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College male numbers are on the decline

By R.J. Walters
The North Wind
(Northern Michigan U.)

(U-WIRE) MARQUETTE, Mich. — If you're walking into a room where nearly six in 10 people are women, it doesn't necessarily mean you just opened the door to a salon or bridal shop. If the atmosphere around you is littered with purple and pink, it doesn't mean you're around a bunch of guys who are in touch with their feminine side. It could very well mean that you are entering a normal college campus that fits the statistical norm.

In 1970, men made up 58 percent of all college undergrads at public universities across the nation. Thirty-five years later, over 57 percent of students at college campuses are women, according to a recent study by the U.S. Department of Education.

Northern Michigan University's neighbors from the north, Michigan Tech, had a population that was more than three-quarters male as of 2004. NMU closely parallels the national trend.

As of the fall semester, nearly 54 percent of NMU's population was female and there were 710 more women than men on campus. The gap was only 438 (women to men) as recent as 2003.

Forty-seven percent of women that enroll at NMU graduate with a degree within six years, while only 38 percent of men do.

Also, women have had a higher average grade point average (GPA) every semester since 1998, according to NMU Institutional Research.

University President Les Wong said numbers often tell a story and there should be concern placed on the nationwide decline of males in college, not the increase in the female population.

"The trend has really just been sneaking up on us," Wong said. "The dominant picture here is that women are making the most of an expanding

female job market, while the motivation of young adult males seems to be in decline."

A recent Public Broadcasting Service study predicted that within the next 10 years there could be more than three million more women than men attending college.

The "million-dollar question," as Wong put it, is not how long this trend will continue, but why it even exists in the first place.

Many experts, including the author of "The War Against Boys," Christina Hoff Sommers, attribute the drop of men enrolling in college to early stereotyping of boys as "too aggressive" and "non-academic."

Studies by the Higher Education Research Institute show that girls are ahead of boys in reading and writing test scores at every age from 9-17 and women are continuing to close the gap on men in the areas of math and science.

"The statistics are a concern in my opinion, because it means we as educators need to figure out where that gap comes from," Wong said. "I wouldn't ever say that males are neglected or at a disadvantage in the educational process, but there's obviously something going on."

Others indicate the higher number of men going onto trade and vocational schools as part of the reason for the increasing gap at public universities.

NMU is a public university that does offer degrees in vocational areas. The fact that there are 138 undergraduates registered in those programs and only four are women shows that there may be some validity to the researcher's thoughts on the subject, Wong said.

Gerri Daniels, who has served as Northern's Director of Admissions for the last 18 years, said comprehensive research needs to be done to start determining where the growing trend originates.

"There needs to be in-depth research done about how families, communities and teachers at lower grade levels can help balance out the ability for men and women to learn at an equally effective level," Daniels said.

"Maybe we need to figure out what specific demographics are sending less males to colleges to be able to find the root of the problem. It's possible that certain income classes or geographic areas pose problems for males going to college, but I've never really heard too much on the subject."

Regardless of the reason, the statistics have continued to move towards female-dominated campuses, and some schools are attempting to reverse the trend through their admissions and entrance policies.

To increase male enrollment, schools such as Austin Peay in Tennessee have formed partnerships with male mentoring groups to encourage younger students to aim for a college education.

Other schools, such as Dickinson College in Pennsylvania and DePaul University in Chicago have modified their recruiting and admissions policies, sending out extra mailings to men and paying close attention to male candidates. However, public universities face legal challenges for recruiting men.

Last July, the University of Georgia lost a lawsuit filed by female students because of an affirmative-action policy that favored men.

University of Georgia junior Shanna Norris said in an October 2005 edition of USA Today: "It's

not fair that a boy would get extra weight (in the admissions index) over a girl, but it would be better if there were more boys on campus."

Daniels said NMU accepts students primarily on academic standards and test scores and does not take gender into consideration when looking at an applicant.

"I know that at Northern it is focused mainly on academic achievements when considering who is admitted," Daniels said. "If we have 25 people with similar grades and ACT scores and we only have 12 spots left, we aren't necessarily going to give six to males and six to females."

Daniels also said admissions office employees don't really recognize the trend as they go about their everyday activities. Statistics show the trend to be on the increase at NMU though, as 57.5 percent of students admitted for the 2005 fall semester were women.

The 2005 class of freshman men entered with an average high school GPA of 2.84, while freshmen women carried a 3.26 average. The same men compiled a cumulative GPA of 2.5 during their first semester at NMU, while the women had an average of 2.79 for the fall semester.

"I think the males in society need to really look at where their lives are headed and realize that a college education is extremely important to having a successful career," Wong said. "Every student, male or not, who neglects the opportunity to go to college becomes a liability for the society."

News Briefs

"Phishing" attacks through e-mail

"Phishing" is an attack through e-mail which uses the persona of a credible person or institution in order to lure recipients of the e-mail to a fake Web site established to gather personal information. These Web sites also steal credit card numbers, account information, and/or passwords.

Recently, there has been a large amount of e-mails, supposedly from the Bank of Hawai'i, which uses their logos and entices victims to visit one of these fraudulent Web sites. Other phishing attacks have used the names of Chase, Paypal and eBay.

"Banks would never call or e-mail customers to ask for personal, confidential account information," said Rodney Shinkawa, executive director of the Hawai'i Bankers Association, in a press release.

Anyone who receives an e-mail from Bank of Hawai'i should delete the e-mail and most definitely not click on the link provided in the body of the e-mail. To conduct business with a bank online, one should go directly to the bank's Web site using their own browser.

For more information, go to <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/alerts/phishingalrt.htm>.

Pearl Harbor job fair

The Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is holding a job fair on March 25 at the Marine Education Training Center on Sand Island. Since 1999, the shipyard has hired over 1,000 apprentices, and there are 100 openings available this year.

Entry-level apprentices earn about \$34,000 a year, and can work their way up to \$150,000 a year.

The shipyard will be working with Honolulu Community College to hold a job fair open house for the 2007 Apprentice Career Experience Program class. Students will have a choice of classes related to over 20 different shipyard trades, from welding to electronic mechanics.

"Though we have mighty machines and broad buildings to support our mission," said Captain Frank Camelio, the shipyard com-

mander, in a press release. "We are a 'people' business. We succeed in our mission by hiring the best and brightest people possible." By joining the apprentice program, students also earn an associate's degree from HCC in Applied Trades, as well as hands-on work experience and the level of journeyman after completion of the apprenticeship.

Applications are available online from March 25 through April 9. The deadline to submit an application is April 9, midnight. For more information about the apprentice program, go to <http://acep.hawaii.navy.mil>, and for more information about the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, see <http://www.phnsy.navy.mil/>.

Survey for IT study

The national EDUCAUSE Center for Applied Research Study of Students and Information Technology is in its third year, and the University of Hawai'i will be participating. A survey will be distributed through e-mail from interim Chancellor Denise Konan and UH Chief Information Officer David Lassner.

The study looks at information technology skills and how students use IT on campus, particularly the use of IT courses. The survey will examine the types of information utilized and the degree of skill, students' perception on the usefulness of IT, as well as their experiences with it on campus and obstacles related to IT that students face.

The survey will be distributed to freshmen and seniors beginning March 15. They have until April 30 to complete the survey.

"Our Year of the Student pledge is to improve the campus experience in all aspects," Konan said in a press release. "As information technology services are used more and more on campus, we want to find out how we are doing in meeting student needs — especially in relation to what other universities are doing. Any feedback we get through this survey will be really helpful as we plan improvements to IT services — especially as they relate to classroom and other instructional use of technology."

Virginia lawmakers pass textbook pricing bill

By Courtney Kessler
Cavalier Daily
(U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. – A bill attempting to lower the cost of textbooks for students enrolled in Virginia institutions of higher education was passed Wednesday in the State House and Senate.

According to House Bill 1478, "The governing boards of public institutions of higher education shall implement policies, procedures and guidelines that encourage efforts to minimize the cost of textbooks for students at public colleges and universities while maintaining the quality of education and academic freedom."

Del. Dave Marsden, D-Fairfax, a co-patron of the bill, said the bill is aimed at lowering the costs of books for students.

"We're doing everything we can to reduce the cost of higher education without micromanaging the professors," Marsden said.

He explained that the state legislation does not have the authority to lower tuition rates, but it can influence how much aid is appropriated to the schools.

"The cost of higher education is a concern everywhere and of course books are a big piece of that," said Yvonne Hubbard, university financial aid director.

A major concern addressed in the bill was textbook "bundling." Many textbooks are packaged with CD-ROMS and auxiliary books that are not needed in the classroom, but drive the prices of the textbook up, Marsden said.

Other provisions in the bill include encouraging professors to limit their use of new edition textbooks and requiring them to give advanced notice to the bookstore of their book selections to ensure the maximum availability of used textbooks, if possible.

Jon Kates, executive director of the university bookstore, expressed his enthusiasm about the bill.

"It's something we've wanted to do for years," he said. "Finally, there's a mechanism in place."

Because there are a limited number of used book distributors and a high demand from schools, Virginia schools will have a better chance to obtain those used books if professors give bookstores advance notice of their selections, Kates said.

He said the bookstore currently is researching different options to lower the cost of textbooks, such as making textbooks available online as e-books.

"The importance here is trying to help students afford their textbooks," Kates said.

Kates added he is "cautiously optimistic" that students will see such benefits in the fall.

EVENT CALENDAR

Compiled by Alice Kim

Former National Football League star Esera Tuaolo will be reading from his new book “Alone in the Trenches: My Life as a Gay Man in the NFL” today from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Queen Lili’uokalani Center for Student Services, room 412. The book will be released on March 15. For more information, call the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Student Services office at 956-9250 or e-mail lgbtq@hawaii.edu.

There will be a book signing for Samuel P. King and Randall W. Roth, authors of “Broken Trust: Greed, Mismanagement, & Political Manipulation at America’s Largest Charitable Trust” tomorrow from noon to 1 p.m. at the UHM Bookstore. For more information, call Puna Lee Nouchi at 956-4338, e-mail pnouchi@hawaii.edu, or visit the UH bookstore on the Web at <http://www.bookstore.hawaii.edu>.

“The Origins of the Healthcare Quality Debate: Performance Improvement and Health Services Research,” a department of medicine grand round, will take place tomorrow from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Todd Seto, an associate professor at the John

A. Burns School of Medicine, will present this grand round. The event will take place at the Queen’s Conference Center, located at 510 S. Beretania Street, 2nd Floor Lobby. For more information, call Sharon Chun at 586-7478 or e-mail her at sharonch@hawaii.edu.

“Fermenting the Sun: Use of Cyanobacteria for Direct Conversion of CO2 into Ethanol,” a Hawai’i Natural Energy Institute seminar, will take place tomorrow from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Pacific Ocean Science & Technology building, room 723. Pengcheng Fu will present this seminar. Fu is an associate professor at the department of molecular biosciences and bioengineering. For more information, call 956-8890, e-mail mkamiya@hawaii.edu, or visit HNEI on the Web at <http://www.hnei.hawaii.edu>.

“By Mouth and Hand,” a distinguished visiting artist lecture, will take place tomorrow from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Art building auditorium. Ann Hamilton will present this lecture. For more information, call Pat Hickman at 956-5260, e-mail phickman@hawaii.edu, or visit the art department on the Web at <http://www.hawaii.edu/art/intersections>.

Stillerman Says Moral development starts early on

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Being a part of a campus community means having to make decisions about the extent to which you will abide by the many institutional policies set forth by the university. For example, do you always bring a clean towel to the gym? Do you always stop at the security booth at the entrance to campus or do you just ignore them and drive by? How about adhering to policies such as cheating and plagiarism? What about policies related to use or possession of bombs, explosives, and incendiary devices? Should all of these rules be strictly obeyed and followed to the letter of the law? Is it okay – and maybe even expected – that some will be broken?

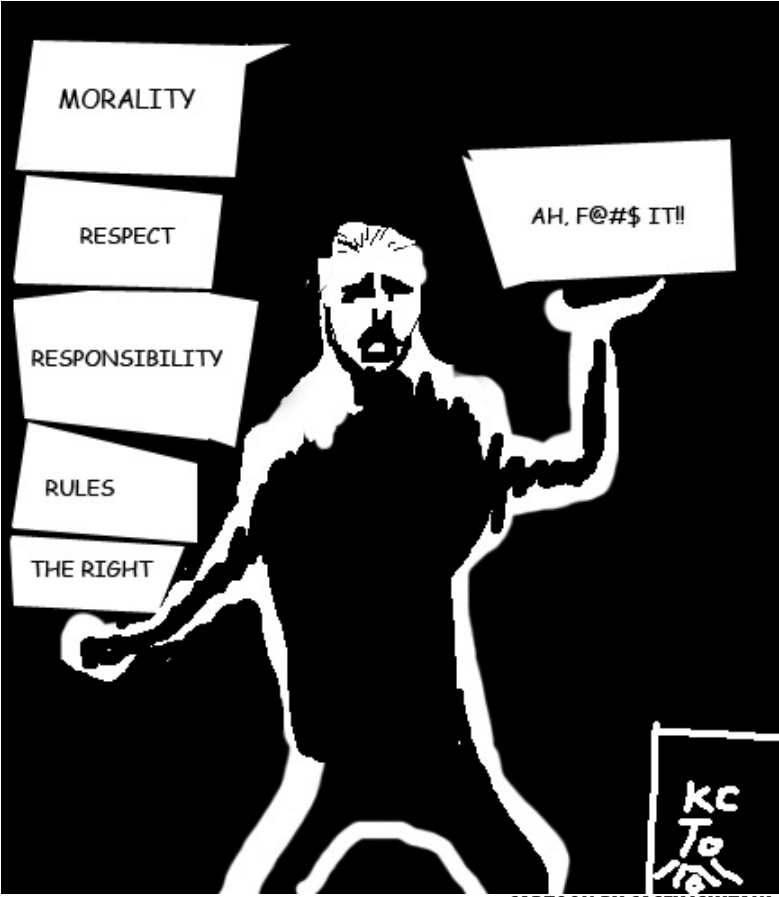
In an attempt to understand the correlation between following laws like these and morals, Lawrence Kohlberg, a psychologist best known for his theory of moral development, posed this famous dilemma:

In Europe, a woman was near death from cancer. One drug might save her, a form of radium that a druggist in the same town had recently discovered. The druggist was charging \$2000, ten times what the drug had cost him to make. The sick woman’s husband, Heinz, went to everyone he knew to borrow the money, but he could get together only about half of what it cost. He told the druggist that his wife was dying and asked him to sell it cheaper or to let him pay later. But the druggist said no. The husband got desperate and broke into the man’s store to steal the drug for his wife.

Should the husband have done that? Why?

Kohlberg realized that there is a relationship between moral reasoning and cognitive development. In other words, our sense of what’s “right” has a lot to do with how we think about things.

In early childhood, we tend to think in either/or terms. Something is either right or wrong. Only the



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act/action matters with regard to punishment and reward – behavior leading to punishment is bad and behavior leading to reward is good. Only the outcome is considered, rather than intention, when deciding how bad or wrong something is. Rules are seen as permanent guidelines handed down by authorities and requiring a strict obedience. In regards to the Heinz dilemma, someone in this stage of moral development might say, “Stealing is illegal, he shouldn’t steal it, he could get in trouble.”

In middle childhood, our thinking is more along the lines of “something is right or wrong ‘because.’” It is understood that people have different perspectives on moral matters, and intentions are viewed as basis for judging outcomes. If intentions are positive, bad behavior shouldn’t be punished, but praised. The indi-

vidual begins to be able to form his or her own moral code. Rules are no longer viewed as fixed, but instead are seen as socially agreed upon principles that can be revised if needed. Social rules are still followed as necessary but not only for reasons of self-interest. Someone in this stage of development might say, “He should steal it because he loves his wife” or “He shouldn’t steal it because stealing is against the law.”

As we get older, we move beyond unquestioning support for the laws. Rules are regarded as flexible and are followed because the person chooses to do so. At the highest stage of moral development, the “right” action is selected by self-chosen ethical principles, regardless of law and social agreement. Someone in this stage of development might say, “knowledge of what is or isn’t legal isn’t helpful here, taking the drug isn’t right but it’s justified” or “the circumstances may be extreme but we cannot have a society where everyone takes the law into their own hands.”

Each one of us has our own sense of morality, our own understanding of what’s right and wrong. The thing about moral dilemmas is that there often no clearly defined right answer. Rather, we reach a conclusion about what the right answer is depending, in part, on our values. The University of Hawai’i is a diverse community, and there is a wide range of ways of thinking about things represented on campus. Many students will have different ideas about what the right answer is in any given situation.

Warriors overturn Ramblers



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UH outside hitter Jacob Schkud rising high for a kill. The Rainbow Warriors won the match in straight sets against Loyola University Chicago on Saturday.

Ka Leo Sports Desk

The No. 3 University of Hawai'i Warrior volleyball team added another win with a straight-set victory over No. 10 Loyola University Chicago Saturday night in front of 4,151 fans at the Stan Sheriff Center. The non-league contest win brought UH's winning streak to 11, improving Hawai'i to 15-4 overall while Loyola-Chicago fell to 16-6.

Senior Warrior Matt Carere led all attackers with 17 kills while UH junior setter Brian Beckwith handed out a total of 51 assists. UH also led in hitting percentage with .306, a big jump ahead of LUC's .225.

UH started off slow in game one behind LUC by as many as four points and was not able to take the lead until 20-19. The lead seesawed until back-to-back kills by Carere broke a 28-all tie to win, 30-28.

The Warriors cruised to a 30-19 win in game two after first taking a quick 4-0 jump on LUC and then stretching the lead to as many as nine.

UH held a four-point lead in game three, but it looked like the Ramblers were going to send it to a fourth game, leading 26-24. The Warriors regrouped and managed to recapture the lead at 28-27 on an attack error by LUC. Another LUC attack error and Carere's kill put UH up 33-31, giving Hawai'i the three game sweep.

UH Middle blockers Maulia La Barre and junior Dio Dante both had solid hitting nights. La Barre hit a

high .538 and slammed down eight kills, while Dante managed nine kills and hit a .444 hitting percentage. Senior Jose Delgado came off the bench in game three to add some offense and added six kills in one game.

Friday's Match

On Friday, UH made a four-set victory over LUC 32-34, 30-21, 30-25, 30-24 in front of 3,674 fans at the Stan Sheriff Center. Game one saw six lead changes and 24 ties throughout the entire match before the Ramblers came out victorious, 34-32.

UH jumped back in game two and leaped to an early 8-4 lead, increasing it to as many as nine, to take the win at 30-21. LUC took the lead in game three at 5-3. The Warriors tied it at seven and again at 10 before finally taking the lead for good at 12-11 to win 30-25.

Delgado had led all hitters with 19 kills, Carere had added 15, and Hakala and La Barre each added 13. Beckwith managed 61 assists and libero Alfred made a match-high 17 digs.

Hawaii's next four matches will be on the road and all are Mountain Pacific Sports Federation contests. UH will play two at Pacific on March 25 and 27 and two more at Stanford on March 29 and 30.

UH middle blocker Dio Dante diving low to save the ball after a hit by Loyola University Chicago on Saturday.

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Horses could clear up traffic problems

By Michelle White
Ka Leo Associate Editorials Editor

Send in four box tops and receive your driver's license in six to eight weeks. How else could some of the people on the road these days have gotten their driver's license?

Commuting to school this morning reinforced my disgust at the mentality in Hawai'i. People are supposed to drive crazier on the mainland, so why do people here often underutilize their signal and seemingly lose their temper quickly? I noticed on a recent trip to Los Angeles that the turn signal is used more often there than here on O'ahu. We are the ones with the marketable Aloha spirit; it must be exempt while operating a vehicle.

At the East bound freeway off-ramp to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, examples of the lack of driving skills are seen daily. At least twice a week I witness people stopping at the yield sign before entering University Ave. Yield means put your signal on and fit into traffic, not slam on the brakes and wait for someone just as stupid to stop and let you in.

I have a fantasy of driving James Bond's car, complete with a dashboard-mounted laser. I can use this laser to zap drivers who don't measure up to my high standards. This road laser would help keep O'ahu roads clear and safe for others and myself. It would also help reduce traffic. One zap and the inept drivers would be catching TheBus for the rest of their natural lives. I would be doing a community service. I would deserve a special award.

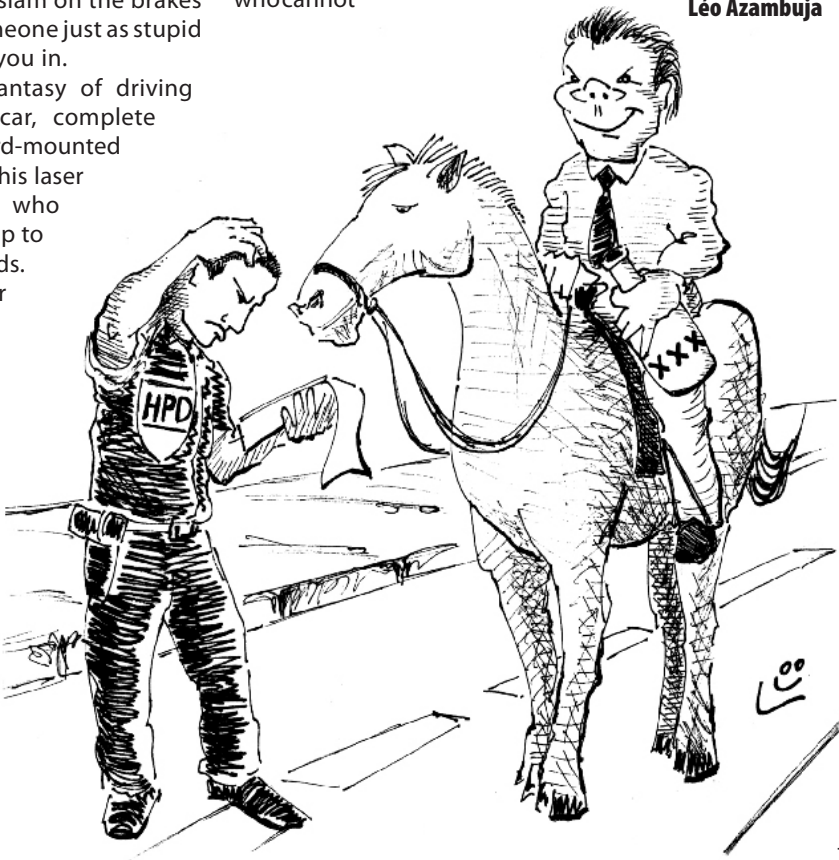
These future bus catchers would include: the women who put on mascara, the cell phone dialer/text messenger, the newspaper or book

reader, the tailgater, the for-no-reason-brake-slammer, and the change-lane-without-signaling-or-looking driver.

Most irritating is the driver that tailgates without knowing they are doing it until it is too late. I have had the misfortune to receive the consequences of a rear-end collision. It not only causes whiplash, but also increases everyone's car insurance.

My laser list continues to grow, as does my intolerance for dummies. It cannot be all my imagination that most drivers lack basic driving knowledge. I would think that skills like signaling and looking before changing lanes are a requirement for obtaining a license.

The simple solution to bad driving in Hawai'i is horses. They are smarter than cars, and produce fertilizer instead of carbon monoxide. We could redo the roadways to accommodate our new transportation like galloping in the fast lane and pacing ones in the slow lane. Carriages for the grandparents whocannot



Illustrated by
Léo Azambuja

manage to get up on a horse get to use carpool lanes.

Take into account the numerous advantages to having horses trotting down the freeway. The H-1

freeway could be turned into a 10-lane horseway. A horse accident wouldn't shut down the freeway during rush hour. An accident on a horse wouldn't necessitate waiting an hour for a police officer to arrive. The Honolulu Police Department could spend more time preventing crime or catching horse thieves. No more drunk driving – a horse is able to find its own way home. It's almost better than having a

designated driver. Even the horse manure could be sold to fertilizer companies. Fewer potholes, less pollution, less insurance companies, less personal injury lawyers, the possibilities are endless.

Since the horse thing probably won't happen anytime soon, police should give more tickets to tailgaters and people that stop for no reason. License plate numbers should coincide with an e-mail address so I can send useful driving comments to someone that will benefit from my driving wisdom.

Editorial Cartoon



Cartoon by Léo Azambuja

Roe v. Wade for men

By Jenice M. Armstrong
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

Aren't you tired of hearing men complain about how some woman got pregnant by them?

It's not as if unwanted pregnancies are some new phenomenon. Often, it is an honest mistake that just, well, happened.

It also can be one of the oldest cons around. Especially if a woman wants to trap a man into marriage or is of a certain mentality and looking to get paid for the next 18 years.

What gets me, though, is how often otherwise intelligent guys wind up crying the blues after finding themselves in such scenarios - as if these situations aren't easily preventable by abstaining from sex or slipping on a condom.

Now men's rights activists have mounted a legal challenge, saying that men should be able to choose whether they want to be a father. They are calling their test case "Roe v. Wade for Men."

Last week, the National Center for Men filed suit on behalf of Matthew Dubai, an unwed dad from Saginaw, Mich. Dubai, a 25-year-old computer technician, says he told his now ex-girlfriend that he wasn't ready to have children.

The woman, a cell-phone saleswoman, allegedly informed him that she was infertile and that she was using birth control. Dubai had unprotected sex with her and now he's paying for the privilege - to the tune of almost

\$500 a month in child support. That doesn't include his share of health-care costs.

Dubai found out that he was about to become a dad after he had broken up with his girlfriend of three months.

"Matt was responsible; he was clear about his intentions," Dubai's lawyer, Jeffery Cojocar, told the Detroit Free Press. "We don't believe men who do what he did should be forced into parenthood."

Humph. Tell that to the real victim in all this, Dubai's 8-month-old daughter. Hopefully, she'll never find out just how much her biological father didn't want

her. But that's unlikely considering the amount of nationwide buzz her father's legal case is generating.

I don't think Dubai was responsible, as his attorney claims.

If he were, he would have used a condom, to protect against sexually transmitted diseases if nothing else.

Instead, he left the responsibility of preventing a pregnancy solely up to his partner, a woman he hadn't even known for that long.

Maybe on her part, it was all an honest mistake. Her version of the story no doubt will come out one day in court.

Meanwhile, Dubai hopes to use the legal system to somehow maneuver his way out of his parental responsibilities. Dubai would have been much better off had he had instead taken the time to maneuver himself into a condom.

“We don't believe men who do what he did should be forced into parenthood.”

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Neko Case poses in her room.

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MINT RECORDS

Pop chameleon Neko Case BRINGS ON THE FLOOD

By Casey Ishitani

Ka Leo Staff Writer

There are musical artists who switch between opposing genres like politicians looking for a new mis-direction. Sometimes, they switch badly like Pat Boone. Sometimes, they switch diabolically like Jefferson Airplane/Jefferson Starship. Then, sometimes, an artist comes along who is just genuinely talented and adaptable to many different styles because of their intuition and the quality of their material.

One-time punk drummer and sometimes-Canuck-pop-star Neko Case returns in “Fox Confessor Brings the Flood,” yet another one of her strong “country-noir” exhibitions that showcases the heights of her beautifully forceful warble and the chilling morbidity of her lyrics (“Go on, go on / Scream and cry / You’re miles from where anyone will find you”). Case’s latest album is further proof that she is one of contemporary music’s most indispensable and enigmatic artists.

While nothing on this album can match the aural fireworks show “Deep Red Bells” on Case’s prior album “Blacklisted,” the sharper instrumentation (with occasional keyboards from The Band’s Garth Hudson) and challenging melodies make it clear why she had been saving her voice on her latest album with The New Pornographers, the Canadian pop-rock band in which she effortlessly pilfers attention from her fellow singers.

In “That Teenage Feeling,” the singer’s golden harmonies swirl about before building to an ethereal crescendo that attains a balance between emotional crisis and sweetly expressed longing. “A Widow’s Toast” finds Case singing a choral-like lament with simple, unobtrusive music that fleshes out the song nicely without resorting to any unnecessary instrumental bravado. Album closer “The Needle Has Landed” rides the wake of the album, bringing together a layered orchestra of guitars and a solemn, lonely cello.

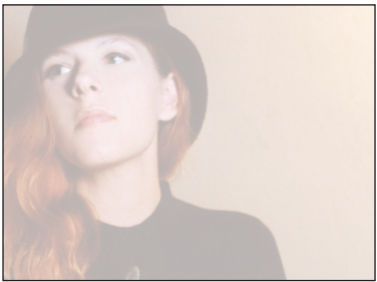
As always, her lyrics are boiling with darkness that contradicts her effervescent intonations. Case is obviously not here to get on country radio by braying about cheating boyfriends or projecting with coached ineffectiveness about her womanhood. In the climax of the title track, Case brings her voice to a sky-high-pitch as she asks, “Will there be no one above

to put my faith in?” Elsewhere, on “Dirty Knife,” she fulfills the promise of the aforementioned weapon (“While the dirty knife bore deep into his spine / The blood runs crazy”).

This is not to say the album is without its flaws. At times, it sounds as if Case is channeling an odd union of Dolly Parton and Ozzy Osborne, where a charming voice leads the listener to the dark undertones of

labyrinthine lyrics that ponder the meaning of forsakenness and sorrow. But, those are often fleeting moments, trounced by contradictory punches of hope and glory.

Neko Case remains a musical chameleon, adapting and exploiting different musical environments, jumping nonchalantly between pop and country with elements of sadness, wit, and ultimately, warmth.



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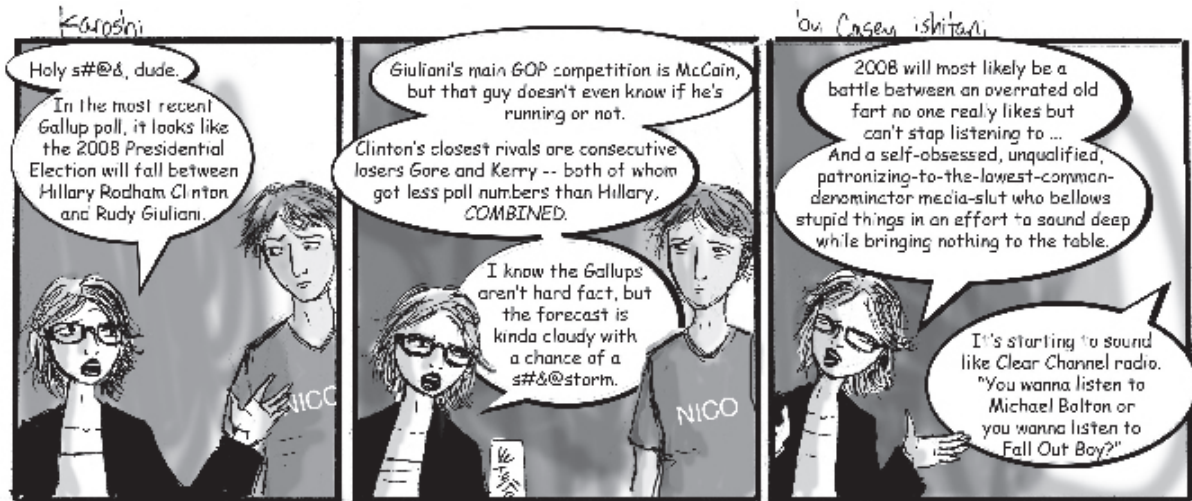
Alternative rocker Neko Case

BELOW

Neko Case's latest CD, “Fox Confessor Brings the Flood,” was released on March 7.

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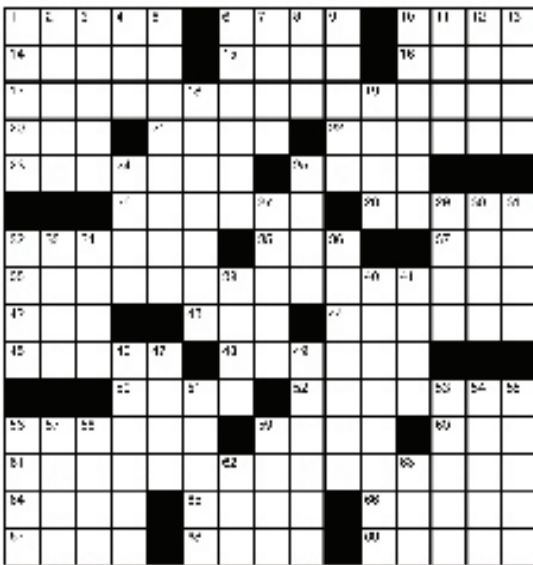
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 - 8. Brewery supply
 - 10. City near Phoenix
 - 14. Mahieu's love in 'Grumpier Old Men'
 - 15. Eye part
 - 16. Event for all corners
 - 17. Pour it on
 - 20. "Pinafore"
 - 21. Bird crop
 - 22. All-seeing one
 - 23. Headache remedy
 - 25. Persian word?
 - 26. Ammy
 - 28. Out corners
 - 32. James of "Boston Legal"
 - 33. Musician's asset
 - 37. Olds creation
 - 38. Pour it on
 - 42. Brynner of "Westworld"
 - 43. In add-on
 - 44. Full of spirit
 - 45. Sad piece
 - 48. Overthrow
 - 50. Chimney
 - 52. Now hold on!
 - 54. Ecstatic
 - 58. Shuttle grip
 - 60. Cover
 - 61. Pour it on
 - 64. School on the "Tames"
 - 65. Fat family
 - 68. Irregularly worn
 - 67. Studio structures
 - 68. Words from a prof?
 - 69. Was deserving

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- 46. Cereals
- 47. Sudden pull
- 49. Applications
- 51. Impoverished
- 53. The Naming of Cats' poet
- 54. Shampooing step
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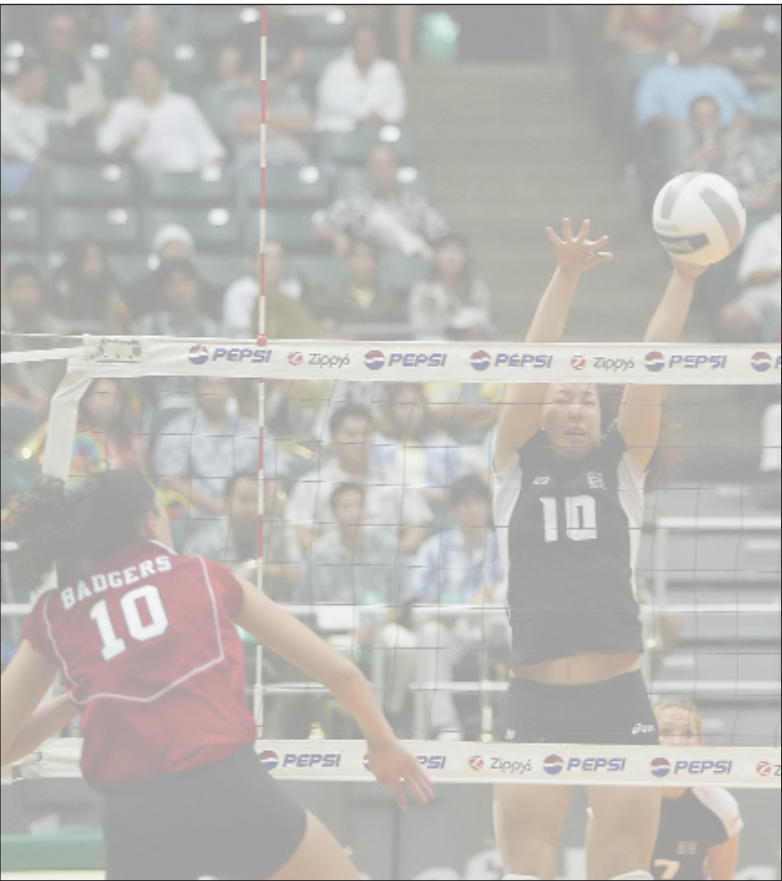


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UH setter Kanoë Kamana’o with one of her 5 blocks during the game. Kamana’o contributed 58 assists and 9 digs.

VOLLEYBALL: Wahine do well in pre-season match

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play them tonight, it felt great to win and get our revenge.”

The ‘Bows jumped to an early two-game lead of 30-19 and 30-23 before the Badgers could catch their breath. Game three saw action from UH freshman setter Rayna Kitaguchi as the ‘Bows gained an 8-2 lead off Kitaguchi’s 4-0 serving run. The Badgers came as close at 18-15. However, outside hitter Jamie Houston’s impressive hitting night kept the ‘Bows on top, with her 18th kill of the night finalizing the victory for Hawai’i at 30-24.

Houston led the Rainbow Wahine hitting .302, with a total of 22 kills and 13 digs in four games for the night. Hittle added 13 kills and 15 digs and Kamana’o put up 58 assists, nine digs and five blocks in the four games they played.

“We really didn’t know how they played or what plays they ran or any scouting report,” Kamana’o said. “We just adjusted throughout the game, especially on the block. [I tried] to read the middle blocker and make those adjustments.”

With the match already decided, game four proved the most entertaining of the night as the Badgers picked up the pace and got into their tempo, led by middle blocker Maria Carlini.

The Badgers got off to a strong start, going on a 5-1 run before the ‘Bows tied the game up at 12-12. Hawai’i libero Raeceen Woolford nabbed a rare kill as the game went back and forth. After 16 ties, the Badgers snatched a win off a kill by Katie Lorenzen at 30-31.

“It’s a little different when you win three,” Hittle said. “It’s like ‘OK it’s over,’ but then you keep playing two more.”

Wisconsin redeemed itself by taking game five against a ‘Bow lineup that included Kitaguchi, Thurlby and Caroline Blood.

Though the regular season is months away for the Rainbow Wahine, the ‘Bows don’t plan on putting the volleyball down anytime soon.

“We’re going to keep practicing and go to some spring tournaments,” Hittle said. “And hopefully just improve our skills for next season.”

Rainbow Wahine showcase their goods in Spring exhibition

‘Bows adjust well without three starters from 2005 season

By Magdiel Vilchez
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Even though the win didn’t go down in the record books and this season has not officially begun, the University of Hawai’i showed off its 2006-2007 volleyball squad in an exhibition match against the University of Wisconsin Badgers Wednesday night.

3,756 fans looked on at the Stan Sheriff Center as the ‘Bows won the match (30-19, 30-23, 30-24, 30-31, 11-15). Hawai’i swept the first three games but both teams’ coaches agreed to play the extra two for added practice.

“We’ve only had two practices before this game,” UH outside hitter Tara Hittle said. “Our goal was to just get a lot of players in and play as hard as we can to see how well we are doing, and I think we’re doing really well.”

After losing starters Ashley Watanabe, Susie Bogard and All-American Victoria Prince to graduation, the Rainbow Wahine displayed a talented team on and off the bench.

“We adapted really well, a lot of people just stepped up and did a really good job,” Hittle said. “I could hardly tell that we suffered from losing good players.”

Hittle said that the team took it upon itself to become better to make up for the loss of players. The match was somewhat of a grudge-match, because Wisconsin knocked off the ‘Bows in a five-game thriller when the two teams last met in the 2004 NCAA regionals.

“They beat us and that was the end of our season,” Rainbow Wahine co-captain Kanoe Kamana’o said. “So to



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Rayna Kitaguchi dives to try to save the ball against the University of Wisconsin Badgers Wednesday. Kitaguchi saw action in game three and had a 4-0 serving run in that game.

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ABOVE: UH middle hitter Nickie Thomas jumps up for a kill against University of Wisconsin middle blocker Maria Carlini. Thomas was one of the three Wahine players with double-figure kills. She ended the night with 10 kills and five blocks.

LEFT: Jamie Houston hit a .302 for the night with 22 kills and 13 digs in four games. She led the Hawai’i win against University of Wisconsin in front of the crowd of 3,756 at the Stan Sheriff Center.