Should the United States go to war with Iraq?

“Not right now. It’s a bad time, the economy is in the crapper. We don’t have enough support; it’s just going to make things worse if we go to war on Iraq.”

Lawton Mak
Senior
Graphic Design

“If we need to, then yeah. If they do, yes, because the whole thing with the terrorists is irritating and they should get rid of all of them.”

Patrick Boyer
Freshman
Undeclared

“That’s a really complicated issue. I don’t think there would be a right or a wrong answer to it.”

Melissa Bell
Junior
Anthropology

“No! No way in hell. I think the whole reason Bush is going to war is to decrease the focus from economic problems and issues at home.”

Logan Graf
Junior
Political Science

Matsunaga lived a peacemaker’s life

Biographer visits next month to talk about Sparky

By Clara Ann Chorley
Ka Leo Contributing Writer

Selected by the Matsunaga Foundation to write Spark Mangi’s biography, Robert Littman, Ph.D., stands by his 1960 Bentley Rolls-Royce while talking to graduate students in the Varney Circle parking circle.

“Spark” M. Matsunaga, nicknamed ‘Sparky’ by President Kennedy, represented Hawai‘i as a Democratic Senator for almost 30 years. In 1988, he gained Senate approval for redress of the 120,000 Japanese-Americans and Americans that were incarcerated in concentration camps during World War II. This resulted in a public apology from those who had been detained, along with $20,000 awarded each person.

By the time the bill hit the Senate floor he already had 77 co-sponsors (the norm is 2-10 sponsors). Having talked personally with all 99 senators, this meant that not only was the bill guaranteed to pass, but it was also veto proof (it takes 67 co-sponsors to override a Presidential veto).

The first check was sent out in 1990 — shortly after Matsunaga’s death. A nice boy born on Kaua‘i, Matsunaga was a young teenager aware of the inequality between Asian and Caucasian field workers’ paychecks. He graduated from high school in 1933 and spent the next four years helping his mother take care of their family. It wasn’t until he won $1,000 on a radio show that he thought there would be a right or a wrong answer to it.

“Spark” was naturally gregarious and genuinely liked people,” remembers Halloran, “He was one of the best vote-getters I’ve ever seen.”

Sparky paved the way for Asian-Americans to move into American politics by being one of the first Asian-Americans to be elected into Congress. Renowned for his unwavering intolerance of discrimination, Matsunaga played an important role in Hawaii’s transition from territory to state. He was also an advocate for peace, addressing issues such as arms control, foreign aid and a nuclear test ban.

While liked and respected in Washington, D.C., Matsunaga had enemies at home, Judge James Burns, son of the late Governor Burns, said: “Sparky was not a team player. He was on our side but he wasn’t on our team.” Halloran notes that the criticism appeared to be more personal than professional — possibly born out of Matsunaga’s stepping away from his roots and what was considered the culturally accepted norm.

On more than one occasion, the Emperor of Japan awarded Matsunaga The Order of the Rising Sun, the highest honor that can be bestowed on a foreigner. He turned it down each time. “Spark did not want to be seen representing a single race,” said Halloran, “Especially not as an advocate for the land of his ancestors.”

Two years before his death, Matsunaga went up for re-election in the Senate. His prostate cancer had been diagnosed only months earlier, and there was controversy over whether he should be allowed to run.

Even so, Sparky was re-elected and remained active until his death in 1990. He left behind Helene and their five children. Matt Matsunaga, the youngest, is the only one who has chosen the political route and is currently the new Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor. In this year’s Democratic primary election, he got 99,163 votes from a voter turnout of around 200,000.

“He seems to be imitating his father,” said Halloran.
The greatest test for this front Carey. is to put up a bigger block," said job, and I know one of those things "I just have to go in there and do my comes into today’s game averaging with our defense." Jen’s a key facet to this success, with all- WAC seniors Margaret Vakasausau and Jennifer Carey splitting time. This usual strategy of moving Carey through the front row and Vakasausau through the back capitalizes on the strengths of both set- ters.

Head coach Dave Shoji explained the subbing: “Jen’s a really good line blocker, and that’s the reason. Margaret’s — a great defensive player.”

Vakasausau, the team captain, summarizes the team’s approach as creating “a better offense starting with our defense.”

Jennifer Carey, at 6-foot-1-inch, comes into today’s game averaging a substantial 0.74 blocks per game. “I just have to go in there and do my job, and I know one of those things is to put up a bigger block,” said Carey.

The greatest test for this front row system so far may have come against the hard-hitting Samordok of Russia. Carey produced four blocks along with her 23 assists in the four-game match.

“When it’s a good blocking night for us, we do really well,” said Carey. “I think it’s a really important part of our game. That’s my job right now, is to go in there and put up a big block. So if I’m not doing that, then I’m not contributing to my part.”

Carey, with her front row presence, not only improves the block, but also saves overpasses or contributes elevated dumps — altered â€œ little ambush. Her animation can be seen in those plays, but, watch- ing her on the court, it seems that the perfect set fires her up the most and encourages the rest of the team.

“That’s just how I play,” said Carey, “I like to get excited when my teammates do good things. I love it when Kim (Willsohugh), Lily (Kahumoku), Karin (Lundqvist), Lauren (Duggins), whoever’s in there, puts down a ball.”

On the other side of the setter court, 2001 first team all-WAC setter Margaret Vakasausau has averaged an impressive 9.48 assists per game thus far, while playing roughly half the time. It seems that the experience and leadership she brings to the floor act as a steady keel for the team and increase communication. Specifically, her reliable timing and precision on dug out has fueled an, as yet, unparalleled UH attack.

While some of the early Rainbow Wahine matches have started off with a few awkward ral- lies, it seems that Vakasausau has the composure and leadership to quickly turn things around. As for the rotation, she thinks that “so far, it’s really been working” and says that she enjoys it.

The complementary roles for both players are, of course, a general approach to play. Despite Vakasausau’s 5-foot-9-inch stature (which she jokingly called a “height disability”), she has her presence up front, occasionally winning jams at the net or even calling for her own chance at a swing.

The attention of both setters seems focused on team unity and success. Vakasausau commented on this perspective as a senior: “I think it’s been amazing to see the develop- ment of myself and the develop- ment of Jen, Hedder, and really Lily. We’ve been together for so long — Maturity has helped us become bet- ter at being leaders.”

“Two people shorten a road,” as the saying goes, but it’s the company and teamwork. That road leads to good things ahead for Carey, Vakasausau and the Rainbow Wahine. Of the partnership, coach Shoji said, “They just deserve it. Both play, and they both deserve to carry this team.”

The Rainbow Wahine open WAC play against the Rice Owls tonight at 7 p.m. in the Stan Sheriff Center.

**By Benjamin Chaffin**

Ka Leo Contributing Writer

By Lori Ann Saeki

Ka Leo Sports Editor

Imagine starting the Major League Baseball season with the National League Championship Series. Or the NFL season with the AFC Playoffs. That’s what the University of Hawai’i Rainbow sailing team will be doing this weekend when it opens the 2002 season in Irvine at the Sloop Pacific Coast Championships.

“That’s just the way it worked out,” said head coach Andy Johnson. “In the fall, we always have our Pacific Coast Championships right away because of the nationals.”

This year, the ICSCA Sloop North Americans, hosted by Brown, will be in Newport, R.I. Nov. 1-3.

“If you have them much past the first week in Nov., it’s going to be brutally cold,” said Johnson.

Although the ‘Bows start their season at the conference championships, Johnson feels his team will be ready to try to qualify for the one slot the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Association has at nationals.

“Our practices are tough enough that … if you’re good enough to win our team regattas, you’re good enough to win the Pacific Coast Championships,” said Johnson.

Also, while the schools from California, who make up the rest of the conference, are just beginning to hit the water, the Rainbows started practicing Sept. 9.

The sloop championships is the first of six sailing championships in the year. The sloop differs from the two-person dinghies sailed at Ke’ehi Lagoon this spring at the dinghy national championships in that the sloop is a larger boat sailed by a crew of three or four. The sloop championship also only has one division, and each school sails just one boat, whereas schools sailed two boats in two different divisions at the dinghy championships.

“The boat handling is a little slower, a little more deliberate,” said Johnson of the sloop. “You fly a spinnaker as well (a big, col-
It is generally the things that will be there to meet guests and answer any questions. Finally, from 6 to 8 p.m., hear readings by local poets such as Travis Thomson and Sia Figel, who is also a professor at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. They will be joined by Aloha Liberation Front, an activist band.

Normal store hours are 12 to 6 p.m. from Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. On Sundays, the book-store is closed.

If Revolution Books tickles your fancy, there is a club on the UHM campus that is loosely affiliated with the store. The club sponsors political forums and also sells selected merchandise from the store.

Join Revolution Books on Sunday for a different perspective and speak your mind. Start a Revolution! Why not?

Manoa Jazz features local legend returned

Ka Leo Staff

Keahi Conjugacion, sister of local entertainers Tony and Noland Conjugacion, will perform live at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa as part of Manoa Jazz, a free monthly musical event at Manoa Gardens on the UH Manoa Campus.

The event kicks off with Conjugacion’s performance on Friday, September 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. The general public is invited to attend.

After an eight-year stint in Seattle, Wash., Conjugacion recently returned to Honolulu. Studying blues and jazz while in Seattle, she returned with her own swinging vocal styles, which are thrilling audiences in town.

She recently premiered at the Ninth Annual International Jazz Festival in July and has performed in Honolulu and Maui to standing ovations. She has developed a loyal following of fans and is considered an exponent of the music of Dinah Washington.

Her ballads are memorable, and her hard swinging blues-inflected style has helped create a sound audiences have grown to enjoy.

Manoa Jazz Festival will be a monthly event, held on the last Friday of the month, and is sponsored by the Campus Center Board.

For more information, call 956-9670.
Big Island and Kaua‘i County Councils’ efforts up in smoke

THE EVENT: The Big Island and Kaua‘i County Councils deferred decision on whether to ban tobacco smoking in restaurants, bars and clubs.

Tobacco has had an interesting history in Western civilization. After several decades of uneven introduction of tobacco into Europe, tobacco began to take hold. Tobacco was named “nicotiana” after Jean Nicot, who described tobacco’s healing properties and sent it to the French court as medicine.

In the mid-1570s, Sir Walter Raleigh began the trend of smoking tobacco in the English court. Around the same time, Nicolas Monardes devoted a significant portion of his book “New World” plants to tobacco, claiming that it’s an infallible cure for 26 different ailments.

Over the next quarter century, the Portuguese introduced tobacco smoking into China. Soon after, the English introduced tobacco smoking for recreation and medicine into Turkey. Then, the Portuguese also introduced tobacco to Japan.

At the beginning of the 17th century, Japan, China, New York colony and the Pope all banned tobacco use. These bans were ignored — the Jesuits introduced tobacco to Japan. Several European countries created monopolies on tobacco cultivation, production and trading. Russia also attempted a smoking ban in 1674, but the restraints were lifted two years later.

The first documented use of tobacco rolled in a paper was an Egyptian soldier’s in 1822. Before the French, the Egyptians took the cigarette rate to three billion. Within a decade, cigarette sales in the United States increase to 13 billion.

Several years ago, California enacted a law banning smoking in bars and restaurants. Studies have shown that there are no negative economic effects of the ban. No underground smoking bars and restaurants have surfaced. Smokers have just had to take it outside.

Also, a year-long study was conducted shortly after the ban in 1998. The study revealed that the health of barkeeps significantly improved just a month after the ban. Before the ban, they had suffered from pulmonary disease. After the ban, 60 percent ceased to suffer from such diseases.

Earlier this year, the City and County of Honolulu passed a ban on smoking in restaurants or establishments receiving 30 percent or more of their revenue from food sales. The County of Maui followed suit.

Some restaurants complained that there would be an economic downturn for their business. There has been, however, no empirical evidence to suggest that. There are no coherent, non-empirical theories as to how a ban would lead to economic bad times. Smoking proponents and opponents suggest that.

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Recently, the Big Island County Council began discussing whether or not to ban smoking in restaurants. The discussion has been heated. Individual business owners, like on Oahu and Maui, have had times to come to a ban is put in place. There has been no offer of proof — nor is there anything to offer. Medical doctors and others have presented a different picture here.

The Big Island County Council, however, did not defer the matter and hold more meetings. They didn’t quite vote as three members were absent and two left after quorum call. In any event, the Council deferred the matter.

Sach Mendelson
Ka Leo Managing Editor

In case you’re behind smoking under a rock somewhere, we’re going to war with Iraq.

It’s in the papers and on TV: Saddam Hussein, leader of Iraq, is a bad man. He is a dictator who does not think twice about killing and maiming Iraqi citizens. He most likely has biological weapons (already used in the Gulf War) and is probably working on a nuclear device or two. His people are suffering under sanctions put into place because of his uniquely-bizarrely-acting actions.

Hussein does not care — nor does his people or about becoming a better world citizen. So how do we — a caring, oil-guzzling country deal with this punk-ass bully?

Well, a seemingly simple way to deal with this is for the United States to send in an assassin with a rifle and a scope and pick him off. No muss. No fuss. America won’t do it because assassination is illegal and immoral, and (outside of Hollywood) not easily done.

Hussein has agreed to play ball with the United Nations by allowing the weapons inspectors back into Iraq. He did that once before but quickly took advantage of the U.N.’s lack of resolve by pushing the weapons inspectors’ guidelines over the limit.

Now, years later, the stakes are higher for Hussein. He either has to let the inspectors do their jobs or face the consequences. George W. Bush wants to go in and finish what his daddy started in 1991. And this Bush — Bush, Jr. — will go all the way to Baghdad.

There is no question that, if the United States goes into Iraq, we will prevail. It took only a few weeks to defeat Iraq in the Gulf War in 1992. Hussein knows this and he hopes he doesn’t mess around with the U.N. inspectors.

I’m not sure if good behavior from Hussein will be enough to prevent Bush from attacking Iraq. Last week, Bush wrote in his foreign policy statement that the U.S. will go on the offensive — firing the first shot in a conflict if provoked. This is a big change compared to prior administrations, even his father’s.

The whole situation is making me sick. Slander with worry for the U.S. military, whose lives will be at risk when we go in. Military reservists will be called up. They will be taken from their jobs and families and sent to the Middle East or Eastern Europe to replace active duty personnel. This upheaval of so many working men and women will not help our already uneconomical society.

Sick with worry about this thousands of innocent civilians in Iraq who will be killed.

What about the Kurds? In the Gulf War, they helped the United States, and, when Bush, Sr. pulled out, they were left at the mercy of a very angry Hussein. Thousands of them died at his vengeful hands.

Let’s say it does come to war, what happens after we pound Hussein into the sand? If we do somehow convince the Kurds to help us again by allowing use of the land in Northern Iraq, they are going to want something in return — an independent Kurdish state.

But Turkey, a long time U.S. ally and friend, would not like that. They have millions of Kurds living within their borders, the majority of the total Kurdish population in the world. The Kurds in Turkey would likely want to be a part of this new Kurdish state, Turkey borders Iraq.

This would cause a lot of problems because the Turkish Kurds would want to be a part of it. They may even want part of Turkey to become a part of this new state in Iraq.

Over the years, Turkey has been a close ally of the United States. They sent their troops into Korea when we were there in the 1950’s and over the years they have let us use their territory for anything we wanted. This war would put Turkey under stress if the U.S. went into Iraq without expressly giving very strong guarantees that no independent Kurdish state would be allowed to form as part of the outcome.

With Hussein gone, a power vacuum would be left. The United States and our allies would have to help the remaining Iraqis establish a new central government which would be weak for years, decades, to come.

The Iraqi Kurds would likely move in and take advantage of the newly-formed, weak central government and break away to form their
Student Perspective

Since I started my college education in the Fall of 2001, I picked the Ka Leo daily and found that my favorite section was the opinions pages due to the fact that it was entertaining. I have noticed that it was less entertaining, but still readable in the Spring of 2002.

When school started again this fall, I was happy to pick up a Ka Leo to see if the opinions page has improved with the new writers. Now I hardly pick up a newspaper because articles from two writers, if you can call them that, are so horribly done it’s a waste to even read them.

Christopher Mikesell — what’s the deal with this guy? His first article was basically about how hard it was being a freshman. Frankly, this topic is over done and writing about it again is like beating a dead horse. Does Christopher think that it’s an original idea to write about hard it is for HIM to be a freshman? Does he think that the rest of us magically appeared as upper-classmen without going through a freshman year of college?

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Not to mention that his sentence structures are bad. Christopher, I know you want to be a columnist, but take English 100 first before you start spouting out articles left and right.

And what about that other guy, what’s his name? The guy who wrote about how pathetic his life is and how he doesn’t have a girlfriend; poor little him, wah wah wah.

Does he think that writing an article like that is going to make all the single women who read the newspaper say, “Oh no! Poor him... I better go contact him somehow and be his girlfriend?” Probably not. Any single women who actually read that article probably laughed at him, said what a pathetic loser this boy is, threw the newspaper away and forgot his name — what was his name again?

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Was it about how to drop out of Cantonese class or how pathetic of a writer he is? Yet something must have inspired him because he wrote another article that was published! This other article about “Mary Jane” was a lame attempt at humor and had no point in it. Maybe his intelligence was diminished by his previous “Mary Jane”. And to this guy, I say, “Hey pothead, what’s your name?”

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Sailing: Rainbows seek fast finish in Fowle race

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a spinnaker as well (a big, colorful sail in front). It takes a lot more intricate crew work with that because you have to put it up, take it down.

“It’s an opportunity for some of the bigger sailors that are good sailors, but a lot of times are just too big for the dinghies,” he continued.

Senior Steve Brown is scheduled to skipper the Rainbows’ sloop with crew John Sharkey, a junior, and sophomore Dan Pavel. The Rainbows have not qualified for the national sloop championships since 1997.

But the conference championships don’t end there. Next weekend, Oct. 4-6, the Rainbows head to the singlehanded PCCs at Treasure Island, hosted by University of California-Berkeley.


The departure of three-time All-American Jennifer Warrock is red-shirting in the fall. (Since sailing is a year-round sport, athletes receive up to eight semesters of eligibility to use in five years and are allowed to redshirt by the semester rather than by the year).

Johnson said the Rainbows’ goal is to qualify for at least four of the six national championships over the 2002-03 season — and win two of them — to earn points toward the school which performs best overall in all six national championships.

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Jones confirmed that senior Shawn Wityh-Allen would remain the number two quarterback on the depth chart, dropping Waikickon to number three.

Last week, the 6-foot-4-inch, 219-pound Wityh-Allen passed for 89 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for another touchdown. Jones said both Wityh-Allen and starter Timmy Chang will see action tomorrow.

Although the Mustangs bring a wireless record to Honolulu tomorrow, the Warriors are not preparing for SMU if they were wireless.

“We don’t want to take SMU lightly ... you just never know. They might come out and start catching balls and you never know what the momentum can carry on to,” said senior offensive guard Vince Manuwai. “I know SMU is going to be hungry and want that win, especially more when you’re in the Conference.”

For SMU to achieve that win, they will need good coaching from first year head coach Phil Bennett and solid play from redshirt freshman quarterback Tate Wallis.

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SMU: Warriors seek second WAC win

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Manuwai’s leadership both on and off the field led to his selection as the team’s offensive team captain.

“He takes control,” said junior tackle Wayne Hunter.

“Whenever we’re messing up on our techniques, he steps up. He gathers us together and tells us what we got to do. Off the field, he makes sure everyone’s team can do even better this year.

“Our sailors probably have no idea how good they’re going to get sailing against such high quality every day in practice,” said Johnson.

V-Man: Snoozing stays off the field

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Manuwai may have missed some points in the football meetings, his ability to step it up allowed him to consistently perform on the field during practice and at games without missing a beat.

“Man, you only learn by osmosis huh?” joked Manuwai.

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The defense for SMU is led by the 5-foot-11-inch, 235-pound Vic Vitoria. The senior linebacker from Chalmette, La. leads the team with 43 tackles along with an interception. He is on the watch list for the Lombardi Award (outstanding down lineman or linebacker) as well as the Butkus Award (outstanding linebacker).

Tomorrow night’s game will be SMU’s first WAC game of the season. In this relatively new series, Hawai’i holds a 3-1 advantage over SMU, including last season’s 38-31 come-from-behind overtime win over the Mustangs in Dallas.

Kickoff for tomorrow night’s showdown is set for 6:05 p.m. at Aloha Stadium.
After 28-day hiatus, Warriors play at home

By William Ching
Ka Leo Staff Writer

Nearly a month after defeating Eastern Illinois in the season opener, the University of Hawai'i Warrior football team will finally return home to Aloha Stadium to face the Mustangs of Southern Methodist University in a Western Athletic Conference matchup. The Warriors (2-1, 0-0 WAC) are coming off a 31-6 road victory over University of Texas-El Paso while SMU (0-4, 0-0 WAC) is coming off a 52-16 defeat at the hands of Oklahoma State.

“We finally get to stay home this week... it’s a good feeling to be back home,” said Hyrum Peters, last week’s WAC Defensive Player of the Week. Peters anchored a Hawai'i defense that stepped up their play last week as the offense struggled. On several occasions against UTEP, the defense stacked up nine players on the line to contain UTEP’s rushing attack.

“We’re looking at playing the same defense as we did against UTEP because it did work,” said Peters.

The reason they may repeat that defensive scheme is the Mustangs’ junior tailback Keylon Kincaide. Through four games, Kincaide has already rushed for 466 yards, an average of 116.5 yards per game. He leads the WAC and ranks 19th nationally in rushing.

“He (Kincaide) wasn’t the running back last year and this guy came out of the blue,” said middle linebacker Chris Brown. “Just watching him on film, we can see why. He’s fast, he’s powerful, and likes to cut it back so he’s dangerous.”

Brown himself will enter the game at less than 100 percent due to a subluxation to his left shoulder he sustained in last week’s game at UTEP.

“It’s pretty sore. It’s harder to do a lot of things, but I’m just trying to work around it,” said Brown, who has been wearing a shoulder brace at practice and estimates his shoulder to be at 75 percent. Even with the injury, Brown is expected to play in the game.

On the other hand, sophomore cornerback Abraham Elimimian is out for tomorrow’s game because of a strained right hamstring that he suffered last week.

Said Brown: “Abraham is awesome out there. I trust him totally. The whole defense trusts him because he’s that good.”

The good news for Hawai'i is that safety Leonard Peters (no relation to Hyrum), who has been sidelined since fall camp due to a strained abdomen, will probably see his first action of 2002. Peters was medically cleared to practice and participated in contact drills this week.

“Having Leonard back, he brings that spark back to the team, that fiery attitude, and we trust him that he’ll lay the big hit and it’s good to have a big hitter back there because it sets the tempo for the defense and it gets the crowd really excited,” said Brown.

Because of the injury to Elimimian, Hyrum Peters may see action at both safety and cornerback. Kenny Patton, a freshman out of Alhadena, Calif., is also expected to see playing time in the Warrior secondary.

On the offensive side, junior quarterback Jason Whieldon has decided to return to the team after a two-week leave of absence for family reasons. Whieldon practiced for the first time this past Tuesday since returning from Orange, Calif.

“I’m just getting back into the flow of things and trying to get back into the routine,” said Whieldon. Jones confirmed that senior Shawn Wityh-Allen would remain on the two-week leave of absence for family reasons.

Senior team captain Vince Manuwai may be a candidate for several national awards, but he sees the recognition as an honor for his team.

Guard’s play has Warriors thinking championship

By William Ching
Ka Leo Staff Writer

For All-America candidate Vince Manuwai, being honored is just as much about the University of Hawai'i Warrior football team as it is about his work ethic and determination.

Besides being an All-America candidate, Manuwai is also on the watch list for two national awards, the Outland Trophy (awarded to the nation’s best interior lineman) and the Rotary Lombardi Award (awarded to the nation’s best lineman).

Many football experts also consider Manuwai to be an National Football League prospect.

“I feel like I represent (the team) also, so for me to get notice is also for them,” said Manuwai, a 6-foot-2-inch, 309-pound senior offensive guard.

Still early in the season, “V-Man” is already playing inspired football. His play on the field has provided motivation for his fellow teammates.

“His good attitude, his work ethic; he’s just a team leader, he’s just a leader,” said sophomore tackle Uriah Moenoe. “He just throws guys down and it’s crazy. That jackes the whole offense up when they see stuff like that. At practice, everyone is like ‘I want to do that. I want to do something great at my spot to help the team.’ And Vince, he’s just greatness.”

In Hawai'i’s first three games, Manuwai has allowed just half-a-sack and has already amassed 14 pancake blocks.

“So what’s a pancake block?” “When you put somebody on their back,” explained Manuwai. Compared to knockdown blocks, he said, “It’s a better feeling, and it’s a lot harder to get.”

Last season, Manuwai led Hawai'i with 53 pancake blocks and was named second team all-WAC. As a sophomore in 2000, Manuwai started 11 games and led the Warriors with 49 pancake blocks. For his efforts that year, he was named an all-WAC honorable mention and the team’s co-Most Inspirational Player.

Said head coach June Jones: “He’s been one of our best players for three years, this being his fourth year. He leads both by example and intellectually as a leader. He’s just done a great job.”