Media affecting state legislative agenda, issues

By Jarrett Keohokalole
Ka Leo Contributing Writer

Former television reporter turned lawmaker, Rep. Glen Nakakahi said that politicians follow the news and often address issues covered by the media.

“Journalists set the agenda,” for what legislators talk about on the floors of the state Capitol, said Nakakahi, D-31st (Salt Lake, Tripler).

Wakai also said that issues covered in the news are often addressed by legislation from politicians. Referring to legislators, he said, “we feed off what the public sentiment is at that given time period.”

According to recent events, Wakai’s words ring true. Following the aftermath of December’s devastating tsunami in southern Asia, Hawaii’s lawmakers addressed local tsunamis based on reports they saw on television or read in newspapers.

In what he called his most controversial bill, Wakai addressed the ban on human consumption of cat and dog meat. After seeing other news reports, Wakai introduced a bill in December concerning a story about a cemetery that had removed bodies from their purchased plots and resold the spaces. The bill would require cemeteries to map out plots to prevent the removal of people’s remains.

Wakai discovered the influence of the media on politics while working as a reporter for several Hawai’i news operations. After starting his reporting career in Guam and Saipan, he broke into local news in 1999 KHON Fox 2 and later moved to KHNL Channel 8. While covering breaking news stories, he discovered the influence of the media on politics while working as a reporter for several Hawai’i news operations.

Translating Chinese, Japanese, and Korean will be discussed today from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Moore 319.

Participants will learn about educational care opportunities and receive advice on how to reach their goals.

This event is free and open to the public.

This event is sponsored by the East Asia Council, UH Manoa.

For more information, contact the Center for Japanese Studies at 956-2665, e-mail cjs@hawaii.edu, or visit http://www.hawaii.edu/cjs/seminar-series.html#ash

Librarian to present biography

“Beatrice Patton’s Hawai’i” will be presented today from noon to 1:15 p.m. at Henke Hall 325 by Nancy Morris, librarian and curator of the John Charlot collection.

This brown bag biography lecture is free and open to the public.

This event is sponsored by the Center for Japanese Studies at UH Manoa.

For more information, call Craig Howes at 956-3774 or e-mail biograp@hawaii.edu.

Buddhist seminar set for tomorrow

“Madhyamika Buddhists on Truth and Realism: What Are They Actually Refuting?” will be presented tomorrow from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Sakamaki Hall C-308.

This workshop will presented by Tom J. F. Tillemans, professor of Buddhist studies, at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

This colloquium is sponsored by the Philosophy Department.

For more information, call Jackie Young at 956-8649 or e-mail philo@hawaii.edu.

Prof. to share Japan experience

Edward Seidensticker will share his experiences and opinions about his stay in Japan tomorrow from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Moore 319.

Seidensticker is the emeritus professor of Japanese at Columbia University, and a scholar and translator of Japanese literature.

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Forum to address reforestation

This Geography Colloquium will be presented by L. A. Sampumo Bruijnzeel, tropical forest hydrolo-

gist from the Free University, Amsterdam. This event is sponsored by the Geography Department.

For more information, call Miriam Giambelluca at 956-7390 or the Geography Department.

We provide a broad spectrum of news stories and items that might be of interest and of value to our customers—the viewers,” Fink said, adding that viewers dictate what is covered every day. “The consum-

er ultimately decides by choosing to watch or not watch certain news-

Fink agreed that while government issues can be mundane at times, “sometimes, the effects of decisions being made or discussed have ramifications beyond the surface.” He said that while it is the reporter’s job to cover the basic issue, they must also place the issue in a context to which the viewer can relate and understand.

University of Hawai’i’s journal-

ism Professor Beverly Keever agreed that journalists must help set the agenda for legislators by expos-

ing these stories to the public.

“If not, the whole population loses out,” she said.

Keever said she hopes that advancements in the UH journalism program, such as the creation of the proposed student-run TV station, would help upgrade the quality of today’s Hawai’i-educated reporters coming into the local news media industry, thus better serving the public and developing the state eco-

mically.

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Charlie Kaufman, Michel Gondry and Pierre Bismuth won an Academy Award in the category of Best Original Screenplay for writing “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind.” It’s playing today at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m. at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa Architecture Auditorium as part of the UHM/Bank of Hawai‘i Cinema Series. Admission is $5, $3 for students.

The movie stars Jim Carrey as Joel Baris and Kate Winslet as Clementine Kruczynski. They enter into a relationship that starts off well but eventually goes bad. With a revolutionary procedure from Lacuna Inc., Clementine has Joel erased from her memory, and Joel decides to do the same to her. In the process of getting his memory erased, he re-experiences the good times they had together and has second thoughts.

Much of the movie takes place in Joel’s mind as he struggles to hold on to his memories of Clementine. It’s like a frantic run through an ending world, where everything involving his failed relationship is disappearing. Environments fall apart or blend into each other, faces become obscure, and people get ripped away or simply vanish. Joel desperately wants it to stop. He tries to figure out a way to fight against the procedure and preserve his memories of Clementine.

The rest of the movie involves the Lacuna Inc. technicians erasing Joel’s memories in his apartment.
Spotless: Kaufman’s screenplay is brilliant

while he’s asleep. One of them decides to live the life that Joel is having erased. And in some way, the consequences of the technicians’ memory erasing procedures eventually catch up with all of them.

While everything flows in chronological order in the real world, events happen in reverse order in Joel’s head as his most recent memories of Clementine are erased before his older, more pleasant ones. So, as his relationship with Clementine blossoms, it also gets closer to being forgotten.

Carrey and Winslet play character types they haven’t done before. Nonetheless, they execute their roles masterfully.

Joel is the more serious and grounded character in the movie. He’s a shy, introverted individual, the opposite of Clementine. Clementine is much more outgoing and energetic. Her behavior, as well as hair color, is unpredictable. Both characters are colorful in their own ways, but still down to earth and realistic.

Like everything else Kaufman has written, “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” is an interesting movie that can’t be described as yet another rehash of something else. It’s novel and quirky in a brilliant way.

This memory of a good moment in Joel and Clementine’s relationship will be erased by the Lacuna, Inc. technicians.
Stopping alcohol sales is not the answer for UH

Better security, stricter penalties for underage drinking necessary

Last week, Hawaii’s Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona urged University of Hawaii’s officials to ban the sale of alcohol on campus and to discontinue advertising by alcoholic beverage companies at sporting events. This comes after his earlier proposal encouraging state lawmakers to pass a bill that would take away the driver’s licenses of anyone under the age of 21 who is caught consuming alcohol, regardless of whether they are driving or not.

Aiona’s efforts to curb the occurrence of underage drinking should be applauded. A new focus on enforcing already existing laws against underage drinking will serve as an effective reminder for those who indulge in illegal underage drinking.

However, attempting to stop the legitimate selling of alcohol on campus will not be a deterrent for underage drinking or the violence that arises from binge drinking at UH dormitories.

Underage drinkers do not get their alcohol from the legal venues on campus. Their alcohol is obtained from off-campus locations and consumed in housing areas where the enforcement of existing underage drinking laws is sorely lacking.

The UH administration’s focus should not be on the banning of the sale of alcohol on campus, but instead on the increasing of security at UH’s dorms and a stricter enforcement of the illegal sale of alcohol.

By Cynthia Martens

(U.California-Berkeley) (L.WIRE BERKELEY, Calif. — When you’re drinking to get plastered, typically the quality of the alcohol doesn’t matter much. Thursday night: hello Fleischmann’s!

But what if instead of viewing alcohol as a tool to get “cranked,” it was viewed more as the French do? That is, as a food, to be enjoyed in good company?

The problem with all the “just say no” campaigns targeting alcohol, drugs and sex is that they force extremes. The simplistic message “don’t drink” creates a backlash that leads to drinking to achieve 21 shots on their 21st birthdays.

Students across the United States spend a great deal of time and money trying to beat a system that won’t allow them to drink until age 21. In spite of the strict law, there isn’t anything morally wrong with drinking before we reach the magical age; laws and morality are not always the same.

But the point isn’t being allowed to drink, it’s how we drink. How many times have we been lectured on alcohol use when the real issue is alcohol abuse? Why does it have to be all or nothing? Alcohol isn’t evil, but if you blow a 0.3, are you really enjoying it?

Beer is the alcohol of choice in Wisconsin, and has been for years, as many German immigrants carried over their brewing traditions.

The editor of the La Crosse (Wis.) Stern wrote in an editorial that while prohibition had a big impact, thousands of smaller brewers disappeared almost overnight. When prohibition ended, only a few large breweries returned, and they couldn’t make beer fast enough to meet the demand. Today, he noted, “all the big companies use rice and corn in their beer, which is offensive to anyone who cares about beer.”

Many of us can recall at least one occasion when we partied a little too hard. But boasting to the point of no return doesn’t need to be the night’s great achievement. I remember a friend in Italy explaining that sure, sometimes he and his friends had had too much to drink, but they never went out with the goal of blacking out. That would take away from the pleasure of drinking and being social. In short, drink at the table, don’t consistently drink yourself under the table.

Good brewers don’t support binge drinking; maybe those concerned about binge drinking at the University of Wisconsin should include local brewers in their discussions. Cooffey concluded: “That’s the heart of the beer Renaissance. Instead of buying a 24-pack of the cheapest beer on the market, have a few really good wines with very different foods.”

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We’re interested in what you have to say. Here are some ideas:

Letters to the Editor

If you want to voice your opinion about an article or a letter to the editor that has already been printed, go ahead. Letters should be about 300 to 400 words and reference the article it is in response to. Perspectives

If you are concerned about an issue and would like to write a significant amount of text about it, you can do that too. Submissions should be about or under 700 words. If your submission is too short, it will be included in the Letters to the Editor category described above.

Letters can be submitted in two ways: Typed, double-spaced, on standard letter-sized paper, or by e-mail (please proofread). Generally speaking, we prefer the e-mail option. All submissions should include your name, major and class rank. Faculty, members, please include your department and position. Please remember that we reserve the right to edit stories. You may submit up to two letters or perspectives per month. Mailed submissions will not be returned.

GOOD BREWERS DON’T SUPPORT BINGE DRINKING
Letters to the Editor

Classified research policy needs attention

The proposed changes to the University of Hawai'i's policy on classified research could seriously impact academic freedom and undermine the ideals expressed in this policy affirming public availability of research results.

The classified research that could be conducted at the proposed off-campus Applied Research Lab might involve even greater restrictions than the research currently being done on classified contracts.

Current Policy on Classified Contracts

In May 2001 I went to a UH Board of Regents meeting to ask questions about classified contracts and the managerial group responsible for administration of them. The written responses indicated that there were six such contracts and that they involved restrictions on public release of information and limits on participation by people without security clearances. The products of the research were not automatically classified. Although these restrictions appear to be inconsistent with written UH policy, the current interpretation allows them as long as the principal investigator agrees to accept them. It is unclear if this interpretation is widely known and acceptable to the faculty as a whole. In particular, this interpretation seems to conflict with the recommendation in the 29 Jan. 1986 Manoa Faculty Senate resolution that, “The University will accept no contract or grant which requires classification or limitation in publication.”

Proposed Policy Changes

The proposed changes to UH policy seem to allow classified research whose results would automatically be classified and thus not readily available to other faculty and the public. One change explicitly makes a new exception to making scholarly results available for “approved, off-campus classified or proprietary research.” Allowing such research raises a number of questions about oversight, ethical standards, faculty evaluation, and student participation. Many of these are addressed in the preliminary report by the Manoa Faculty Senate’s Ad Hoc Committee on Classified and Proprietary Research.

There are also potential problems with oversight of off-campus classified research even if there were provisions in UH policy for an oversight committee composed of faculty with security clearances. A current dispute involving an Massachusetts Institute of Technology faculty member and a Massachusetts Institute of Technology faculty member and a Massachusetts Institute of Technology faculty member and a

The technical proposal for the Applied Research Lab submitted to the Navy includes some ‘task elements’ that seem closely related to weapons development

This decision to bring controversy to campus is wonderful, not because we might learn anything from the guest speaker, but because it gets people interested in things other than the latest reality television show.

Churchill brings baggage with him wherever he goes, but for a place that seems indifferent to most that goes on, the national attention he has drawn excited people of many different backgrounds to the event.

I imagine that with a little more public input Hawai'i might have had the roads fixed sooner and better. You might be able to turn your cars back into the stores where you purchased them. You might not spend a fortune to send your children to private schools.

Discussion is the key to democracy. Stand up and be heard.

Ingrid Johnson
Junior
Communications

UH gets A+ for Churchill visit

Invitation adds to political discourse at UH

I wish to thank University of Hawai'i President David McClain for his controversial decision to bring Ward Churchill to UH as a guest speaker.

As a recent transfer student to the university I have been disappointed by the numbers attending political events.

I understand that this place is very diverse — much more than where I have lived before — but the campus didn’t stir the way I imagined a university of this size should. I noticed the lack of turnout to the polls — the worst in the nation — to last November’s important general election.

Doing anything at all that gets people stirred up I interpret as a good sign. Just to fill a room on a Tuesday night was important.
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NCAA releases academic stats

By Frank Fitzpatrick
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT) — The NCAA's new method of measuring the academic perfor-
mance of athletes would penalize teams at more than 50 percent of
Division I schools if they were to take effect immediately, NCAA officials
said Monday.

Overall, 29 percent of teams in football, 23 percent in baseball, and
19 percent in men's basketball would fall below the Academic Progress Rate
threshold of 925, according to NCAA data. Those were the only
sports that earned with grades that fell below the cut line.

The APR formula, created in response to concerns about low graduation
rates at many of the nation's premier
sport schools, will penalize col-
lege athletes whose academic eligibility is revoked when they leave school.

It gives athletes one point each semester for remaining eligible and
then another point for each semester for staying in school. The points for each
person are divided by the highest possible total of points a team could
collect. That percentage is assessed a
percentage of 1,000, with 1,000 being the
highest.

The 925 figure, said Kevin
Lennon, NCAA vice president for
membership services, is equivalent to a
50 percent graduation rate.

“The APR rate (is) an improved measure of academic success,”
Lennon said. “It is a real-time, term-
by-term view of the academic-eligibil-
ity retention of scholarship student-
athletes. It prevents teams from
replacing the scholarships of an ath-
lete who leaves that institution and
would not have been academically eli-
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scores were calculated, and how many
how many players left the institution and were
 ineligible. They'll know what
they have to do to meet or exceed that
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By Saturday night, the Rainbow Wahine pitchers scheduled, it is more than likely that Coogan and Tabion will pitch nearly every day for the next three weeks.

"Right now, they're going to do 1-2, 1-2 whenever," Coolen said. "I don't know if there's a way to prepare, just mentally you have to stay focused," Coogan said. "It's good because the more we play, the more of a rhythm we get into."

Unlike most teams, the 'Bows have a reliever in redshirt freshman Jessica Morton. As a starter, Morton has struggled, letting runs pile up. But as a reliever, she has been able to shut down opponents, including the batters of No. 1 Arizona and No. 14 Washington. Against the Wildcats and Huskies, Morton pitched a combined seven shutout innings in relief.

Because of the hectic schedule, Coolen said freshman Kate Robinson will likely make her pitching debut soon, when the right opponent comes along. Robinson has already seen a lot of playing time this season for her offensive production. The Kahamehaha graduate is batting .310 and has started all 12 games.

"Sit-wise, it shows that I'm doing OK, but it doesn't feel like I'm doing as good as I should," Robinson said. Though the Showows are anxious to play, Hawai'i will start the tournament tonight without one of its most reliable players. Though Hawai'i will host over the next three weeks, in addition to five non-tournament games sprinkled in the mix.

"The kids love to play, practices get boring," Coolen said. "I wouldn't have scheduled it if I didn't think we had the players. ... Our season is going to be made or broken in this 22 to 26 game stretch."