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Sirindhorn rededicates father's Sala Thai

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By Kendra Jones *Ka Leo Sr. Staff Writer*

Musicians from Thailand's Fine Arts Department played softly as Her Royal Highness, Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, made her way to the East-West stage last Saturday. She gazed over the crowd, who rose and

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showered her with applause.

Sirindhorn, at times referred to in her country as the "Princess Angel," visited the East-West Center on Saturday in a ceremony to rededicate the Sala Thai, a traditional Thai pavilion. The original Sala Thai was dedicated as a gift to expand cultural understanding by her father, King Bhumibol Adulyadej, in 1967. It is one of only four outside of Thailand that bears the king's official seal.

The crowd was welcomed by the president of the East-West Center, Charles Morrison. Remembering King Bhumibol Adulyadej's visit in 1967, Morrison repeated the royal's words, describing the center as "a haven of love and understanding for all travelers, East and West."

Under the order of King Adulyadej, Thai national artist and architect Dr. Pinyo Suwankiri oversaw the reconstruction of the Sala Thai in 2006. The old structure showed signs of aging and damage from climate conditions. A new grand structure stands in its place, meticulously carved out of hard woods and painted gold.

In Thailand, the pavilion serves the same purpose as it does for students of the East-West Center. It can be used as shelter from heat

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Free Hawai'i. Palestine.

Palestine-advocating films and forums, and an expression symposium

By Kumari Sherreitt

Ka Leo Editor In Chief

As you read this newspaper, Palestinians are being forced out of their homeland without the chance to return. These seven million refugees are being stripped of their basic human rights by the countries that they end up in, say the organizers of a symposium that will take place on campus this week and next.

The Hawai'i Symposium on Palestine, "Who are the Palestinians? Remembering the Nakba," will feature faculty, guest speakers and community members sharing a narrative about Palestine that organizers say rarely gets attention.

The focus of the event is "not to convince people one way or another, but to inspire people to start talking and start learning about (Palestinian issues)," said Maria Sgroy, a University of Hawai'i at Mānoa graduate student and one of the UH student coalition organizers.

"We are just asking (the audience) to think, and this is a good starting point," she said, adding that the Palestinian and Israeli conflict will be talked about openly during the symposium.

Speakers from all over the U.S. will sit on panels, addressing topics ranging from the politics affecting the

Palestinian government by the U.S. to a comparison of the native people of Palestine and the native people of Hawai'i, the latter featuring UH Hawaiian studies professor Haunani Trask.

"The corollaries are there," Trask said. "Both are occupied, indigenous, forced to leave their country, and divided by blood quantum" as a part of the bigger "elimination of the native" plot.

Trask is a Native Hawaiian advocate who finds the situation of natives to be generally the same in most cultures. She believes that the state of Hawai'i is not "as bad as the Palestinians because they are at war," but the future of Hawai'i is not far behind Palestine if change is not pursued now.

Trask, organizers and panelists hope the event will draw out difficult questions and important issues and encourage the student body to take up the activism they feel is missing.

Remembering the Nakba

Nakba is the official Arabic term for the Palestinian history of the events leading up to and the creation of the state of Israel in 1948. Nakba literally translated means "catastrophe," a term symptomatic of the disjointed account of the Israeli history and the Palestinian, say organizers.

Politics are entangled within the thousands of years of history, culture and disagreement over the rightful ownership of Palestine and the created state of Israel. But beyond this,

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and rain, or as a peaceful gathering place for conversation or quiet contemplation.

In honor of the princess, hula dancers from Halau i ka Wekiu performed an oli, a traditional Hawaiian chant, while the crowd waited in anticipation of Sirindhorn's address.

Finally she stood, wearing all black in mourning for her aunt, the king's sister, who just passed away.

She spoke of the pavilion itself, its symbolism, and the relationship between Thailand and the U.S. and said that Sala Thai is a place to "meet and share ideas and inspiration."

The princess is well-known in Thailand for her love of art, and considers the Sala Thai not only a gathering place, but an impressive work of art. "Art is the vehicle that brings people together," she said while looking across the lawn at the majestic presence of the pavilion. "I hope sharing arts today will bring us closer to one another ... as the sea brings people together."

Concluding her remarks, she introduced the musicians who entertained the crowd earlier, who were now joined by dancers adorned in rich-colored silks and bold gold jewelry, also from the Thai government's Fine Arts Department. They performed the original debut "Dream Island," a classical-style dance inspired by the princess.

The audience was left at a distance as the princess made her way across the lawn toward the Sala Thai. She had only a small entourage in her company, including Morrison and the chairman of the East-West Center board of governors, Roland Lagareta. Everyone



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Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn officially dedicated the new Royal Sala Thai on behalf of His Majesty, the King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who presented the original sala (pavilion) to the East-West Center in 1967.

watched intently as she officially dedicated the pavilion by cutting a traditional Hawaiian maile lei.

Upon her majesty's arrival to the island on Feb. 29, she attended the East-West Center's annual dinner at the Hilton Hawaiian Village and accepted the Asia Pacific Community Building Award on the king's behalf, who was being honored because of his dedication to the general welfare of his people.

Sirindhorn also has a long history of humanitarian work. She holds two master's degrees in history and a Ph.D. in educational development. She is also a talented musician, writer, and speaks English and French. She is familiar with Pali, Sanskrit and Cambodian, and is studying Chinese, German and Latin. She leads several organizations and foundations, and works exten-

sively on development projects for Thailand.

Natcharat Juelsgaard, an English major in the UH Manoa Outreach Program, and her husband Matt, a graduate student in philosophy, were both able to meet Her Majesty in an exclusive gathering of Thai students held before the ceremony. Natcharat belongs to a minority group in Thailand and boasted about being able to come to the event and meet the princess.

She spoke about the work the princess does to help minority groups in Thailand, which include preserving Thai culture, assisting with health care and education, and supporting the arts.

"A lot of the minority groups feel very pleased to have the royal family as the royal family." said Matt. "They are very happy with what they do."

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said Dr. Zahi Damuni, co-founder of al-Awda, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition, is the task at hand: providing for the safety of his people and the fair treatment of Palestinian refugees worldwide.

Palestinians are one of the largest displaced peoples in the world, with more than a third forced into exile from their native land, Damuni said.

In his panel discussion last week, Damuni discussed the rights of Palestinians and refugees to return home, based on the "six instruments of international law" of fundamental human rights that are being denied, despite the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, as well other human rights treaties.

The symposium, Damuni said, is a chance for the students of

Hawai'i to hear about the country and peoples of Palestine, while developing relationships to better understand the communities that are around you.

The symposium is sponsored by UH departments of ethnic studies, English, political science, American studies, anthropology, Hawaiian studies and women's studies. For more information, go to http://hawaiiandpalestine.googlepages.com.



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A 1948 Palestinian refugee, a victim of the Nakba.

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• Films: "The Easiest Targets,""End Israeli Occupation - No Apartheid In Palestine," and "Sacred Space Denied--Bethlehem and The Wall," 4:30 p.m. – 5:20 p.m., Halau o Haumea Auditorium.

Panel discussion on "Palestine and Hawai'i: Occupied Countries," featuring UH's Dr. Ibrahim Aoude and Dr. Haunani K. Trask and moderated by Dr. Laura Lyons. 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., Hālau o Haumea Auditorium.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

 Colloquium sponsored by UHM English, Ethnic Studies and Anthropology departments present a talk by Dr. Jess Ghannam: "Orientalizing Palestine and the Arab World: Narratives of Self-Determination, Freedom and Internal De-Colonization." 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Kuykendall 410.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

• Film: "Occupation 101," 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m., St. John Auditorium.

 Divestment Workshop, held by George Hudes and Dr. Noel Kent, 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., Hawai'i Institute for Geophysics, 110 Auditorium.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Film: "Searching for Peace in the Middle East," 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., followed by a panel discussion. "The US Role and Peace Prospects," featuring UHM Professor Dr. Farideh Farhi, Dr. Irahim Aoude and Al-Awda's Dr. Jess Ghannam at the Hawai'i Institute for Geophysics, 110 Auditorium.

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Chinese suppression dims Olympic torch

By Hilary Mei-En Chen Ka Leo Contributing Writer

Editor's Note: This is the first installment in a three-part series about the economic, social and political rise of China.

Imagine you are living in a state where the government rifles through your e-mails, monitors your Internet and phone use, tortures civilians and creates secret institutions to disrupt dissenting organizations.

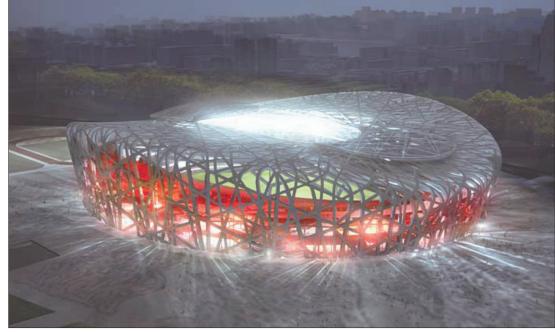
You wouldn't have to use much of your imagination. After all, you're living in the United States. But this also happens if you are living within the political boundaries of the People's Republic of China, under the repressive governance of the Chinese Communist Party.

In fact, my grandmother fled the conditions produced by the CCP during the Great Leap Forward with my mother in her womb. My grandmother's other daughters, who had been lost amid

panicked crowds, grew up in this tumultuous era, and were forcefully relocated to non-Han dominated regions within China. By displacing my aunts and three million other youths, the government hoped to sinify the local population, culture and land (not unlike what happened here in Hawai'i), thus strengthening CCP control.

Today, Han settling of historically non-Han regions, such as East Turkistan (Xinjiang), is not coerced, but encouraged. Nonetheless, indigenous sentiment remains the same: anger toward a "foreign" rule that continues to change local demographics and extracts oil from the land with little economic benefit to locals.

Thanks to the U.S.-led "War on Terror" and its accompanying rhetoric, the CCP is now able to identify activists who advocate the secession of Tibet and East Turkistan from the PRC as "terrorists" rather than "separatists" and "dissidents." This re-labeling justifies the government's harassment, detainment, torture and execution of these so-called terrorists.



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An artist's rendering of the Olympic Stadium in Beijing, which is being constructed by workers who won't be paid until the end of the Olympic Games, if at all.

PRC – whether Uighur, Tibetan, Mongolian, non-Han or Han live under these threats, as demonstrated in the years following China's successful bid for the 2008 Yet all civilians within the Olympic Games. When Beijing

won the right to host the Olympic Games in 2001, the CCP promised the International Olympic Committee that improvements would be made to China's human rights record.

Despite these assurances, China still has the highest death penalty rate in the world (though Western demand for organs and body parts have done nothing to end this). Furthermore, the CCP has begun using loosely defined subversion charges to suppress civilians prior to the opening ceremonies, including leading human rights activist Hu Jia and land rights activist Yang Chunlin.

If you visit Beijing or Shanghai during the games, you'll be greeted with tall skyscrapers, recently renovated historical landmarks, modern stadiums and enthusiastic crowds. What you won't see are the backs upon which these markers of progress are built. You won't see most of the migrant workers who constructed the buildings, as they've been evicted. You won't see the houses that were destroyed for Olympic-related construction, or the one-million civilians who were left homeless, since they've been forced out as well.

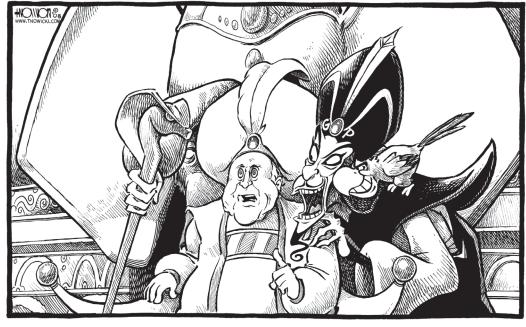
You also won't hear of farmer and vegetable dealer Lin Hongying, a 56-year-old woman who was beaten to death by city patrols, because the story would carry a death sentence for the journalist who reported it.

But remember, you have a choice. You can choose not to participate. On Feb. 12, Steven Spielberg did just that when he stepped down as the artistic director of the games. Spielberg, deciding that the CCP had not sufficiently contributed to resolving the crisis in Sudan's Darfur region, said, "With this in mind, I find that my conscience will not allow me to continue with business as usual."

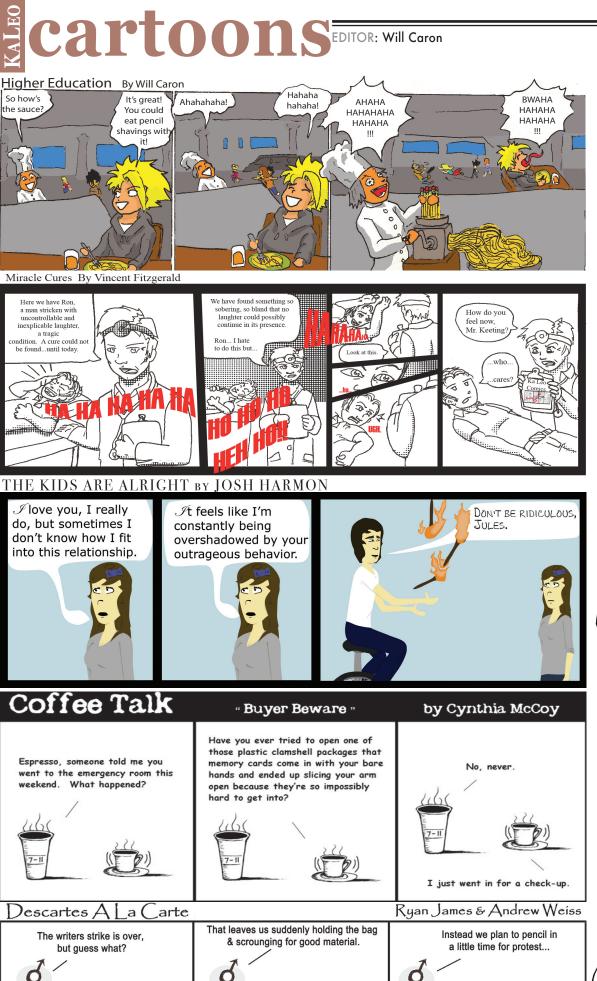
Furthermore, we should remember that it's impossible to point our finger at the CCP for the oppression and occupation of peoples within the PRC without pointing fingers back at the U.S. for its own involvement in the illegal occupation of native lands and the overthrow of foreign leaders, such as Queen Lili'uokalani.

There are those who believe change is impossible, especially when it means going against governments as monolithic as the CCP. While the path to a better world is long, it's even longer following it. But the Chinese have a saying: The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

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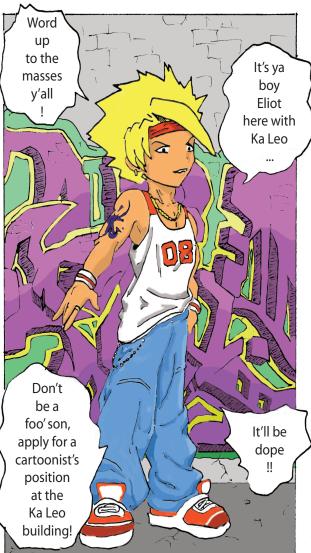


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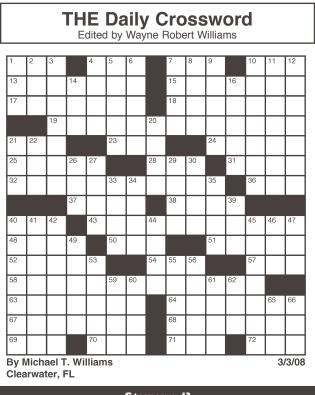
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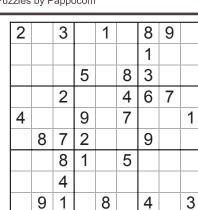
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Rainbow Warriors say aloha to basketball seniors

By Chad Reis

Ka Leo Contributing Writer

The atmosphere was electric in the Stan Sheriff Center Saturday night during the basketball team's "Senior Night," even though the game resulted in a 78-71 loss to the Boise State Broncos.

The Rainbow Warriors' loss came in front of a sea of 5,507 fans sporting green and white, marking the highest attendance of the season.

Led by their seniors, the Rainbow Warriors kept fans on the edge of their seats by constantly coming back from double-digit deficits.

The Rainbow Warriors fell to 11-16 on the season and 7-7 in WAC play, while the Broncos improved their overall record to 22-7 and 12-3 in the conference, which makes the Broncos the current conference leaders.

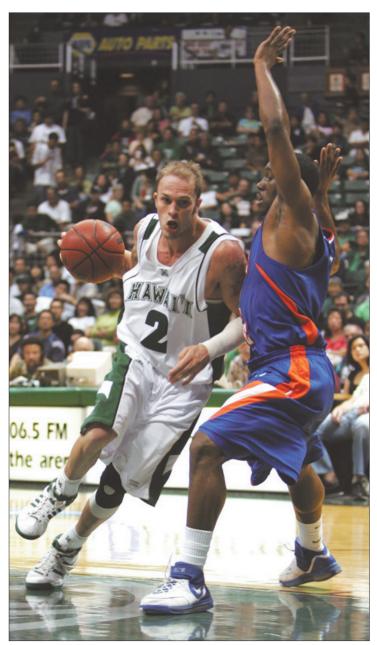
Senior guard Riley Luettgerodt led the team with a season high of 20 points. Seniors Matt Gibson, Bobby Nash and Jared Dillenger also scored in double digits in their final home game.

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Reggie Larry had 23 points and 10 rebounds. Boise State is currently one of the top offensive teams in the nation and proved it at the Stan Sheriff Center, handing the Rainbow Warriors their fourth consecutive loss. However, the 'Bows managed to keep up with the Broncos with their resilience and good defense.

"We showed we could play with the best team in the WAC tonight," said head coach Bob Nash after the game.

The 'Bows started the second half with a 6-0 run that tied the game at 36, but fell behind by as many as 18 points. They came back strong with a press defense that frustrated the Broncos into making careless errors. In the end, however, the Broncos won the game.

Senior guard Matt Gibson fouled out in the final minute of the game, but was sent off the court with a standing ovation from the fans as a final farewell to their leading point guard. "There is no better feeling then that. It made me feel really special, and it is something I will never get again," Gibson said.

Hawai'i said aloha to seven seniors after Saturday's game: Matt Gibson, P. J. Owsley, Bobby Nash, Jared Dillinger, Riley Luettgerodt, Stephen Verwers and Alex Veit.

"These guys are like our big brothers, because they been here and we are just starting out, we look to them for leadership," freshman point guard Kareem Nitoto said.

It was an emotional night for senior Bobby Nash, who donned his father's throw-back jersey for his final dunk.

"It is a blessing. As a kid I grew up dreaming of this moment," Nash said.

Next up for the Rainbow Warriors is another WAC game at Louisiana Tech this Thursday, March 6. Tip-off is at 7 p.m. (3 p.m. HST).

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The ranking of Michigan's women's tennis team, who defeated the Rainbow Wahine 7-0 at the UH Tennis Complex last Thursday, dropping UH to 0-6 on the season.

Although UH dropped the doubles point, Rainbow Wahine pair Sophie Kobuch and Chloe Bihag won a thriller against the ranked pairing of No. 24 Chisako Sugiyama and Tania Mahtani 8-7 (10). Kobuch and Bihag have won six straight doubles matches.

The Michigan pair would exact their revenge in singles play,

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when the four met on the court again. No. 55 Chisako Sugiyama bested No. 67 Sophie Kobuch 6-3, 6-4; No. 96 Tania Mahtani defeated Chloe Bihag 6-2, 6-2.

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The Rainbow Wahine hope to pick up their first win of the season as they host No. 71 Loyola Marymount at the UH Tennis Complex at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4.



The number of Pittsburgh struck out in the team's Sunday game at the Eller Media Stadium Classic in Las Vegas. The Rainbow

Wahine won the game 8-1. On Thursday, No. 15 UH defeated Western Kentucky 6-2 before being shut down by Long Beach State 4-0. The team had another seesaw day on Friday, losing to California 9-2 before coming back to beat UNLV 5-2 in the nightcap.

In the team's three wins in the Classic, Robinson hit .600 (6-10), with two home runs, six RBIs and five runs. She also dominated at the plate in the final Classic matchup against Pittsburgh, throwing a complete-game, fourhit gem, fanning 10 batters.

After going 3-2 at the Classic, the Rainbow Wahine's overall record stands at 13-4. batters UH's Kate Robinson The team will take the field on Friday in the Pepsi Malihini Kipa Aloha Tournament at the Wahine Softball Stadium.

The number of runs UH conceded to the Portland Pilots in their last game of the Coca-Cola Classic on Saturday in Surprise, Ariz. The Pilots won the game 15-8.

UH started the Classic off on the right foot Thursday, defeating Northern Illinois 7-3. But the 'Bows couldn't catch a break the rest of the weekend, dropping contests to No. 6 Arizona State and No. 8 Michigan before Saturday's loss to Portland.



The number of kills put away by UH volleyball's Jim Clar in a close loss to No. 9 Stanford last Wednesday night at the Burnham Pavilion. The Cardinal won 26-30, 30-26, 30-25, 28-30, 16-14. With the 29

The number of double-doubles Tanya Smith recorded in 27 games this season. Smith scored 12 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in Saturday night's 66-55 loss to the Boise State Broncos at Taco Bell Arena in Boise, Idaho.

The Rainbow Wahine split their road trip to the Potato State, beating the Idaho Vandals 67-54 on Thursday night. With the split, UH moved to 11-16 overall and 5-9 in Western Athletic Conference play.



The number of gold medals UH diver Magnus Frick won at the Conference USA Championship in Houston. The team finished second in the championship for the second consecutive season, falling to aquatics powerhouse No. 21 SMU.



The 'Bows flew back to Hawai'i with a 5-6 overall record, which the team looks to improve when it faces No. 11 Long Beach State in a three-game series at Les Murakami Stadium, March 7 to 9.

kills, Clar bested his personal mark of 23, set earlier this season against No. 14 Ball State.

The Cardinal completed their two-match sweep of the Warriors on Thursday with a decisive 30-22, 30-23, 30-25 victory. The Warriors dropped to 6-9 overall and 5-7 in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play.

The team takes to the court next on March 5 and 7, when they face No. 13 Loyola-Chicago at the **Stan Sheriff Center.**



The team returns home to finish out the regular season at the Stan Sheriff Center against Louisiana Tech on Thursday, March 6, and New Mexico State on Saturday, March 8. Both games are scheduled to tip off at 7 p.m.

Frick, who took home Conference USA diver of the meet honors, won gold in the 1- and 3-meter diving competitions. On the final day of the meet, he took silver in the platform, allowing teammate Mats Wiktorsson to take the podium for his first gold of the championship.

The Rainbow Warriors also put together a strong performance in the 200-yard butterfly finals, placing Darren Maxwell, Greg Wilson and Daniel Worden in the top four.

