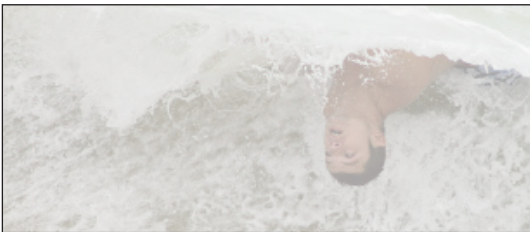


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# Students speak out to state legislators

**By Robert Shikina**  
*Ka Leo Associate Sports Editor*

State legislators listened to concerns from University of Hawai'i students and faculty yesterday on issues covering student housing, advisors, classrooms, library hours, athletic facilities, class availability, and a student run television station.

During the four-hour meeting at UHM's Campus Center, more than 40 people spoke to the committee on Higher Education about improvements needed at the University of Hawai'i. It was the first time since Representative Tommy Waters was elected chair of the Higher Education committee in 2005, that there has been an open dialogue between students and the legislature.

Representative Waters said he is concerned with the condition of UHM's facilities after taking a walk through campus.

"The conditions of buildings is quite appalling," Waters said. "Modern equipment, expensive equipment in substandard rooms... It was horrible and unsafe."

Representative Lyla Berg of east Honolulu said her interest in hearing concerns from students and faculty was part of her vision of an "authentic dialogue" at UH.

"Dialogue should be happening on campus and my question to you and everybody in the audience is to what degree is there an authentic dialogue by the students in planning priorities," Berg said.

Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i (ASUH) Manoa President Grant Teichman opened the discussion talking about classrooms that are decades behind



**LEFT:** Backed by UH students, faculty and administrators, ASUH President Grant Teichman addresses a group of Hawai'i state legislators.

**BOTTOM:** Hawai'i State Legislators listen as students, faculty and administrators participate in an open forum at the Campus Center Thursday, Dec. 1. From left are Rep. Kyle Yamashita, Rep. Clift Tsuji, Sen. Clayton Hee, Rep. Tommy Waters, Rep. Lyla Berg, and Rep. Kirk Caldwell.

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in maintenance, advising hours being too limited, and the need for a 24-hour library facility.

Speaking on behalf of non-orthodox and single parent students, Teichman said, "It'd be great to make accommodations for them and keep those [library] facilities open and maintained."

Vice President of Graduate Students Organization Steve Rodney spoke on behalf of 5,000 post-graduate students about ruined bicycle lanes and run-away housing costs.

"The bike lanes in major thor-



oughfares to and from campus are in sore need of repair and improvement," Rodney said. "These are small things that can really make a difference in the quality of graduate students' experience here at UH."

"Housing prices all across the

city have been skyrocketing in recent years. Grad students are being pushed out of the market... [and] will not be able to afford housing in or around the university area in a matter of years. The university needs to look into providing adequate and affordable housing for graduate students on campus," Rodney said.

Carl Ingstrom, a representative for student housing, described how maintenance on student dorms is routinely delayed and conditions

continue to worsen.

"In Aloha building they have water fountains but they don't work or there is a hole in the wall where a water fountain used to be," Ingstrom said. "Another thing is the plumbing is really horrible. The pipes are just overworked and outdated."

Ingstrom said that the dorm policies need to be reconsidered.

"Most people are really unhappy and unsatisfied. They're getting their basic rights violated on a daily basis," Ingstrom said.

"We need to have a median reached with the administration... not one where RAs and security are the bad people. The way it is right now, they are so distant and authoritative that the students are scared of them."

Andrew Ogata, vice president of ASUH, added insight into student difficulties. Ogata included problems like shortages in academic advisors, limited class availability, and lack of parking for 13,000 undergraduate students.

On Dec. 15th a joint house committee will meet at the state capitol to discuss University of Hawai'i budget, a billion dollar budget covering 10 campuses.

## NewsBriefs

### Lecture to discuss Portuguese colonization

"Maritime Power, Colonial Rights and Trade in Portuguese Colonial Presence in Asia", a lecture on Portuguese colonial presence in Asia, will take place this afternoon from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Center for Korean Studies.

Professor Ivo Carneiro de Sousa will present this lecture. De Sousa is a historian in the department of history of the Faculty of Letters at the University of Porto in Portugal. His specialization is the history of Portuguese colonialism, and he is the Director of Post-graduate studies in Asian Studies.

The Center for Japanese Studies and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies are cosponsoring this event.

For more information, call Christopher Bondy at 956-2667 or e-mail the Center for Japanese Studies at cjs@hawaii.edu

### Language fair tomorrow

"The Year of Languages", a language fair, will take place tomorrow from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hale Halawai.

"The Year of Languages" is an opportunity to focus America's attention on the benefits of studying languages and cultures from around the world.

In an effort to promote the learning of foreign languages and the conservation of minority languages, the Language Documentation Center is organizing a Language Fair to increase public awareness of the diverse languages and cultures at UH Manoa.

The LLL College and the East West Center are cosponsoring this event.

For more information, call Graduate Student Valerie Guerin at 956-8602, e-mail her at vguerin@hawaii.edu, or go on the web to <http://www.ling.hawaii.edu/~uhdoc>

### Kate Zhou speaks about Chinese Politics

"Grass root Constitutional Liberalism in China: Take the Government to the Court", a political science colloquium, will take place this afternoon from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Saunders Hall, room 624, the Friedman Room.

Kate Zhou will present this political

science colloquium. Zhou is an Associate Professor in the UHM Political Science Dept.

Zhou is the author of the book, "How The Farmers Changed China: Power of the People" (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1996), and has two more under review: "Liberal Movements in China" and "Letters from China: Soft-power Diplomacy."

She is a frequent visitor to China, and most recently presented a paper, "City of Women: Gender and Development of Capitalism in Shenzhen," at the 36th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Beijing, China, July 7-9th, 2004.

The Political Science department is sponsoring this event.

For more information, call Zhou at 956-8777 or e-mail her at katezhou@hawaii.edu.

### Weekly zoology seminar this afternoon

"Speciation and species differences in two Hawaiian Picturewinged Drosophila," a zoology weekly seminar, will take place this

afternoon from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. John auditorium, room 11.

Donald Price will present this zoology weekly seminar. Price is an Assistant Professor of the Biology Department at UH Hilo.

The Zoology department is sponsoring this event.

For more information, call Irene Shigano at 956-8617 or e-mail her at shigano@hawaii.edu

### Microbiology seminar at Geophysics

"Regulation of Fatty Acid Metabolism in P. aeruginosa," a microbiology seminar, will take place this afternoon from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hawaii Institute for Geophysics, room 110.

David Nguyen will present this microbiology seminar. Nguyen is a Graduate Student at Department of Microbiology.

The Microbiology department is sponsoring this event.

For more information, call 956-8553 or e-mail the microbiology department at uhmicro@hawaii.edu



# Bolla completes coaching staff for the 'Bows

By Robert Shikina

*Ka Leo Associate Sports Editor*

At 26 years old, the Australian has more experience in this business than his age would suggest.

The new addition rounds out head coach Jim Bolla's coaching staff of five. Last year, only Bolla and his assistant, Pat Charity, coached Rainbow Wahine basketball.

"It just made sense to have somebody on our staff from Australia," Bolla said. "[Australia's] a big recruiting area for us, and Mathew's got a lot of experience."

Mathew Paton traveled more than 5,000 miles from down under and stepped onto University of Hawaii's practice court the same afternoon he arrived. It's been a pattern in Paton's life since his late teens, to cram his schedule with basketball.

The boxy man with short-trimmed hair and a close dark-brown beard first began coaching at the high school where his mother teaches. He was 18 then, coaching junior high students one practice a week.

While studying at the University of Cambra, Paton also coached for the Australian Institute of Sport, where the best junior Australian athletes train. The athletes are picked on their potential to represent the country on the international level.

During the 2000 Sydney Olympics, the New Castle native got his chance to study with the Philadelphia 76ers in the United States. Sitting in the crowd behind Larry Brown, the assistant coach for team USA, Paton asked Brown for his advice on coaching in the United States.

"He asked if I planned to come

to Philadelphia," Paton said. "I said I hadn't planned anywhere specific at this stage. He said, 'come see me tomorrow.'"

Over a year later, the 22-year-old saved enough money for his trip overseas by working the graveyard shift at a gas station while attending college. He graduated in the summer of 2001 with a degree in applied sciences while also coaching club basketball, working his night job, and working as a residential advisor of the living quarters for the Institute of Sport.

Despite the worries by his family after 9/11, Paton made the trip to Philadelphia in Oct. 2001. For one month, he spent time with the 76ers' assistant coaches and players, took notes at practices, and sat courtside during games.

"Sitting courtside, I guess it's reassuring that the game doesn't change from that level to this level," Paton said. "They have the same problems; they have the same joys. It was good to get that perspective."

Paton grew his beard while traveling through the United States for the respite it offered from constant shaving. Living in youth hostels at the time, the less he had to shave the easier it was to look respectable, he said. But there was another reason he decided to keep the bristles.

At last year's Final Four in Indianapolis, Bolla first met the young Australian. They had held conversation over the phone before.

"He did come to the final four and I probably spent two hours with him there, informal, nothing official," Bolla said. "We just kind of talked."

At the final four, Bolla had tens of coaches approaching him for the position. When Bolla reduced the list of applicants to three, two of them



Mathew Paton was UH Head Coach Jim Bolla's latest hiring to complete his coaching staff.

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were Australian.

"We did our final interviews and Mathew was clearly our top choice," Bolla said.

After accepting the job in early fall, it was a matter of finishing the paperwork. Applying for the visa and getting the it approved took six weeks.

Now in Hawaii, Paton has his own office, desk and computer. On his desk are three DVDs of high school students hoping to be recruited to Hawaii.

"He gives us a whole different view on a lot of things," Bolla said. "He coached in Europe. He coached in Australia. He spent time on his own, his own money."

"He really wants to be a coach," Bolla said. "You don't find that today in a lot of people. Coaching is about being involved with young people and making them better players and better people."

For his first coaching job in

the United States, Paton wears the beard he first grew in America four years ago.

"The whole time I was over in the States, especially that first time, I was fighting a bit of a stereotype again stage. Even though at that stage I had been coaching for four or five years, people look at 21 and they say, 'you're technically just a college graduate.'"

"[The beard] kind of leveled the

playing field for me ... rather than going from, say, looking like school boy," Paton said.

But now that he's reached the Division I collegiate level, he doesn't need to look older to prove his ability.

"I'll probably try [shaving] in the summer," Paton said. "I haven't really even thought of when exactly."

## Sports Briefs

### Warriors take on Aztecs for season finale

#### Ka Leo Staff

University of Hawaii football team bids aloha to its seniors and the 2005 campaign in the season finale against the Aztecs of San Diego State. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:05 pm tomorrow, Dec. 3 at Aloha Stadium.

The Warriors are 8-15-2 against the Aztecs and are 5-8-2 when competing in Honolulu. The last meeting between the teams was on Dec. 7, 2002 in Honolulu. Hawaii managed to pull out a 41-40 victory. This will mark the 27th time Hawaii faces off with former Western Athletic Conference foe San Diego State.

The Warriors (4-7, 4-4 WAC) suffered a 41-24 loss to No. 24 Wisconsin last week at Aloha Stadium. Warrior quarterback Colt Brennan passed for 403 yards (33-of-53) and three

touchdowns against the Badgers while receiver Ryan Grice-Mullen stepped up and led the Warriors with a career-high 11 catches for 139 yards. Fellow receiver Davone Bess left the game with a bruised lower back, but not before making four catches for 34 yards and two touchdowns.

Bess and Grice-Mullen became the first in UH football history to catch for over 1,000 yards each in one season. Bess (averaging 98.4 yards per game) has managed to record 85 grabs for 1,082 yards and 14 touchdowns in just his first year. Bess was recently named first-team Freshman All-America by Rivals.com. Grice-Mullen (averaging 96.5 yards per game) enters his final game of his rookie campaign with 75 catches for 1,061 yards and nine scores.



## Parade Schedule Compiled by Sabrina Favors

Some people never grow out of going to parades. For those people, here it is a list of the City and County of Honolulu scheduled parades for Christmas. There are parades of every sort available to see across the island this weekend and next, up until Dec. 17.

### Friday, Dec. 2, 2005:

**Wahiawa**, from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Three hundred marchers, 10 vehicles, two floats and two bands are expected. It starts at Ka'ala Elementary School and ends at Center Street.

### Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005:

**Kaneohe Christmas Parade**, from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. An expected 1,500 marchers, 30 vehicles, 20 floats, and six bands are to attend. The route begins at Windward Mall at Haiku Road, and ends at Castle High School.

**Waianae Christmas Parade**, from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. One thousand marchers, 30 vehicles, 30 floats, 10 bands, and three horse units are expected for this parade. Travels from the Waianae Boat Harbor parking lot and ends at Waianae Mall.

**Ko'olauloa Lions North Shore Parade**, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. This parade begins at Pupukea Road/Kamehameha Highway, with five vehicles, and ends at Swanzy Beach Park parking lot.

**Mayor's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Parade**, from 6 p.m. - 11 p.m. There are an expected 2,000 marchers, 40 vehicles, 15 floats, and 15 bands. It starts at A'ala Park and ends at a closed portion of King Street between Punchbowl and South Streets.

### Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005:

**Pearl City Christmas Parade**, from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. One thousand marchers, 20 vehicles, and five floats are expected for the parade. It runs from Magic Island and ends at Kapiolani Community College.

### Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005:

**Kapahulu Moili'ili Christmas Parade**, from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Two hundred fifty marchers and five vehicles are expected. It starts at Kuhio Elementary School, and ends at Old Stadium Park.

### Friday, Dec. 9, 2005:

**Haleiwa Christmas Parade**, from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Two hundred fifty marchers, 30 vehicles, floats and two bands are expected to participate. The parade travels from Weed Circle, and ends at Haleiwa Beach Park.

### Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005:

**Gentry Waipio Christmas Parade**, from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. There are 200 marchers, 12 vehicles, and one band expected. It starts and ends

at Gentry Waipio SC and travels by Waipio Uka Street and Ka Uka Boulevard.

**Waimanalo Christmas Parade**, from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Ten marchers, 80 vehicles, 5 floats and 3 bands are expected. The parade begins and concludes at Waimanalo District Park and the route goes through Kakaina Street, Kumuhau Street, and Kalanialaole Highway.

**Waipahu Christmas Parade**, from 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sixty five vehicles, two floats and one band are expected. It starts at Waipahu District Park and concludes at Leolua Street behind Waipahu Town Center.

**Ewa Beach Christmas Parade**, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. One thousand eight hundred marchers, 75 vehicles, and 10 floats are expected. The parade route starts and ends at Ilima Intermediate School, traveling from Fort Weaver Road, to Kuhina Street, to Hanakahi Street, then North Road and back to Fort Weaver Road.

**Kapolei City Lights Parade**, from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. There are an expected 25 vehicles and two floats, traveling from the Kapolei Fairgrounds at Kealanani Avenue and ending at Kapolei Hale.

**Manoa Community Christmas Parade**, from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Four hundred marchers, 15 vehicles, two floats, and two bands are expected. It runs from the Noelani School and ends at Manoa Park.

### Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005:

**Olomana Christmas Parade**, from 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. There are an expected 60 marchers and 15 vehicles, and the parade begins and ends at Maunawili Elementary School and travels through Ulupii Street, Uluohao Street, and Ulukou Street.

### Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005:

**Kapolei Christmas Parade**, from 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. One hundred twenty marchers, 50 vehicles, 10 floats and six bands are expected to participate. It starts at Kapolei High School and concludes at Consolidated Amusement Parking Lot.

**Makakilo Christmas Parade**, from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Three vehicles and one float are expected to participate. The parade travels from Pueonani Street/Makakilo Drive, and ends Palailai Street/Makakilo Drive.

# New 'Manhunter' series shows glint of hope in the shadows of its flaws

By Matt Ishitani

Ka Leo Staff Writer

Written by Marc Andreyko, the newest version of the comic book series Manhunter dares to go where others won't, by killing off one of the most well-known villains in the DC comic book world.

By the ending of the first episode of the new, the rookie incarnation of Manhunter, Kate Spencer, murders Copperhead, a recurring character in DC comic books. While the series begins strong, it leaves plot holes that draw interest or disdain.

The Manhunter series has since produced eight different incarnations of the character. The "Manhunter" title has also come to include other DC characters, such as the Martian Manhunter and the Manhunters that rebel against the many incarnations of the Green Lantern.

The history of Manhunter is vague and loaded with continuity errors that eventually attempt to correct themselves and always leave an air of confusion. My main gripe: Kate, Los Angeles lawyer by day, becomes this uber-vigilante, leaping off of rooftops just by wearing a body-suit with some claws attached. Her powers are somehow manifested by a few pieces of "villain weaponry" confiscated by the police. Now, I ask you: why put all the weapons of every super-villain in one place? Apparently, I misunderstand the fictional elements of comic books because I fail to accept that such a character can turn into some ninja by putting on red tights.

What I like about the comic deals with the aspects of character instead of action. As a divorced mother, Kate's dutiful zealotry and irresponsible parenting threaten the joint-custody of her son. Also, the notion of fascism surrounds her char-



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DC introduced the ninth incarnation of Manhunter in 2004.

acter. She identifies herself more as a judge rather than a prosecutor. Kate becomes aware of her actions through a nightmare where Batman beats her in disgust.

The main antagonist in the opening arc is Shadow Thief, a superhuman that fuses with shadows in order to defeat his enemies. Shadow Thief mirrors Gollum/Smeagol from "The Lord of the Rings" by talking to himself at great length, yet he lacks Smeagol's conscience. He also has the bad habit of trying to torture the not-so-helpless, same as every single villain in comic book history. Sure enough, his ongoing monologue leads to his temporary defeat.

Still, the characters that affect Kate's private life – son Ramsey and ex-husband Peter – appear to be nothing more than trite composites of representational clichés. Ramsey whines about his boring mom and utters bitterly-common kid phrases like "yuck" and "cool," and Peter

just bitches and pouts about Kate's behavior. Then a new character is introduced, and all of sudden Peter and Ramsey disappear.

Enter Dylan, a real jack-of-all-supervillain gadgetry. Dylan retired years ago and now leads a life of suburban mediocrity and discontentment. Kate acquires his help soon after his wife leaves him on suspicion of infidelity. Dylan's cooperation proves questionable only to the reader. Underneath it all, the gung-ho attitude of Dylan goes unanswered without any real character development or discussion of why he's helping Kate so much. Perhaps it can all be explained in later issues.

The essence of "Batman: Year One," a story about the realization of a hero, seems fairly present, but only to the point of mockery. Manhunter doesn't do for Kate's character what "Year One" did for Bruce Wayne's development. Instead of developing Kate before the first action sequence, it just slams her as a non-character into such a position that it forces the series to animate a central protagonist mid-production.

Of course, Kate's personal issues save the series from falling flat into mediocrity. The story also extracts concepts from the archives of Marvel comics by placing the protagonist in a real city and including petty, human dilemmas like infidelity rather than just key events to develop the character.

Though I'd rather not see a character that turns to stalking and killing criminals from the get-go, at least this was blatantly less fascist than Marvel's "hopefully satirical" Ultimates series, which is like a counter-terrorist version of The Avengers displaying patriotic undertones. With the promise that the latest Manhunter shows, I have faith that the series will better itself.



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# Torque converter repair a difficult process

*Take it to the mechanic or do it yourself*

By Justin Sumida

Ka Leo Staff Writer

*Q: How would one go about fixing a torque-converter for a Toyota '88 SR-5 Corolla that constantly rattles and bucks?*

## Getting started

The first thing you must do is ask whether you have enough skills and experience to take on replacing the torque converter yourself. I encourage people to work on their cars because it can save money and provide a good learning experience. However, a torque converter replacement is not something a novice should try to tackle, as this service requires experience, preparation and work.

A torque converter is a fluid-coupling device that acts as a torque multiplier during initial acceleration. Because the converter is sandwiched between the engine and transmission, the transmission will have to be removed while performing this job. Although it may be pricey, I feel it's easier and more convenient to have a mechanic or transmission shop do the work for you. Most shops will charge a small fee or give you a free quote on labor and parts prices, so you should take advantage of that.

But if you feel that you're experienced and determined enough to get this done yourself, get the torque converter properly diagnosed, and then get a repair manual. The best manual for any car is the manual made by the vehicle's company. If possible, find a manual specifically made for the 1988 Corolla. Only available from the dealer, these manuals are expensive, but step-by-step instructions and specifications on how to remove and replace components are detailed.

If you're lucky, you might find a manual at a discounted price at a used bookstore. If this repair manual is not available, then go with a Chilton or Haynes manual. Although not as good as the company books, they provide enough information and can be found at most auto parts stores for less than \$20.

On a side note, some manuals do not specifically instruct how to remove the torque converter, but give details on how to remove the transmission. If so, you may also want to consider looking at a transmission repair manual, which is available at most bookstores. Regardless of what manuals you use, be sure to go over in detail what tools, preparations, precautions, procedures etc. are needed and decide whether or not this is something you can handle yourself.

## Tips for the do-it-yourself mechanic

Because this job requires the removal of the transmission – which



**LEFT:** In order to securely and safely support a vehicle, jackstands and a floor jack must be used.

**BOTTOM:** If a factory manual is not available, then either Chilton or Haynes manuals can be used. The process starts at around \$20.

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is extremely heavy – you'll need a lot of tools. Although you could get along with a standard set of tools, you may need larger sockets, 1/2 inch drive ratchets and breaker bars. You'll need to get the car off the floor, so you'll need a sturdy floor jack and a set of sturdy jack stands. This job cannot be done without the vehicle being supported securely and safely. Because this car is front-wheel drive, a few other tools will be needed: tie rod end remover, and perhaps a pry bar depending on how the drive axles are removed from this car.

There is a lot involved for this job – the above tools are just for preparation. But if you're going to go through with it, be sure to have friends around to help with the transmission removal or in the case of an emergency. Be sure that all electrical connections and the automatic transmission fluid cooler lines are disconnected before removing the transmission.

This job is complicated, and if possible, you don't want to complicate things more by breaking anything. A



general rule of thumb is to replace the engine rear main oil seal. If necessary, replace the transmission lines and transmission mounts if they are worn while the transmission is out of the car.

Once the transmission is removed, you may have to refer to the car manual's section on transmissions in order to remove or replace the torque converter. If you need further guidance, you should ask part distributors, transmission shops and mechanics for tips and advice. Although they can't give you in depth step by step guidance, they should be more than happy to lend out a few extra hints and tricks. But just remember that you always have the option of taking this to your mechanic or transmission shop. Good luck!

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## News media needs less sensationalism, more focused coverage

*Journalists need to learn from past mistakes*

By David Newstead  
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The national media has received a great deal of praise for its coverage of Hurricane Katrina and the horrifying events that followed. That spotlight helped to expose failures at all levels of government and our overall lack of preparedness as a nation. For this, American journalists deserve credit for a job well done.

They also deserve some scrutiny for their performance, and here is why: A variety of media sources from the nightly news to late night comedians were quick to ridicule the qualifications of FEMA director Michael Brown after the disaster happened. Yet, the same level of attention to detail at the time of his appointment in January 2003 was missing.

As Brown occupied a major position in the United States government, his lack of qualifications

came to light only after chaos and mismanagement enveloped FEMA. It is disturbing to wonder how many other totally unqualified officials are scattered throughout our government.

If Hurricane Katrina was an indicator of how our media works, then it takes a disaster of massive proportion to garner attention and hold it long enough for a change to occur. Instead of asking hard-hitting questions about the qualifications of government officials beforehand, the media concentrates on other issues.

News organizations have neglected their responsibility to the American people. Taking into account the important social role of the media, that responsibility can be summed up as the journalistic duty to fact-check and inform the public. Before Hurricane Katrina, the majority of Americans were unaware that those selected to protect us were incompetent, that our response plans were incomplete, and that we as a nation were not as safe as we thought. This lack of information before Katrina hit is a powerful condemnation of the American media's effectiveness.

It is easy to be cynical, regarding the state of journalism

in this country. Sensationalized trials dominate the headlines and people are now going to late night comedy shows for their news, but what is needed to redeem media outlets is a more comprehensive approach to journalism where a story is examined from its infancy to its conclusion. As it stands, the media resembles a hyperactive child – fascinated by something one minute and bored with it the next without ever having understood the big picture. Ultimately, it is the public that suffers as a result of this narrow view.

## Editorial Cartoon

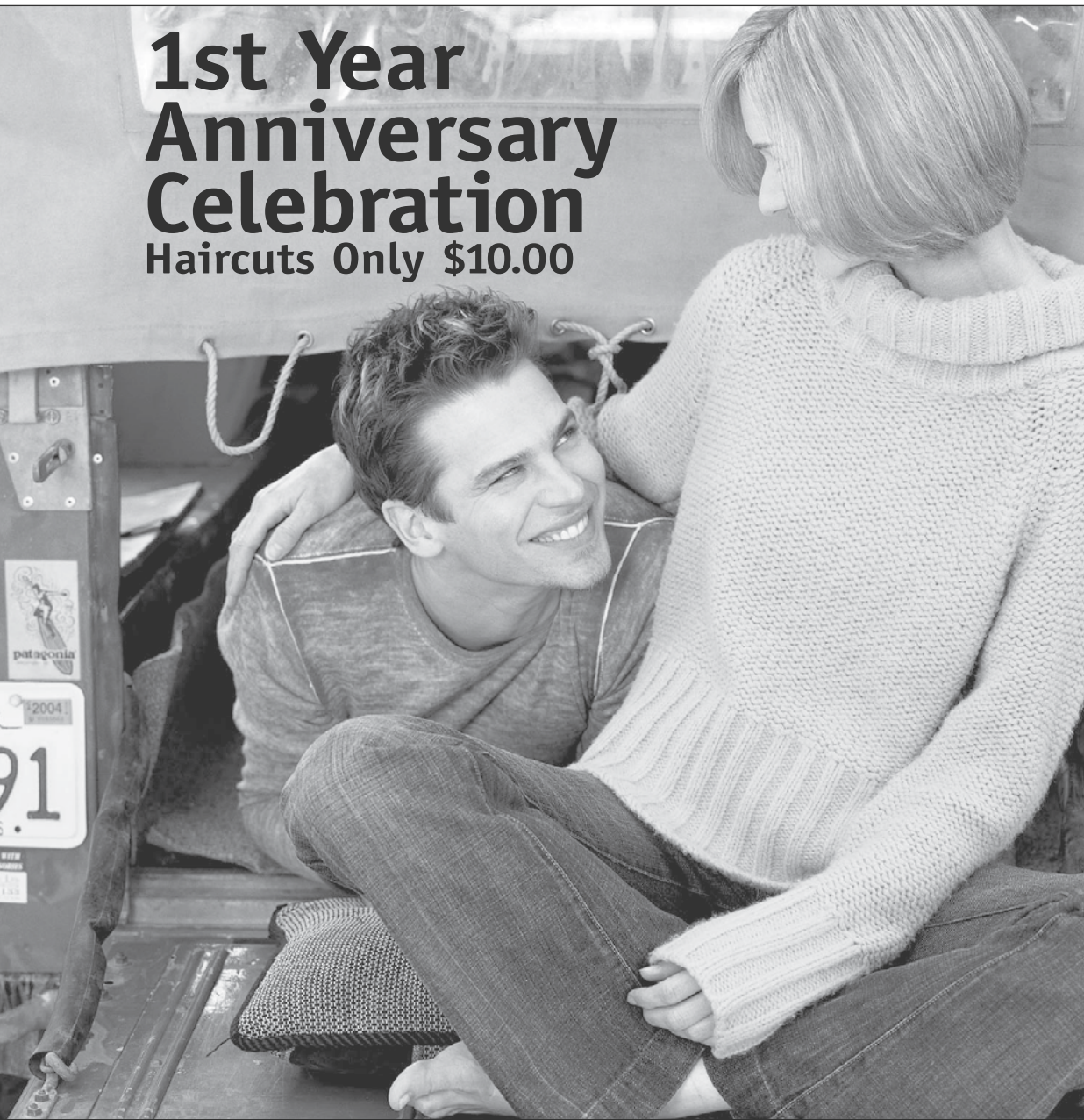


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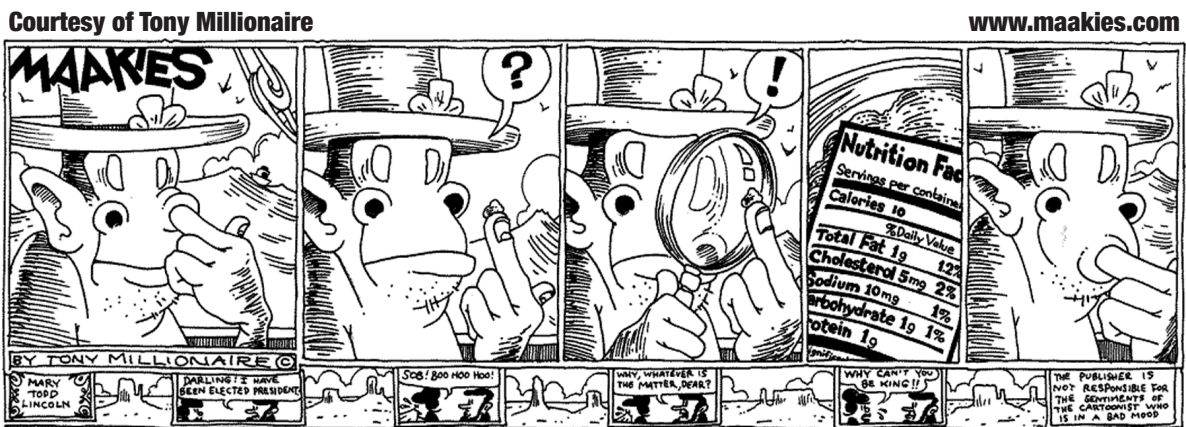
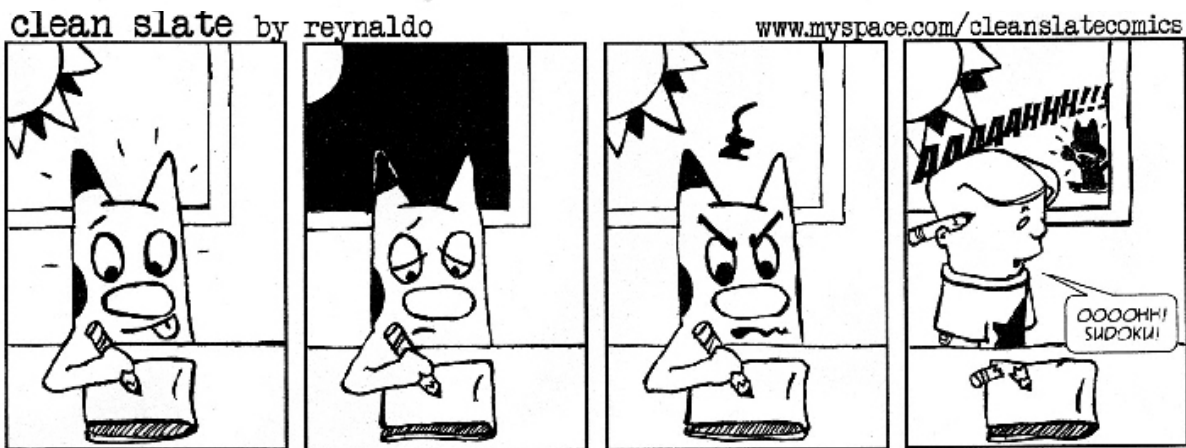
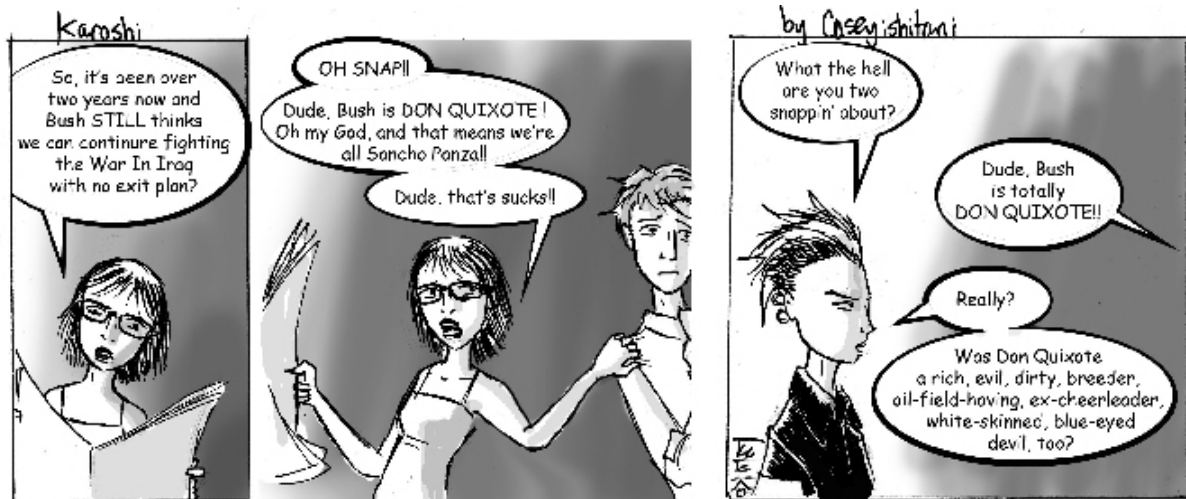
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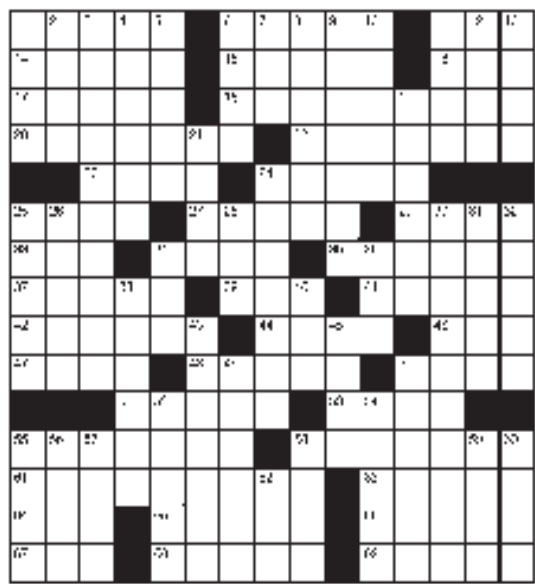


# COMICS & CROSSWORD



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5 "As is" event  
11 The girl  
14 Foundation  
15 Court martial  
16 Vegetable  
17 Flashy outfit  
18 U.S. citizens  
20 Stage production  
22 Aunt's name  
23 Aquatic  
24 Prepare to be knighted  
25 Pastoral sounds  
26 Take a stab at  
28 Flower  
32 Ship's tail  
34 Foundation support  
35 See the work  
36 Freshman's  
38 Lively  
41 Coadjutor  
42 Flat-bottomed  
44 Informal  
45 Go see  
47 Dear  
48 Leading gas  
50 Great leap  
51 Pays the  
52 Pops  
53 Sniff  
54 Georgia fruit  
55 Having a good  
56 Know  
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65 Bottle of it  
66 Juice  
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68 Leaf or skin  
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## Community Perspective

## In Search of Principled Moral Leadership at UH

As a human development specialist, I have joined the efforts of other scholars to research various aspects of moral development and leadership. Numerous researchers and theorists in the fields of counseling and psychology have written about these important aspects of human development with some directing particular attention to what is referred to as "principled moral leadership."

Experts define "principled moral leadership" as a person who is able to: [1] generate a clear vision of the type of society, nation, university, or organization that promotes genuine power-sharing, democratic decision-making, justice, and peace; [2] implement organizational and societal interventions that effectively replace various forms

of autocratic and hierarchical leadership practices with real democratic decision-making strategies; and [3] help create a greater level of peace, justice and equity that is concretely manifested in the day-to-day operation of our society, nation, state, or university.

One could argue that principled moral leadership has taken a long vacation at the University of Hawai'i. Whether it be in the malaise of Kenneth Mortimer's depressing tenure as UH President; the bold but short-lived, culturally-naïve, and autocratic leadership style employed by Evan Dobbelle, or the current business friendly but visionless leadership approach that characterizes interim President David McClain's administration, principled moral leadership has been a consistent "no show" at our university.

The lack of principled moral leadership that characterizes our current uni-

versity administrators is reflected in their failure to effectively communicate a vision of our university's future.

The continuing rapes and other forms of violence manifested on our campus, the recently released research findings highlighting the on-going racial-ethnic-cultural tensions at our university, unnecessary increases in students' tuitions, and recent efforts to expand the policing and militarization of UH are all examples of the ways in which the failure of principled moral leadership is manifested at the University of Hawai'i. The latter points gained particular attention in light of the recent controversy surrounding the possible creation of a University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) at our university.

Over the past year, Chancellor Peter Englert and current Vice President of Research Gary Ostrander have led a chorus of positive pronouncements that promote UARC. Neither of these appointed leaders nor interim President McClain, nor

any other administrator on the Manoa campus have demonstrated the courage to have public discussions about the moral downside of embracing such a venture at our university. Their collective failure to organize a balanced discourse and critique of UARC and its implications for UH represent a critical failure in their level of principled moral leadership capability.

Fortunately, the UH Manoa Faculty Senate has filled some of this void among many of the overpaid administrators at our university. The Faculty Senate has: [1] solicited a detailed report from a faculty committee that spent hours studying the complex

issues related to having a UARC at UH; [2] facilitated public debate about these issues at an open Faculty Congress; and [3] spent more than two hours in thoughtful deliberation of these issues at the recent Faculty Senate meeting, which resulted in an open vote to reject a UARC at UH.

At these meetings faculty members articulated a positive and pragmatic vision of our university's future. The faculty members discussed the need to realize a greater level of power-sharing and democratic decision-making at UH that will foster justice and peace not only at our university but within Hawai'i, our nation, and the world. The principled moral leadership that was demonstrated by many UH faculty members who spoke against having a UARC at UH was also manifested in the moral questions they raised.

Among the important moral questions that were discussed at these faculty meetings included: Is UARC in the best moral interests of the University of Hawai'i? Will UARC directly or indirectly contribute to the further expansion of the military industrial complex that President Dwight Eisenhower warned against more than 50 years ago? How does a UARC complement or conflict with the UH motto "Above all nations is humanity?" How will UARC affect our university's commitment to promote a Native Hawaiian place of learning? Will a UARC promote peace in our world or will it strengthen our nation's military might? How will a UARC help us build a world that is safe and healthy for our children?

These are vital moral questions that need our attention before a final decision is made to support or reject the UARC

contract at UH. Given the lack of principled moral leadership that continues to be exhibited among UH administrators and the failure of these administrators to open public discussion about the above-mentioned moral questions related to UARC, many students and faculty have lost faith in the current administrative leadership of our university.

I am not one of the people who have lost such faith. Rather, I am interested in joining with others who are interested in asserting grassroots leadership that is critically needed to help build a great university. I believe we can fill the void in principled moral leadership at UH and develop action strategies that will help build a great university.

I truly believe UH has potential to be a great university and an international center that fosters advanced learning about democratic decision making and genuine power sharing in our world. We can tap into the genius of the faculty members to work intentionally and collectively to effectively deal with the current moral crisis in our university, nation, and the global society. We can become a center for studying about the ways in which pragmatic forms of justice can be implemented at all levels of our world and in doing so become the world's center for Peace and Justice Studies.

We can do all of this and much more, but we need principled moral leaders with a vision to build a great university and move us beyond the quagmire and malaise that currently exists at UH.

We can begin the process of building a great university now by implementing the following two strategies: Convene a two-day conference

“...we need principled and moral leaders with a vision to build a great university...”

comprised of representatives from the Faculty Senate, ASUH, and the Save UH/Stop UARC Coalition to discuss their collective vision of greatness for UH and begin to identify persons who embody principled moral leadership qualities as replacements for the existing leadership at UH.

Convene a public meeting with the UH Board of Regents to openly discuss the importance of securing principled moral leadership to overcome the current crisis that undermines our ability to become a great university. This meeting would provide an opportunity to begin to promote open consultation, genuine power sharing, and community involvement in an empowering and visioning process that has been absent over the past two years regarding the UARC controversy.

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# SURF AT SANDY'S

## Underestimating beach's waves can be dangerous

An unidentified bodyboarder gets up-ended in the shorebreak at Sandy Beach. The powerful and fast waves at Sandy Beach are responsible for hundreds of injuries to beachgoers every year.

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### Heed warnings of beach signs before surfing

By Kumari Sherreitt  
Ka Leo Staff Writer

It's a Saturday afternoon. The rough, choppy, blue 4 - 5 foot (Hawaiian scale) waves, and gusty 15 - 30 mph tradewinds have brought a large crowd of University of Hawai'i students, local families, dogs and tourists to sit and marvel at over 50 surfers displaying courage and skill, riding the massive shore break waves

of Sandy Beach.

Sandy Beach, located on the south east shore of O'ahu, draws in people from all over the world on a daily basis. The amount of visitors to the South Shore every year is larger than the North Shore. Tourists and non-residents seem to be informed of the danger of swimming at Ehukai, or Pipeline on the North Shore, and therefore are discouraged from swimming. But when it comes to the South Shore, the non-residents' perception is one that underestimates its dangers.

"Short of putting up barbed wire and Doberman dogs around the beach, signs are the only way. A reasonably responsible individual should be aware [of the dangers]. People need to look and survey their environment,

and make responsible decisions for themselves on their abilities," said Jim Barros, Injury Prevention and Research Analyst II of the City and County of Honolulu.

Beth Cisternelli, from Boston, Mass., came to O'ahu with her husband and another couple for their 25th wedding anniversaries. They were staying in Waikiki for two weeks before they made their way to Sandy's.

"[We were] really impressed with the beaches and the waves," Cisternelli said.

Sandy's was just a stop-off on their way to the blowhole, a destination they found through a tourist magazine. Cisternelli's husband, spoke about wanting to return, and that all he really wanted to do was surf, even after he had been knocked over repeatedly by the backwash and whitewash onto the sand by the



Aussie Luke Stedman logs some time in the barrel during the third day of competition of the Oneil World Cup of Surfing at Sunset Beach. The contest is expected to conclude this weekend.

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waves that day.

Sitting in anticipation of these tourists is lifeguard Julian Bosgra. Bosgra has been a lifeguard since 1997, and has seen hundreds of injuries occur at the popular beach.

"When tradewinds are really strong, the south swell pops up a rip tide by 'Pipe Littles,'" Bosgra said. "You can tell because the water gets discolored and goes in a mushroom streak. [The lifeguards in the towers] see the water moving in that area, and the inexperienced people don't see it coming."

Bosgra said when he or his colleagues see these types of people walking on the beach, they tend to send them to a safer beach, like Waimanalo, where injuries are less common.

Every year, over 500,000 people visit Sandy Beach and over 200,000 visit Makapu'u. At Sandy's, there were 237 rescues and 71 surf-related accidents last year, according to the Hawai'i State Department of Health Injury Prevention and Control.

Although drownings are rare, serious injuries to the spine, back, legs, arms and shoulders are frequent.

According to the Hawai'i State Department of Health website, "Hawai'i has over 750 miles of ocean shoreline, and has more ocean-related injuries resulting in death and disability per square mile than any other state in the nation."

Rick Grigg, an oceanography professor at UHM, said that Makapu'u and Sandy beaches are unique in their position and therefore receive swells and wave conditions that other beaches on the east side of the island does not. The two beaches are exposed to the open ocean south and trade wind swells. There

is a steep drop-off on the ocean floor before the waves break that causes the waves to plunge. Coming from the deep water to the shallow water of the shore causes the waves to break quickly.

Grigg said that people get hurt when a wave slams them into the sand.

The biggest problem leading to ocean-related injuries, according to Jessica Rich of Hawai'i State Tourism bureau's Aloha Society of Hawai'i, is that, "visitors walk or swim into the high surf, ignoring warning signs. They think that the signs apply to other people and not to them. In some cases, they land up injured at the hospital."

In April of this year, Hawaiian Airlines began running a 60-second clip created by Ralph Goto, Ocean Safety Administrator of the City and County of Honolulu, on all of its Hawai'i bound flights. This clip educates and informs visitors to Hawai'i of the dangers of its beaches, with an emphasis on reading and understanding signs posted along the shore.

Barros said that this is the first installment in a series of public service announcements, with the newest, to focus on the lifeguard as the ultimate safety resource for beachgoers. Also coming out soon are water-safety advertisements on city buses. This, along with a lifeguard water-safety Web site, the Hawai'i public school water-safety curriculum, and lectures given in schools, lifeguards and water-safety people hope that ocean safety will one day be taken as seriously as it should be.

For more information on Hawai'i ocean safety, check out the Hawai'i Lifeguard association website: www. aloha.com/~lifeguard/wsafety.html.