

## Media affecting state legislative agenda, issues

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Former television reporter turned lawmaker, state Rep. Glen Wakai said that politicians follow the news and often address issues covered by the media.

"Journalists set the agenda," for what legislators talk about on the floors of the state Capitol, said Wakai, D-31st (Salt Lake, Tripler).

Wakai also said that issues covered in the news are often addressed by legislation from politicians. Referring to legislators, he said, "we feed off what the public sentiment is at that given time period."

According to recent events, Wakai's words ring true. Following the aftermath of December's devastating tsunami in southern Asia, Hawaii's lawmakers addressed local tsunami preparedness the day after the opening of the Legislature.

"I can guarantee you, if that tsunami never happened, we wouldn't be even touching that issue," Wakai told journalism students last month.

Besides such global events, Wakai said he introduced several bills in the state House that were based on reports he saw on television or read in newspapers.

In what he called his most controversial bill, Wakai addressed a ban on human consumption of cat and dog meat. After seeing other news reports, Wakai introduced a bill concerning a story about a local cemetery that had removed bodies from their purchased plots and resold the spaces. The bill would require cemeteries to map out plots to prevent the removal of people's remains.

Wakai discovered the influence of the media on politics while working as a reporter for several Hawai'i news operations. After starting his reporting career in Guam and Saipan, he broke into local news in 1995 at KHON Fox 2 and later moved to KHNL Channel 8. While media influence on government is evident, Wakai said he was concerned with the small amount of legislative coverage in the islands. He said he feels that government reporting does not receive enough attention from the news media.

"It's really been de-emphasized," Wakai said. "Government reporting is not interesting to TV."

Wakai said legislative stories often take a back seat to more interesting events with visually exciting footage.

"If you look at journalism today, it's not nearly as substantive as it was many years ago," he said. The media, he said, especially television news, has strayed from politi-

cal reporting because it is not as visually stimulating as other stories.

Wakai pointed to the grounding of a ship off Barber's Point earlier this month that dominated local news for several weeks. While the environmental issues surrounding the accident were discussed in the media, the legislature's dealings with long-term public issues received little attention.

Oahu's traffic problems, controlling the crystal meth epidemic, and fixing Hawaii's public school system were touted as the main issues that legislators would deal with this year. However, little has been reported about these core issues since the session opened in January.

Rick Blangiardi, senior vice president and general manager of KHON and KGMB television stations, said that according to news research, government reporting is just not compelling to local viewers.

"People rank government at the bottom," as far as what they want to see on television news, he said.

John Fink, General Manager at KHNL television station, told Ka Leo that it is not imperative to cover government everyday. He said that lawmakers discuss important topics everyday by nature. "Simple discussion does not necessarily make for news, day to day," he said.

Blangiardi said that Hawai'i news stations have a big responsibility to keep the public aware of significant local events.

"Our biggest competitor is time," said Blangiardi. He also said that news stations must provide the best news stories of the day in the short amount of time people yield each day to watch.

"It's not easily done in only a half-hour," Blangiardi said. He said that stories on local events, crime, and weather, like the Asian tsunami, were found to be higher priorities to local viewers than discussion at the legislature.

KHON and KGMB do cover legislative issues, but only "when it's truly of importance," he said. Blangiardi said the station positions itself to report on the most pertinent issues of the day during its limited on-air time.

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"We provide a broad spectrum of news stories and items that might be of interest and of value to our customers- the viewers," Fink said, adding that viewers dictate what is covered every night. "The consumer ultimately decides by choosing to watch or not watch certain newscasts based on what is or is not covered," he said.

Wakai said he believes good reporting can appeal to the public and inform at the same time.

"The way to make it interesting is to always get the human side of things, talk to people who are affected by the bill," he said. "Good journalists think outside the box and make things interesting even if it's not interesting on the surface."

Fink agreed that while government issues can be mundane at times, "sometimes, the effects of decisions being made or discussed have ramifications beyond the surface." He said that while it is the reporter's job to cover the basic issue, they must also place the issue in a context to which the viewer can relate and understand.

University of Hawai'i journalism Professor Beverly Keever agreed that journalists must help set the agenda for legislators by exposing these stories to the public.

"If not, the whole population loses out," she said.

Keever said she hopes that advancements in the UH journalism program, such as the creation of the proposed student-run TV station, would help upgrade the quality of today's Hawai'i-educated reporters coming into the local news media industry, thus better serving the public and developing the state economically.

### Faith



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Dancers from the group Holo Holo, out of the Youth With A Mission camp in Kona, get on their knees in a prayer pose at the end of their song. The group performed various dances at Campus Center yesterday, and shared their testimonies with students.

## NewsBriefs

### Translator career topic of forum

The career of interpreting and translating Chinese, Japanese and Korean will be discussed today from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Moore 319. Participants will learn about educational/career opportunities and receive advice on how to reach their goals.

This event is free and open to the public.

This event is sponsored by the East Asia Council, UH Manoa.

For more information, contact the Center for Japanese Studies at 956-2665, e-mail [cjs@hawaii.edu](mailto:cjs@hawaii.edu), or visit <http://www.hawaii.edu/cjs/seminar-series.html#ash>

### Librarian to present biography

"Beatrice Patton's Hawai'i" will be presented today from noon to 1:15 p.m. at Henke Hall 325 by Nancy Morris, librarian and curator of the John Charlot collection.

This brown bag biography lecture is free and open to the public. This event is sponsored by the center for biographical research at UH Manoa.

For more information, call Craig Howes at 956-3774 or e-mail [biograph@hawaii.edu](mailto:biograph@hawaii.edu).

### Buddhist seminar set for tomorrow

"Madhyamika Buddhists on Truth and Realism: What Are They Actually Refuting?" will be presented tomorrow from 2:30 to 4:30

p.m. at Sakamaki Hall C-308.

This philosophy colloquium will be presented by Tom J. F. Tillemans, professor of Buddhist studies, at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

This colloquium is sponsored by the Philosophy Department. For more information, call Jackie Young at 956-8649 or e-mail [philo@hawaii.edu](mailto:philo@hawaii.edu).

### Prof. to share Japan experience

Edward Seidensticker will share his experiences and opinions about his stay in Japan tomorrow from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Moore 319.

Seidensticker is the emeritus professor of Japanese at the Columbia University, and a scholar and translator of Japanese literature.

This event is sponsored by the Center for Japanese Studies at UH Manoa.

For more information, call the Center for Japanese Studies at 956-2665, e-mail [cjs@hawaii.edu](mailto:cjs@hawaii.edu), or visit them on the web at <http://www.hawaii.edu/cjs/seminar-series.html#seiden>

### Forum to address reforestation

"To Plant or Not To Plant: Hydrological Benefits of Tropical Reforestation Programs" will be presented tomorrow from 3 to 4 p.m. at Saunders Hall 443B.

This Geography Colloquium will be presented by L.A. Sampurno Bruijnzeel, tropical forest hydrologist from the Free University, Amsterdam. This event is sponsored by the Geography Department.

For more information, call Tom Giambelluca at 956-7390 or [thomas@hawaii.edu](mailto:thomas@hawaii.edu).

# 'Eternal Sunshine' is a spotless award winner

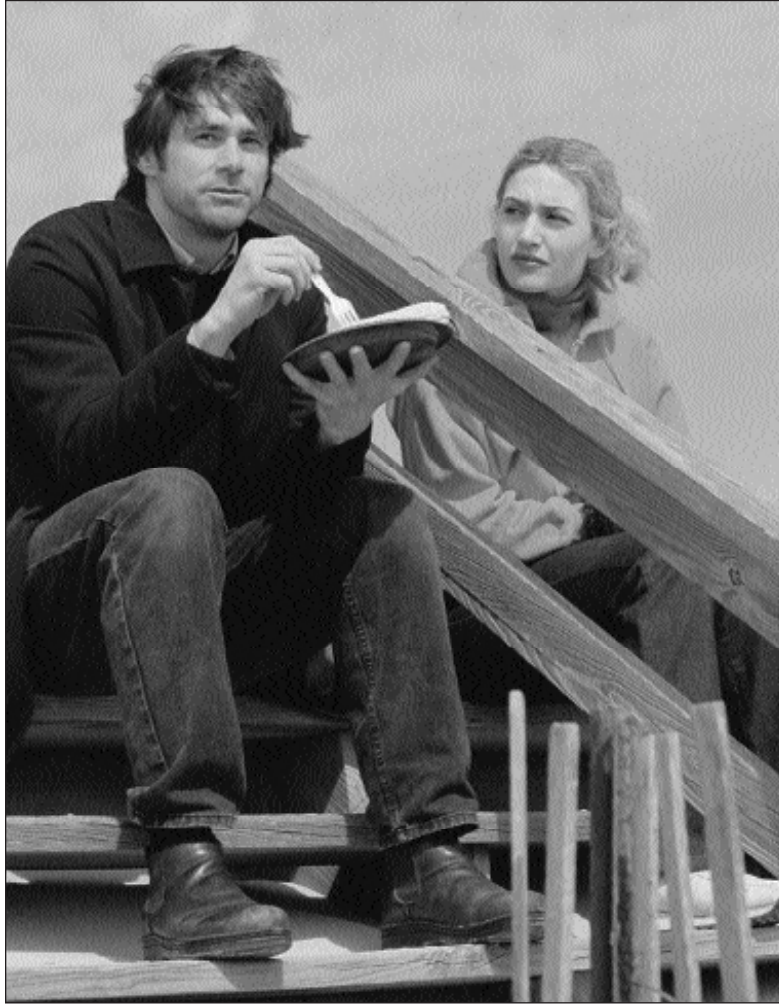
By Marlo Ting  
*Ka Leo Features Editor*

Charlie Kaufman, Michel Gondry and Pierre Bismuth won an Academy Award in the category of Best Original Screenplay for writing "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind." It's playing today at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m. at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Architecture Auditorium as part of the UHM/Bank of Hawai'i Cinema Series. Admission is \$5, \$3 for students.

The movie stars Jim Carrey as Joel Baris and Kate Winslet as Clementine Kruczynski. They enter into a relationship that starts off well but eventually goes bad. With a revolutionary procedure from Lacuna Inc., Clementine has Joel erased from her memory, and Joel decides to do the same to her. In the process of getting his memory erased, he re-experiences the good times they had together and has second thoughts.

Much of the movie takes place in Joel's mind as he struggles to hold on to his memories of Clementine. It's like a frantic run through an ending world, where everything involving his failed relationship is disappearing. Environments fall apart or blend into each other, faces become obscure, and people get ripped away or simply vanish. Joel desperately wants it to stop. He tries to figure out a way to fight against the procedure and preserve his memories of Clementine.

The rest of the movie involves the Lacuna Inc. technicians erasing Joel's memories in his apartment



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Joel (Jim Carrey) and Clementine (Kate Winslet) meet for the first time in the Academy Award Winning movie "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

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This memory of a good moment in Joel and Clementine's relationship will be erased by the Lacuna, Inc. technicians.

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Joel (Jim Carrey) and Clementine (Kate Winslet) share a moment on the ice in Charlie Kaufman and Michel Gondry's "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

## Spotless: Kaufman's screenplay is brilliant

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while he's asleep. One of them decides to live the life that Joel is having erased. And in some way, the consequences of the technicians' memory erasing procedures eventually catch up with all of them.

While everything flows in chronological order in the real world, events happen in reverse order in Joel's head as his most recent memories of Clementine are erased before his older, more pleasant ones. So, as his relationship with Clementine blossoms, it also gets closer to being forgotten.

Carrey and Winslet play character types they haven't done before. Nonetheless, they execute their roles masterfully.

Joel is the more serious and grounded character in the movie. He's a shy, introverted individual, the opposite of Clementine. Clementine is much more outgoing and energetic. Her behavior, as well as hair color, is unpredictable. Both characters are colorful in their own ways, but still down to earth and realistic.

Like everything else Kaufman has written, "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" is an interesting movie that can't be described as yet another rehash of something else. It's novel and quirky in a brilliant way.

## Editorial Board

# Stopping alcohol sales is not the answer for UH

*Better security, stricter penalties for underage drinking necessary*

Last week, Hawaii's Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona urged University of Hawai'i officials to ban the sale of alcohol on campus and to discontinue advertising by alcoholic beverage companies at sporting events. This comes after his earlier proposal encouraging state lawmakers to pass a bill that would take away the driver's licenses of anyone under the age of 21 who is caught consuming alcohol, regardless of whether they are driving or not.

Aiona's efforts to curb the occurrence of underage drinking should be applauded. A new focus on enforcing already existing laws against underage drinking will serve as an effective reminder for those who indulge in illegal underage drinking.

However, attempting to stop the legitimate selling of alcohol on campus will not be a deterrent for underage drinking or the violence that arises from binge drinking at UH dormitories.

Underage drinkers do not get their alcohol from the legal venues on campus. Their alcohol is obtained from off-campus locations and consumed in housing areas where the enforcement of existing underage drinking laws is sorely lacking.

The UH administration's focus should not be on the banning of the sale of alcohol on campus, but instead on the increasing of security at UH's dorms and a stricter enforcement of the illegal sale of alcohol.



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Martin Uehara, who is employed as a bartender at Manoa Gardens, may lose his job if a proposed ban on alcohol at UH passes. Lt. Gov. James "Duke" Aiona proposed a campus-wide ban of the sale, advertisement or endorsement of alcoholic beverages in a letter written to Interim President David McClain to address alleged drinking problems at the university.

# Good brewers don't support binge drinking

By Cynthia Martens  
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(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — When you're drinking to get plastered, typically the quality of the alcohol doesn't matter much. Thursday night: hello Fleischmann's!

But what if instead of viewing alcohol as a tool to get "crunked," it was viewed more as the French do? That is, as a food, to be enjoyed in good company?

The problem with all the "just say no" campaigns targeting alcohol, drugs and sex is that they force extremes. The simplistic message "don't drink" creates a backlash that leads many students to take 21 shots on their 21st birthdays.

Students across the United States spend a great deal of time and money trying to beat a system that won't allow them to drink until age 21. In spite of the strict law, there isn't anything morally wrong with drinking before we reach the magical age; laws and morality are not always the same.

But the point isn't being allowed to drink; it's how we drink. How many times have we been lectured on alcohol use when the real issue is alcohol abuse? Why does it have to be all or nothing? Alcohol isn't evil, but if you blow a 0.3, are you really enjoying it?

Beer is the alcohol of choice in Wisconsin, and has been for years, as many German immigrants carried over their brewing traditions.

The editor of the La Crosse Nord Stern wrote about prohibition in 1867, arguing beer was a part of German culture, but more importantly, it was a person's right to have a beer. The closing of saloons and the temperance movement, he claimed, were examples of "the senselessness and injustice of the prohibition laws," and he was offended by officials' disdain for "our German character."

To learn more about current Wisconsin beer and food culture, I consulted brew master Dean Coffey, who has spent 10 years working for the Angelic Brewing Co. in Madison, Wis.

He told me he "absolutely" placed quality over quantity when it came to drinking beer. In addition, he explained how the Angelic pays close attention to pairing beers with specific foods.

"It's the same as with wine," he observed. "You have two schools of thought. The first looks for flavors that complement. The second looks for flavors that contrast."

This echoes what I've heard my dad and his French-wine aficionado friends say for years. Every wine has a "nose," and you drink red and white

wines with very different foods.

"The fun thing about the beer culture is it's evolving now," he said.

Coffey explained that during prohibition, thousands of smaller breweries disappeared almost overnight. When prohibition ended, only a few large breweries returned, and they couldn't make beer fast enough to meet the demand. Today, he noted, "all the big companies use rice and corn [in their beer], which is offensive to anyone who cares about beer."

Many of us can recall at least one incident when we partied a little too hard. But boozing to the point of no return doesn't need to be the night's great achievement. I remember a friend in Italy explaining that sure, sometimes he and his friends had too much to drink, but they never went out with the goal of blacking out. That would take away from the pleasure of drinking and being social. In short, drink at the table; don't consistently drink yourself under the table.

Good brewers don't support binge drinking; maybe those concerned about binge drinking at the University of Wisconsin should include local brewers in their discussions. Coffey concluded: "That's the heart of the beer renaissance. Instead of buying a 24-pack of the cheapest beer on the market, have a few really good beers."

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## Letters to the Editor

# Classified research policy needs attention

The proposed changes to the University of Hawaii's policy on classified research could seriously impact academic freedom and undermine the ideals expressed in this policy affirming public availability of research results.

The classified research that could be conducted at the proposed off-campus Applied Research Lab might involve even greater restrictions than the research currently being done on classified contracts.

### Current Policy on Classified Contracts

In May 2001 I went to a UH Board of Regents meeting to ask questions about classified contracts and the managerial group responsible for administration of them.

The written responses indicated that there were six such contracts and that they involved restrictions on public release of information and limits on participation by people without security clearances.

The products of the research were not automatically classified.

Although these restrictions appear to be inconsistent with written UH policy, the current interpretation allows them

as long as the principal investigator agrees to accept them. It is unclear if this interpretation is widely known and acceptable to the faculty as a whole. In particular, this interpretation seems to conflict with the recommendation in the 29 Jan. 1986 Manoa Faculty Senate resolution that, "The University will accept no contract or grant which requires classification or limitation in publication."

### Proposed Policy Changes

The proposed changes to UH policy seem to allow classified research whose results would automatically be classified and thus not readily available to other faculty and the public.

One change explicitly makes a new exception to making scholarly results available for "approved, off-campus classified or proprietary research." Allowing such research raises a number of questions about oversight, ethical standards, faculty evaluation, and student participation. Many of these are addressed in the preliminary report by the Manoa Faculty Senate's Ad Hoc Committee on Classified and Proprietary Research.

There are also potential problems with oversight of off-campus classified research even if there were provisions in UH policy for an oversight committee composed of faculty with security clearances.

A current dispute involving an Massachusetts Institute of Technology faculty member and a study done by MIT's Lincoln Lab is an example.

MIT announced in December 2004 that it had been unable to investigate allegations of scientific fraud in the Lincoln Lab study because the Missile Defense Agency denied MIT's request.

The proposed policy would also allow for some exceptions to the ban of on-campus classified research.

For example, the proposal states that, "Projects classified after award, if approved, will be moved off-campus as soon as possible."

**"The technical proposal for the Applied Research Lab submitted to the Navy includes some 'task elements' that seem closely related to weapons development"**

This appears to allow the possibility that the research could proceed on-campus for an indefinite time. It is unclear what safeguards and faculty review would be implemented to prevent abuse.

Similarly, another section states that faculty may not perform classified research in UH facilities "without specific approval of the chancellor or the Vice President for Research, as provided in this policy."

The review and approval of a petition to do classified or proprietary research would use "a process defined by the Vice President for Research."

It seems important to have faculty discussion and approval of the criteria to be applied in this process and of options for public review.

### Need for Detailed Information

The fundamental question is whether the potential benefits of classified research outweigh the infringement of academic freedom.

Because of restrictions on availability of the results, classified research appears to undermine the university's ideal of open access and to be of little value in promoting non-military economic opportunities for Hawai'i.

Proponents need to provide examples of the research that might be done and explanation of the aspects of such research that require

classification. It would also be helpful if the UH administration provided similar information about the current classified contracts.

The Technical Proposal for the Applied Research Lab submitted to the Navy includes some "task elements" that seem closely related to weapons systems.

For example, research on sensor network integration "could have broad applicability to sensor networking of platforms such as the Littoral Combat Ship." It is noted that this is of interest for ballistic missile defense so it could be argued that this is only for a defensive weapons system.

I think this illustrates why a detailed examination of weapons-related research which might be conducted at the new institution is necessary as part of a broader discussion of classified research.

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# UH gets A+ for Churchill visit

## Invitation adds to political discourse at UH

I wish to thank University of Hawai'i President David McClain for his controversial decision to bring Ward Churchill to UH as a guest speaker.

As a recent transfer student to the university I have been disappointed by the numbers attending political events.

I understand that this place is very diverse — much more than where I have lived before — but the campus didn't stir the way I imagined a university of this size should. I noticed the lack of turnout to the polls — the worst in the nation — to last November's important general election.

Doing anything at all that gets people stirred up I interpret as a good sign. Just to fill a room on a Tuesday night was important.

This decision to bring controversy to campus is wonderful, not because we might learn anything from the guest speaker, but because it gets people interested in things other than the latest reality television show.

Churchill brings baggage with him wherever he goes, but for a place that seems indifferent to most that goes on, the national attention he has drawn excited people of many different backgrounds to the event.

I imagine that with a little more public input Hawai'i might have had the roads fixed sooner and better. You might be able to turn your cans back into the stores where you purchased them. You might not spend a fortune to send your children to private schools.

Discussion is the key to democracy. Stand up and be heard.

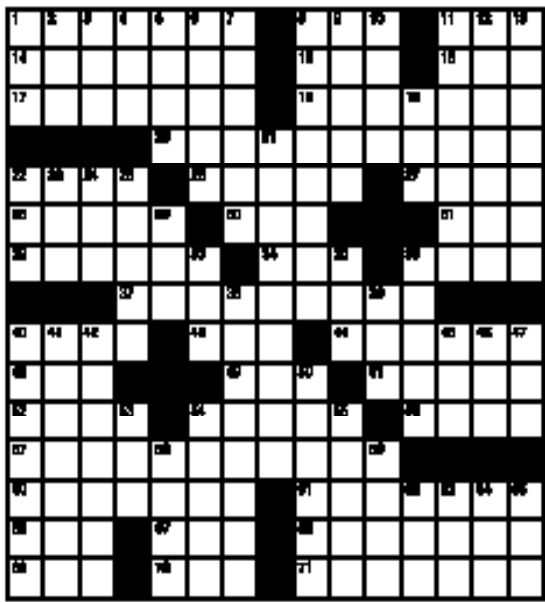
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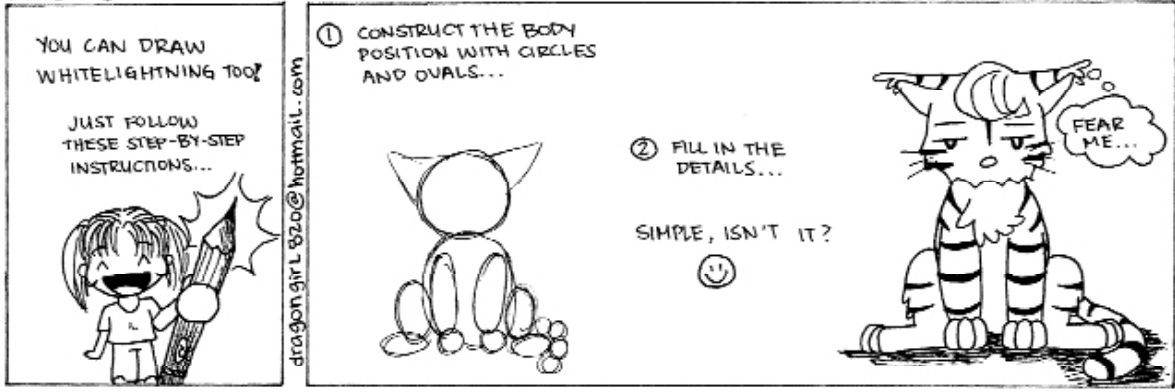
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# NCAA releases academic stats

By Frank Fitzpatrick  
*Knight Ridder Newspapers*

(KRT) — The NCAA's new method for measuring the academic performance of athletes would penalize teams at more than 50 percent of Division I schools if they were to take effect immediately, NCAA officials said Monday.

Overall, 29 percent of teams in football, 23 percent in baseball, and 19 percent in men's basketball would fall below the Academic Progress Rate cut line of 925, according to NCAA data. Those were the only sports with averages that fell below the cut line.

The APR formula, created in response to concerns about low graduation rates at many of the nation's premier sports schools, will penalize colleges whose athletes are academically ineligible when they leave school.

It gives athletes one point each semester for remaining eligible and another point each semester for staying in school. The points for each team then are divided by the highest possible total of points a team could score. That percentage is assessed a point total, with 1,000 being the highest.

The 925 figure, said Kevin Lennon, NCAA vice president for membership services, is equivalent to a 50 percent graduation rate.

"The APR rate (is) an improved measurement of academic success," Lennon said. "It is a real-time, term-by-term view of the academic-eligibility retention of scholarship student-athletes. ... It prevents teams from replacing the scholarships of an athlete who leaves that institution and would not have been academically eligible if he or she returned."

The findings, based on information from the previous school year, will result only in warnings this year. Penalties ranging from a loss of scholarships to a "death penalty" ban from NCAA competition will begin to take effect next year, when two years' worth of data can be analyzed.

Academic scandals at Georgia, St. Bonaventure and Minnesota in recent years have led to renewed criticism of

## UH below national academic average

*Ka Leo Staff*

Of the University of Hawaii's 18 NCAA-affiliated sports, six teams scored below the 925 minimum requirement on the Academic Progress Rate.

But because these preliminary findings, released Monday by the NCAA, do not account for the effect of smaller squads and players leaving the program, all but one UH squad was designated as having an estimated APR that is actually above the 925 threshold.

Collectively, UH achieved a rating of 930, five points above the minimum, though below the Division I average of 948.

"This is a good barometer of where we are academically with our teams," UH Athletics Director Herman Frazier said Monday. "The good news is that, overall, we are above the requirement, but we do have some work to do in regards to improving the individual scores of each program."

college sports' role. Some critics complained that graduation rates, measured in six-year intervals, were an inadequate means of gauging a school's academic performance.

There are 5,720 Division I sports teams, and 7.2 percent, or 410, did not meet the APR standard. They were spread out, Lennon said, among half the 330 schools that participate in Division I sports.

The formula makes it likely that some of the schools whose teams failed to achieve the minimum standards did so because of small squad sizes. They will get a chance to make that argument to the NCAA, Lennon said. Corrections will be announced in April.

NCAA president Myles Brand, who has made academic reform a hallmark of his administration, termed the changes the "most far-reaching for

"We will meet with our coaches to evaluate our current procedures and put policies in place to help our student-athletes achieve their academic goals," said Frazier.

The three leading men's sports nationwide — football, basketball and baseball — each had a national average below 925.

The UH baseball team scored the lowest among the school's teams, drawing a score of 819, placing it in the lowest percentile among all sports.

The Warrior football team, which scored 912, is below the national average for the sport of 923. But the score is nearly identical to that of other football teams from public institutions, which average 913.

Conversely, three UH squads scored a perfect 1,000 rating. The men's volleyball team, the women's golf team and the women's tennis team each achieved the highest mark.

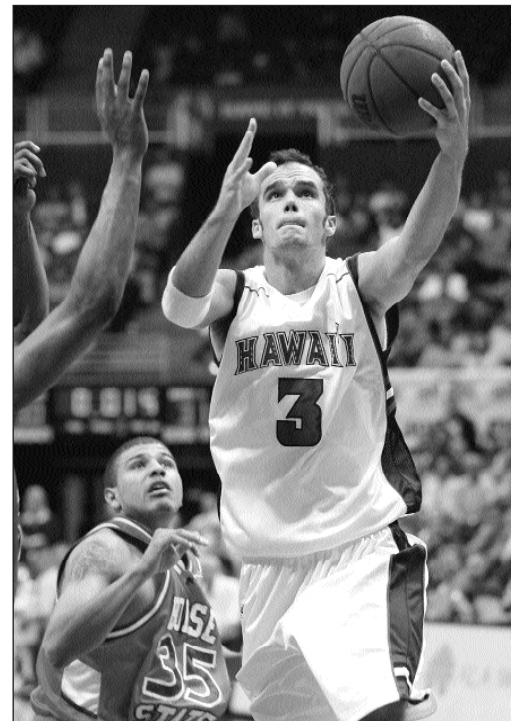
intercollegiate athletics in decades."

Brand said the new system's purpose was to give schools an incentive to provide additional academic support for troubled students.

"The system is part of an overall effort that's meant to improve the academic performance of student-athletes and to hold institutions accountable for that," said Walter Harrison, president of the University of Hartford and the chairman of the NCAA Committee on Academic Performance.

"Presidents ought to use this information as a way to get ready," Harrison said. "They know each of their teams' APR scores, how those scores were calculated, and how many players left the institution and were ineligible. They'll know what they have to do to meet or exceed that mark in the future."

## Leading the Pack



Jake Sottos and the Rainbow Warriors take on No. 25 Nevada tonight in the Stan Sheriff Center. Sottos is one of three seniors who will finish out their Hawai'i careers in UH's final homestand this weekend.

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## Chaney: Hypocritical coach should resign

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if another team ... buys him. It's buying bad behavior.

"That's what this country is doing all over, buying bad behavior. I don't buy bad behavior, and Bob Knight doesn't buy bad behavior. ... I won't buy it from my kids, I won't buy it from athletes, and fans should stop buying it. Unfortunately, they buy season tickets to see a bad kid or a bad player.

"And you guys (sports reporters) will learn one of these days that you're going to have to start ... talking about it."

OK.  
We shouldn't buy John Chaney anymore. Temple shouldn't give him more money. To do so would be, as Chaney railed against just a few years ago, buying bad behavior.

To be sure, Chaney spent his Sunday repenting not in church, but at the feet of the family of St. Joseph's player John Bryant. Bryant suffered a broken arm a week ago against Chaney's Owls. Bryant's season was probably ended after the Owls' 6-8, 250-pound Nehemiah Ingram, whom Chaney inserted to the game expressly to dish out hard fouls, knocked an airborne Bryant off balance and crashing to the floor.

Chaney explained after the game that he resorted to dirty hockey tricks because he saw illegal picks being set against his team and not whistled. That was bad behavior and then some. Everyone realized as much, Chaney included.

Chaney suspended himself for a game after Bryant's injury was reported. His employer forced a few more absences on him. On Monday, Chaney extended his suspension through his conference's tournament, sounding as ashamed of his actions as we would expect.

But Chaney hasn't gone far enough.

Chaney, 73, said before he met with the Bryants that he was going to "take inventory of myself" and then decide what to do with his future.

What he should do is the ultimate noble thing: Turn in his clipboard. If he doesn't, Temple should take it from him.

That isn't a difficult decision to

reach, especially given the consequence. It could've been worse. Suppose Bryant fell more awkwardly, breaking his neck, instead? Chaney certainly couldn't be excused then.

Chaney has, of course, accomplished a great deal of do-good over the years. I've admired him mostly as a master sculptor of solid men from rotten backgrounds.

He's rescued parent-less teens, such as NBA veteran Aaron McKie from a Philly neighborhood called "The Badlands," and seen to it that a learning disabled kid such as

Rasheed Brokenborough, from another lousy-sounding Philly neighborhood, "The Bottom," earned a Temple degree. Those are the victories, along with his 700-plus basketball wins, that got him enshrined in his game's Hall of Fame a few years ago.

Chaney hasn't been consistent in his principles, as last week proved. While he's championed education, his graduation rate is pathetic despite the Brokenboroughs, or maybe because of them. He once threatened to boycott games because of what he thought were unfair academic prerequisites for athletes, and later criticized Temple students who threatened to stop a game over what they saw as injustice on their campus.

But now he'll be remembered, like Woody Hayes, an old coach who lost his wits, unless he does the right thing and teaches one last lesson that has been lost or overlooked too often in sports these days. It is that there should be no quarter in our games for those who exercise premeditated physical attacks on opponents as he did, or who carry out premeditated retaliatory attacks. It is the ultimate affront to sportsmanship.

Todd Bertuzzi, who blindsided Steve Moore and broke Moore's neck, shouldn't be allowed back in hockey. Pitchers who purposely throw 90 mph hardballs at batters' temples shouldn't be allowed to stay in baseball, and any manager who orders them to do so shouldn't be, either. On and on.

And there is no better place to underscore this message than at a place where playing sports the right way is supposed to be tantamount, if not paramount, to winning.

Rainbow Wahine pitchers Melissa Coogan, pictured, and Shannon Tabion will likely pitch nearly every day over the next three weeks. The 'Bows host three tournaments and begin conference play during that period.



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# Hectic Schedule

*UH could play as many as 26 games in 18 days*

By Stefanie Nakasone  
Ka Leo Sports Editor

By Saturday night, the Rainbow baseball team will have played an exhausting nine games in 10 days. That's nothing compared to their female counterparts.

For the next 18 days, the University of Hawai'i softball team will play a minimum of 22 games, a maximum of 26, weather permitting. In that 2-1/2 week stretch, the two-person pitching rotation of Melissa Coogan and Shannon Tabion will need to throw in the heavy majority of those games.

"The kids love to play, practices get boring," Coolen said. "I wouldn't have scheduled it if I didn't think we had the players. ... Our season is going to be made or broken in this 22 to 26 game stretch."

The 'Bows start their playing frenzy tonight, when they play Mount St. Mary's to close out the first day of the Malihini Kipa Aloha Tournament. It is the first of three tournaments the 'Bows will host over the next three weeks, in addition to five non-tournament games sprinkled in the mix.

At 6-6, the Rainbow Wahine have relied on seniors Coogan and Tabion in the circle. Of the 79-1/3 innings the 'Bows have been on the field, Coogan and Tabion have combined to pitch 63-2/3 innings. With at least seven doubleheaders scheduled, it is more

than likely that Coogan and Tabion will pitch nearly every day for the next three weeks.

"Right now, they're willing to go 1-2, 1-2 whenever," Coolen said.

"I don't know if there's a way to prepare, just mentally you have to stay focused," Coogan said. "It's good because the more we play, the more of a rhythm we get into."

Unlike most teams, the 'Bows have a reliever in redshirt freshman Jessica Morton. As a starter, Morton has struggled, letting runs pile up. But as a reliever, she has been able to shut down opponents, including the batters of No. 1 Arizona and No. 14 Washington. Against the Wildcats and Huskies, Morton pitched a combined seven shutout innings in relief.

Because of the hectic schedule, Coolen said freshman Kate Robinson will likely make her pitching debut soon, when the right opponent comes along. Robinson has already seen a lot of playing time this season for her offensive production. The Kamehameha graduate is batting .310 and has started all 12 games.

"Stat-wise, it shows that I'm doing OK, but it doesn't feel like I'm doing as good as I should," Robinson said.

Though the 'Bows are anxious to play, Hawai'i will start the tournament tonight without one of its most relied upon batters. Senior right fielder Tracie Uchima, who has started 135 consecutive games, is on the mainland until tomorrow, interviewing for veterinary schools. Uchima leads the club in batting average (.412), hits (14), doubles (3), RBI (6), total bases (20), and slugging percentage (.588).

"It's something we're going to

have to adjust with, it's difficult. ...

We're losing our only consistent hitter, our only consistent player," Coolen said. "You never know what's going to happen out of all of this."

Coolen added that Uchima will also be on the mainland for the beginning of next week, missing several more games.

When Uchima returns to Hawai'i tomorrow, she will join her team to take on No. 2 California at 7 p.m. The Golden Bears, who were ranked No. 1 to begin the season, hold an 11-1 record. Baldwin graduate Kaleo Eldredge is the starting center fielder for Cal, and was a part of the Golden Bears' 2002 national championship team.

Coogan pitched the 'Bows to a 1-0 win against the Golden Bears in 2003. Last year, Cal returned the favor, defeating Hawai'i in eight innings.

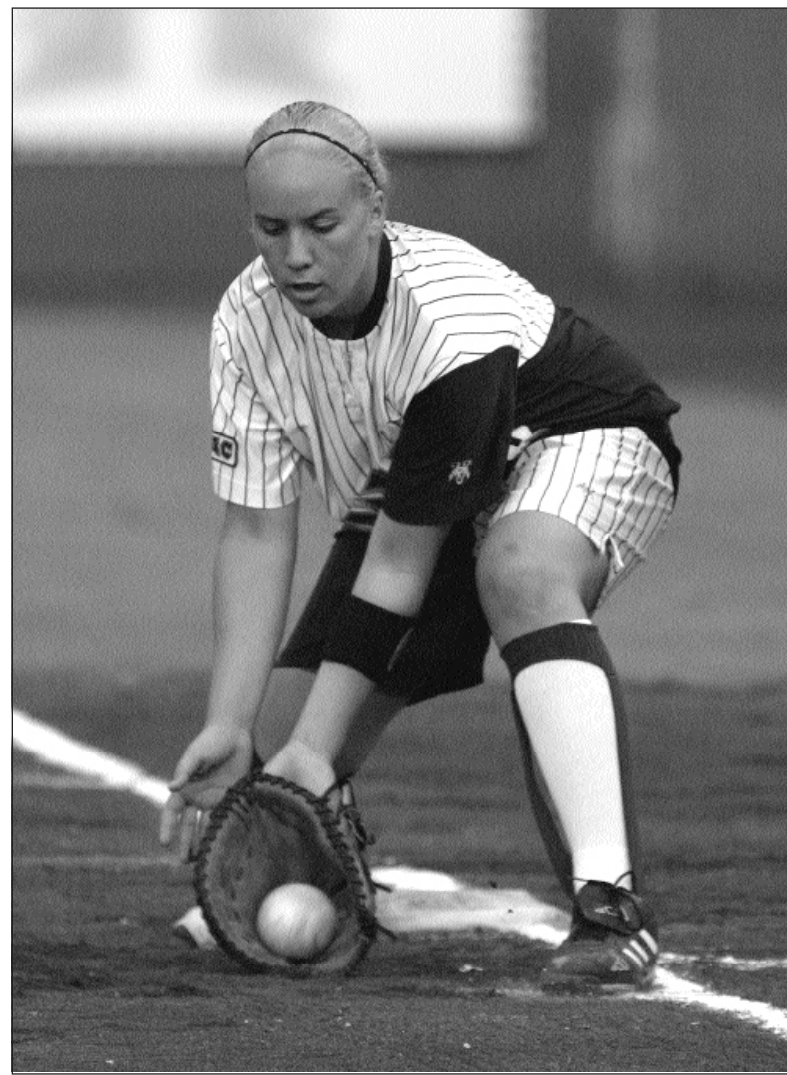
"I'm really excited to play Cal," Coogan said. "I think we can definitely win."

The tournament field also includes No. 7 Alabama, which the 'Bows will play on Saturday. The Crimson Tide boast a 19-2 record, and are led by All-American catcher/outfielder Ashley Courtney and All-SEC pitcher Stephanie VanBrackle. It will be the first meeting ever between the two teams.

Hawai'i's opponent tonight, Mount St. Mary's of Maryland, has not played a game all season due to inclement weather.

Coolen said he is a little worried of his team going into this week's tournament, considering they have not competed in nearly two weeks.

"We're game-rusty," Coolen said. "...We're itching to play."



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Freshman Kate Robinson, who has played first for the 'Bows, will likely make her pitching debut as Hawai'i plays more than 20 games in the next 18 days.

## Malihini Kipa Aloha Tournament March 3-6, Rainbow Wahine Softball Stadium

### Today

Game 1: Delaware State vs. Alabama, 2 p.m.

Game 2: California vs. Portland State, 4 p.m.

Game 3: Hawai'i vs. Mount St. Mary's, 6 p.m.

Delaware State, 9 a.m.

Game 11: Mount St. Mary's vs. California, 11 a.m.

Game 12: Portland State vs. Delaware State, 1 p.m.

Game 13: California vs. Alabama, 3 p.m.

Game 14: Hawai'i vs. Alabama, 5 p.m.

Game 15: Hawai'i vs. Portland State, 7 p.m.

### Tomorrow

Game 4: Portland State vs. Alabama, 9 a.m.

Game 5: Portland State vs. Mount St. Mary's, 11 a.m.

Game 6: Alabama vs. Mount St. Mary's, 1 p.m.

Game 7: California vs. Delaware State, 3 p.m.

Game 8: Hawai'i vs. Delaware State, 5 p.m.

Game 9: Hawai'i vs. California, 7 p.m.

### Sunday

Game 16: Bracket Game 1 (Seed 5 vs. Seed 6), 9 a.m.

Game 17: Bracket Game 2 (Seed 3 vs. Seed 4), 11 a.m.

Game 18: Bracket Game 3 (Seed 1 vs. Game 16 winner), 1 p.m.

Game 19: Bracket Game 4 (Seed 2 vs. Game 17 winner), 3 p.m.

Game 20: Championship Game (Game 18 winner vs. Game 19

### Saturday

Game 10: Mount St. Mary's vs.

## Sports Briefs

# Hawai'i diver, coaches earn honors

Ka Leo Staff

University of Hawai'i freshman diver Mats Wiktorsson and diving coaches Mike Brown and Anita Rossing garnered post-season awards last weekend at the National Independent Conference Championships.

Brown and Rossing were named co-Diving Coaches of the year.

Wiktorsson won both the 3-meter springboard and platform, was named the NIC diver of the year. She also placed second in the 1-meter springboard.

## Baseball discounts offered

During the First Hawai'i Title Rainbow Baseball Tournament from today to Saturday, Nestle, David's Sunflower Seeds, and Wonka will offer discounts on tickets. Fans can receive the discount based upon the amount of wrappers of Wonka and Nestle (1.2 oz or larger) and David's bags (2.25 oz or larger) redeemed at the Stan Sheriff Center and Les Murakami Stadium box offices.

A \$1 ticket discount will be given for two wrappers or bags, \$2 for four, \$3 for six, \$4 for eight, \$5 for

10 and a free adult for 12.

## SAAC raises funds for library

The University of Hawai'i Student-Athlete Advisory Committee will be collecting donations to assist in funding the flood restoration for the library. This will occur prior to the men's basketball game against Fresno State, Saturday, March 5. Donations will be collected from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. outside of the Gate A special entrance at the Stan Sheriff Center.

## Commentary

### Cheap shot will be coach's legacy

By Kevin B. Blackistone  
The Dallas Morning News

(KRT) — As the first NCAA Tournament of this millennium was tipping off, the Buffalo site proved as interesting a confluence of coaching characters as a sports psychiatrist could ever find.

Out of one locker room came the irascible Bob Knight. He was still coaching Indiana then and defending himself against an old-but-refreshed charge that he once choked a player, Neil Reed, during practice.

From another locker room came Temple's curmudgeon of a coach, John Chaney, who saw Knight as a

kindred spirit and wondered aloud why no one was as concerned about other men in sports behaving so badly that, in some cases — like Michael Irvin's, he said — the law was after them.

"Dennis Rodman. Bad Behavior," Chaney charged in The Philadelphia Inquirer. "This team doesn't want him and another team will buy him, give him more money. That's bad."

"(John) Rucker, who said all kinds of things about everybody ... You see if Atlanta sets him free. See if another team ... buys him. It's buy-

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