



Financial aid changing for the better

Mark Brislin
Editor-in-Chief

Some welcome news is coming in these rough economic times for students receiving financial aid.

Jodie Kuba, UH Mānoa director of financial aid services, said about half of UH Mānoa's 20,000 students are awarded some form of financial aid.

"We encourage (students) to apply for scholarships and everything else and to try and minimize the cost of tuition, which is always going up and never going down," Kuba said.

A number of changes being made to college financial aid programs will go into effect today. In addition to the changes, President Barack Obama is attempting to condense the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to make it easier on students seeking aid.

The amount and type of aid students receive is based on their responses to the FAFSA form, which gauges the students' estimated family contribution, cost of attendance and their living status (living at home, off-campus or in dorms).

Starting today there will be a slightly lower interest rate on subsidized undergraduate student loans, an increase in the minimum and



JOEL KUTAKA/KA LEO O HAWAII

As UH Mānoa's new vice chancellor of academic affairs, Dr. Reed Dasenbrock hopes to fix the long list of challenges that await, while dealing with the university's tight budget and increased enrollment.

Dasenbrock brings "impressive" experience to UH Mānoa

**Junghee Lee and
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Bringing with him years of experience and a desire for educational excellence, Dr. Reed Dasenbrock steps in as the next vice chancellor of academic affairs for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

"We're delighted that UH Mānoa will benefit from Dr. Dasenbrock's many years of impressive accomplishments and experience in higher education planning, administration and teaching," said UHM Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw in a press release.

Dasenbrock, who holds a Ph.D in English from John Hopkins University, taught at the University of New Mexico for twenty years, serving as the university's provost for two years.

As UNM provost, Dasenbrock helped boost undergraduate enrollment, retention and graduation rates, and also increased the number of Native Americans, women and minorities working as faculty, according to a press release.

New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson appointed Dasenbrock as the state's Secretary of Higher Education in 2007.

"Dr. Dasenbrock has the strong academic credentials

and key administrative skills needed to guide our Higher Education Department," said Richardson in a press release about Dasenbrock's hire.

According to Karen Wentworth, UNM senior communication representative, Dasenbrock's efforts led to marked improvement of UNM's quality of campus life.

"Dr. Dasenbrock initiated a number of task forces that looked into a variety of issues on our campus including hate crimes, faculty compensation, gradua-

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Campus Beat

Michelle White

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

A law student left her bag unattended while studying in the law library in the afternoon. When she returned from the restroom, she did not notice anything missing from her bag on the floor. Days later, she noticed that \$4,700 was missing from her wallet and filed a report with Campus Security.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

A student studying at Hamilton Library noticed her wallet missing after she went to make copies. The wallet contained identification and credit cards.

Hopefully the people who stole the credit cards and \$4,700 will use the money to stimulate the economy.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Campus Security caught two men allegedly tampering with a mo-ped near the old Campus Security office. The men attempted to run but were apprehended by officers at the KHET building near the UH Lab school. The suspects claimed they had been attempting to find a previously stolen mo-ped. While questioning the suspects, officers noticed that their mo-ped had

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SCATTERED SHOWERS

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The current south swell continues to slowly fade. Forerunners from a fresh south swell are still expected to arrive today giving surf a boost in consistency later this afternoon.

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tion rates, native American and Hispanic perspectives, as well as international issues,” said Wentworth.

However, Dasenbrock missed interaction with students and faculty and decided the position as VCAA at UH Mānoa could best help him return to that.

“I enjoyed the job [as secretary of higher education] and learned a great deal, but that position was a little too disconnected from the university,” said Dasenbrock.

Now on the Mānoa campus, Dasenbrock has the authority to develop new academic programs, review and determine the continuing status of existing programs, improve academic programs and he is striving to help the school with its tight budget constraints.

LOOKING UP IN LOW TIMES

Dasenbrock’s arrival comes in the midst of a recession that is stretching longer than predicted. UH Mānoa faces about a 17 percent reduction in budget for the

next fiscal year, and there is a possibility that professors may have to be furloughed during a time when the university’s enrollment is increasing 5 percent.

“It’s going to be tough,” Dasenbrock said. “That’s simply a challenge we have to accept. It’s going to be very difficult to educate more students on a reduced budget.”

The university shouldn’t respond by simply cutting classes, because that could send the university “on a downward spiral,” according to Dasenbrock. Instead, to keep the students in mind and try organize instruction so that the key courses are taught at the best times for students, would be a good strategy.

“What we often do in a university is that we do a very good job of thinking of things from the faculty point of view and ignoring the perspectives of the students,” Dasenbrock said.

He pointed out that only 10 percent of UH Mānoa students graduate in four years, and he believes improving the efficiency of the university would allow more

students to graduate quickly, opening up more space to different students.

UH needs to work on attracting more local students, said Dasenbrock, students who may otherwise go elsewhere, noting that many choose to attend UNLV.

“Mānoa is a much better university than UNLV,” Dasenbrock said.

The quality of Hawai‘i’s workforce will determine the future of the state economy, according to Dasenbrock.

“We need to be a really good option for the citizens of Hawai‘i, and if Hawai‘i graduates don’t come here, it has to be for a good reason and not for a perception of lack of quality that I don’t believe is justified,” said Dasenbrock.

He noted that more high school seniors are now choosing community colleges over Hawai‘i’s four-year schools; his suggestion is that UH should work with community colleges to allow students to transfer smoothly into UH at the right time.

“There’s a lot of work to be done in getting the two parts of the system to work with each other,” Dasenbrock said.

Dasenbrock said UH has to try to cut the budget as intelligently as possible, but acknowledged “there is no magic or painless way to do this.”

“We need to try to identify where

things are least damaging,” Dasenbrock said. “But I think what people have to understand is that this is a tough situation and things are going to be different.”

GOALS FOR THE UNIVERSITY

During his term as vice chancellor, Dasenbrock has two goals he wants to achieve. First of all, he wants UH Mānoa to be “recognized for the quality of the graduate education as it is for the quality of research and science and technical fields.”

Secondly, Dasenbrock believes that the most important thing that’s going to happen during this century is the communication between the U.S. and Asia.

“We have strong programs in Asian study fields, therefore, UH has the potential to be one of the important universities in the world because we can be that place where the conversations between the east and west happen,” said Dasenbrock.

Dasenbrock believes that UH Mānoa is a unique place with diverse culture and opportunities.

“The Mānoa campus will create the future of Hawai‘i through science, technology, research and education. We are the place where the future is created.”

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maximum amount of Pell Grants that can be awarded to a student and a new year-round Pell Grant.

The maximum Pell Grant, or the money eligible students receive that they don’t have to pay back, is increasing more than \$600, to \$5,350, and the minimum Pell Grant for part-time students will also see an increase of \$486.

Under the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, the federal government automatically chips in \$490 in Pell Grant funds to eligible full-time students, thus the least amount of Pell Grant award eligible full-time students can receive is also increasing to \$976.

A new year-round Pell Grant was also established and will go into effect today. Kuba said that in the past, if students had a full-time Pell Grant for the fall and spring semesters, there wouldn’t be any money left over to pay for summer classes. With the new year-round Pell Grant, eligible students would also be able to receive a full-time Pell Grant for the summer.

Kuba said an 18-semester cap has also been placed on the amount of time a student can receive Pell Grants, with the reasoning behind the change to the grants being to encourage students to graduate faster.

Subsidized student loans are loans that students will have to pay back, but the Feds will pay the interest rates while students are still in school at least part-time. This interest rate will drop .4 percent to 5.6 percent, and will continue to gradually decline to 3.4 percent in 2011.

Unsubsidized student loans, or loans the students have to pay the interest rates for while they are in school, will remain stable at 6.8 percent.

“We always recommend the students to try to pay the interest on the unsubsidized loan while they’re still in school,” Kuba said. She stated that if students don’t pay the loans, the interest is capitalized, or added into the total amount of the loan.

“The interest is accumulating because the loan is getting bigger and bigger,” Kuba said.

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a broken ignition. Both men were given trespass warnings and the mo-ped was impounded until ownership could be established.

Most smart mo-ped thieves wait until it is dark to “look” around for things to steal. If you notice anyone cutting a lock, using a screwdriver as a key or putting a mo-ped or bicycle into a vehicle, please call Campus Security at (808) 956-6911.

CORRECTION: In the last issue of Campus Beat, I reported that Congressman Neil Abercrombie’s car had been towed from the UH President’s residence by Freeman Guards. In fact, his car had been stolen and abandoned at Ward Shopping Center. Ward Security had it towed.

Transformers: Plot holes in disguise

Chris Mikesell
Features Editor

It's sad, but true: most big-budget summer blockbusters fuel a vicious circle.

Each year, summer action movies strive to pack as much explosive power, visual stimulation and compelling drama as they can onto their reels in an attempt to set the standard just a notch higher than they did the year before.

But now movie directors can breathe a collective sigh of relief as Michael Bay's latest film, "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," has taken the summer blockbuster film bar and stomped it into the ground after tossing it into a ditch.

Granted, the movie delivers on what little it promises. There are robots, and they are well-rendered, if at times difficult to contrast from their environment with all the CGI chrome. They punch, shoot and destroy just as one would expect of giant robots, and, as in the first film, product placement reigns supreme.

Explosions in the film are varied and frequent, giving Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf) and his girlfriend Mikaela Banes (Megan Fox) something to run from that isn't rendered in during post-production.

Bay also wastes no time in giving the audience abundant PG-13 shots of Fox's character leaning over a motorcycle in short shorts or running towards the camera in slow motion (fleeing from those aforementioned explosions, of course).

If you're expecting something more out of the film than booms,



COURTESY OF PARAMOUNT PICTURES/MCT

Optimus Prime, the hero of the "Transformers" series and film, returns in this summer sequel, which, in true Michael Bay fashion, gives audiences their fair share of explosions, giant robots and Megan Fox.

bots and boobs, however, you are only setting yourself up for disappointment. There is no way this kind of movie should surprise anyone, even if it presents novel and innovative angles from which to view explosions.

Fox's monotone delivery makes her an unconvincing heroine, though LaBeouf's girlish screams throughout the movie more than make up for Fox's lack of interest in her own

lines.

What little plot there is to speak of in the film is derivative at best. Witwicky becomes a vessel for ancient robot secrets he doesn't understand because he touches a shard of some artifact he destroyed in the first movie. Evil robots want the secrets in his head, good robots admit they were keeping said secrets, a good robot dies and Witwicky ends up running around

Egypt in search of a magical robot McGuffin to fix him, which he eventually does, becoming the Chosen One in the process.

Acting – or lack thereof – notwithstanding, there are also more plot holes than bullet holes in this film. An early example: the mysterious shard that zapped Witwicky's brain turns all the appliances in Witwicky's kitchen into appliance-sized killer robots, who then proceed

to, like one would expect, try to kill him.

Granted, his house is a smoking crater afterwards, but Bumblebee – one of the good robots – saves his life and Witwicky's parents point out that the government and insurance will take care of the repair bill.

What we don't expect is for Witwicky to, immediately after narrowly escaping with his life from a machine gun wielding blender, turn to Bumblebee and tell him that he "doesn't need his protection." The logic behind this is baffling. Perhaps Bay's version of Witwicky thinks he can fend off killer robots on his own.

Perhaps Bay's version of Witwicky is just not very bright.

Having a healthy suspension of disbelief is key to enjoying a movie like "Transformers." One can accept a reality in which GMC pickups, motorcycles and big rigs transform into giant talking robots. One can accept that there are evil robots trying to destroy the sun with a giant machine buried in an Egyptian pyramid. One can even accept – with minimal effort – that the only female in the film who would express a convincing romantic interest in Shia LaBeouf is actually a murderous robot in disguise.

Fans, however, might not be so ready to accept that Sam Witwicky is an idiot.

Final verdict:

If you're happy with robots, explosions and a PG-13 Megan Fox, then Transformers' newest iteration is for you, but don't expect it to transform into anything more than that.

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Just another Michael Jackson article

Lindsay Ogawa
Opinions Editor

This past week was the last for a few iconic celebrities, starting with the death of "Tonight" sidekick Ed McMahon, followed by the sexy Farrah Fawcett and not-so-sexy Michael Jackson, then Billy Mays and his booming enthusiasm over OxiClean.

The world was struck by grief and frenzy as pieces of America's pop culture fell victim to the reality of death, which was more expected for some than others. The attachment to these figures, knowing the sound of their voice, the oddities and beauty of each individual, remembering their smile connected to simple taglines, like "Here's Johnny!" or "It's easy as ABC," and everything short of knowing their smell equated to a pseudo-relationship with these people.

And boy, did the news catch on to readers' attraction to popular culture. Since Thursday, the news has been pumping out MJ and Billy Mays stories as if the world depended on it, forgetting problems elsewhere.

Because fame results from our democratic nature to choose who is the next best thing or old and boring, it is no wonder why these celebrity passings, namely Michael Jackson's, are causing such a ruckus. Whether Jackson was in the limelight for moon-walking, a disintegrating nose or touching little boys, he made people scratch their heads as to what in the world he was thinking; he was godly at keeping people interested.

The New York Times, CBS, CNN and just about every other media source have each covered at least two handfuls of stories over Jackson in print and on television since his death. He is often found on the front page of newspapers and now dominates the internet.

On the day he died, Google's search engine crashed for 25 minutes, and Google and Yahoo both confirm record-breaking searches. Social networking sites Twitter and Facebook saw doubling and tripling in their respective amount of updates.

But despite the appeal gathered from a spectrum of audiences, how much is too much of this MJ craze?

TV and editors would be foolish not to have picked up on the public's interest in popular culture, but the amount to which it did dimmed other serious news people know all too well, or perhaps too little.

At this time, America has been thinking about Iran's deepened repression, North Korea's continuing threats, the new Climate Bill, multiple issues spawning from the future health reform and the big financial blob that's been the goo on the bottom of everyone's shoes.

And still, all it took was the death of a popular figure to forget all of that for a few days.

Michael Jackson would be proud. But succumbing to pop-culture detracts from the purpose and significance of hard news. Newspapers and broadcasts must continue to forward valuable knowledge, to be an open portal and to remember not to get so caught up in smaller details along the way.

These news televising companies must understand, despite popular demand for more Michael Jackson grievance and "trip down memory lane" pieces, they need to leave it up to magazines and blogs to cover, instead.

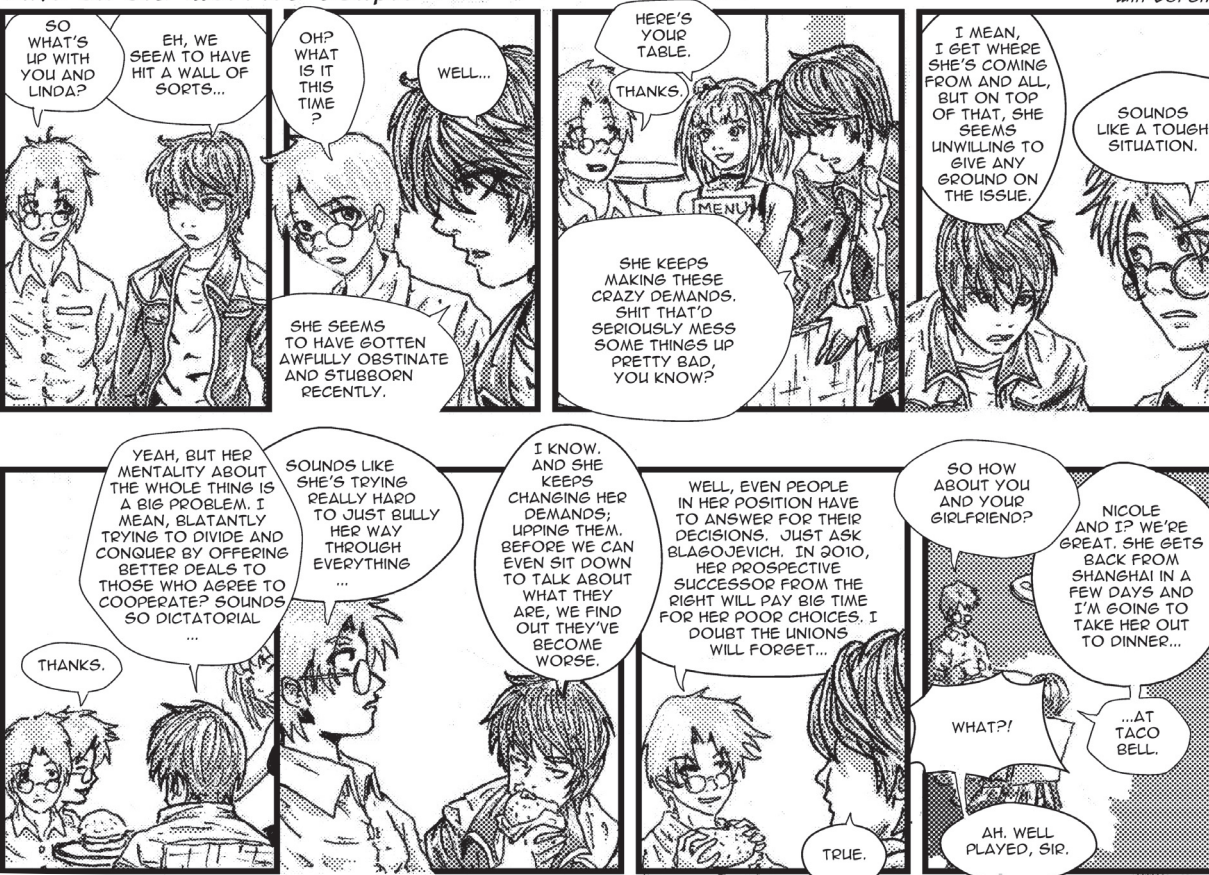
A newspaper is to inform over a spectrum of happenings with a little bit of public interest, but above all, to report the unforgiving truth.



KEVIN MAZUR/AEG/GETTY IMAGES/MCT

Michael Jackson performs during his last show rehearsal at Staples Center on June 23, 2009 in Los Angeles, Calif. His untimely death only two days later shocked people all over the world and shifted the news media's attention to the pop star's accomplished yet controversial life.

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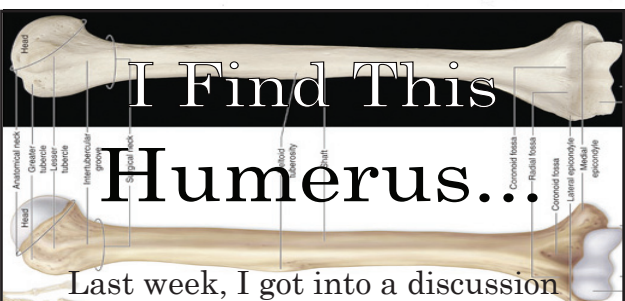


By: Justin Koelkebeck

I can't believe the summer session is almost over!

YES! Just one more week and we're freeeeeeee!!

You know we have to stay for second session, right?

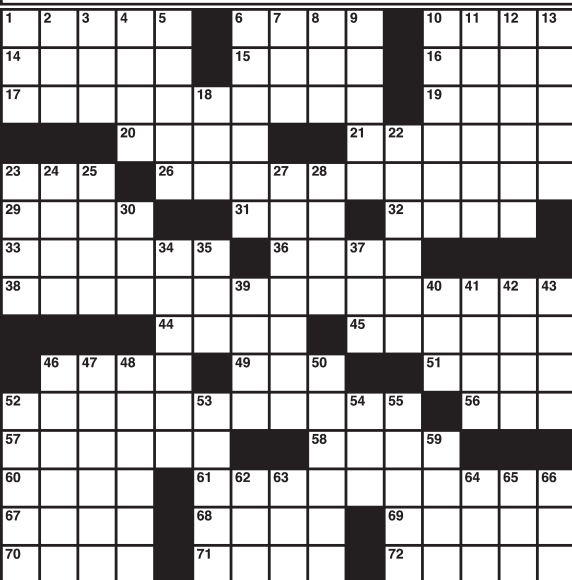
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I Find This Humerus...

Last week, I got into a discussion with a lovely woman about vegan diets. I respect, wholeheartedly, those who decide to forgo the wonders of a well-cooked steak; she accused carnivores of being cruel to animals. At that point, when it was clear that she had ejected her intelligence and tossed it out into the road to be crushed by a hot dog van, I pointed out that it seemed like an awful waste to have fought our way to the top of the food chain only to settle for eating defenseless leaves. It was at this point in our conversation that she slapped me with a stick of celery.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis



By Jack McInturff

7/1/09

Across

- 1 World-weary
- 6 After a short time
- 10 Feature of a bad air day
- 14 Bay Area county
- 15 Fairy tale opener
- 16 Heart
- 17 Paintings and such
- 19 Ship of Greek mythology
- 20 Offended
- 21 House party convenience
- 23 Roll of dough
- 26 Causing heads to turn
- 29 Alimony recipients
- 31 Negatives
- 32 Watch readouts, briefly
- 33 Lament
- 36 Soup bean
- 38 Releasing stress, in a way
- 44 Kinfolk: Abbr.
- 45 A flat counterpart
- 46 Ending letters, in Leeds
- 49 Suffix with expert
- 51 Sicilian spouter
- 52 Gungan general of "Star Wars" films
- 56 Sargasso, for one
- 57 Kilimanjaro locale
- 58 River islets
- 60 "Put ___ writing"
- 61 Very hard candy
- 67 Its state bird is the common loon: Abbr.
- 68 Fourth person

69 Wishful words

- 70 Early birds?
- 71 Hydrant attachment
- 72 Dinnerware item that can precede the start of 17-, 26-, 38-, 52- or 61-Across

Down

- 1 Munich-based automaker
- 2 ___-tzu
- 3 Bus depot posting: Abbr.
- 4 Punjab sect member
- 5 Happen next
- 6 Ease
- 7 "___ clear day ..."
- 8 Text-scanning technology, briefly
- 9 Contents meas.
- 10 Verbally attack
- 11 Like fascination with the dark side
- 12 Instruments with stops
- 13 Conductor Szell
- 18 Direct ending?
- 22 Mercedes sedan category
- 23 LPGA star
- 24 Skating maneuver
- 25 Part of a rep's spiel
- 27 Gigantic statues
- 28 "Like, no way!"
- 30 Piglet's mother
- 34 Respiratory cavity

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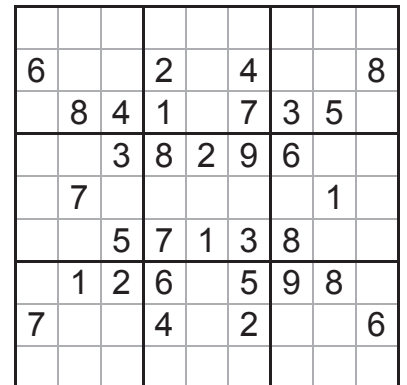
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8

- 35 Dir. from Wichita to Omaha
- 37 Factory work: Abbr.
- 39 Smooth-talking
- 40 First word of many titles
- 41 Vittles
- 42 18th century composer Thomas
- 43 Film-rating org.
- 46 Alluringly plump
- 47 Getting it wrong
- 48 Islamic genies
- 50 Empower

- 52 "My Name Is Earl" Emmy winner
- 53 Indian prince
- 54 Cassis cocktail
- 55 "Shrek!" author William
- 59 Humorist Mort
- 62 Blood-typing system
- 63 Unsold of the NBA
- 64 Campground org.
- 65 Mini-albums, briefly
- 66 Legal thing

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (07/01/09) Your intuition will be right on target this year, so use it wisely. There's a great responsibility in knowing what's going to happen next. It'll work sometimes with the stock market but not always. You'll also have to know what you're doing, or work with somebody who does.

To get the advantage, check the day's

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 6. Your team carries the ball for you now. Remind them not to repeat a past mistake. It will keep them on their toes.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is an 8. Continue your investigation. You're getting close to the answer. It takes a lot of study, but it's worth the effort.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 5. There's plenty of work to be done, and it's the kind that pays. Don't waste a cent. This may have to last you a while.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 9. You may be in a tricky spot. Passions run deep. Don't spend too much or let friends get too involved in your choices.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6. The competition is tough. First, figure out the method behind their madness. Then your course of action will be clear.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is an 8. Study the situation carefully. You may be doing things the hard way. Postpone travel until you get this figured out.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 6. A long-distance communication is the key to

your success. Don't bother a person you sometimes rely on who's busy now.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 9. If you're in a good mood, don't sing like a canary. Some will do that and it won't work out well. Be happy and quiet.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 5. The work isn't going as planned. Don't push; there may be errors in your instructions. Call an expert if need be.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is an 8. There's enough money now, but don't take a risk with it. You're feeling flush, and that can be dangerous.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 5. You're careful, yet you're not always right. Maybe it's just God's way of keeping you on your toes, and humble.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 10. You're intuitive now, with insight into old issues. Have you reviewed the past? You may find something interesting.

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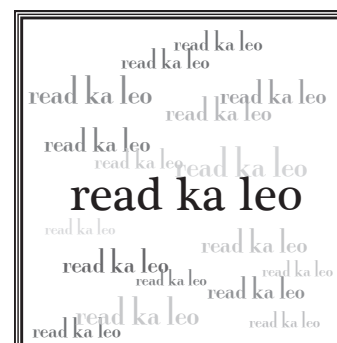
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SPORTS COMMENTARY

“Small” sports salvage athletic year

Russell Tolentino

Associate Sports Editor

The 2008 to 2009 athletics year may not have been the prettiest.

After all, the men's and women's basketball teams were bounced in the first two rounds of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament; the men's volleyball team didn't even qualify for theirs; and the baseball team's hopes of an NCAA regional fell flat.

I've heard fans at games and I've read fan comments on message boards saying that this may have been one of the “worst” years in school history.

Don't get me wrong, the frustration and disappointment is understandable.

But still, the University of Hawai'i placed 66th out of 279 Division I teams ranked in the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Director's Cup with 314 points.

Their finish was good enough for second in the WAC (behind Boise State at 49th), and ahead of BCS schools such as Oregon State (70th), Kansas (72nd) and Kansas State (77th).

The Directors' Cup is presented annually to the best overall collegiate athletics programs in the country based on points earned when schools'

athletic programs participate in the NCAA post season.

You may be scratching your head, but yes, Hawai'i was well-represented in the NCAA's this past year, earning 98 points in the fall sports season, 74.5 points in the winter and 141.5 in the spring.

So where did the points come from?

Well, the Rainbow Wahine volleyball team finished in the elite eight (73 points) and the Warrior football team participated in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl (25 points).

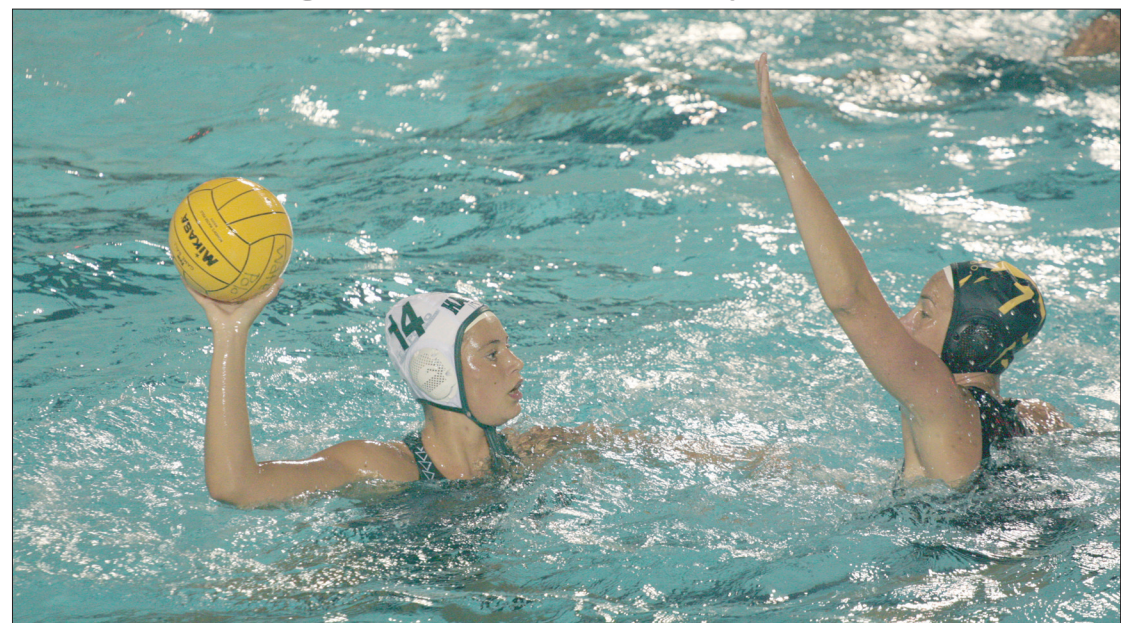
But of course, who didn't know that? These are, after all, the two most visible and popular UH teams.

The rest of the points came from women's swimming and diving (29 points), women's indoor (30 points) and outdoor (36.5 points) track and field, women's water polo (55 points), and men's tennis (50 points).

I bet some people didn't even know UH had those teams.

Some of the more publicized teams struggled and created a defeated spirit among UH fans. But often going unrecognized is the hard work and success of the “unknown” teams of UH.

Diver Emma Friesen placed third in the 1-meter dive; high



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Junior Dagmar Genee and the Rainbow Wahine water polo team placed fourth at the 2009 NCAA Championships in College Park, Md.

jumpers Amber Kaufman and Emily Sheppard, and multi-even athlete Annett Wichmann made a run for gold.

Head coach Michel Roy and his water polo team finished fourth in the nation, and head coach Dennis Lajola led men's tennis team story-booked

their way into the NCAA Sweet 16 for the first time in school history.

Pretty exciting stuff, if you were paying attention.

Based on the “bigger” sports, it may have been a rough year to be a UH fan. But the end results of the athletic's year must have made ath-

letics director Jim Donovan and the athletic department happy.

66th out of 279 teams is not bad at all.

And if fans took the time to embrace these “other” teams, maybe it would have been a happier year for those fans, too.



WONG EARNS ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Sports Desk

University of Hawai'i Rainbow outfielder Kolten Wong was named to the Baseball America Freshman All-America first team Tuesday, June 30, becoming the first Rainbow since Andrew McNally in 1993 to make the prestigious team.

This is the fourth freshman All-America honor for the Hilo, Hawai'i native, who also garnered recognition from Louisville Slugger/Collegiate Baseball, Ping! and the National Collegiate

Baseball Writers Association. He was the Western Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year and earned first-team all-WAC honors as well.

Wong started all 58 games for the 'Bows in centerfield in 2009, batting .341 with 11 home runs, 21 doubles, two triples, 52 RBI, 46 runs and 11 stolen bases.

The Kamehameha-Hawai'i graduate is currently playing on the United States national team, which just completed a five-game sweep over Canada on Monday. Wong had his best game of the series Monday, going 1-for-3 with two RBI, three runs and a stolen base.

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Woolford captures Miss Hawai'i crown

THREE 'BOWS TRADE UNIFORMS FOR GOWNS

Ashley Nonaka
Sports Editor

Some athletes are only known for their skills on the court.

But former Rainbow Wahine volleyball player Raeceen Woolford proved that you can be a top-quality athlete and still take home a pageant crown.

On Saturday, June 27, Woolford

(Miss Ko Olina) was crowned Miss Hawai'i 2009 out of 30 contestants representing the eight different islands. In last year's pageant, she placed third as Miss Honolulu 2008 out of 19 contestants.

She's a 2003 graduate of 'Iolani High School, played three years of volleyball and basketball. She was a defensive specialist on the nationally-ranked Rainbow Wahine volleyball team from 2003 to 2007, and graduated from UH in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in health studies.

She hopes to obtain a master's degree in public health and someday become a physician.

Woolford, of Hawaiian, Irish, Italian, Portuguese, Filipino and Chinese heritage, focused her platform issue on "The Priceless Joy of Serving" and danced the hula to "Mele Kakepakepa Aloha" as part of her talent routine.

In the question and answer portion of the pageant, she tackled whether or not "Octomom" should receive her own reality TV show. Woolford responded, "No ... I think children deserve a normal, fair development."

Two other Rainbow Wahine athletes advanced to the top ten: swimmer Lauren Cheape and baton twirler/cross country athlete Shannon Dresser.

Dresser, known for her baton-twirling at UH sporting events, took part in the competition as Miss Wa'ahila with her platform issue based on "Keeping Dreams Alive: Fighting Through Adversity."

The Palmdale, Calif. native and graduate of Littlerock High School, did a dance twirl to the song "I'm So Excited." She is currently a senior majoring in sociology, minoring in speech and one day hopes to obtain a master's degree in sociology or law enforcement.

A 2005 graduate of Mililani High School, Cheape also took part in last year's Miss Hawai'i pageant as Miss Ala Moana 2008. This year, as Miss Hokua, she became the second runner-up, with her platform issue "Reaching At-Risk Youth through Athletics." For the talent portion of the pageant, Cheape did a jump rope routine to the song "Jump" by the Movement.

Cheape is working towards her bachelor's degree in Film (Directing) from the UH Academy of Creative Media (ACM) and a minor in business and Japanese. She hopes to pursue a master's



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Former Rainbow Wahine defensive specialist Raeceen Woolford won the 2009 Miss Hawai'i Pageant last Saturday.



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Woolford played for UH from 2003 to 2007 in 87 matches and recorded 211 career digs.

degree in business administration and possibly become an international film director.

Runner-up Cheape was left with the last question in the question-and-answer portion, based on whether or not the government should raise or lower taxes during

the global recession. Cheape believed that they should lower the taxes, so that it may stimulate the economy.

Woolford will now participate in the Miss America pageant, which will be held on Jan. 30, 2010 at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, Nev.

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