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Some say youth votes have the potential to make an impact in the upcoming presidential election if candidates would focus more on youth concerns.

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Youth vote potential untapped

By Candice Novak
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Hawai'i's youth voting numbers were the lowest in the nation in the last presidential election with only 22 percent of registered voters attending the polls.

Now, with a slight bump in registration, experts say young voters — who made up about one-sixth of the voters in the last presidential election — may tip this years' all-but-certain razor-thin voting margin between Sen. John Kerry, a Democrat, and President Bush, a Republican.

But reports show the potential for young voters' to impact this coming election might go neglected.

Recent studies are seeing a cycle of traditional non-voting youth that in turn discourages candidates to address youth voter's concerns in their campaigns.

The result: young voters spend less attention to the campaigns.

Hawai'i's voter registration count increased this year by 2,629 according to the Office of Elections, and youth votes have risen from the relatively small percentage of the past decade.

In a Pew Research Center poll released late last month, 58 percent of young Americans surveyed said they were registered to vote, the highest percentage since 1992.

A USA Today article said that the current generation is more plugged-in, tuned-in and engaged than former youth. Youth voters are the least partisan of all demographic groups, according to an MTV Choose or Lose poll in which the majority of youths identified themselves as independent.

"Young people have an extraordinary ability to make an enormous impact in any election because their numbers are so great," said Kansas Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh in an interview with Knight Ridder Tribune. Based on the trends he is seeing, Thornburg said the average turnout of young voters could easily double in this election.

According to a Harvard University poll this spring, 62 percent of college undergraduates plan to go to the polls on Nov. 2, up from 50 percent in 2000. But a Newsweek poll showed that the majority of youth voters are undecided, based on the Kerry-Bush poll swing over a 6-month span.

Most young voters are thinking about college affordability, Iraq, health care and entry-level jobs, according to Thornburgh.

Not since the 1960s have young people been so caught up in the urgency to vote, said Thornburgh, who has been working for 20 years to encourage youth voting. Pop culture icons are helping, he said, with their endorsements, Web sites and T-shirts promoting voting.

A more extreme attempt to stimulate the youth vote is Votergasm.com, which is asking for people to pledge to have sex with voters on election night. Over 3,000 had pledged before the primaries, according to its Web site.

Both Kerry and Bush agree on some of the topics that concern young voters, making it hard for them to single out a candidate. Recent polls showed support for gay marriage among those under 30 years old ranges from 43 to 61 percent. Bush and Kerry both oppose same-sex marriage, as they harked on religious reasons during the presidential debates.

Both campaigns have demonstrated some effort to attract young voters. Bush's 22-year-old twins have joined their father on the campaign trail. Kerry's daughters appeared at the Democratic National Convention in Boston while Kerry has given interviews to MTV and Rolling Stone Magazine and made a one-week college tour in April.

Attempting to make voting a musical, fun and sexy thing to do, nonpartisan efforts — like the New Voters Project, Rock the Vote, Declare Yourself, WWE Smackdown Your Vote and Hip-Hop Summit Action Network — have spent almost $40 million promoting the cause. Even Sean "P. Diddy" Combs got out to play up voting as fun and youthful.

Even though youth voters may have the potential to sway or even decide the election, there is a fraction of caprisciousness among registered youth.

The poll funded by the Pew Charitable Trust, a nonpartisan nonprofit based in Philadelphia, found that a quarter of voters 18 to 29 said they might change their minds before November. In contrast, only 8 percent of voters over 65 said changing their mind was an option.

Pre-election polls have worried presidential hopefuls into concentrating on a select few swing states, making it hard to capture the attention of youth voters.

If presidential candidates spent more time paying attention to youth concerns, experts say, they could swing votes their way.

In this post-Sept.11, still-recovering economy, young adults are struggling to find jobs in a nation with unemployment rates for those aged 23 and under, doubling that of older Americans. When Kerry spoke of raising minimum wage, he said it would help young mothers provide more for their families, and Bush seemed to favor the upper-class with tax-breaks.

Also unmentioned in the presidential campaigns are the young casualties in Iraq , half of which are under 24, and college graduates' growing debt — most graduating with an average of $18,900 of debt. According to USA today, neither candidate has spoken of a credible plan to tackle the $7 trillion federal deficit.

News Briefs

Early votes advised

Those voting through absentee ballots for the Nov. 2 election are encouraged to apply early to ensure that there is enough time for the ballot to reach the Clerk's Office by 6 p.m. on Election Day.

The deadline to apply for absentee mail ballots is Oct. 26.

"Waiting until the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot gives very little turn around time for ballots to be mailed to the voter and returned for counting by Nov. 2," said City Clerk Denise De Costa.

This year absentee ballots are being mailed first class in order to improve the reliability and timeliness of applications and ballot mailings.

For the Primary Election, elections staff processed over 47,000 absentee mail ballots.

For more information contact the City and County of Honolulu, Office of the City Clerk at 523-4352.

Slam on campus

A slam poetry contest and Halloween costume contest will be held Friday, Oct. 29 at noon in Campus Center when Vote or Lose hosts its last event before the Nov. 2 election.

Slam poets are invited to present pieces on election themes such as "I believe," and "What makes a leader." There will also be an open mic open to audience members.

A Halloween costume contest will also be held with prizes in categories such as: most patriotic, most insurgent, most politically correct, most Democratic, most Republican and most undecided.

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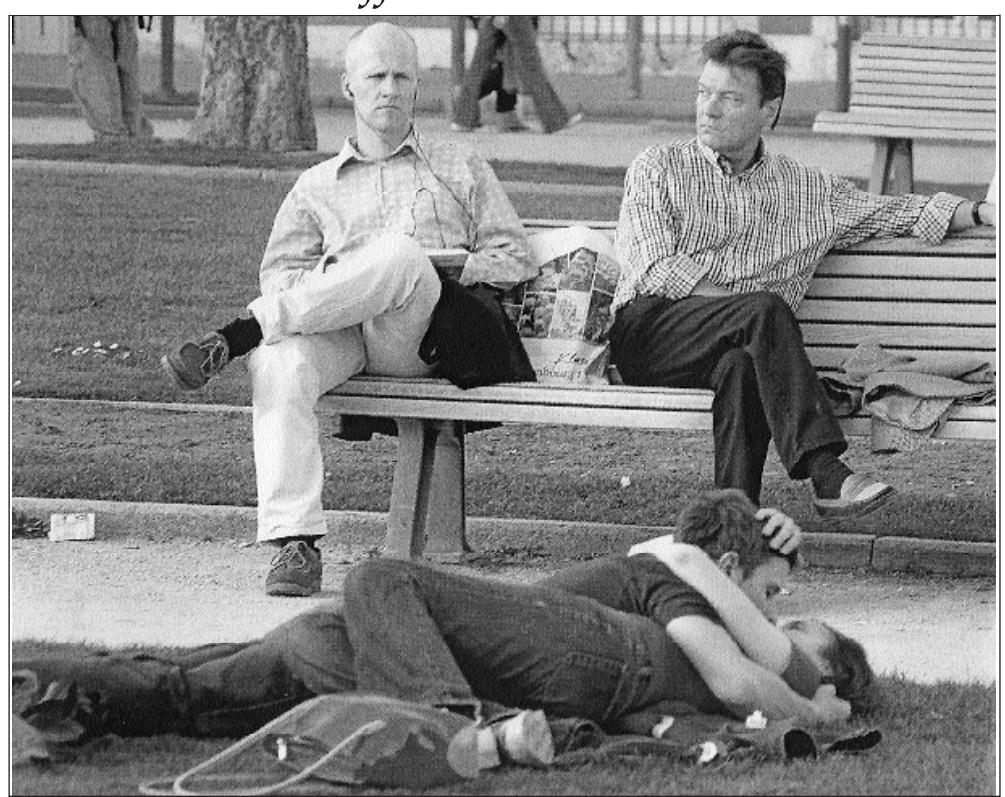
Affection abroad



Two students display their affections in Schlossplatz, a public park in Stuttgart, Germany, home of the car manufacturers DaimlerChrysler AG and Porsche.

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K23 Orchestra drops rhymes with meaning

Matt Ishitani
Ka Leo Contributing Writer

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Alfred Howard and the K23 Orchestra recently released their fourth album, "Kudra." The K23 Orchestra combines spoken word poetry with funk and hip-hop.

San Diego-based Alfred Howard and the K23 Orchestra is the answer to our generation that no one has heard of. With jam sessions so undeniably cheery and a spoken-word poet to rival Saul Williams and decimate Ja Rule, who could ignore such talent?

Alfred Howard easily defeats every Eminem or 50 Cent to flash diamonds this year. His voice flows quick and strong, with room for his awesome band to catch up.

The major idea here: Howard's lyrics have meaning, something missing from most hip-hop today. Through the group's latest album "Kudra," Howard verbally devastates the corruption that President Bush, Fox News, bad parents and MTV have brought to this country, all before track eight.

"Kudra" is the K23 Orchestra's fourth album, but most of their music has been showcased on tour around the country. Howard became a spoken-word poet after he graduated from Boston College and traveled the country on a journey of self discovery.

On his travels, Howard wrote the book, "The Serpentine Highway," a compilation of poetry and observations as an African-American youth. This book of poetry soon became his debut album of the same name.

Most of "Kudra" is comprised of shortened sessions of his usual performances, jam-packed with the loudest funk music since Hendrix. "Shadows and Light" opens the album with a bang. The track introduces Howard and his influences.

My favorite is track four, "Change." It's everything that I want from hip-hop. The album reaches its peak at "Divided Time III" with the loudest jam session, bringing the coolness level from awesome to classic. As soon as the song breaks 2:44, there's an awesome musical break. "Immerse your soul in love!/ Immerse your soul in love!" The only bad part about the album is that it doesn't end with that awesome track.

There's a bonus track on "Kudra" called "America." Howard felt obligated to make one last track because some conservative "d-b" had threatened him about his views on the President. I don't like this track as much as the other spoken-word sessions like "Disneyland History."

"America" is reminiscent of when James Brown embedded that lame anti-drug ad into one of his terrible late albums. It's also kind of redundant with another track "All Praise Due" already expressing Howard's love for his homeland and culture.

Buying this CD would take a while, sadly. You'd probably get it cheaper by downloading at a dollar per track from the official Web site: www.alhowardk23.com/home%20page.htm. You can also buy the album on www.cdbaby.com/cd/k23.

"Kudra" still gets four stars by marks of talent and awesomeness. So, when you're down about choosing between an idiot and a Botox injection, listen to this album.

Puffy says: "Vote or Die." Listen to someone with more talent. Alfred Howard for President! Peace out!

Track nine, "Fire in Mind": "The world will entice us/ With both virtues and vices/ Invite us to crisis/ But we plan to soar high/ Like electricity prices/ So when they ask who's the nicest/ Know my lyrics are priceless."

ASUH president strikes a balance

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"It's a good feeling seeing people work together," ASUH President Mel Hayashi cited as one of the best things about his position. Hayashi is double majoring in management information systems and international business.

Double major pushes for student advocacy

By Sabrina Favors
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In a small office behind a paper-covered desk sits 22-year-old Mel Hayashi, president of the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

In between a double major in management information systems and international business, marching band and a part-time job as a micro-computer analyst at the law school, the fifth-year student from Hilo still makes time for his duties as ASUH president.

As president of ASUH, Hayashi is expected to be chairperson on general and executive meetings of the senate, as well as act as the connection between administration and undergraduate students.

He is a spokesman to whom the administration looks for an idea of student needs. Students also look to Hayashi to get a feel for the needs and requirements of the administration.

Hayashi said he was concerned with dealing with the administration part of his position. He wasn't too confident about public relations, but said he knew he was strong in building teams, restructuring the organization (amending some of the senate rules) and administrating events.

According to Hayashi, there have been no big clashes among contrasting personalities, which he said is a problem that tends to come up every year.

"(There were) huge upheavals the first few weeks of the term," Hayashi explained. "It (has) been chaos ever since (Dobelle's firing), but maybe (ASUH was) coming out better than it went in by ... weathering the storm."

Hayashi said that working with people is a good part of his job. "It's a good feeling seeing people work together," he said.

When Hayashi first got involved with ASUH, he did not know much about it. Hayashi lost his first election. He campaigned as a senator for the College of Arts and Sciences and did not get it. However, he filled another seat after a special election for the empty positions. He then sat as vice chair for the academic affairs committee in January 2002. Finally, at the end of last year, he decided to run for president.

Hayashi knows that like in his experience, many freshmen do not know much about ASUH. He said he believes they need to get the word out about ASUH and maintain a healthy relationship with other organizations.

"ASUH is first and foremost a student advocacy group," Hayashi said, explaining that ASUH must work within university rules, which in turn work within state laws. However, it is the smaller details which hold importance for him.

Despite ASUH being a challenge, Hayashi has made new friends, not just colleagues and co-workers. In his free time, which is usually found only on Saturdays when there are no athletic events, Hayashi enjoys tendo (a traditional Japanese martial art), bowling, watching movies and reading fantasy novels.

Next on ASUH's list is this year's homecoming event, which will be a collaboration between ASUH, athletics and the alumni association.

"It'll be the biggest homecoming event ever," Hayashi said.

Rights of Passage

'Legal drinking age' a Prohibition for the 21st century

By Catherine Tsaur
Ka Leo Staff Columnist

"Lead me not into temptation; I can find the way myself." — Rita Mae Brown

As most UH students can tell you, alcohol consumption is a common activity on or around campus. The weekends and holidays are the busiest times for bars and nightclubs in the Honolulu area. An individual's 21st birthday is usually a night they'll never forget ... if they can remember any of it.

In the United States the legal drinking age is established at 21. There are a few exceptions in which this is not the case, such as "Possession or custody of liquor by a minor in a connection with the minor's authorized participation in religious ceremonies requiring the possession or custody" from #281-102 of the Hawai'i Revised Statues. This seemingly completely arbitrary age of 21 was established 20 years ago in 1984.

The United States has the highest legal drinking age in the entire world. Most of the world's countries allow its citizens to legally drink alcohol at the age of 18. The Puritan attitude toward alcohol is what really holds the nation's minimum drinking age hostage.

Dr. Ruth Clifford Engs of Indiana University has publicly supported lowering the legal drinking age to 18 or 19. She feels that the reason why many young people engage in "binge drinking" is much like what happened during Prohibition in the 1920s.

"Prohibition tended to destroy moderation and instead promoted great excess and abusive drinking," Engs said, "People tended to gulp alcohol in large quantities on those occasions when they could obtain it. The notorious speakeasies didn't exist before prohibition, when people could drink legally and leisurely. What we currently have is age-specific prohibition and young people are forced to create their own "speakeasies" in dorm rooms and other secret locations where they, too, must gulp their alcohol in the absence of moderating social control."

Many of her renowned colleagues feel that a lowered drinking age coupled with safe drinking education is the key to lowering the dangers of alcohol on our college campuses. The world's leading anthropologist of drinking, Dr. Dwight B. Heath of Brown University advises parents to "teach safe drinking to their college-bound high school teens," rather then deny the existence of alcohol consumption among college students.

The truth is that it is unreasonable to expect college students of 18-20 years old not to mingle with students over the age of 21. And it is unreasonable to assume that the minors will abstain from alcohol use when it is offered or provided for them by their friends of legal age.

"The simple fact is this: at the age of 18, American citizens ... can vote, marry, adopt children, have abortions, enter into legally binding contracts ... but they can't have a sip of champagne at their wedding."

Consider that at the age of 12 a child can obtain a hunting license and aim a deadly weapon at a live target, but a rational 18-year-old can't be trusted with a beer. The simple fact is this: at the age of 18, American citizens are legal adults. They can vote, marry, adopt children, have abortions, enter into legally binding contracts, take out a loan from a financial institution, own and operate a business, give legal consent for sexual intercourse, purchase or perform in pornography, fly airplanes, serve in public office and on juries.

And of course they can serve in the United States armed forces. They can be shipped off to Iraq and shoot and kill other human beings and die to protect their country's freedom, but they can't have a sip of champagne at their wedding.

I know that I am not the only person who feels that the minimum drinking age of 21 is a law that is out of touch with the realities of the 21st century. If we, those who are most affected by this law, want to see things change then we as an untapped group of voters should contact our local and national politicians and make our voices heard.

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Letter to the Editor

Gambling, voting, playing the odds

Recently, Governor Arnold 'Conan' Schwarzenegger worked with legislation that would require a sign to be affixed to every electronic slot machine detailing the odds the user faces when gambling with the machine.

Diebold, a major manufacturer of electronic voting machines, markets a successful line of cash counting machinery to the gambling industry. The connections between the manufacturers of touch screen gambling machines and touch screen voting machines cross paths in manufacturing, sales and distribution.

Our state governments are dependent upon gambling income, and I think it would be appropriate to put a sign on all electronic voting machines detailing the odds the voter faces when voting with the machine.

Even money that your vote will get counted at all.

Black Democrats in some states may not be allowed to vote at all.

White Republicans in some states may receive an automatic return of 1 to 2 — each vote cast counts as two.

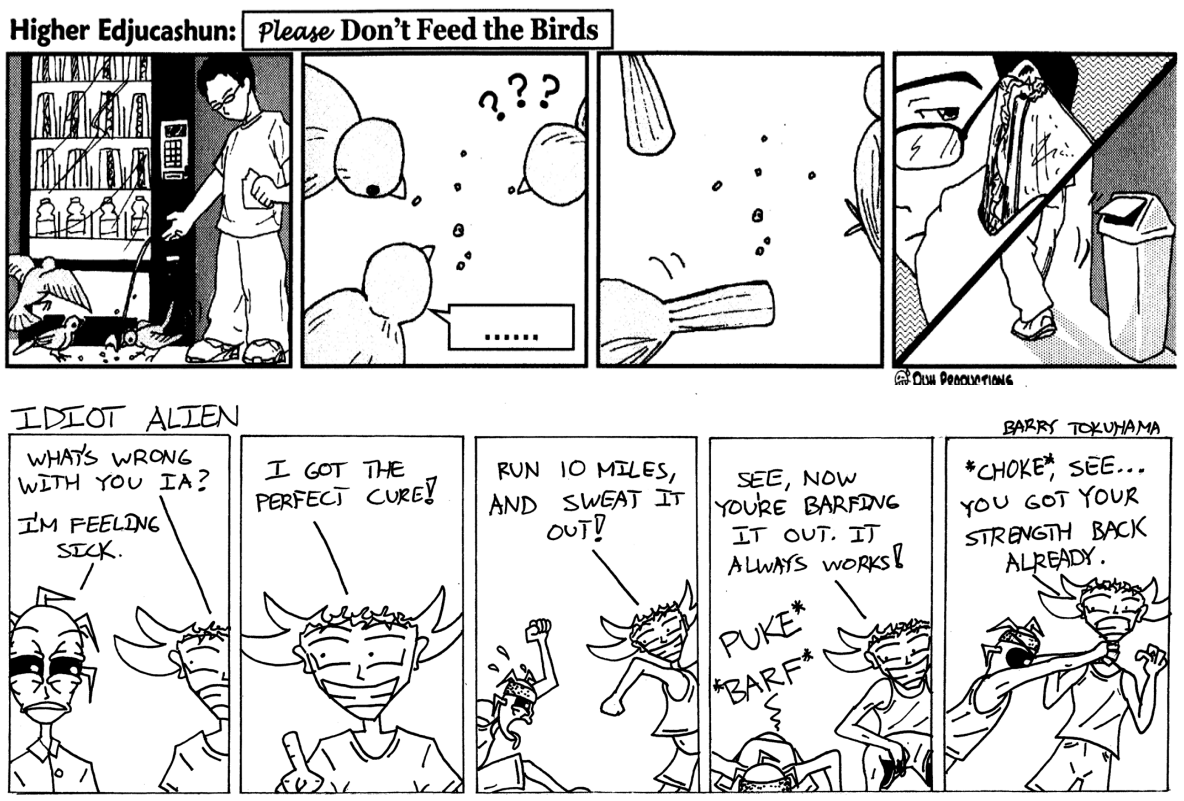
There is a 50 percent chance that the votes may be 'flipped' and the loser becomes the winner in a photo-finish.

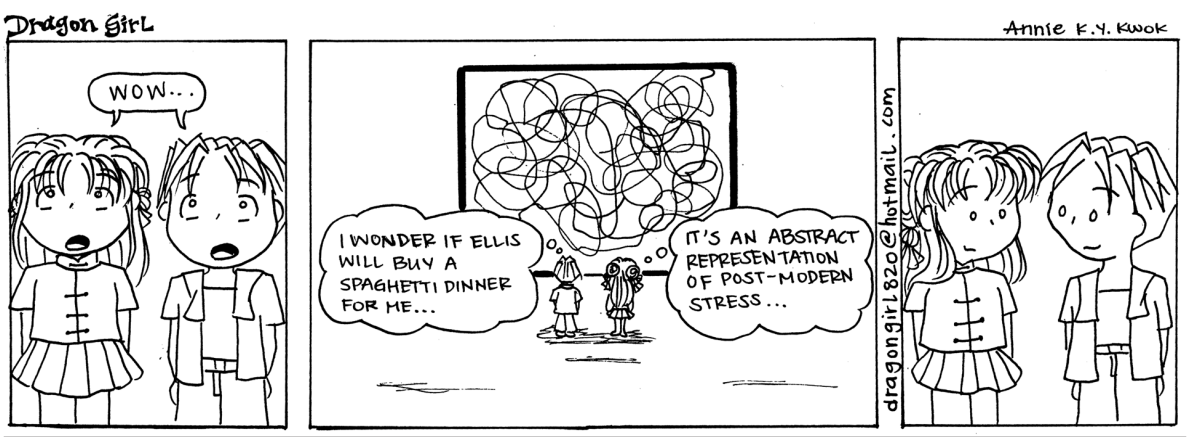
Finally, a statement could be appended as to the fact that no paper trail of the vote will be made and that proof of each act of voting in the election will not be provided by the government because the machines belong to them, they make the laws and if you don't like it, why don't you go live somewhere else?

Perhaps comps for frequent voters could be provided as well.

It is my opinion that we are now seeing the final result of allowing state governments to depend upon gambling as a source of revenue.

Alfred Brock
Canton, MI





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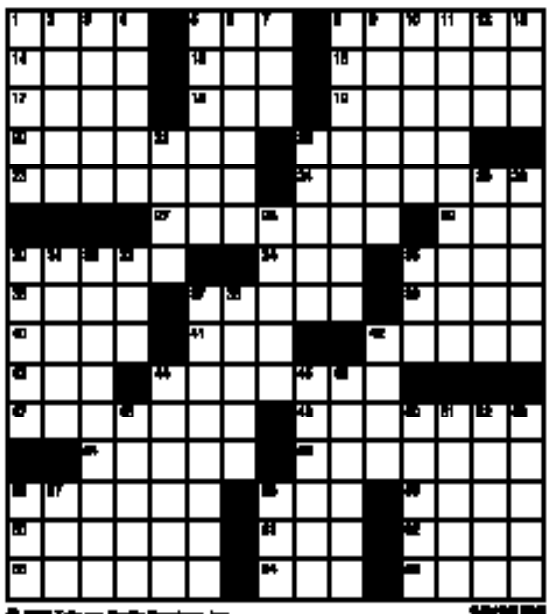

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Used car: get your money's worth

Body paint, leaks need special attention

By Justin Sumida
Ka Leo Staff Writer

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Classified ads for used cars can be misleading. Some key points to check for when shopping for a used car include an absence of major rust, even paint, good shocks, matching tires, and an absence of major body damage.

Monthly payments on a new car are hundreds of dollars. So, for poor college students looking for a vehicle, a used car is one of the few choices available.

Wether you are planning on spending $13,000 or $200, you want to be sure that you get your money's worth. And one of the best ways to do that is to perform a check on the car.

No used car is perfect and there are no guarantees, but hopefully this guide will help you find the used vehicle of your dreams.

Look in any classified section and you'll see claims of "mint condition," "excellent" or "like new!" Such ads can be misleading because there is no objective standard of judgment.

For example, an advertisement for an early model Pontiac Grand Am I saw stated "excellent condition!" but a thorough inspection of the vehicle turned up severe bubbling rust on the front door and bad brakes, among other problems.

Whether you find a car through the classifieds, word of mouth, or a used car lot, one of the first things you want to check out is the body of the car. Check for any obvious body damage. Making cosmetic bodywork repairs can cost between $200 and $2,000.

You should also check for signs of rust. Rust will spread and eat away at a car's body and frame. It is extremely costly and time-consuming to have it repaired. It has a tendency to form on the bottom of doors, around front and rear windows, inside wheel wells, and along the trunk, frame and roof of the car. A small speck on the surface is nothing to be too concerned about, but look for anything that is bubbling or brown.

Accidents can leave dents and other blemishes on a car. It can show up in "rippled" or blotched paint, poor bodywork and an overall poor look to the car's finish.

The paint should be even all around in appearance, color and shine. Any sudden change in color indicates a paint job was done. Although that's not a bad thing for an older car, it may indicate collision damage on newer cars.

While inspecting the paint, be sure to open and close the hood, trunk/hatch and all the doors to be sure that they operate properly.

All gaps (spaces between doors, fenders, hoods, etc.) should be even. Uneven gaps may indicate a replaced panel, which in turn could indicate the vehicle was involved in a major accident. However, some cars, such as Saturn vehicles and the Pontiac Fiero, use plastic polymer side panels, and gap clearance is not always perfect even when new.

With the body inspected, lean on the front then back of the car and push down. A car with good shocks should return to its normal height after just one bounce. A car that sways and continues to hop needs new shocks or other suspension components. It's a fairly common thing on older, higher-mileage cars, but it's a sign of abuse on newer, low- mileage cars.

Tires are an excellent indicator of actual mileage on newer cars. If the car has about 10,000 miles but the tires are completely bald, inspect the car more carefully and question the owner.

Tire wear should be even across the entire tire and there should be no severe gouges or rips. The tires should be the same type and brand on opposing wheels. If there is a Firestone on the front left side, the front right tire should be a Firestone as well.

Although you want all four tires to be the same brand and type, it's OK to have one brand in the front and another in the back. All tires should, however, be the same size unless the car was made to have that kind of configuration.

One of the last things you must check for is any sign of fluid leakage.

A light brown to dark blackish fluid where the car is usually parked indicates an oil leak. Green or red fluid indicates a coolant leak. There should be no coolant leaking. The cooling system in an automobile is a sealed system under pressure. A leak reduces the pressure and can lead to severe problems such as overheating.

Transmission fluid is red and should not be seen dripping on the ground either. Transmission fluid can be differentiated from red coolant because of its oily and smooth physical characteristics. Although transmission fluid may be present due to a loose bolt or worn gasket, it could also be an indication of bigger problems, which may include automatic transmission slippage, damaged internal components and eventual transmission failure.

After you finish checking the exterior of your used car, you'll be ready to move to the interior and engine. Check Ka Leo's pages for part two, when we examine things like mildew odors, odometer fraud, blue smoke and oily exhaust pipes.

Send your car questions to kaleocars@hotmail.com

Corrections

• State Sen. Les Ihara and Rep. Galen Fox will speak about their "Clean Campaign Project" Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. in Saunders Hall 704. An article yesterday gave an incorrect date for the event.

• Yesterday's article, "Residents say curfew cuts freedom," omitted that the student housing curfew is no longer in place. It was effective for the weekends of Sept. 17 and Sept. 24.

• The University of Hawai'i at Manoa Health Services is providing flu vaccinations for $12. A headline that ran yesterday contained wrong information. Ka Leo regrets the errors.

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SPORTS

Soccer sends off seniors with win

By Kevin Suzuki
Ka Leo Staff Writer

This past weekend, the University of Hawai'i women's soccer team defeated conference foes Nevada-Reno, 3-2, in overtime, and Boise State, 1-0, on senior night, the last regular season home game, played at the Waipi'o Peninsula Soccer Stadium.

Hawai'i improved its record to 11-4-2 overall. The weekend victories put them at 4-2 in the Western Athletic Conference and almost assures them a slot in the WAC Tournament, which they will be hosting this year.

UH junior forward Natasha Kai scored two goals against the Wolf Pack, including a game-winning goal four minutes into overtime. Kai's first goal was scored in the 57th minute on a penalty kick shot into the top-right corner of the goal.

Freshman forward Koren Takeyama, who was celebrating her 19th birthday, scored in the 65th minute with an assist from Gabrielle Bohlman.

UH barely edged sophomore midfielder Naomi Hernandez's two goal performance for Nevada in the Wolf Pack's search to gain its first conference victory.

On Sunday, senior forward Robyn deHay's lone goal was good enough to earn a win in front of 2,151 enthusiastic soccer fans.

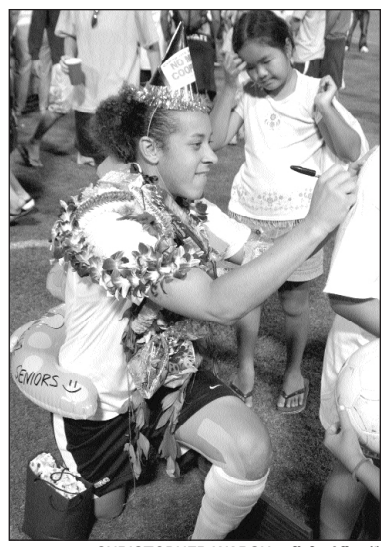
UH handed Boise its first conference loss of the season putting the Broncos at 9-5-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the WAC.

After the victory, Hawai'i recognized the 11 seniors on the team, minus Natalie Groenewoud and Kimi Tiampo, who are both redshirting.

Although it was the last regular season home game for the 'Bows, they could be back in a couple of weeks, as the WAC Tournament will be hosted by the Wahine from Nov. 4 through 6.

This year's tournament could be extremely competitive as five of the top six possible leaders in the WAC have current overall win percentages above 60 percent.

The Wahine will leave on Wednesday for their final road trip of the season to finish up conference play at Fresno State on Friday and San Jose State on Sunday, finally ending regular season play at non-conference foe San Francisco.



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ABOVE: Senior defender Liz Lusk signs autographs after the game.
BELOW: Rainbow soccer seniors pose during Senior Night festivities.

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UH senior midfielder Joelle Sugai, right, and Boise State's Allison Tsuchida get tangled while battling for possesion of the ball in Sunday's final home game.

SportsBriefs

Arnott snags honor; UH stays put

Ka Leo Staff

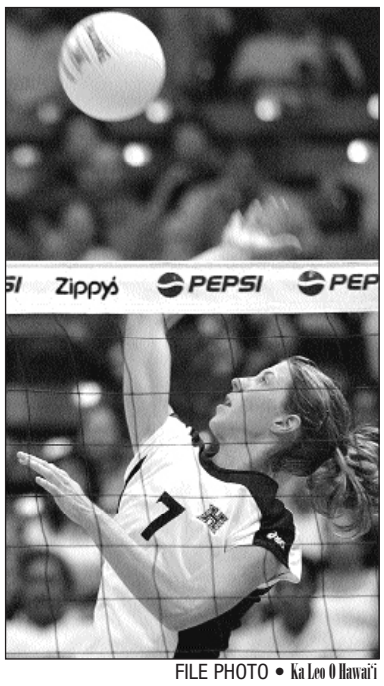
Rainbow Wahine left side hitter Alicia Arnott was named the Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week yesterday.

The 6-foot sophomore put down a career-high 30 kills while hitting .463 in No. 3 Hawai'i's four-game win at Southern Methodist on Saturday. In the Wahine's two road games last week, Arnott averaged 6.14 kills per game and 3.71 digs.

It is the first such honor for Arnott, and the third conference player of the week award for a Rainbow Wahine player this season.

Also released yesterday was the latest USA Today/CSTV Top 25 Coaches Poll. There were no changes in the top six spots, with Washington retaining its place atop the list, followed by Minnesota and Hawai'i.

The 'Bows return home this week for a pair of matches on Thursday and Friday. They first take on WAC Eastern Division leader Rice. The Owls are undefeated in conference play and are just one spot out of the Top 25.



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Alicia Arnott earned WAC player of the week honors after putting down 30 kills while hitting .463 at SMU. She became the first 'Bow to have 30 kills and hit over .450 in 15 years.

UHAA to host homecoming rally

To celebrate homecoming, the University of Hawai'i Alumni Association will host a pep rally at the Gordon Biersch Restaurant at Aloha Tower Marketplace tomorrow from 5 to 8 p.m.

In attendance will be Warrior football head coach June Jones and UH Athletics Director Herman Frazier. The celebration is open to all UH alumni, fans and other supporters.

Tickets are $15 ($10 for UHAA members) and include pupu, soft drinks and prize giveaways. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations toll-free at 1-877-UH-ALUMS (84-25867) or e-mail alumnews@hawaii.edu.

USD and NAU to join WAC swimming and diving

The Western Athletic Conference will have two new affiliates in swimming and diving this season with the addition of the University of San Diego and Northern Arizona.

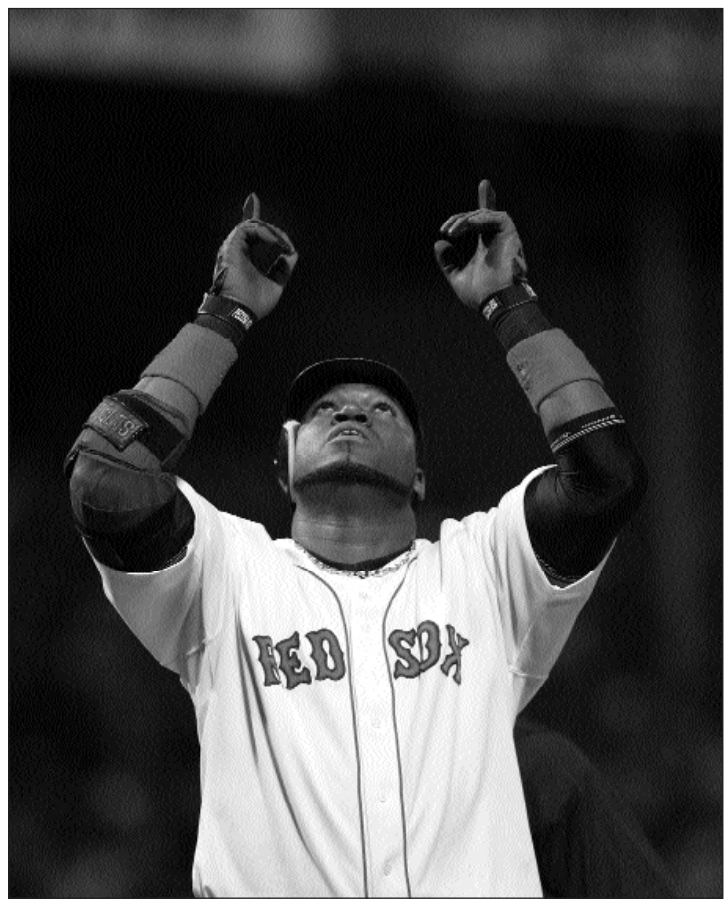
San Diego is a member of the West Coast Conference, with its swimming and diving team competing separately in the Pacific Collegiate Swimming Conference. The Toreros captured their conference championship three times, including back-to-back titles in 2000 and 2001. USD also holds six records in 20 events at the PCSC Championships, all accomplished under head coach Mike Keeler.

Northern Arizona is currently a member of the Big Sky Conference, but its swimming and diving team competed in the National Independent Conference, the same league as the University of Hawai'i men's swimming and diving team.

The Lumberjacks placed second four times in the NIC Championships, and head coach Andy Johns was named the 2003-2004 NIC Coach of the Year. Sophomore Blair Buder was also named Female Diver of the Year.

The 2004-05 WAC Championships will be held in San Antonio Feb. 23-26, 2005. The WAC returns to the Alamo City for its fifth consecutive year.

It ain't over till it's over



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For the second-straight night the ALCS went into extra innings yesterday, this one lasting till the 14th.

Boston took the win on a two-out single hit by Red Sox slugger David Ortiz (pictured above), scoring Johnny Damon to take Game 5 at Fenway Park. With the Yankees leading the series 3-2, Boston forced a sixth game at Yankee Stadium today at 2 p.m. Hawai'i Standard Time.

The game will start Curt Schilling for Boston and Jon Lieber for New York.

In the NLCS yesterday, Houston Astros Jeff Kent hit a walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth to take Game 5 3-0. The Astros lead the best-of-seven series 3-2 over heavy favorite St. Louis.