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# Vice chancellor candidates announced



Gladys De Necochea



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## MEET THE CANDIDATES

Each candidate will participate in a public presentation on his or her “Vision for Student Affairs” at the Art Auditorium, Art Building, Room 132, at the following dates and times:

Gladys De Necochea — Monday, April 17, 2006, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Eliseo “Cheo” Torres — Monday, April 24, 2006, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Francisco J. Hernandez — Thursday, April 27, 2006, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### Ka Leo Staff

Three Administrators from mainland universities have been invited to visit the Mānoa campus to interview for the position of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.

The University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa is expected to release the candidates for the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs today at 10 a.m. In a draft press release Ka Leo received yesterday, the candidates were revealed as Gladys De Necochea from New Mexico State University, Eliseo “Cheo” Torres from University of New Mexico and Francisco J. Hernandez from University of California, Santa Cruz.

The candidates were selected by a search advisory committee comprised of a wide range of individuals including professors, members and directors from various departments and representatives from the Associated Students of the University of Hawai‘i and the Graduate Student Organization.

“I am very excited about the caliber of candidates,” said search advisory committee chair Beverly McCreary. “They are prominent leaders in Student Affairs who will bring vision and leadership to the Mānoa campus.”

For profiles on each candidate, visit <http://www.kaleo.org>

## NewsBriefs

### Hawaiian Electric executive retiring to teach at UH

For one year, Robert Clarke, chairman and chief executive of Hawaiian Electric Inc., will teach at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa College of Business Administration after retiring from the corporation in May. He begins teaching this summer and has been named executive-in-residence.

Clarke joined Hawaiian Electric in 1987 as a vice president of strategic planning and worked his way up to president and CEO of Hawaiian Electric in 1991. In 1998, he added chairman to his title.

“[Clarke] brings an added dimension to classroom learning and research and a real-world perspective of the business community that will help us strengthen our curriculum,” said Dean Vance Roley of CBA.

Roley also said bringing in a respected business executive would add prestige to the college.

### UH Hilo transfers documents to Hamilton Library

After the October 2004 flooding of Hamilton Library at UHM, the library lost 95 percent of its collection of federal government publications. Presently, about 40 percent of the collection has been replaced, according to Gwen Sinclair, the head of the government documents and maps department at Hamilton Library. Fifteen percent of that has come from the Mookini Library at UH Hilo.

UH Hilo has transferred approximately 87,000 documents to Hamilton.

“Mookini Library’s documents will fill in many gaps, particularly for scientific and technical literature and historical documents,” Sinclair said in a press release. In an e-mail, she added, “We will have the most difficulty locating copies of pre-1950 U.S. documents and out-of-print United Nations documents.”

### Archaeology, geology and history tied into one study program

Current undergraduate students with U.S. citizenship have the opportunity to spend ten weeks in Hawai‘i this summer for a Research Experiences for Undergraduates Site Program. The first and last two weeks will be at the UHM campus, while the six middle weeks will be at the Kohala District on the Big Island. The program will be held from June 5 to Aug. 11.

Students have the opportunity to apply the three different disciplines through “intensive classroom, laboratory and field work experience.” Activities include archaeological fieldwork at Kohala as well as surveying and mapping, instruction in the Geographic Information Systems databases, using and assessing primary documents related to Hawai‘i’s history and developing and implementing a research project ending with a paper and presentation.

Applications can be found at <http://www.anthropology.hawaii.edu/projects/HARP>.

# TheBus pilots new wireless internet service

By Kimberly Shigeoka  
*Ka Leo Associate Editor in Chief*

TheBus is currently offering free Internet access for one month on Route A: City Express. The City and County of Honolulu, operator of TheBus, is testing Wi-Fi on TheBus in a five-week pilot project, which began last April 3 and ends May 5.

Representatives from O‘ahu Transit Services, Inc., and Sprint Hawai‘i were on campus last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to elicit feedback and increase awareness of the Wi-Fi pilot program. During the event at Sinclair Circle, T-shirts and other giveaways were handed out to those who completed a feedback form.

Michelle Kennedy, the manager of customer communications for OTS said, “We’re looking at how widespread this is going to be in the future. Right now we’re just providing the service on the Route A during the pilot because it’s a long ride from Waipahu to the University and back with many transfer points in between.

OTS, a non-profit organization that manages the City and County of Honolulu’s 525-bus fleet, said that more than 400 people have given feedback through the publicity event or on the Web.

“Generally, the feedback from the riders has been good,” Kennedy said. “The many people that have tried the wireless Internet service have had a positive experience. We hope to gain more insight as more people begin using the system.”

Sarah Bentil, 26, catches TheBus every day, commuting for 30 to 40 minutes. “I think it’s a great idea,” Bentil said. “Especially with people



Students board Route A City Express at Sinclair Circle. TheBus and Sprint Hawaii introduce High Speed Wi-Fi service as a pilot project on Route A.

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who have PDAs with Wi-Fi.”

Sprint Hawai‘i first approached the city with the concept of installing Wi-Fi on TheBus. Currently, the Wi-Fi system operates through Sprint Hawaii’s towers.

“If we get a lot of positive feedback and the City decides to make this a regular service, then [the City] will go to a bid process,” Kennedy said.

Greg Melvin, 22, also rides TheBus to school every day. His commute from Mililani lasts one to one and a half hours. Because he only takes the Route A bus to Ala Moana before transferring, he said that there’s no sense in using the Wi-Fi during the pilot program. However, he said if Wi-Fi were expanded to other buses

in the fleet, he would bring his laptop to school.

“I’d have to be more careful with my bag walking around school ... I already busted my iPod,” he said.

The city decided to pursue the pilot project because, “many of our riders are spending a lot of time on TheBus, and we’re looking to make their time a little more productive. Business people as well as students utilize this bus route,” Kennedy said.

Zak Ritchey, 20, rides TheBus to school daily from Wahiawa. His commute lasts two hours. Ritchey said that he hasn’t used the service during this pilot

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Events Calendar

Compiled by Alice Kim

Free Events

“Researching the Indecorous: A Victorian’s Life Lacunae in the Biography of George Eliot,” a biography lecture, will take place on Thursday at 3 p.m. at Kuykendall Hall, room 410. Gay Sibley, an English professor, will present this lecture. For more information, call 956-7619.

“Cross Perspectives,” the Kapi’olani Community College student art show, will be on display from Thursday, April 13 to Wednesday, May 3 at the Kapi’olani Community College, Koa Building. A reception will take place on Thursday from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The address of the exhibition is 4303 Diamond Head Rd. For more information, visit the gallery’s Web site at <http://www.koagallery.kcc.hawaii.edu>.

“Child labor in Asia: a survey of measurement, policies and programs” will take place on Friday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Burns Hall, room 3118. Charita Castro will present this seminar. Castro is the supervisory international relations officer at the International Child Labor Program at the U.S. Department of Labor. For more information, call Kristin

Uyemura at 944-7725 or e-mail [uyemurak@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:uyemurak@eastwestcenter.org).

Dagra, Crucible and Mistermeaner will perform on Friday from 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at Kahuna’s Kane’ohe Marine Base. This is an 18 or older event. For more information, call 721-2005.

Music major Dean Wakatsuki will have his music composition performed on Saturday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Orvis Auditorium. For more information, call the music department at 956-8742, e-mail [uhmmusic@hawaii.edu](mailto:uhmmusic@hawaii.edu) or view the music department’s schedule of events on the Web at <http://www.hawaii.edu/uhmmusic/schedule.htm>.

Paid Events

“Educating Hawaii,” an educational fair and fund-raiser, will take place on Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Andrews Amphitheater at University of Hawai’i at Mānoa. This event will feature Ooklah the Moc, Paula Fuga and the One Love Ohana, Kamau and Kupa’aina. Gates will open at 4:30 p.m., and the music starts at 5:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$10 for pre-sale and \$15 at the door. Tickets may be purchased by calling Konia at 945-1561 or going to room 211C at the Center for Hawaiian Studies. For more information, call Ikaika Jones at 973-0989 or e-mail [jessej@hawaii.edu](mailto:jessej@hawaii.edu).

Immigration bill sparks activism

By Max Sarinsky  
The Hoya (Georgetown)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — Trying to halt a congressional movement to tighten U.S. immigration laws, an estimated 500,000 protesters rallied at the Washington Mall Monday afternoon. Demonstrators called for equality for the United States’ 11-12 million undocumented immigrants. It was one of over 100 protests in cities throughout the nation Monday.

A group of nine students from MEChA de Georgetown, a student organization promoting Chicano identity, met outside the Leavey Center at 2 p.m. to travel to Meridian Hill Park, where they met thousands of protesters and marched over two miles to the Mall. Aida Flores (COL ’08), the organization’s public relations chair and president-elect, said that the group was met by about 20 other MEChA members at the rally, as well as several Georgetown alumni.

Many members of the group donned white T-shirts with an image of the Statue of Liberty, with “Comprehensive Immigration Reform Now” written prominently on the front in red. Flores brought a video camera to the rally and filmed the group throughout the afternoon.

Flores said she was encouraged that flags from around the world, including the U.S. flag, were prominently displayed on the Mall, as protesters showed their support for the United States while voicing their desire for lenient immigration reform.

“To me it represented a very positive image,” she said. “Hopefully it will change something.”

The House of Representatives

passed a bill making it a felony to illegally reside in the United States. On Friday, the Senate blocked a bill that would have legalized many of the nation’s undocumented immigrants.

“This is something that’s very personal to all of us,” Flores said.

Flores said that many of the students in the organization oppose the House bill, H.R. 4437, because they have family members, friends and home communities that would be adversely affected should it become law.

One of the MEChA members who convened at Meridian Hill Park, Hemly Ordonez (SFS ’07), the group’s scholarship coordinator, said her parents arrived undocumented in the United States 30 years ago, but are now legal citizens.

“I still have family now that comes both legally and illegally,” she said.

Will Adams, spokesman for Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-Colo.), chairman of the Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus, said that the House bill presented an efficient plan to reduce the number of undocumented workers in the United States.

“Those who are here illegally should go home,” he said. By entering the country illegally, “they are cutting in line in front of people trying to do it the legal way,” he added.

The bill, which passed in December by a 289-182 vote, also criminalizes certain types of aid provided to illegal immigrants.

Aaron Marquez (SFS ’09), a MEChA member who attended the rally, said that he fears that much of the community service work that he provides to undocumented

immigrants, including a trip to the Mexican-American border in March, would no longer be permitted under the House bill.

“Any sort of service that anyone provides ... would be a felony” if the bill became law, he said.

Adams said that this provision of the bill does not substantially alter laws that are currently on the books, however, because it only criminalizes aid to known undocumented immigrants, and would not affect service organizations that are unaware of their patrons’ immigration status.

“No churches or soup kitchens have been shut down,” he said.

Ordonez said that she and her family would continue to aid her relatives who are in the country illegally were the bill to become law, even if doing so may put them at legal risk.

“My family wouldn’t withdraw [from our relatives] ... because it’s our family,” she said.

Ordonez said that more effective immigration reform would provide for the integration of undocumented immigrants who have become established in the United States, similar to the Senate bill, which collapsed last week after 60 senators voted against closing debate on the issue.

Adams said that the Senate bill would have been an unacceptable compromise because undocumented immigrants that have not been in the country for the five years required to receive legal status could forge such documents.

“In effect you’re legalizing all 12 million [illegal immigrants],” he said.

“There’s no perfect solution to this,” Flores said.



Young-Jin, 20, undeclared major, rides on Route "A" where a new pilot project of high speed internet is introduced.

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period because he only catches Route A to Ala Moana. When asked whether he would use Wi-Fi if it were available on all the buses Ritchey said, “If it’s free [after this trial period] I’d be more inclined to do it.”

One of the questions TheBus representatives asked at Sinclair

Circle last week was whether students would be willing to pay a fee to use the Wi-Fi service.

“Right now, during this pilot project, we haven’t addressed whether there will be a future fee or not,” Kennedy said. “We’re just looking at the feasibility of whether people are going to use it or not.”

Jessica Tabrah, 22, who commutes

30 minutes to school said, “It’s free I guess. It depends if you have a long ride it’d be good, I guess. I don’t really see the need for it.”

Bentil echoed these thoughts.

“It wouldn’t make any difference for me. It’s just the convenience,” she said.

For more information visit [www.thebus.org](http://www.thebus.org).

# Coffee Talk is a place for everyone



Patrons at Coffee Talk in Kaimukī enjoy a spacious atmosphere with funky decor complementing the restaurant’s eclecticism.

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By Katherine Visaya  
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Eleven years ago, Liz Schwartz came up with the idea to create a place where people of all ages could hang out and have a good time. Since then, she has been the proud owner of the popular Kaimukī coffee shop, Coffee Talk.

Diane Kodis, a personal friend of Schwartz, has been the manager of Coffee Talk since its opening in 1995.

“Liz wanted to find the perfect location,” Kodis said. “This place is great. There’s a lot of room for people to come in and relax.”

At the heart of Kaimukī, the big white ‘Coffee Talk’ sign on the corner of Wai‘alae Avenue. and

12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. is hard to miss. People go in to study, to talk, to use the computers, to listen to music and of course, to enjoy a cup of coffee.

“It’s a place for everyone,” Kodis said. “We’re always busy in the mornings. Surfers on their way to the beach or people on their way to work will stop in to grab some coffee and a bite to eat. We’re also really busy during exam week when students will come in to study and use the computers.”

Live bands, who usually play punk rock music, perform every other Friday. There are also different types of performances on other nights of the week according to what Schwartz approves.

“Liz is always open to new ideas,” Kodis said. “If someone wants to put on a show, she’s usually willing to let them play. We even had a few

nights of poetry readings.”

Not only does the live music draw in crowds, but many customers go to Coffee Talk for their drinks and tasty treats.

“Our menu has pretty much stayed the same for the past 11 years,” Kodis said. “We have so many customers who just love what we serve. There’s been no reason to change.”

Coffee Talk serves a variety of specialty coffee drinks from lattés to espressos. In addition to their coffee beverages, they also serve Italian sodas and milkshakes. They serve a variety of pastries including scones, brownies, muffins and cakes.

“Coffee Talk is unlike any other coffee shop,” Kodis said. “It’s more than just coffee. It’s a place

where people go to talk and hang out. Everyday I’ll see two strangers strike up a conversation and become friends. Everyone who comes in to the shop is like a potential new friend. It’s a great environment to be in. I think that is the main reason why people keep coming.”

Coffee Talk is located at 3601 Wai‘alae Ave. They are open seven days a week from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

“I’ve seen Kaimukī evolve over the past 11 years,” Kodis said. “Businesses come and go so I’m really glad that we’re still here. As long as we keep our delicious menu items, our great entertainment and our friendly atmosphere, I know our customers, old and new, will keep on coming.”

# Immigration serves as a diversionary issue

*Americans are being distracted from other issues*

By Jonas Hogg  
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Kansas State U.

(U-WIRE) MANHATTAN, Kan. – Immigration in the news. Oh, help, evolution, the two-party system and immigration. Surely somewhere there are radishes engaged in something of more intelligence.

If perception serves, immigration is not an issue of importance, at least no more than it was a year ago, five or 10 years ago. It seems, then, that immigration has become an issue because the politicians wanted one, and the cable networks obliged.

We are apparently to believe that immigration is a problem, although we are not told whose problem it may be.

Having spent much time in New Mexico it does not seem that New Mexicans view immigration as an ill. Spanish is spoken widely, which I am told should be offensive (although Spanish-speakers don't seem to mind that I speak English). There are the standard problems of poverty and violence that one would expect to find in Maine, Alaska or Saskatchewan.

The idea that immigration is a burden is new to them, though Congress has obviously given it thought.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill in December that would define illegal aliens as felons and mandate the construction of a 700-mile fence along the Mexican border to deter immigration. Have these oafs any bearing on reality at all?

Perhaps it should be guarded by unicorns, maybe talking cabbages. Fantasyland solutions should not be half-assed, after all.

The Senate "guest-worker" program seems logical, with the caveat that bureaucracy will not solve problems bureaucracy creates.

No one, though, has ventured a guess as to why this has become such

a burning issue. In recent news, the Iraq war sours, the economy declines, corruption runs like water through our nation's capital, our president approaches censure – yet none of this receives the flash and dalliance of immigration.

But, now that it is laid before us, what do we make of immigration?

The standard arguments follow: national security, territorial sovereignty, economic burdens and unfair competition.

National security and territorial sovereignty may be viable issues, though I have not yet heard of Mexican terrorists, and many immigrants are politically and socially active both here and in their native country.

Economic burdens are often cited, yet numbers to substantiate the claim are lacking. Migrant workers spend money, create capital, open businesses, work and generate tax revenues. This is burdensome?

Unfair competition, or "they're here to take our jobs," is a loud claim. Have you any acquaintances who have lost jobs to migrant workers? Do you know anyone who knows of someone who has?

A recent Associated Press story spoke of workers who traverse the swamps of south Florida, in summer, looking for saw palmetto. The workers were Honduran, Mexican, Panamanian – no Americans of any sort were to be found.

If migrant workers are willing to perform difficult labor for lower wages, it seems the free market is acting as it should. Nothing prevents our native-born poor from seeking employment in the same manner except reliance upon the welfare state.

Perhaps the slothful simply resent the industrious.

As far as the intelligent can tell, the immigration debate is diversionary. Real problems exist and worsen every day.

Immigration is not one of them but is a convenient scapegoat and allows Congress to avoid action on matter of substance.

The unwashed clamor over imaginary problems, snarling patriots woof at the border while the nation sinks into decay.

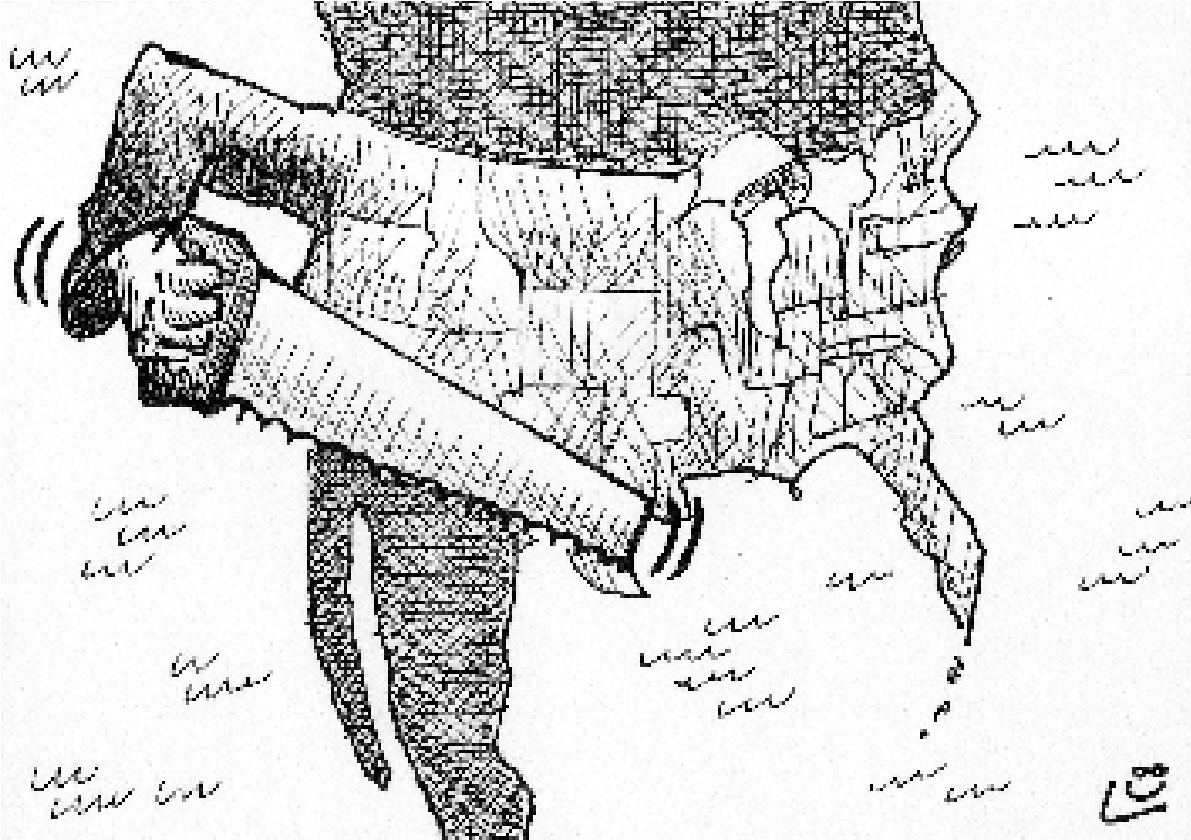


Illustration by Léo Azambuja

# Online feedback about Ka Leo is guaranteed to make you laugh

By Leo Azambuja  
Ka Leo Staff Writer

If you don't read the online edition of Ka Leo O Hawai'i, you might be in for a big surprise. Or a good laugh, I should say.

My biggest reward at Ka Leo is the feedback posted online. The majority of it is not nice, but still downright funny.

Ka Leo's most prolific online contributor is Andrew Walden, editor of the Hawai'i Free Press. A true Ka Leo hater, he once wrote, "More stinking hypocrisy about censorship fills the pages of the very censored Ka Leo O Hawai'i." But Walden might not hold a grudge against Ka Leo, since he said, "I can help Ka Leo to become a newspaper again."

Walden's biggest preoccupation in life is to keep communists away from UH. According to him, "Universities are probably the last place the communists now survive, and it is from there that they continue to target the US military by opposing UARC." He supports card security at the Univesity of Hawai'i at Manoa because "This could make it more difficult for criminals and commies (I am being

redundant) to enter labs and offices on campus and steal or destroy the work and equipment of those with whom they disagree."

Criminal activities may be going on at UHM, since Walden said "Clearly pro-UARC UHM faculty are being harassed and threatened by the communist scum elements." But national security may also be threatened, because "the only reason anyone is against UARC is because they want to weaken the US military," Walden said.

But Walden is not alone. Public school teacher Thomas Stuart is also an avid contributor. He created not one, but two verbs in the same feedback posted, "presume to speak" and "plaintively asks." Plaintively, by the way, is not a word. Stuart's true gem says that if not for former President Ronald Reagan, my "progenitors would in all likelihood have been vaporized or ionized or both." Maybe he meant my progenitors would have become an electric-charged cloud!

We can only feel safe, regarding the future of our nation, because Stuart's students "will bury the last of the Cry Baby Boom whin-

ers, freeing America from carrying any longer the burdens imposed by this wretched gutless, weak, anti-intellectual degenerate generation of freaks, misfits, weirdoes, hypocrites and ingrates of every description," Stuart said.

Stuart brings out zoophilia and polygamy to defend his opinion on gay marriage: "Shall we then further weaken that institution by extending its province to include two persons of the same sex, more than two persons regardless of gender or perhaps between a person and say, a draft, animal?" But according to him, he's not the one being prejudicial, "When it comes to intellectual diversity and the interplay of ideas, UH would appear to be a bastion of intolerance and hypocrisy."

These people may not even know each other personally, but they have already built a trusty network. Stuart once shouted to Walden after finding something interesting; "Hear, hear, Andrew Walden!"

So I recommend that you go online and post your own feedback, nice or not. Even if you don't have anything to write about, and hopefully you do, you will be amused.

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# Having two female presidential candidates would be good in 2008

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(U-WIRE) MANHATTAN, Kan. – A strange new wind is blowing through our political landscape these days, one that makes some leap for joy and others cringe with discomfort.

You could say it started back in 2000, when the people of New York elected Hillary Clinton to the U.S. Senate. Or you could say it started in 1984, when Geraldine Ferraro won the Democratic vice presidential nomination. You could even say it started in 1920, when women were officially given the right to vote.

However we look at it, for the first time in history, it seems possible that one or both of the major parties will nominate a woman to run in the 2008 presidential election.

Although the sheer number of public opinion polls this early in the game is almost too staggering to sift through, a good chunk of those polls indicate that many Democrats like Hillary Clinton in 2008 and many Republicans like Condoleezza Rice. According to an analysis of most major polls on Wikipedia.org, Clinton and Rice appear to be the frontrunners for their respective parties' nominations.

To briefly put this in perspective, neither woman has announced intentions to seek the presidency (although, this early in the election cycle, very few people have). Furthermore, public opinion and the political climate are bound to change markedly in the next two years, so peering into a crystal ball in 2006 doesn't do much good.

Regardless, the fact that two women are among the most-mentioned potential candidates for president is a pretty new and exciting thing.

Although I don't claim to be a feminist, I'm eager for the possibility of watching these two women face off in a national campaign. They're both exceptionally qualified: Clinton is a U.S. Senator and a graduate of the country's most prestigious law school, and Rice has held a variety of prominent positions in both academia and the federal government.

Out of these two women, I don't know who would make the better president, but I hope that if one of them is nominated, the other will be, too. Although America may be ready for a female president, it might not be ready for a man versus woman presidential campaign.

If Clinton takes on a male Republican, or if Rice runs against a male Democrat, the odds are pret-

ty good that the campaign will be reduced to a debate over whether a woman can run the country. There's a healthy bloc of voters (many of them the same old, rich, white men who already run the country) who would vote for any man over any woman, just because they don't think women are up to the job. In the same vein, one need only visit the whitehouseproject.org to see how many people want a woman president so badly they would support a female candidate by virtue of her sex alone.

Gender is a bad way to determine who would make the best president, and until we reach a point where no one even considers gender as a qualifier for good leadership, it would probably be best that there's no man-against-woman campaign. That's the best part of Clinton versus Rice in 2008 – both are qualified, capable candidates, and one would go on to become the first woman president. And, after the country has gotten over that milestone, the question of whether women are qualified would be a much smaller issue in future campaigns.

So, although neither woman has announced an intention to run yet, I hope both of them do. It would be an interesting, groundbreaking campaign.

Better them than Oprah.

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**TOP LEFT:** Sophomore Tracy Elkind meditates during makeup session.

**FAR LEFT:** UH junior Jamie Higa, one of the volunteer models, communicates with hair stylists Liberty (left) and Jae (right).

**LEFT:** Leah Evans, one of the 6 junior designers, finishes up her garment with black lace trims. Junior designers only present one garment in the fashion show, while the seniors present a collection of eight or more.



**TOP:** Fashion senior Dan Weavers is putting on final touches on the dress (category "Disarray") before the photo shoot. Leah Evans volunteers to be his model. See top right picture for costume detail—fabric deliberately distressed for special effect.

On pins and needles, senior students in the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Apparel Product Design and Merchandising are gearing up for their annual spring fashion show. Under the theme "A Common Thread," APDM students will be showcasing their creations at the Sheraton Waikiki Molokai Ballroom on April 30. For information on the fashion show, and to purchase tickets, email [uhmfashionshow@gmail.com](mailto:uhmfashionshow@gmail.com).

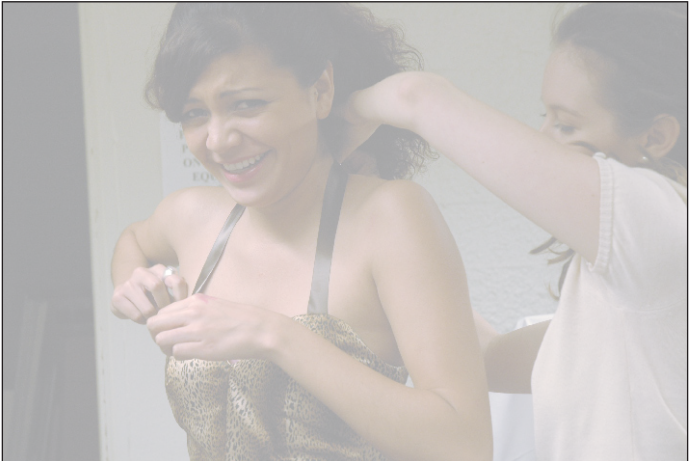


**LEFT:** Senior Erin Kanno takes notes on posing from designer Sandy Suzuki.

**ABOVE:** UH student Sejal Patel poses for the photographer in senior designer Jenna Weiss's dress (category "Couture") just outside the Art Building during a photo shoot on Apr. 8. The annual APDM fashion show will take place in Sheraton Hotel on Apr. 30th.

**TOP RIGHT:** Models wait for their turn under the bright, early morning sun. (From the left) Rita Blais, Lara Stark-Wickman and Christian Cook are wearing garments made by three different senior designers.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Senior designer Tina Vines helps her model and good friend, Desiree Ramirez, get into the sleek leopard print dress. Animal print is one of her major themes.



# Wichmann Breaking Through

*German native breaks track and fields records in Hawai'i*

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Her feet briefly make contact with the ground as she lifts her legs up high in a windmill-like motion. She sprints forward and snaps the thin, confetti-like string of tape lined across the finish line. Before she can catch her breath and enjoy her 200 meter victory, she looks up to the skyscraping rods of the pole vault structure and knows that the fat lady still has not sung.

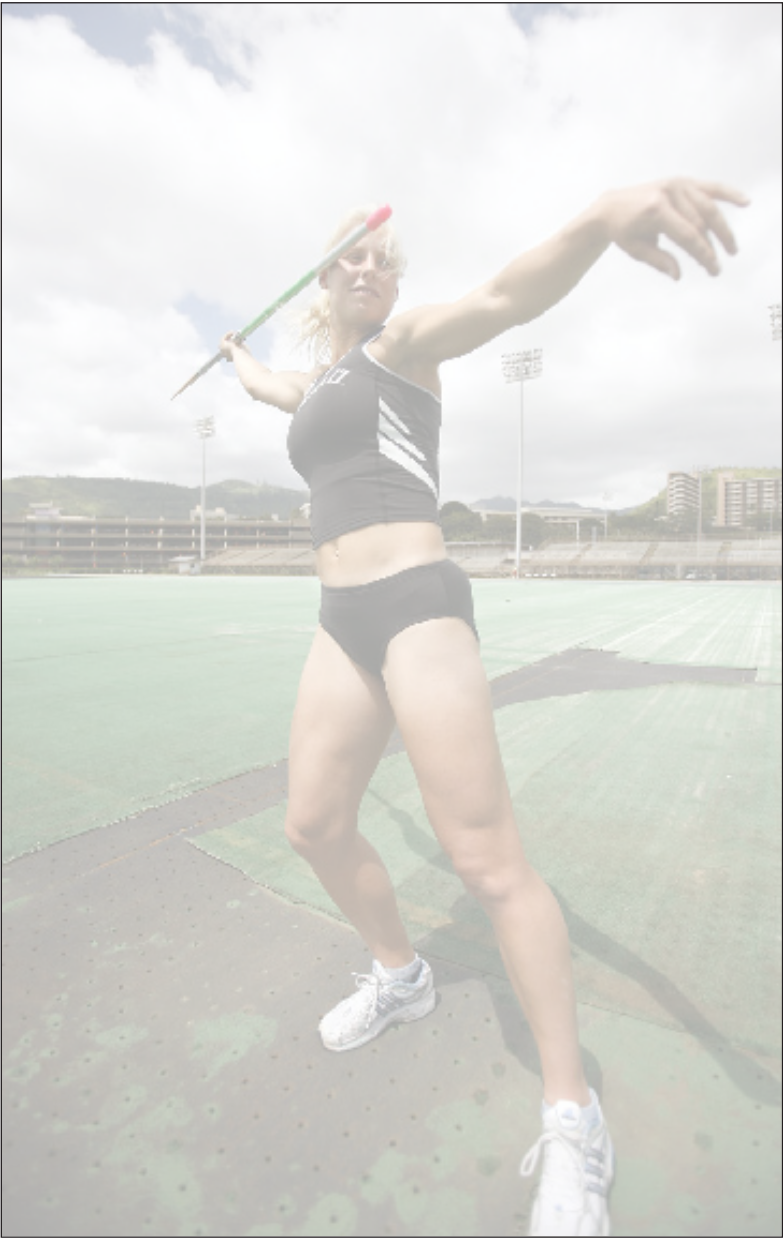
For University of Hawai'i track and field heptathlete Annett Wichmann, who competes in a contest of seven different events (200-meter and 800-meter runs, 100-meter hurdles, shot put, javelin throw, high jump and long jump), winning the gold takes a little longer than normal. Breaking or tying five school records in the heptathlon and establishing herself as one of UH's top track and field athletes, however, has taken the sophomore a relatively short period of time.

"As an athlete she is highly driven, highly motivated and hard-working," said UH track and field head Coach Carmyn James. "She sets high goals for herself and then she goes after them."

Born in Jena, Thuringia, Germany, Wichmann's daily routine has long included track and field.

"Basically I've done track and field since I was a kid," Wichmann said. "I've also done Judo when I was a kid; and at the age of 10 I had to decide between Judo and track and field. I chose track and field."

Sticking with track became progressively tougher for Wichmann as the weariness began to hit the young heptathlete.



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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa sophomore, Annett Wichmann, poses while holding a javelin. Wichmann broke her old UH record of 3,034 points in day one of the heptathlon with a new record of 3,059 at the Cal Multi-Events on Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

"I was quite fed up with practicing in Germany," Wichmann said. "I was young and I practiced too much for that age. I became fed up and took a break for year."

During her time away from the track field, Wichmann made her first trip to the United States and had a realization about her athletic career.

"I didn't do track and field [in

the United States] but that's when I really [realized] how much I loved it," Wichmann said. "I just missed track so much. And that's when I came back to Germany and started practicing more. There was more motivation than before."

Along with finding a new appreciation for the sport, Wichmann made the decision to make the 25 hour-long flight from Germany to attend the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

"I always wanted to be close to the ocean and Hawai'i was my only choice. I didn't want to go anywhere else," Wichmann said.

Though the UH track and field team does not have any meets against any NCAA Division I competitors within the island during the regular season, Wichmann has found pleasure in both the track team and the island.

"I love the weather, that the ocean is only ten minutes away and the track is so close to the school," Wichmann said. "It's rare to combine school and sports. In Germany there was always a bit of a struggle to combine university and sports."

In addition to her athleticism, Wichmann's modest personality makes her an athlete to cheer for.

"She's one of the happiest people on this planet," James said. "She's a joy to coach, she's always positive, always full of energy and always ... shares it with anyone around her."

As a teammate, Wichmann brings her experience as a gold medalist in the World Youth Championships in 2001, when she set a then-record of 5,470 in the heptathlon.

"She's older than us and has a lot of experience," said fellow UH heptathlete Mallory Gilbert. "She has taught us a lot. She can point out little things that we're doing wrong with our technique and help critique us."

With the outdoor track season progressing, Wichmann's performances, including a 4,940 point performance in the heptathlon at the Northridge Multis, continue to improve as she strides closer to making the NCAA Regional standard of 5,000 points to earn a bid in the NCAA Regionals.

"Despite having the potential to make the standard in the heptathlon, she has a great chance at making the NCAA regional in both the shot put and the discus," James said.

A record could be broken in a matter of days, but Wichmann is not rushing herself to do so. Instead she has remained focused on the task at hand while enjoying her time in the Aloha State.

"I'm not here for breaking records," Wichmann said. "I'm not comparing myself to anyone else, I'm comparing myself to my own results and that's what matters to me. I planned to come [to Hawai'i] and that was my biggest dream and goal so far... [Now] I just hope that I'll make it to the NCAA's [Regional Championship]."



ANNETT WICHMANN

## Wichmann Leads the Way

Newcomer Annett Wichmann has made quite a first impression in her rookie season. In addition to her school-record performance in the heptathlon at the Northridge Multi-Events in March, the sophomore took home the silver medal in the pentathlon at the WAC Indoor Championship.

At the Northridge multis, Wichmann totaled a newschool record of 4,940 points and set event records in the high jump (5-6), shot put (43-3.25), and Day 1 total (3,034). In the Cal Multi-Events, in which she only competed on the first day, Wichmann tied the UH heptathlon record for the 100-meter hurdles at 15.14 seconds and broke her own day one total with 3,059.

On the year, the Jena, Germany native ranks among the WAC leaders in eight categories (100-meter hurdles, high jump, long jump, triple jump, javelin, shot put and heptathlon). In addition, Wichmann had the team's top mark in four individual events — long jump (17-6), triple jump (38-4.25), javelin (134-7) and 100-meter hurdles (15.14).

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# UH Men's Volleyball

The Warriors advanced one spot to No. 2 in the latest CSTV/AVCA Division I-II Men's Coaches Top 15 Poll after winning two matches. The Warriors replaced last week's No. 2 team Brigham Young University, who fell to No. 4. Hawai'i will close out the regular season this Friday and Saturday against BYU. UC Irvine remained the top team in the poll; Hawai'i split a series with Irvine earlier this season.

## SportsBriefs

### 'Bows rained out in Berkeley

The University of Hawai'i Rainbow Baseball team's game versus California was cancelled yesterday due to excessive rain in the Northern California area.

The game is not expected to be made up as the team will travel to Reno, Nevada for a three-game WAC series at Nevada on Wednesday, April 12. The 'Bows are scheduled to open the series against the Wolf Pack on Friday, April 14, at 6 p.m.

### No. 5 Hawai'i ends season with Four-Match Road Trip

The fifth-ranked University of Hawai'i women's water polo squad heads to California for four matches in three days to complete its regular season schedule.

### MATCH-UPS

The Rainbow Wahine battle Loyola Marymount April 13 in a non-conference contest before finishing with three straight Mountain Pacific Sports Federations matches at No. 1 USC April 14, at No. 12 Long Beach State April 15, and No. 18 Cal State Northridge (at LBSU) April 15.

### RANKINGS

Hawai'i is No. 5 in the latest Collegiate Water Polo Association's Top 20 Poll. The MPSF boasts 12 of its 13 members ranked in the poll. The MPSF has nine of the top 10 ranked teams. Of UH's 19 matches, 17 have come against ranked opponents.

### ABOUT HAWAI'I

Hawai'i is 11-8 entering the week and 5-4 in MPSF action after an idle last week. UH played its first 12 matches off island and finishes with its last four away from Honolulu. The Rainbow Wahine finished in fifth place at the Stanford Invitational and fourth at the UCSB Gaucho Invitational. UH has won 10 of its last 14, with the only loses coming to Nos. 1-3 – USC, Stanford and UCLA.

UH is led in scoring by sophomore All-American Iefke Van Belkum, who has tallied 45 goals. All-American Meike De Nooy has started 16 matches. She posted a 17-save effort against UCLA to break the UH single-match record for saves. De Nooy is also averaging 9.12 saves per match, almost three saves better than her average a year ago.

### NEXT UP

After the four matches the Rainbow Wahine will not play next week, and will prepare to travel to UC Irvine for the 2006 MPSF Women's Water Polo Championship.

## CSTV/AVCA Division I-II Men's Coaches Top 15 Poll SM

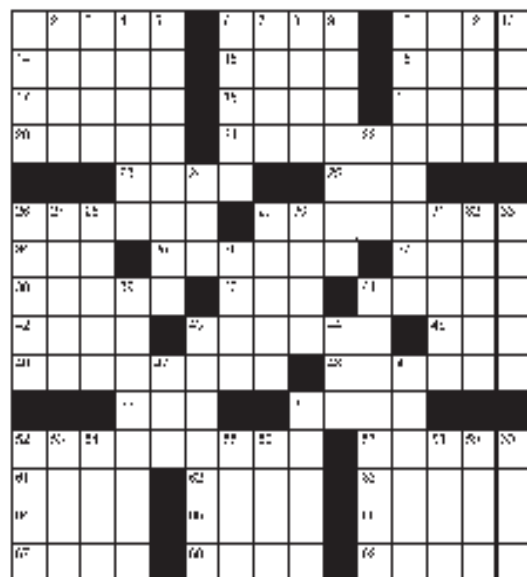
Poll #14: April 10, 2006

Rank	School (First-Place Votes)	Total Points	2006 Record*	Last Week
1	UC Irvine (15)	239	25-3	1
2	Hawai'i (1)	225	21-4	3
3	Cal State Northridge	204	18-8	4
4	BYU	188	18-6	2
5	Long Beach State	178	19-9	7
6	Pepperdine	163	15-7	5
7	UCLA	146	18-12	6
8	UC Santa Barbara	123	13-13	8
9	Loyola-Chicago	115	20-6	9
10	Penn State	89	17-7	11
11	Southern California	80	11-17	10
12	IPFW	66	18-6	12
13	George Mason	55	21-5	13
14	Ball State	20	20-5	NR
15	Ohio State	18	17-11	14

Others receiving points and listed on two or more ballots: Pacific (7-19) 11. Zero teams mentioned on only one ballot for a total of zero (0) combined points.

Dropped Out: Pacific (15)\* Records as of April 9, 2006

Next Poll: April 17, 2006\*\* The AVCA does not recognize any rankings below 15 in the poll as it is not possible when voters only select the top 15 teams and only teams with two or more votes are listed. It would be accurate and logical to say "listed" instead of "ranked" in the poll for spots below 15. Poll Conducted and Distributed by the American Volleyball Coaches Association



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Track

Facts

Beginning today, the University of Hawai'i women's track and field team will participate in four meets in California, culminating with the prestigious Mt. SAC Relays in Walnut, Calif.

Today, the Rainbow Wahine heptathletes will compete in the California Invitational Multi-Events while the rest of the squad are entered in the Cal State Los Angeles Twilight Open. The full team is scheduled to compete in the Mt. SAC Relays and Pomona-Pitzer Invitational Thursday and Friday.

The Rainbow Wahine are looking to post more NCAA regional qualifying marks this week. So far, only junior Patricia Gauthier has qualified in the pole vault. Last season, a UH-record six athletes participated at the NCAA West Regionals.

**UH to Host WAC Outdoor Championships**

For the first time in school history, UH will serve as host of the 2006 Western Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Cooke Field. The four-day meet runs from Wednesday, May 10 through Saturday, May 13. The heptathlon and decathlon will take place during the first two days while the final two days will consist of the individual events. Louisiana Tech is the defending women's champion.

**Travel Party**

The Rainbow Wahine will send 18 athletes to this week's competitions: Thalia Amanakis, Nicole Awaa, Sharlene Carrillo, Patricia Gauthier, Mallory Gilbert, Kuulei Karratti, Tiara Krismunando, Chantelle Laan, Ashley Monfort, Kendra Monroe, Candace Rosenthal, Emily Sheppard, Jessica Trujillo, Meghan Weaver, Samantha Weaver, Annett Wichmann, Michel Wilson and Nicole Wright.

**Recapping the Sunset Meet #8**

The Rainbow Wahine pole vaulters shined in the 80 degree heat at Cooke Field last Saturday as all five athletes tied or set new seasonal best marks. Junior Patricia Gauthier, an NCAA Regional qualifier last season, tied a personal best with a jump of 12-6 to lead the way. That mark is the second highest in the Western Athletic Conference this season. Newcomer Jessica Trujillo had a season best mark of 12-0 to tie teammate Tiara Krismunando for second place. Krismunando smashed her previous best mark by more than six inches. Freshman Samantha Weaver also had a season best 11-0.25 while sophomore Candace Rosenthal had a PR 10-6.25.

In the triple jump competition, three Rainbow Wahine had personal

best marks. Senior Nicole Wright jumped a PR 33-5.25 to finish second behind freshman Emily Sheppard (34-0). Also with personal bests were freshmen Shannon Dresser (31-8.5) and Deanna Patacsil (31-6).

**WAC Leaders**

A pair of Rainbow Wahine top the latest Western Athletic Conference rankings in their respective events for the third consecutive week. Freshman Emily Sheppard has the top mark in the high jump at 5-8.75, set at the Sunset Meet #5 on March 4. Sophomore Annett Wichmann ranks first in the heptathlon after her performance at the Northridge Multi-Events, March 16-17. Her total of 4,940 points included four school heptathlon records. In addition, four other Rainbow Wahine are ranked second in their events — Thalia Amanakis (400-meter hurdles - 1:03.92), Mallory Gilbert (high jump - 5-7 and heptathlon - 3997) and Patricia Gauthier (pole vault - 12-6).

**Outdoor Records Broken**

The Rainbow Wahine have broken or tied six outdoor school records so far this season, five by sophomore Annett Wichmann and one by junior Patricia Gauthier. Last season's squad broke 16 school marks and eight Cooke Field records, several of which had been untouched for over two decades.

**A Jump in the Rankings**

Freshman Emily Sheppard leaped her way into the UH record books. Her jump of 5-7.75 (1.72m) in the high jump at the WAC Indoor Championship is a new UH mark. That mark earned the Vancouver, British Columbia native a silver medal and was an inch from gold. In addition, she had the team's second best mark in the long jump (18-1), triple jump (36-4.75) and the third best mark in the pentathlon (2,873 pts). During the current outdoor season, Sheppard ranks among the league's leaders in high jump (5-8.75, 1st) and triple jump (35-3.25, 13th).

**Weaver's Heaves Tops UH This Season**

With UH record holder Novelle Murray sitting out this outdoor season, sophomore Meghan Weaver has taken the reigns as the team's top thrower. The London, Ontario native has the team's top throw in the discus (146-9), shot put (46-6) and hammer (164-0), the latter of which is a new personal best she set at last week's Stanford Invitational. She ranks fifth in the WAC in the discus, sixth in the shot put and ninth in the hammer. Last season, Weaver earned an NCAA regional qualifying mark in

the shot put and won a silver medal at the WAC Outdoor Championships. Her personal best mark of 49-3.25 in the shot ranks second all-time in school history.

**Vaulting Her Way to the Top**

Junior Patricia Gauthier is slowly making her mark as one of the top pole vaulters in the West Region. The Ottawa native ranks second in the WAC with a jump of 12-6 at the Sunset Meet #8 last week, which tied her own school record set last year. During the indoor season, Gauthier set a new school record in the event with a jump of 12-6 at the Husky Classic in Seattle. In addition, Gauthier captured the bronze at the WAC Championship with a leap of 12-4. The junior also owns the outdoor school record of 12-6 set at last year's final all-comers meet. That mark ranked her second in the WAC and tied for 54th in the national rankings. Gauthier met the regional standard three times last season and broke the Cooke Field record twice.

**On "Laan" and By Foot**

Sophomore Chantelle Laan has

been one of the team's most consistent distance runners. Her marks of 2:18.51 in the 800-meter and 4:38.80 in the 1,500-meter rank eighth and seventh in the WAC, respectively. During the indoor season, the London, Ontario native ranked among the WAC's Top 10 in the 3,000-meter and mile events, both with personal best times. Laan was third in the 3,000-meter with a PB 10:15.05 at the UW Open #3 and eighth in the mile with a time of 5:03.52 at the Husky Classic. Laan redshirted this past cross country season.

**Golden Arm**

When all is said and done, senior Novelle Murray will finish her career as one of the best throwers in school history. Murray captured the school's first-ever gold medal in the WAC Indoor Championship with a throw of 60-1.75 (18.33m) in the weight toss. Earlier this season, she heaved a school-record 61-11.5 (18.88) at the Husky Classic, the top mark in the WAC this season. Murray also holds school records in the outdoor discus and hammer events. However, the Surrey, British

Columbia native will redshirt the outdoor season this year.

**Indoor Marks Fall in 2006**

The Rainbow Wahine broke a total of eight indoor school records this season. Sophomore Annett Wichmann broke two records — triple jump (39-0.5) and pentathlon (3,741 pts). Others setting new UH marks included: Candace Rosenthal in the 60-meter hurdles (9.07), Michel Wilson in the 5,000-meter (18:48.62), Emily Sheppard in the high jump (5-7.75), Patricia Gauthier in the pole vault (12-6), Meghan Weaver in the shot put (47-4.25) and Novelle Murray in the weight toss (61-11.5).

**Head Coach Carmyn James**

Hawai'i head coach Carmyn James enters her sixth season at the helm of the women's cross country and track and field programs. Under her tutelage, two runners qualified for the NCAA Cross Country Championships, including Cheryl Smith's first place finish at the 2001 WAC Championships. In addition, the track and field program has produced 10 participants for the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

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