



Students get down with the music at last Friday's bash

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Striking difference in male-female ratio

Trend not much different from past, according to reports

By Matthew K. Ing
Ka Leo News Editor

Women outnumber men on campus, according to an unofficial headcount report for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

As of yesterday, there were about 11,197 female and 8,882 male students enrolled in the university, which comprises about 56 and 44 percent, respectively, of the 20,114 undergraduate students. No data is available for 35 students.

The data follows a trend of more female than male students at UH in recent years.

According to UH women's studies professor S. Charusheela, the data follows a national trend of more women going to college; however, she explained that the school ratio does not necessarily reflect classroom settings.

"It really depends on the discipline," she said. "Certain majors have been known for certain genders. In terms of academia, accounting was traditionally male-dominated ... Instead, though, in management schools, a phenomenon has occurred; it's becoming



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At UH, women outnumber men 56 to 44 percent. There may, however, be other factors at work besides sheer numbers.

more female-dominated."

Charusheela said that, although data may suggest higher proportions for undergraduate female enrollment, national data suggests that the ratios do not apply to higher education. Women are not earning PhDs or going to law school at the same rates as men, according to U.S. data.

Because UH has a high transfer student rate, Charusheela also suggested that the influx of female undergraduate students may stem from women returning to school after child-rearing, changing the age interaction aspect in student cohorts.

Sean Ho, a UH sophomore from Kaua'i, said that the ratio

gives more college men chances to meet women in an academic environment.

"It's especially good for those guys who want to meet smart local women," he said. "It's probably one of the only places in the world where you can get this."

His girlfriend Lia Yamashita, a sophomore from O'ahu, agreed.

Washing clothes more of a chore for dormers

by Justin Hedani
Ka Leo Contributing Writer

For freshman at the Hale Aloha dormitories, washing clothes has become more of a chore, as the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Student Housing's laundry debit card has complicated the common task.

According to Katie Rosk, a desk receptionist at Hale Aloha Lehua, laundry has been problematic due to the lack of maintenance on the card dispensing machines.

"It would be better if the laundry people came in more often," she said.

Acting like a debit card, the Web AccessCard can be bought for an initial fee of \$2. After that, the card can be loaded and reloaded with more cash for the machines.

With washes starting from \$1.25 to a super cycle at \$1.50 and a run through the dryer at \$1, students are encouraged to load their cards with sufficient amounts of cash preventing additional trips to the recharge station in one of the many dorm lobbies.

Rosk said that a never-ending line of students – each with questions about where students can get laundry cards – has fronted her desk since the beginning of the semester. In response, Rosk referred the stu-



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Junior Charlie Pascual inserts his Web AccessCard into a Hale Aloha laundry machine to start the wash. The cards have been problematic for residents since the start of the semester.

dents to Hale Aloha 'Ilima, the only machine working of the four towers, to obtain their laundry cards.

Ka Leo staff also confirmed that all other machines in Lehua,

Mokihana and Lokelani either had broken machines or did not have enough cards to dispense.

Like Arakawa, many of the local students have the benefit of

going back to their families' houses to complete their loads of laundry.

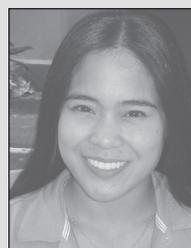
"I'm probably going to borrow

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ROVING REPORTER:

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT WOMEN OUTNUMBERING MEN ON THE MANOA CAMPUS?

Compiled by Dannah Gonzales



Irene Patterson,
 23, International Business, Ohio

"I'm partial either way. With the majority of students at the University of Hawai'i being females, it possibly shows that we offer more of a support to the all-girl's volleyball team."

"It kind of shows who is more serious in education and in life. But it doesn't affect me. Education is an individual thing for me. I don't notice how many guys or girls there are in my classes."

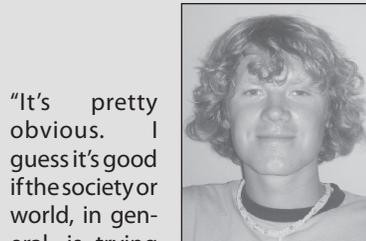


Teri Osumi
 21, Secondary Education, Pearl City

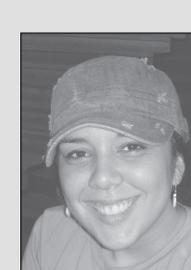


Sutti Sooampon,
 28, Economics, Thailand

"Gender ratio doesn't affect my study habits or is in any way related to how I view the school."



Cory Rickard,
 22, Economics, Washington State



Ashlee Esteban,
 21, Asian Studies, Kahalu'u

"I think that it's good that more women are going to be educated than men."

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Prostitute-free zone expanded in Chinatown

By Blaine Tolentino
Ka Leo Senior Reporter

A recommendation to create a prostitution-free zone in Chinatown went to the state legislature last Friday.

The resolution would amend City Council bill No. 65, widening the zone which City Council member Rod Tam wants expanded from River Street to A'ala Street moving it entirely through Chinatown and closer to Dole Cannery.

The Chinatown neighborhood board has initiated a "grassroots campaign against prostitution." After a 24-year-old man was killed, allegedly by a pimp, concerns

have been heightened among the Chinatown community. Over 5,000 residents live in the two-block radius where the shooting took place.

"We're just not feeling safe in our community," said Joyce Allen, a resident of Kukui plaza, in a Star Bulletin article published last Sunday.

"We the residents of Chinatown are taking back our community. War against prostitution is being declared," Tam said.

Already, the bill stipulates that the penalty for prostitution is a 30-day imprisonment or an option by the court to place the prostitute on probation for a period not to exceed

six months.

The probation would also include prohibiting the prostitute to enter the geographic restrictions of the bill from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. If probation is broken, the prostitute will face an immediate 30-day imprisonment. The new Police Chief, Boisse Correa, says he entirely supports the restriction and penalty implied by the bill.

"It affords us the opportunity to arrest people for return to the site once they've been arrested for prostitution," said Major Kevin Lima of the Honolulu Police Department's Narcotic/Vice Division. Officers may arrest prostitutes without a

warrant in lieu of probable cause.

"This is just going to relocate the prostitutes," said Kendall Rice, the art editor for Ka Lamakua who frequently attends First Friday. "It's not like they're just going to stop working."

"To begin with, I don't like prostitution," said undergraduate Amit Kalra. "Anytime you can stop it - great." Kalra said he visits Chinatown once a week at minimum, for art openings and music, but he rarely sees them closer to the pier. "I always see them right behind the Pali Longs."

"They scare them off pretty good for First Friday; I haven't seen many. But I don't know what happens for the rest of the week," said Rice.

Vaccine demand puts college in a pinch

By Ann Wlazelek
The Morning Call (Allentown, Pa.)

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Freshmen arriving on college campuses this month may be showing up without a must-have for dorm living: a vaccine against the sometimes deadly bacterial form of meningitis.

A shortage of the vaccine produced by Sanofi Pasteur of Swiftwater, Pa., has left some students scrambling to comply with a state law requiring dorm dwellers to get immunized or sign a waiver saying they understand the risks.

The shortage is a matter of timing. Sanofi can produce 6 million doses of the meningitis vaccine Menactra this year and 7 million next year. That's enough to cover the recommended age groups, according to Sanofi spokeswoman Donna Cary. But the company cannot manufacture and ship all of it in August, when she said demand is peaking.

Record numbers of incoming freshmen, like the 330 students moving into Cedar Crest College in Allentown this week, are contributing to the spike along with interest in Sanofi's newer, longer-lasting vaccine.

Menactra was approved last year and "caught on a little faster than expected," said Alice Gray, immunization director for the state Department of Health. "That's wonderful. That's a good thing, but it's caused a fear of not having the vaccine."

Last year, about 1,300 Americans contracted bacterial meningitis, a rare, sometimes deadly disease characterized by sudden high fever, intense headache and a stiff neck. About 10 percent died. In Pennsylvania last year, four residents between the ages of 18 and 25 became sickened.

"There aren't a lot of cases," Gray said, "but the cases there are ... It's a very deadly, horrible disease."

That's why the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends vaccinating about 10 million Americans at greatest risk: 2 million college freshmen, 4 million high school freshmen and 4 million 11- and 12-year-olds.

At Muhlenberg College in Allentown, about 30 students needed to sign waivers because back orders of the vaccine were not expected before October, a spokesman said. And at DeSales University in Center Valley, about 20 freshmen were waiting for the health center to replenish its stock.

To stretch scarce resources, area doctors and nurses have been sharing doses, deferring students at lower risk and using up doses of Menomune, the previous generation of meningitis vaccine made by Sanofi.

The Allentown and Bethlehem health bureaus deferred routine vaccination of 11- and 12-year-olds to accommodate college freshmen who

will be living in dorms. Studies show students living in dorms carry a higher risk of the infection and its serious complications than those living at home or in apartments.

The Allentown Health Bureau also gave some Menactra to area doctors who had run out.

"We have given more than 100 vaccinations this summer to students who could not obtain the vaccine from their primary care physicians and will continue to do so as supplies last," said Carolyn Cramsey, the bureau's immunization coordinator.

The Bethlehem Health Bureau had more than a dozen calls from families whose physicians didn't have the vaccine, said bureau nursing director Sue Madeja. "We have an adequate supply for what we do," she said.

"At this time of year, it's become more of a demand issue than a supply issue. A lot of people need the vaccine now."

Roving

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Jason Say, 21, Political Science, Nu'uuanu

"I didn't know that. It's kind of surprising. It's fine for me if guys don't want to go to school. It's all about individual choice."



Michael Berger, 32, Geography Major Philadelphia, PA

"It doesn't affect me personally, as far as my academic career goes. It's really hard to say if it's a good or bad thing without knowing what the root causes are. I'm new here at Hawai'i. I don't know the gender ratio for the people in the 18 to 24 age group or the gender ratio of applicants. I think it depends on that and also the traditional and modern views of the academic strengths of UH."

"The fact that there are more girls than guys doesn't bother me. It doesn't make me happy or anything."



Leo Kuan, Electrical Engineering major

Laundry

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my friend's [card]," said Nicholas Arakawa, a student dorming at Lehua, who needed to do his laundry for the first time after washing

his laundry through his parents.

Despite its lack of quantity, Rosk said, the laundry card does save the launderer from carrying around a bunch of change.

Once students have the card they have few problems. "It's really easy [to use]," Jennifer Blais, another student dorming at Lehua, agreed as she started a load of laundry.



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Students skank up the night

By Alyssa S. Navares
Ka Leo Features Editor

Students at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa packed the stairs and courtyard in front of Campus Center Friday night during the Welcome Back Bash.

Local bands, including Kapena, Malino, Ho'onua and Opihi Pickers, performed for the

crowd. Students danced in front of the stage, especially when Ho'onua performed.

The event started at 9 p.m. and ended at 1:45 a.m., when students slowly trickled away from Campus Center. Students also came to the bash for the cheap food. Plate lunches were just \$1.25 from Tani's Lunchwagon. Jamba Juices were \$2 off the original price.



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TOP: UH students gathered in front of Campus Center for a night of skanking and singing.

LEFT: Band members from Malino played songs from their latest album "Always Be Mine."



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Ho'onua gets the crowd hyped for the Welcome Back Bash Friday, a festivity that ended at 1:45 a.m.



Racism thrives underground

By **Blaine Tolentino**
Ka Leo Staff Writer

Racism has become covert. In the media, racism is abstract but can be seen in the way that writers present facts. Every person should know that writers choose what they present to the public. Writers aren't able to blow the whistle on racism unless someone retorts a pert derogatory term or something similar – we can't just say that different skin tone plus anger about different skin tone equals racism. Every person has a background, which can't be ignored. Even I have a bias, although I strive to write neutral news each week.

On August 14, the New York Times published an article referring to a classified "hate attack" in Queens, New York. The hate attack involved two Caucasian males and their aggression toward a group of four Asian men. The metropolitan desk, which was comprised of four writers that week, took on this article describing the facts in an interesting way.

The writers chose to state that one of the victims lived on a "richly landscaped" million-dollar piece of property. The writers also interjected the fact that the victims were in a Lexus while the attackers were in a 1998 Toyota. Anybody get the sense that there's some sort of social karma at work here?

Racism is also becoming an issue on television in terms of its awkwardly obvious acceptance of broadened thought (see: the new Survivor cast – Whites vs. Blacks vs. Latinos vs. Asians). But members of the community are still expressing their racist feelings through abstract means. It's not an all-out Ku Klux Klan meeting anymore; it's slowly becoming more covert.

Now, a friend of mine recently talked to me about being on a bus in Queens on the way back to her apartment in Hoboken, all the while being accompanied by a group of "queens." The crowd of transvestites on her bus were talking about moving to New Jersey to bail out of the city because people from the ghetto were moving on up. All of the transvestites were, in fact, fair skinned and wealthy enough to avoid looking slovenly in their garb.

And in comes the abstract racism. It was at this point that we got onto the topic of "racial tipping," which is also affectionately known as the "white flight." These terms are used to describe the racial discomfort that causes Caucasians to flee an area. In an article on DreamPioneers.org, Matthew Bloom goes into great detail about the phenomenon. In short, interracial couples and white folk are fleeing New York City to live in places that are more socially comfortable. Places like Long Island, where the property values are roughly \$2,000 less, are being called home by the upper class who don't feel comfortable in their upper-class neighborhoods anymore.

Who's to say that this won't float right over a continent and an ocean? What would happen when people from the Nānākuli, Wai'anae and Mākaha who live on homestead lands without jobs decide to get jobs and move to 'Aiea? Would Hawaii's people flee their nicely set, racially homogenous neighborhoods because the lower class started to move up?

The dynamic of Hawaii's economic living situation is very similar to that of New York. The upper class is traditionally Caucasian as well as the occupants of lush separations of land like Lanikai or the ridge off Hawaii Kai.

There's no chance that this sort of thing can be stopped. It seems as if we're back to square one, batting our eyelashes in the public eye while sharpening knives in the comfort of our own homes. You can preach the proper way of thought for years and years but internalized feelings will put that effort to little avail.

It is understood by real estate officials, according to the New York Times, that the movement of minorities into an area signifies a drop in property value. This is proving to be false as evidenced by the stable property values in places like Manhattan, where racial minorities are becoming more prominent in the social landscape of upper-class housing.

Is it possible for this to happen to Hawaii? Only time can tell.

Editorial Cartoon



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Letters to the Editor

UH student suspects discrimination

It is funny to think that discrimination would exist in Hawaii where the aloha spirit is greatly embraced among people in our community. Hawaii appeals to me as a beautiful place not only in terms of geography but also the harmony that brings a diversity of ethnic groups together. Harmony exists in each one of us and we can find it in the languages spoken, the foods we enjoy, or upon occasions while we are sitting next to each other on the same city bus.

So why am I speaking of discrimination in the Aloha State? It is an awkward situation I wish did not happen on a night I went to a bar with several friends. That night, I was asked by a Caucasian employee of the bar for my identification card. He was a tough looking guy with his goatee twisted into a skinny bunch pointing down from his chin. I presented my driver's license and he inspected it for quite a long time with his little flashlight. He asked me for a second ID with a picture and birth date on it. Huh? Who has a second ID with her/his picture and birth date besides their driver's license? I found this request annoying and asked him if he was trying to give me a hard time. However, the employee

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repeated his request. By not having a second ID with my picture and birth date, I tried to comply by showing my social security and ATM cards and asked him to look at them.

Unfortunately, the employee was a tough guy and refused to look at my cards. He told me that my driver's license looked fake and the picture didn't resemble me. This caught me by surprise because I have been to this bar often this summer and never had any problems with admission. Plus, my driver's license is authentic and anyone looking at the picture would recognize it is me. Is it because all Asians look the same to Caucasians? The bar employee told me that I was not allowed in until I fulfilled his request. I became more frustrated when I saw him letting other Caucasian people in while barely looking at their IDs. Why me? I asked to speak to his manager, but he did not let me and kept on saying "I

don't have to do this." As I continued to ask for the manager, the employee called me an "asshole." His words were very inappropriate and insulting when I had not done anything wrong. I also pulled out my UH student ID and asked him to look at it. He would not even look at it and told me repeatedly, "You are not allowed in. I am refusing service to you."

Okay, my friends, do you think I was discriminated against by a Caucasian employee of this bar? If you think I have misused the term discrimination in expressing my feelings toward the situation that night, then so be it. For me, this was not my first experience with discrimination at this bar and I often see other non-Whites treated differently. Again, I still find it funny that discrimination would exist in our community. I feel angry at the bare employee for making me feel inferior that night. I sincerely wish that none of you will experience the words "I am refusing service to you" wherever you go, especially in this beautiful land of rainbows. Aloha.

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Browsing the web with the Fox and the Lady

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There are more than 30 different Internet browsers available that can be used to surf the Web, almost all of which are free. You may have heard of the more popular ones like Mozilla Firefox and Opera 9. Both browsers work with Windows and Mac operating systems.

There is also Internet Explorer. Unfortunately, if used on a regular basis, it could be subjecting your computer to potential security risks. Since about 84 percent of Internet users use IE, hackers and malware writers primarily target it for exploits.

If you are still using IE for a Mac, you should stop, especially since it has been discontinued by Microsoft because of several unpatched, critical security risks. You should start using Safari or download a third-party browser, like Firefox.

The Foxy browser

<http://www.getfirefox.com>

This is the most popular of the third-party browsers and it's free. I highly recommend this browser, as it is packed with features that are faster and more secure than IE. This is the only browser that I use and have installed it on all the computers at work.

Look at those Foxy tabs

One of the main features of Firefox is its tabbed browsing. If several windows in IE are open to view different sites at the same time, then it



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crowds the start bar until it is full.

In Firefox, one window can hold all the Web sites in organized tabs at the top of the screen. To open a Web site in a new tab, hold down the Ctrl or control key and click the link. Also, if new to Firefox you should click on the help button at the top, and go to "For Internet Explorer Users." It explains the differences and similarities between the two browsers along with keyboard shortcuts.

Foxy features: Themes & Extensions

<https://addons.mozilla.org/firefox/>

If you don't like the standard look of Firefox, or you want more features and want to customize the way Firefox works, new themes and/or extensions can be downloaded. Themes change the way Firefox looks; there are more than 200 themes to choose from, so I'm sure that you will find something you like. For example, there is a dark theme, which puts Firefox in black, and a theme that looks like an iPod.

Extensions are software plugins that add new features and enhancements. There are more than 1,700 extensions available to download.

Some examples of extensions that I use are:

- Adblock Plus: don't like those blinking ads? Then block them.
- Download Statusbar: minimize downloads to a small bar at the bottom of the screen.
- IE Tab: if any Web sites don't work in Firefox, then this makes the Website think it is IE.
- Tab Mix Plus: adds many options, such as being able to reopen a closed tab.
- PageStyle2Tab: changes the

tab's appearance to match the Web site you are viewing.

- VideoDownloader: allows you to download videos off Web sites, such as YouTube.

Fat lady sings: Opera 9

<http://www.opera.com/>

This is another popular and free browser. It has tons of features already built into the program, unlike Firefox.

Some of the features include BitTorrent, Adblock, Tab Preview, Widgets, Notes and Tabbed Browsing. As with Firefox, this browser is more secure than IE. Opera also has themes that you can download to change the appearance of the browser. It has JavaScript extensions can be downloaded to add more features. You can find unofficial repositories at <http://userjs.org/> and <http://userscripts.org/>.

Singing woes

As with all third-party browsers, some Web sites don't work well with Opera 9 (and Firefox) because whoever made the Web site made it



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to work with only IE. As a result, the site doesn't display correctly when opened in Opera 9.

Opera has a feature that tricks the Web site into thinking that it is IE or Firefox. Nowadays many Web sites have been modernized and are compatible with third-party browsers. Opera is also known to have some small problems with Web-based e-mail such as Gmail and Yahoo! Mail.

If you have any questions about computers, hardware, software or purchase advice then please feel free to e-mail computerguy@kaleo.org with any questions.

COMICS & CROSSWORD

Coffee Talk "Smells Like Sweet Dairy Love" By Cynthia McCoy

So let's plan our trip to the North Shore, shall we?

Do they have coffee?

I don't know. They probably have a coffee shop somewhere...

We could go to Waimea Falls—that'd be fun.

Do they serve coffee there?

I don't know, probably not. Geez, you're worse about caffeine than I am.

Look, you know I only take organic brown sugar and my allergies will act up. I better stay here.

Well, that means I have to take donut, and he kinda creeps me out.

Donut packed mayonnaise and sex! Let's go princess!

Poor Boys
By Joe Navarro

'SUP POORBOY.

yo.

I WONDER WHY THEY DON'T PUT THE PERIOD AFTER "DR" ON THE "DR PEPPER" SODA BOTTLES.

MAYBE IT WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED DRINK PEPPER. BUT THEN THEY RAN OUT OF INK.

NO. BACK-FLIPPING DOGS ARE CLEVER.

I THOUGHT THAT WAS CLEVER.

NOW PLEASE LEAVE, YOU'RE ARROGANCE IS SO THICK IT'S PALPABLE AND MAKING THE ROOM STUFFY.

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YES MISTER DOUGIZ?

What did I tell you about breathing Hellum?

THAT IT IS JUST LIKE DRUGS, ALCOHOL, & THE O'REILLY FACTOR: IT KILLS BRAIN CELLS.

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Literature runs circles around UH students

By Kumari Sherreitt
Ka Leo Staff Writer

"Read for fun? Hell, no!" is the initial response that Lorna Hershinow often hears when asking students to join a literature circle.

The director of the Celebrate Reading program said she learned to appreciate books at an early age.

"When I was growing up in Johannesburg, television was banned," she said. "I read not only to entertain myself but to escape the limits of apartheid."

Celebrate Reading is a program for teenagers, sometimes led by college students willing to give their time and to use their leadership skills to better the community.

Literature circles at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa meet every Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the Kuykendall Courtyard. The circle session is led by Kenyan graduate student and novelist David Odhiambo.

Social reading circles are becoming increasingly popular in the U.S. in part because of groups such as Oprah's Book Club.

Adult circles are held in homes and bookstores across the nation, while younger readers participate in elementary school clubs.

The trend caught on for high

school and college students, and the benefits are just as rewarding, Hershinow said.

The UH book circles are a great way to prepare high school students and even college students for college, Hershinow said.

Business, social science, speech, pre-professional and any other students, staff and faculty can attend the weekly meetings at UH. The readers connect their observations of the world and topics they studied to characters and philosophers featured in the books they read.

Kyle Sheldon, an English major at UH, is the literature circle's former leader. He believes that it is essential for students to be global citizens, and one of the best and most enjoyable means is through reading.

The literature circles, he says, "are not just about likes and dislikes. Readers aim at deep analysis and putting themselves into the positions of the characters."

Members of last year's circle particularly liked the way "Kite Runner," written by Khaled Hosseini, mentions a trip to Afghanistan. Sheldon said this year, the book is guaranteed to be a compelling novel.

In addition to being a way to expand knowledge, to share ideas and to make friends, there

Campus Book Circle

Mondays, 12:30 p.m.

Kuykendall Hall Courtyard

Students can earn academic credit by leading their own book circles in the community.

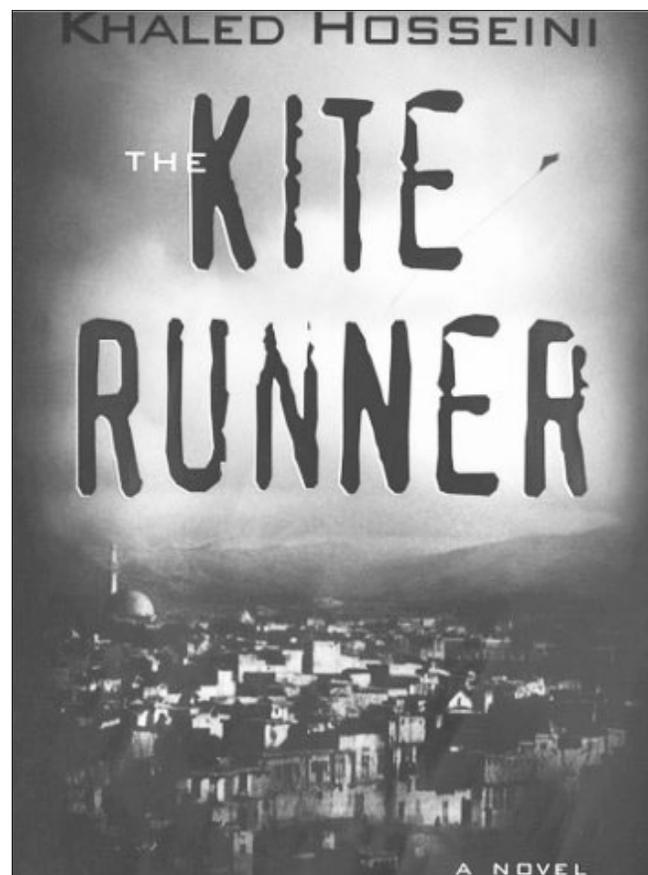
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are opportunities available for students interested in service learning.

Hershinow uses a workshop and the UH circle to train students interested in conducting their reading circles with younger, older or off-island virtual groups. Students involved in learning by serving can earn academic credit.

UH alum David Asato used his experience in service learning and book club leadership to launch a career as a director for VSA Pacific, which works to educate adults with disabilities through the arts.

To become involved in Monday's cross-curriculum literature circle or to find out how to lead your own in the community, contact Lorna Hershinow at 956-3081 or hershinow@gmail.com.



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"Kite Runner" was well-received by those who participated in last year's book circle for UH. The circle meets every Monday at Kuykendall Hall Courtyard, where students relate their personal experiences to characters or topics they have read.



News from the Western Athletic Conference

Ka Leo Sports Desk

Conference Opener

For the first time in three years, two WAC schools will open their seasons with a conference match-up. This season Nevada and Fresno State will open their seasons against each other as part of a broadcast plan with ESPN.

The last time two WAC teams opened the season with a conference game was three years ago when Nevada opened against Louisiana Tech. That game occurred because it was Nevada head coach Chris Aults' return to coaching. WAC commissioner Karl Benson said the situation is "not ideal, but it has benefits."

Going Bowling

The WAC is associated with three bowl games this season, the Hawai'i Bowl, the MPC Computers Bowl and the newly added New Mexico Bowl. The top two teams in the conference are guaranteed bowl spots. The Warriors have the luxury of being invited to the Hawai'i Bowl as long as they are bowl eligible.

In addition the Bowl Championship Series has modified its structure to allow the top 12 teams in the rankings to qualify for one of their bowls. Also if one of the guaranteed BCS conference champions is ranked lower than 16th in the BCS rankings at the end of the season, another team may replace them.

This would ensure that what happened last season with Florida State would not be repeated. The Seminoles made the BCS even though they were ranked 23rd in the BCS polls while 16th ranked TCU was not invited. Benson believes this new system will allow WAC teams to be competitive for a BCS bowl spot in the near future.

Timing Rule

There will be new changes in the way the clock is managed in NCAA football this season.

"The rules committee wants to speed up the games," Jim Blackwood

a former NFL referee said. "The first time you are going to see change is the clock start after change of possession and when the ball is kicked [on kickoffs];"

This means that after a change of possession the clock will start when the referee signals it to start. In the past the clock wouldn't start until the team snapped the ball. On kickoffs the clock wouldn't start until the returner fielded the kick, but now it will run once the kicker kicks the ball.

The two exceptions for the clock starting on the snap again are when a new quarter starts or when a team calls a legal time out.

"It could be a short lived thing after the coaches deal with it for one year," Blackwood said.

Instant Replay

After experimenting with the system last season, the WAC will implement the instant replay system this season.

"We did not participate in replay last year, but we knew that we were going to go in that direction and we prepared for it," Benson said.

The replay system is similar to the one used in the National Football League but it has some differences.

"In the NFL we are reviewing fumble recoveries. One thing not reviewable under college football is the fumble recovery," Blackwood said. "If the official rules him down, it is not a correctable replay in the college game."

"The sideline, end line and the goal line are the big keys for everything," added Blackwood. "If the runner goes down and he slips and he falls and the official doesn't pick it up that is reviewable."

The WAC will have a special instant replay referee who does not live near any of the WAC schools and is not affiliated with any member school. He will travel with the other referees and will decide which plays must stop to be reviewed. Benson said every play will be reviewed by that referee regardless of what the play is. Coaches will be allowed one challenge provided they have a time out.



DAN RICHARDS • KA LEO O HAWAII

Hawaii's Jamie Houston gets down for a dig during the Rainbow Wahine's win over Pepperdine Friday night at the Stan Sheriff Center. Houston led the team in kills with 21 on Friday and 28 on Saturday and has earned WAC player of the week honors.

Holy Houston!

UH sophomore earns WAC Player of the Week honor

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa left-side hitter Jamie Houston has been named the Western Athletic Conference Volleyball Player of the Week for the week ending on Aug. 28. It is the first WAC Player of the Week award for the season, and the first time Houston has received the honor.

The sophomore led the Rainbow Wahine to two wins over No. 19 Pepperdine. She was the team-leader in kills both nights, posting 21 on Friday and a career-high 28 on Saturday. Houston also had 19 and 13 digs, respectively, to collect two double-doubles. She ended the week with 49 kills, 32 digs and seven blocks.



Houston

Hawai'i won two thrilling matches against Pepperdine in five games. It's the first time the Rainbow Wahine started the year with two five-gamers since 1978.

Hawai'i returns to action this weekend for the Hawaiian Airlines Wahine Volleyball Classic on Sept. 1, 2 and 3. UH starts with a match versus No. 5 Florida at 7 p.m. on Sept. 1. They will then face Colorado and No. 10 UCLA the next two nights.

Fall Semester Intramurals 2006

Every semester the intramural sports program provides a variety of sporting events for students interested in participating. To sign up, head to the intramural sports office, room 200, P.E./Athletics complex next to gymnasium two. Upcoming events and their registration dates are listed below.

Activity	Reg. Begins	Reg. Ends	Managers Meeting	Start Date
Basketball (5'9 and under, over 5'9)	Aug. 21	Aug. 30	*Aug. 31 (4pm)	Sept. 5
Free Throw Contest	Sept. 5	Sept. 15	None	Sept. 18
3-Point-Shootout	Sept. 5	Sept. 15	None	Sept. 18
Tennis (Singles)	Sept. 11	Sept. 20	None	Sept. 21
Golf	Sept. 25	Oct. 4	None	Oct. 5
Volleyball (Men, Women, Coed)	Oct. 2	Oct. 11	*Oct. 12 (4m)	Oct. 16
Table Tennis (Singles, Doubles)	Oct. 9	Oct. 18	None	Oct. 19