going to North Vietnam to supervise the release of three American servicemen.

In 1980, Zinn published his seminal work, “A People’s History of the United States,” which shows history from the viewpoint of the oppressed, such as indigenous peoples, slaves, immigrants, and women. It created a great deal of controversy when it was published, and 400,000 copies later, it is still causing people to question traditional textbook American history. Zinn has dedicated his life to asking difficult questions about society that no one else will. The interviews contained in the documentary adequately convey the essence of Zinn’s philosophy on the world. According to fellow activist Chomsky, “It is no exaggeration that Zinn has dedicated his life to asking difficult questions about society that no one else will. The interviews contained in the documentary adequately convey the effects of Zinn’s philosophies on the world. According to fellow activist Chomsky, “It is no exaggeration that Zinn has dedicated his life to asking difficult questions about society that no one else will. The interviews contained in the documentary adequately convey the effects of Zinn’s philosophies on the world.”

In addition to his incendiary work, the documentary includes touching segments about his marriage and family. It also includes his late-life return to the theater — Zinn is the author of two plays, “Emma” and “Marx in Soho.”

At times, “Moving Train” can seem too laudatory. One only needs a few shots of applauding audiences to understand that people like this guy. Moreover, coverage of Zinn’s protests of the Persian Gulf war could be more coherent. However, this is a level-headed documentary overall.

Most importantly, this film is relevant to students today. In this time of war, Zinn’s arguments are as pertinent as they were in the ’60s. Zinn wonders if “the weapons we use against other people are the weapons we use against ourselves.” It is important to have people like Zinn ask these questions. Conservative or liberal, dialogue is still crucial to democracy. Gandhi said, “Be the change that you want to see in the world.” Zinn’s actions portray this philosophy and show students today that we need to ask questions.

Hidden camera show seeks actors

By Marlo Ting
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Honolulu Picture film production company is looking for actors and actresses for their upcoming television show “The Morad Hidden Camera Show.” Auditions will be held this Monday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. at Campus Center Room 312 (SVFA office). Applicants should be University of Hawai‘i at Manoa students between the ages of 17 and 26. Experience is not necessary.

“The Morad Hidden Camera Show” will run Nov. 8 on NBC and WB.