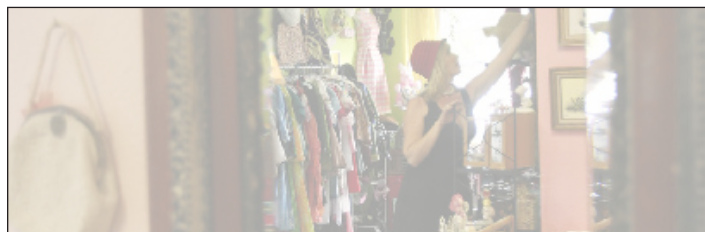


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## ACLU, student group team up against drug law

**By Lizeth Cazares**  
*The California Aggie (UC-Davis)*

(U-WIRE) DAVIS, Calif. – The Students for Sensible Drug Policy, a national student-interest organization, has partnered with the American Civil Liberties Union to attempt to stop a law that denies students with drug offenses the possibility of attaining financial aid.

The U.S. Congress' Higher Education Act provision, passed in 1998, has blocked nearly 200,000 students who have had a drug conviction from obtaining financial aid. Since its creation, the Students for Sensible Drug Policy have worked for its removal, claiming that the provision is "unfair" and "unconstitutional."

According to Kris Krane, executive director of SSDP, the provision is unconstitutional since it violates the nation's Double Jeopardy law, which states that an individual cannot be punished twice for the same crime.

"Students are already suffering the consequences through probation, fines, criminal record and punishment through their own schools," Krane said.

He noted that he feels the law is unfair since there are no laws that deny students of financial aid for crimes, including acts of violence, other than drug offenses. He added that since students from high-income families typically don't receive financial aid, the pro-

vision would only affect low and middle-income students.

"They should be allowed to stay in school so they can become productive, tax-paying members of society," Krane said. "If they drop out, it's more likely they'll live in the streets and become drug addicts."

Currently the ACLU has filed a lawsuit on behalf of SSDP against the Department of Education and has named Secretary Margaret Spelling in the suit to retract the provision.

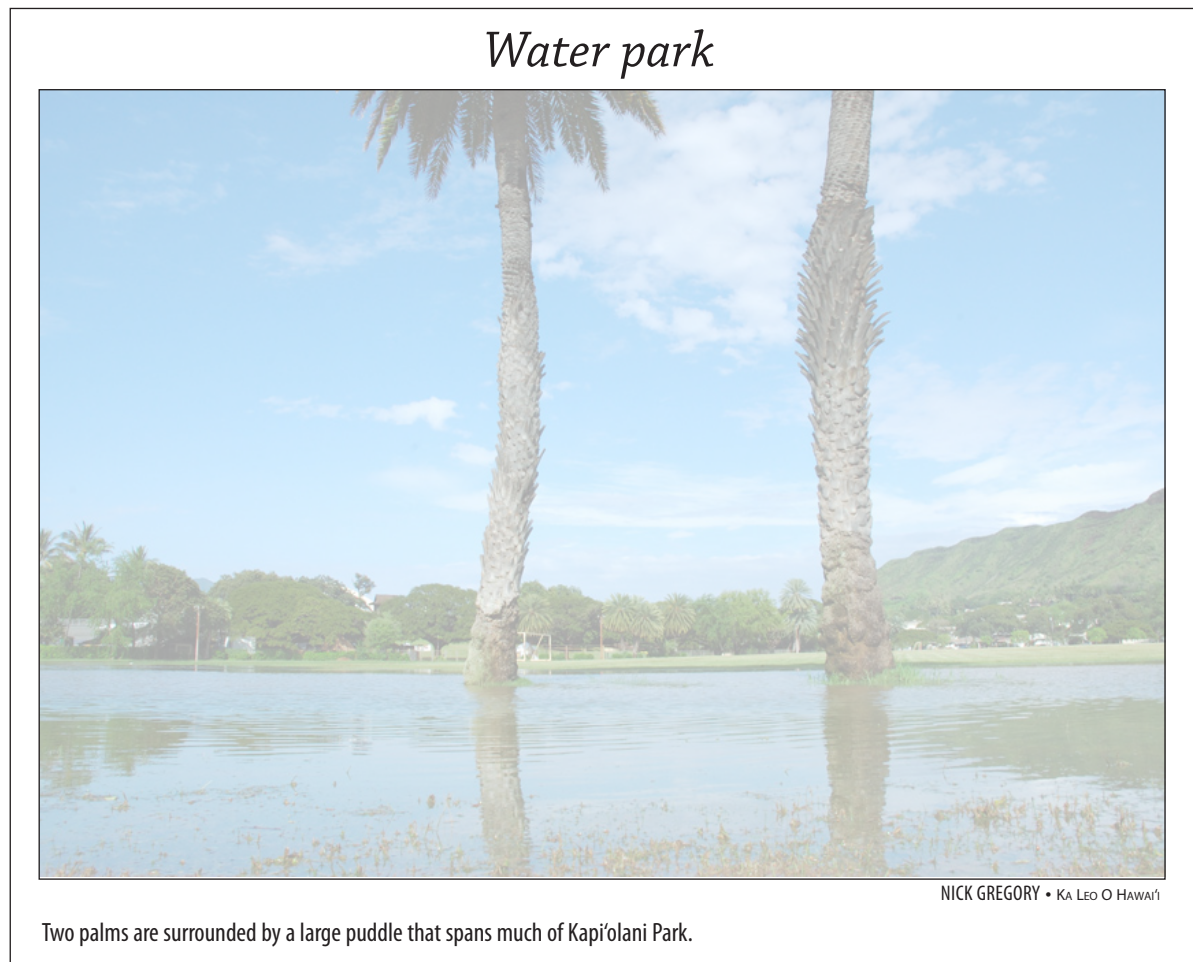
"This will be a fairly drawn-out process, but we will continue to fight this as long as it takes," Krane said.

Valerie Smith, spokesperson for the Department of Education, said the institution is upholding this law because the entity feels it promotes a healthy lifestyle.

"The department supports the Congress decision to reduce drug use and protect the health of its students," she said.

She also stated that those currently affected by the provision regain their eligibility for aid through several ways. Those whose crime was possession of narcotics regain it after one year, or two years if the crime was for selling. Students can also regain their chance at financial aid if they attend a government-approved rehabilitation program.

Smith added that there is an amendment passed by Congress, effective as of July 2006, which states that this stipulation will only



Two palms are surrounded by a large puddle that spans much of Kapi'olani Park.

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affect students who are currently receiving financial aid.

"This is an act by the government in the continuing in creating common sense policy," Smith said.

Amber Pickren, University of California-Davis senior, said she

feels the provision is too harsh.

"This could mean the difference if a student gets any education," she said. "I think that education should be available to anyone, no matter what their past is."

She said she thinks the worst

part of the law is that a student can be convicted before their college career has started and she agrees with the new amendments to it.

"That's a walk in the right direction," Pickren said. "Better than the current law."

## NewsBriefs

**Hūlili highlights Native Hawaiian issues**

Hūlili: Multidisciplinary Research on Hawaiian Well-Being, a research journal that focuses on Native Hawaiian issues such as education, economics, health, sociology and culture, is looking for papers to include in its third volume.

"Recent years have been a pivotal time for Native Hawaiian," stated a press release. "As Hawaiian issues gain momentum locally and nationally, one thing is clear: The Hawaiian voice matters, and that voice is growing."

Papers for Volume 3 will be accepted until April 24. For more information on manuscript guidelines, go to [www.ksbe.edu/pase](http://www.ksbe.edu/pase).

**Scholarships available from UHM sorority**

Beta Beta Gamma, a sorority at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, is offering scholarships of \$750 to full-time female students attending UHM in fall 2006.

The scholarships require applicants to join the sorority and participate in Beta Beta Gamma's activities, and offer the opportunity to renew the scholarship the

next semester. Immediate family members and directors of the BBG Foundation are not eligible.

Interested students can call the BBG Foundation office at 732-0522 for the applications, or visit [www2.hawaii.edu/~bbg/index.html](http://www2.hawaii.edu/~bbg/index.html). The deadline to submit applications is April 22.

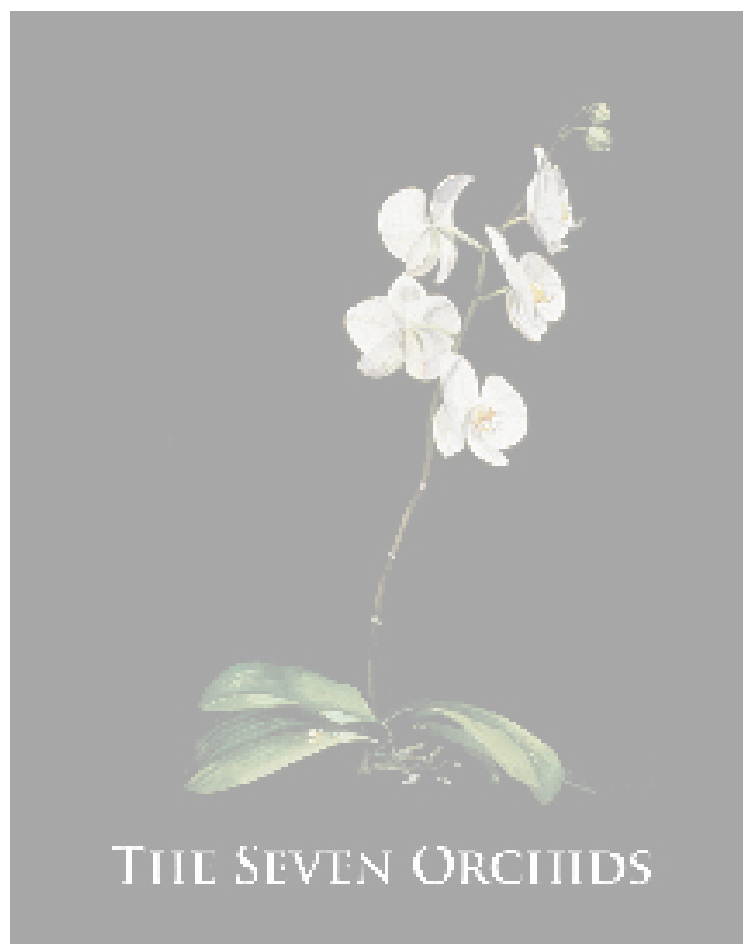
**English professor reads from latest book release**

Ian MacMillan, an English professor at UHM, will read from his latest book, "The Seven Orchids," published by Bamboo Ridge Press. MacMillan teaches fiction and creative writing at the university, and has published six novels and four short story collections.

"The Seven Orchids" is MacMillan's first book published by Bamboo Ridge Press, as well as the first time Bamboo Ridge Press has published a novel.

Tonight at 7:30 p.m., following a 7 p.m. reception, MacMillan will read from his novel at the Hawai'i Institute of Geophysics Auditorium. The reading is free and open to the public.

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## Economy performs decently

**By Dustin Gardiner**  
*Daily Utah Chronicle (U. Utah)*

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY – A top Bush administration official said concern over the rising national deficit is misguided.

Randal Quarles, undersecretary of domestic finance for the treasury, spoke on Tax cuts, the deficit and the economy, to a full audience in the Hinckley Institute of Politics on Friday.

He used a number of figures to suggest that the current deficit is manageable and does not have any negative economic consequences.

Quarles pointed to the rate of economic growth as an indicator that the economy is performing well despite the current deficit.

The U.S. gross domestic product grew 3.5 percent last year, which is very strong when compared with the GDP growth of other developed countries, he said.

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## Events Calendar

Compiled by Alice Kim

### Free events

**"CEOs and Corporate Genealogies: From Jim Dole to Jack Welch,"** a Brown Bag Biography lecture, will take place tomorrow from noon to 1:15 p.m. at Henke Hall, room 325. Purnima Bose, a cultural studies director at Indiana University and Laura Lyons, a UHM English professor, will present this lecture. For more information, call Craig Howes at 956-3774 or e-mail [biograph@hawaii.edu](mailto:biograph@hawaii.edu).

**"Venturing into the Unknown: A Cross-cultural Search for Travellers' Food Supplies and Scurvy,"** a China Research seminar, will take place tomorrow from noon to 1:15 p.m. at Moore Hall, room 319. Mathieu Torck of Ghent University in Belgium will present this seminar. For more information, call Daniel Tschudi at 956-8891 or e-mail him at [dtschudi@hawaii.edu](mailto:dtschudi@hawaii.edu).

**"The New Wellness Revolution,"** a presentation, will take place tomorrow from noon to 1 p.m. at Campus Center, room 308. Dr. Kenneth Howayeck will speak on wellness topics including: why the U.S. population is overweight, health care, trends of fitness clubs, vitamins and natural foods, among other topics. To sign up to attend the presentation, call Career Services at 956-8136 or go to the Career Services office at the Queen Lili'uokalani building, room 212F.

**"Intangible Heritage, Tangible Databases, Visible Debates: The Sawau Project,"** an anthropology colloquium, will take place tomorrow from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Crawford Hall, room 115. Guido Carlo Pigliasco will present this colloquium. For more information, call Denise Wandasani at 956-7153 or e-mail [wandasani@hawaii.edu](mailto:wandasani@hawaii.edu).

**"Essence and Emptiness,"** a philosophy department colloquium, will take place on Friday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Sakamaki Hall, room D308. Roy W. Perrett, Professor of Philosophy, will present this colloquium. For more information, call Jackie Young at 956-8649 or e-mail [philo@hawaii.edu](mailto:philo@hawaii.edu).

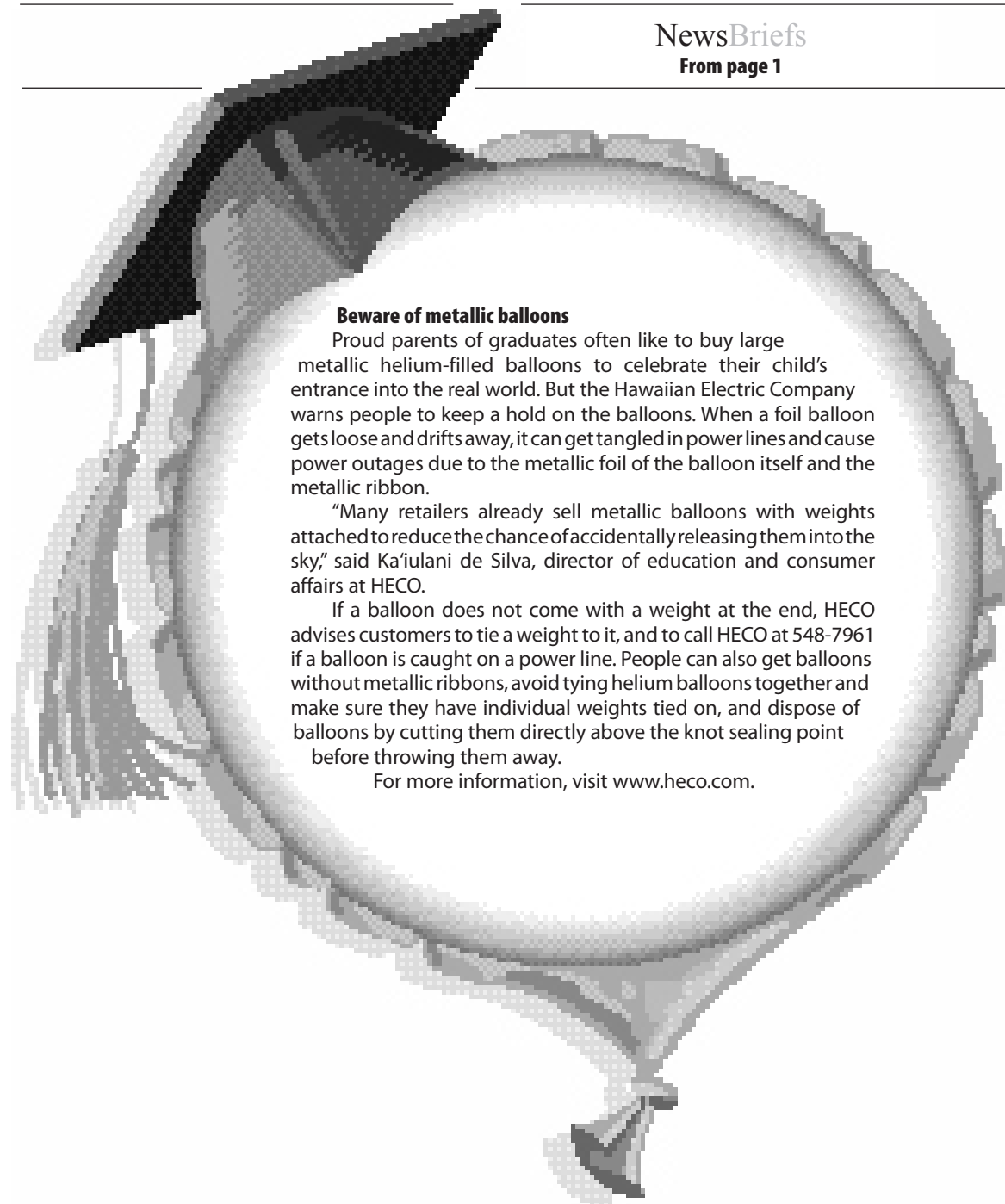
**Raku firing** will take place on Friday from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Hemenway Hall, room 101. Students can glaze pottery for \$1. For more information, call Darrick Tanigawa or Laine Malson at 956-4491.

Student can create their own **glass art** for \$1 by using different cuts of glass and layers on Friday from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Hemenway Hall, room 101. The glass arts can result in coasters, paper weights, etc. For more information, call Laine Malson at 956-4491.

**"King Kong"** will be shown Friday at 7:30 p.m. and again immediately afterward at the Campus Center Forum. Popcorn, Subway sandwiches and drinks will be on sale. For more information, call Christina Waller at 956-4491.

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### Beware of metallic balloons

Proud parents of graduates often like to buy large metallic helium-filled balloons to celebrate their child's entrance into the real world. But the Hawaiian Electric Company warns people to keep a hold on the balloons. When a foil balloon gets loose and drifts away, it can get tangled in power lines and cause power outages due to the metallic foil of the balloon itself and the metallic ribbon.

"Many retailers already sell metallic balloons with weights attached to reduce the chance of accidentally releasing them into the sky," said Ka'iulani de Silva, director of education and consumer affairs at HECO.

If a balloon does not come with a weight at the end, HECO advises customers to tie a weight to it, and to call HECO at 548-7961 if a balloon is caught on a power line. People can also get balloons without metallic ribbons, avoid tying helium balloons together and make sure they have individual weights tied on, and dispose of balloons by cutting them directly above the knot sealing point before throwing them away.

For more information, visit [www.heco.com](http://www.heco.com).

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Quarles said that increases in average income and productivity, as well as a decrease in the unemployment rate, contribute to the painting of a positive picture.

He said that critics too often ignore positive figures such as these.

"Our economic debate has come to take these outcomes for granted and to focus instead on what are sometimes technical questions of domestic and international finance," Quarles said.

What are these technical questions?

Quarles said that critics believe that U.S. economic growth has been generated at the cost of our long-term financial health and that the deficit is already impeding economic growth.

Quarles tried to discredit these criticisms by comparing the defi-

cit to past presidencies and other nations.

He said that the government net debt is about 46 percent of our GDP, which is almost a third less than the 66 percent average for the rest of the Group of Eight countries, which includes: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, Russia and United States.

Quarles compared the Bush administration deficit with that of the Clinton administration. He said that the deficit acquired during the Bush administration is a smaller percentage of the overall GDP than Clinton's.

Quarles blamed opponents of the Republican Party for trying to exploit the deficit to gain political capital on other issues, such as the Iraq war.

"For some, particularly in Washington, raising alarms about our ability to finance our policy decisions is a way of avoiding a direct and

unbiased discussion of those policy issues themselves," he said.

He urged that every issue be examined on its own terms rather than in terms of the deficit. For instance, he said that his party's efforts to slash spending for social welfare programs has more to do with its ideas about the role and scope of government than concerns over the deficit.

Nathan Hatch, a graduate student in economics, said he doesn't buy everything that Quarles had to say.

"He's probably sent on his tour to show the rosy picture and dodge the problems," he said. "I agree that the economy is overall fairly strong, but I think to say that the problems we have are not economic questions and are merely financial questions is a great understatement."

Hatch said he is concerned about funding cuts to education -- something he sees as a good long-term economic investment.

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# Store takes shoppers back in time with vintage wear

By Laura Jenkins

*Ka Leo Staff Writer*

Wandering through the endless eras of party dresses, handbags, hats, jewelry, scarves, luggage cases and vintage records brings reminiscence to Ella Fitzgerald's pre-show dressing room, or perhaps the depths of Marilyn Monroe's closet. But this jazzy ensemble fills Catherine's Closet, the new vintage boutique in Mānoa.

Vintage clothing, accessories and antiques from all over the world and from every time period can be found at Catherine's Closet. Its authentic plethora of holdings epitomizes the classic taste of its jazz singer owner, Catherine Fong. The methodically eclectic Soho-esque loft is filled with antiques and clothing items ranging from the 1920s to the 1980s. Vintage lovers can find everything from dated fabrics, costume jewelry, shoes, hat boxes and furniture to old, vintage records and barware.

Having been a jazz singer for 15 years, Fong was inspired to develop a fashion store taste that's well-suited to her craft.

"When I was putting it all together, I was imagining a place where Marilyn Monroe would come or Frank Sinatra, those kind of guys," Fong said. "Ella Fitzgerald was my real inspiration. She had so many amazing dresses."

Such inspirations are evident in the array of women's dresses lining the racks, ranging from 1940s house-dresses and aprons to 1960s party gowns and jackets. Many items in the boutique also originate from different countries, as Fong collected many pieces while traveling.

"When I would go to these places like Paris, Spain, Austria, Switzerland and Japan, I would look for the local



flea markets and just get things every place I went," Fong said.

Fong also adds that many of the clothing items in the store change weekly, as new shipments are brought into the store from abroad, enticing shoppers to return regularly.

"I am always receiving shipments from other countries, so there is always something new in the store to buy," Fong said.

Although Fong draws inspiration from her experiences, her love for vintage collecting started at a young age.

"When I was really little, my grandpa would give me fifty cents to go to garage sales," Fong recalled. "[Collecting vintage] started very young and never stopped."

After years of collecting, Fong's ornate vintage compilation quickly became a small business.

"It accumulated in the closet. Friends would come to my closet to get something really cool and different for parties and for gifts for their friends," Fong said. "I had to put it all in the guest room and I realized that I

had a store. It just sort of happened."

In addition to its diversity, Catherine's Closet is one of the few places to feature authentic vintage items at reasonable prices. This is especially appealing to students, many of whom love vintage but cannot afford designer prices often associated with real vintage clothing.

"To me, the appeal is kitschy and eclectic and I want my prices to be reasonable so everyone can get something unique and interesting," Fong said. "I keep all of my dresses between \$20 and \$30, and with items in here for as low as \$1, you should be able to find something."

Additionally, Fong offers vintage parties where customers who prefer to shop with friends in an intimate setting can reserve the boutique to shop privately while receiving a profit for themselves and a discount for their friends.

"One could actually come to the shop with up to ten friends for a vintage party here. Everyone can try on



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**TOP:** Catherine Fong, owner of Catherine's Closet vintage store, is reflected through a mirror originally purchased at a garage sale. Items in the store are part of a 20 year collection from her travels to places such as West Germany and Las Vegas.

**TOP LEFT:** A collection of jewelry from West Germany are on display in Catherine's Closet. The collection ranges from earrings to brooches.

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# Depleted uranium inhumane weapon

By Cora Puliatch

Ka Leo Staff Writer

On Jan. 6, a Honolulu Advertiser article explained that Zapata Engineering, the contractor responsible for preparing the range near Schofield Barracks for the Stryker brigade, sent an e-mail in September to Ronald Borne of the Army disclosing the presence of depleted uranium that needs more funding for the clean-up of the area's unexploded ordnance and scrap metal.

While DU munitions are apparently no longer being used in Hawaii, United Press International reported on Feb. 20 that the Army recently invested an additional \$38 million in DU munitions. This means that the issue of the poorly-investigated weapon's effects on civilians and our troops will certainly continue and intensify.

In the meantime, Hawaii, and every state of our nation, need to fund and enact mandatory testing of returning veterans not only for exposure to DU, but also for exposure to toxic DU derivatives. Here's why.

According to <http://www.noduhawaii.com>, created by Karen Chun, a mechanical engineer with expertise in nuclear engineering, depleted uranium is a waste product of nuclear power production. So far, weaponry is the only significant use we have found for the over one million tons of DU waste stored in the United States. Depleted uranium is an appealing munitions material because it is 1.7 times heavier than lead, allowing it to pierce targets easily, and it ignites at a mere 338 degrees Fahrenheit, making it an easily-activated airborne incinerator.

Burning DU particles behave like a poison gas and pass through the blood lung barrier when inhaled. They are picked up by white blood cells and then stored in various tissues of the body, making DU contamination difficult if not impossible to detect by urine sampling.

The unknown – and likely highly toxic – effects of DU by products such as oxides necessitate

funding for research that explores the effects of DU in addition to and beyond the study of radiation and heavy metal poisoning.

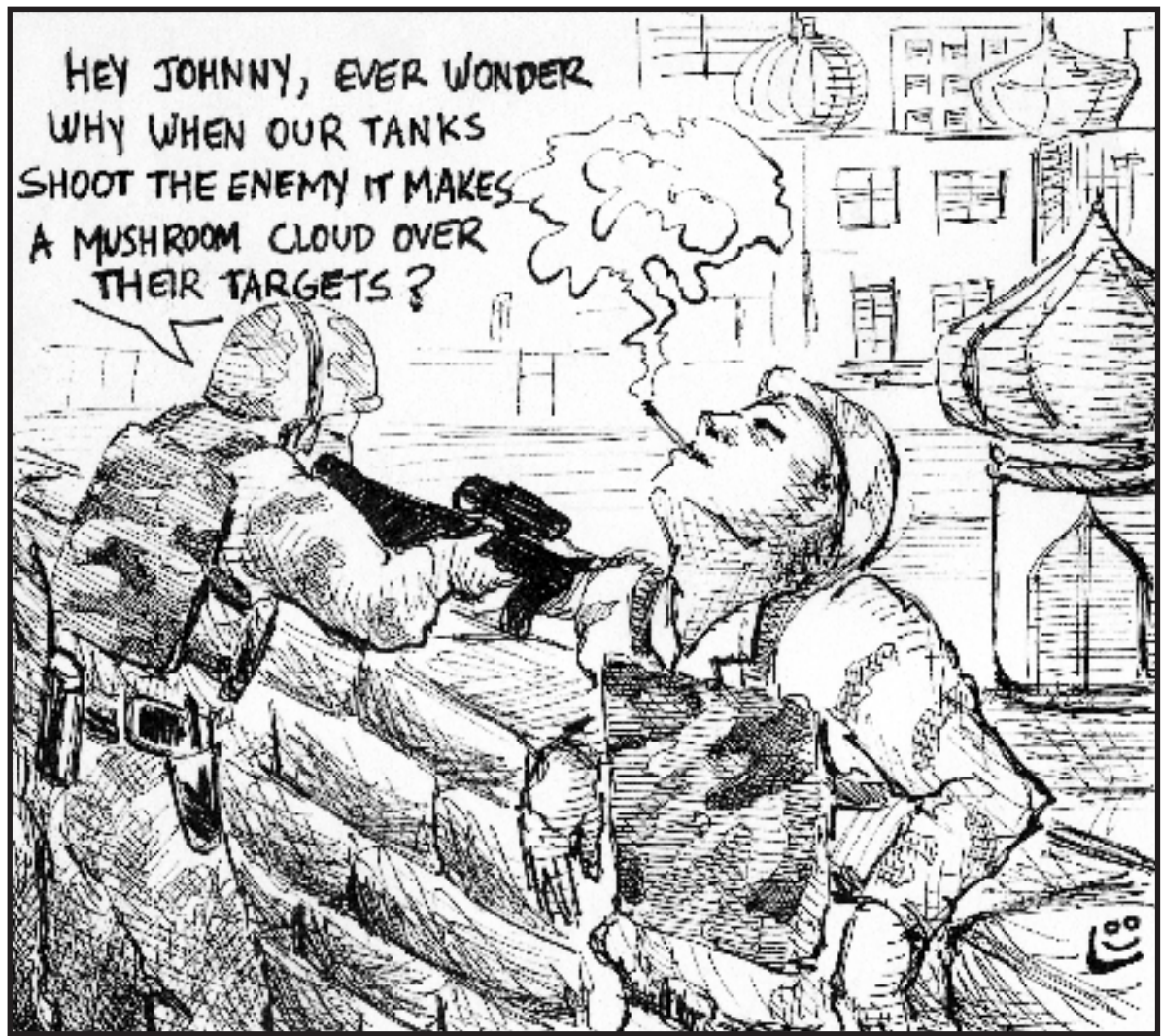
Troops do not need to be firing DU weapons to be exposed, although combat individuals are generally at the highest risk. Because DU particles and products are airborne and carried on the wind, non-combat troops and civilians are also vulnerable to exposure, and there is evidence that the side effects of this weapon have almost certainly affected the lives of many.

DU was first used in the Gulf War, and its effects are remarkably similar to symptoms of the mysterious Gulf War Syndrome, which affects 1-in-3 veterans of that war. The Sunday Times reported on Feb. 19 that doctors in Iraq described a sharp rise in cancer cases after the Gulf War, and The Olympian explained on Mar. 15 that in the Balkans of Europe, increased cancer rates followed the use of DU munitions in the 1990s.

The United States General Accounting Office said in its Report to Congressional Requesters entitled Gulf War Illnesses that "depleted uranium is a low-level radioactive heavy metal." The radioactive alpha particles emitted by DU are not harmful outside the body due to their inability to penetrate the skin, but they are devastating to our more delicate internal tissues. When inhaled, alpha particles are proven to cause cancer and other illnesses. Because DU is a heavy, metal-like lead, it causes heavy metal poisoning when ingested and it contaminates land, water and air.

With these issues in mind, it is not difficult to understand why DU is classified as an illegal weapon under existing United Nation humanitarian warfare law, for reasons beyond the damage it is causing to our own troops.

According to humanitarian lawyer Karen Parker, J.D. and others, DU fails all four weapons rules based on UN humanitarian law: First, airborne DU and its toxic products cannot be contained in the war zone, which



Cartoon by Léo Azambuja

results in harm to illegal targets, otherwise known as civilians. Second, DU's effects cannot be stopped when the war ends and the airborne and earthbound particles remain harmful for billions of years. Third, DU is classified as inhumane because it damages lives through cancer, birth defects and multi-generational genetic mutations. Fourth, the use of DU damages the environment unduly, resulting in contamination that lasts for lifetimes.

With civilian families and their descendants endangered in the Middle East, and especially with our own family, friends and 'āina at risk, it is clear that depleted uranium deserves

our serious attention.

Connecticut and Louisiana have passed legislation and eighteen other states are hearing legislation this year to provide DU testing for returning veterans. It is time that we follow suit.

To steer our state and nation toward research of and mandatory testing for DU exposure, we need to tell our representatives how important this is to our community. Resolutions are currently progressing in our state legislature, and although resolutions lack the force of law, they are important steps toward informing the public and our elected officials.

We must call our representatives

and tell them that we want DU exposure research and testing funded by the state. We need to inform our representatives on Capitol Hill that we care about the damages DU is doing to civilians and to our troops, and that the United States must stop using DU munitions and further research the weapons' effects. Only with our efforts will our representatives know the significance of DU in our lives.

To learn more about the DU controversy and for representative contact information, visit <http://www.noduhawaii.com>. The World Health Organization's view on DU may be found at [http://www.who.int/ionizing\\_radiation/env/du/en](http://www.who.int/ionizing_radiation/env/du/en).

# President Bush is flawed, his ratings show it

By Amanda Belcher

The BG News

(Bowling Green State U.)

(U-WIRE) BOWLING GREEN, Ohio — Please someone wake me from this nightmare that is George W. Bush's presidency.

The person who is capable of so much has done so little right in the eyes of the American people. The person who has the power to change the world for the better has already caused so much death and destruction.

According to CBS News, only

34 percent of the nation approves of how President Bush is doing, and only 18 percent have a favorable view of Vice President Dick Cheney.

Between the war, social security, unemployment, Hurricane Katrina and many other unflattering issues, Bush has built himself quite a reputation. To think, the man the American people supposedly thought was the best man for the job turned out to be worse than all of those before him, except for his dad and Richard Nixon.

Perhaps it's that the Electoral College is a sham and isn't electing who we want to represent us.

Well, that may be true, considering he lost in 2000 and still managed to win the presidency.

Maybe it's telling us a two-party system doesn't work, and no matter what, whoever takes on the responsibility of president has 50 percent of the nation against him or her. I don't believe that.

It could be telling us campaigns aren't working and that they cause candidates to make promises they never plan on keeping, shielding us from a truly informed choice.

I've got it!

It's that democracy as a whole

isn't working, and instead of electing someone who will represent us, we are electing dictators who will do as they please.

Calm down, I'm not a communist.

What I would like to know is, how can a person who promotes democracy around the world as the only means to a productive and prosperous country, operate outside democracy himself?

"You know, I know people make a big deal out of these things. If I worried about polls I would be — I wouldn't be doing my job. And I fully understand that when you do hard things

it creates consternation at times. And you know, I've been up in the polls, and I've been down in the polls. You know, it's just part of life," ABC News reported George Bush saying.

Pollsters such as Gallup are obvious representations of the people. They are unbiased, bipartisan entities that poll everything and everyone. This shows they're a true representation of the people.

Polls should be the most useful tool for a president and any other elected official. Polls

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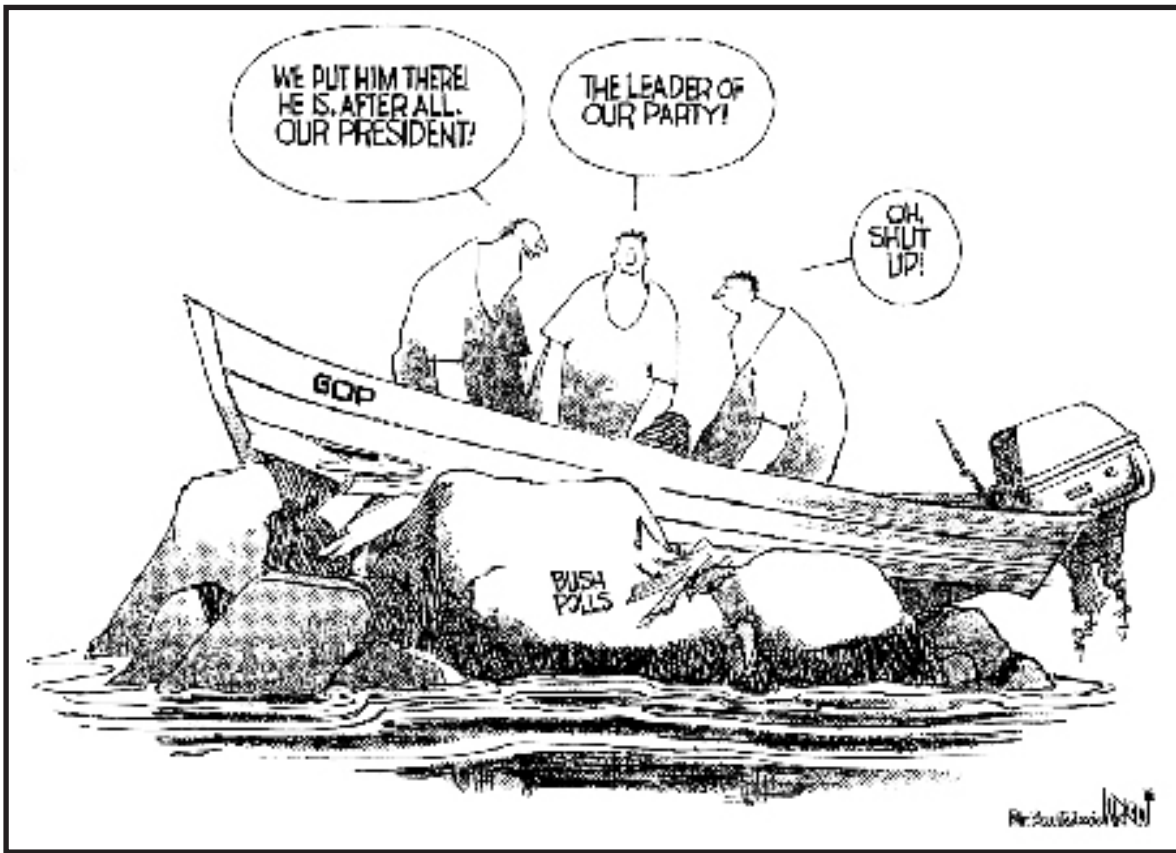
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shouldn't be used simply as a means to get re-elected.

A president who ignores polls and says if he were to pay them attention, he "wouldn't be doing [his] job" is distressing. It opens the door to crass decisions motivated by personal bias and agenda.

Thirty-two percent of the people approve of how Bush has responded to Hurricane Katrina.

Thirty percent approve of how he's handling the war in Iraq, yet noth-

ing has changed and it's still going on.

Forty-three percent approve of how he's handling the war on terror.

Why have we elected a man that even campaigned on the fact that he makes decisions quickly and follows through without delay? It's understandable that we need a leader who will make decisions, but we should be embracing a leader who makes the decisions for us, not for himself. A leader who doesn't ignore our concerns and pays attention to the majority view, not the minority agenda.

Bush is failing. He's taken his role as a free-for-all. He's successfully

completed his agenda, ignoring the American people. He's ignored our cries to end the war on Iraq after it began on still-unclear reasoning. He has racked up an astonishing deficit of more than \$8 trillion.

According to NPR, Bush has put us into the highest debt percentage since 1955, when we were paying off war bonds. He hasn't even responded adequately in times of crisis. A congressional report on Hurricane Katrina found that the response to it was a "failure of leadership."

You hired him, maybe it's time to fire him.

Positions available for Summer and Fall 06

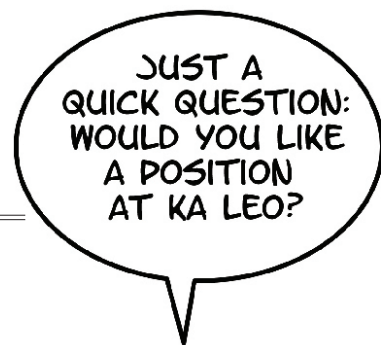
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By Matt Ishitani

Ka Leo Staff Writer

With the astonishing success of the video game adaptation of "The Warriors," interactive media publications have been searching for cult favorites. None would have guessed that Electronic Arts would have the audacity to buy into the most powerful crime drama franchise of all time.

"The Godfather," adapted into video game format, doesn't want to tarnish the reputation of the original. Rather, its aim is to involve an unknown character in various loose ends that were relatively implied or played anonymously, keeping players as unknowing associates as the tale unfolds. This game is destined to spark love-hate relationships with die-hard fans of the "Godfather" films.

The lack of jumping and swimming hurt the game the most, as it is set in New York, with five immersive terri-

ories: Little Italy, Brooklyn, New Jersey, Hell's Kitchen and Midtown. You can't climb; you can't jump off the Brooklyn Bridge; you're limited to the streets and barriers. Imagine the lack of this ability in "Grand Theft Auto" — pretty lame.

The shooting system might actually surpass those in other strictly third-person games. Players can hide behind boxes and walls and return fire with ease. The only problem with this shooting system is that switching targets is a hassle without a button to trigger the switch. Thus, when enemies surround your character and all fire at once, you're too busy shooting one person to escape.

The real gem of the game play is the extortion system. You can plow through a crew of thugs and muscle a deal out of a business owner. Outfitted with an indication meter, the player is allowed to smash up the store and its customers until a reasonable arrangement can be offered. This also works

for bribery, as the player can turn down the heat by paying off cops. Depending on the number of businesses you extort, you gain respect that can be turned into upgrades for your character's statistics. For example: if you use those points for your "street wisdom," businesses will be more inclined to join the Corleones. Taking over businesses is the most addictive element of the game, but there are consequences for overindulging.

This leads to the feature I found beautiful. A vendetta meter judges how much damage the player is allowed to expend upon a family's forces before waging an all-out Mob War. A Mob War catapults the player into an extremely difficult state, usually between the guns of a rival mob and your own mafia. There are two ways to end the war: bribe the FBI or bomb an establishment owned by the rival gang.

Lastly, the side-tracking missions allow you to do various terrorist exer-

cises to advance your reputation. You can conduct assassinations for Tessio, with the borderline-grotesque likeness of Abe Vigoda; blow bank vaults and subdue bank security; and hold up shipping trucks protected by rival gangs. These missions are for point-deficient players who lean more heavily to the crime half of organized crime. Though fun, these missions aren't as addictive as the extortion system.

Sadly, these are the only examples of all-out crime involved in the game play. I was hoping for a mission to drive a shipment of drugs or to assassinate someone and then destroy the evidence.

As for the story and its connections to the film and book, I got a kick out

of it. I was overjoyed to see the pivotal "Tessio's farewell" scene played out in real time near the game's finale. I was also taken by the concept of smuggling the horse's head into Woltz's bed. Having to enact all but one of the hits of the film's climax was too over the top. But the joy of hearing excerpted dialogue alongside coherent new dialogue pleased me.

As I've stated before, the character is slipped into many implied loose ends and unspecified plot points. For starters, you set up the gun in the restaurant for Michael; you beat on two college kids to fulfill a request and you whack backstabbing protégés. The only one that went missing: the coroner's request.

Your story, however, starts when the ill-fated Luca Brassi takes you into the family. Your character is basically customizable to the proportions of a brash young Italian male, so there's not much diversity. Luca provides the introductory tutorial, working through all the kinks of the control system. Then he gets whacked, and you have to report to Tom Hagen and Sonny Corleone. Robert Duvall, James Caan and the late Marlon Brando reprise their roles. Michael, Al Pacino replaced, doesn't interact till the central acts of the game — a shame, until you become Michael's most trusted associate.

“Taking over businesses is the most addictive element of the game.”

If you haven't seen the film, you are likely to be lost throughout the entire presentation. And without having played games like "Grand Theft Auto," you are likely to be overwhelmed by the amount of rampant action throughout the experience.

I'd say it's only good for lightweight fanatics of both venues. While my general response remains underwhelmed, I found the game perfect in a sense that it was prophesied to disappoint and still managed to entertain me.

## VINTAGE: Mānoa boutique will celebrate grand opening

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clothes and the hostess will receive 10 percent of the sales. Each friend who comes will also receive 10 percent off their purchase," Fong said.

Catherine's Closet has one-of-a-kind pieces and is open Wednesday from noon to 5 p.m., Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday from noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to

3 p.m., or by appointment. The store's official grand opening will take place Saturday, April 15 starting at 8 a.m.

"I want the old treasures to have a new life," Fong said of her boutique items. "I am happy to see them go out the door with someone who loves them."

The store is located at 2733 E. Mānoa Road, #204. For more information, contact Catherine at 386-2746.

# Rainbows take two of three from Spartans, win first WAC series

By Andy Taylor  
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After dropping their opener 5-7 on Friday, the University of Hawai'i Rainbow baseball team (24-9, 2-3 WAC) rebounded to beat the San Jose State Spartans (20-13, 3-3 WAC) 7-3 on Sunday and 6-5 on Saturday to earn their first Western Athletic Conference series victory of the season at Les Murakami Stadium.

"It was huge for us," said UH Head Coach Mike Trapasso. "Now we're going into the two toughest places to play in the league historically."

The Rainbows will now hit the road for two series against the top two teams in the WAC: Fresno State (24-9, 5-1 WAC) and Nevada (14-14, 4-2 WAC).

## Sunday – UH 7, SJSU 3

A crowd of 2,155 at Les Murakami Stadium watched as both teams struggled offensively to start the final game of the series between the 'Bows and Spartans.

Derek DuPree got things started for the 'Bows with an RBI single in the fifth. Justin Frash followed with an RBI single of his own.

Brian Chase came up with a two-out and a two RBI single for the Spartans in the top of the sixth to tie the game. The 6'5" freshmen had a huge series, driving in seven runs on six hits.

RBI doubles by Robbie Wilder and Justin Frash in the seventh gave the 'Bows a two run lead once again, but the Spartans answered in the eighth and scored a run to cut the lead to one.

In the eighth inning, the Rainbows, with two outs received RBI base hits from both DuPree and Frash.

"The story of the weekend was two-out hits," Trapasso said. "Any time you're depleted in the [bullpen] and playing a scrappy team

with a one run lead going into the ninth to be able to pad [your lead] is huge."

Darrell Fisherbaugh came on to record his sixth save of the season for the 'Bows who received a quality start from Ian Harrington (4-1) who went 7 1/3 strong innings striking out five to pick up the victory. Matt Winck (2-1) took the loss for the Spartans.

## Saturday – UH 6, SJSU 5

The Rainbows won the second game of the series – a 13-inning thriller, in front of 3,157 fans in large part due to a series of mistakes by the Spartans. Hawai'i scored three of their first four runs on two passed balls and one wild pitch.

The 'Bows lead the game 2-0, but in the sixth inning the Spartan's designated hitter Brian Chase tied the game by blasting a two-run homer off of UH starter Justin Costi.

Other than the home run, Costi was almost unhittable for the 'Bows and gave up six hits and struck out five, which helped him to earn WAC pitcher of the week honors.

The Rainbows had a two-run lead going into the ninth but a two-out and two RBI single by Sam Hall tied the game at four and forced extra innings.

The tie was finally broken in the 12th when the Spartans got an RBI single from Brody Massman to take the lead.

The 'Bows were able to answer in the bottom of the inning when Esteban Lopez lead off with a double and pinch runner Jorge Franco eventually scored on a two-out pinch hit single by Landon Hernandez. Hernandez dumped the 0-2 pitch into right field to tie the game.

"Landon saved us with the big two-out hit," Trapasso said. "It was the first one we've had in a while."

Matt Daly continued to be solid out of the bullpen picking up the win and improv-



DAN RICHARDS • KA LEO O HAWAII

University of Hawai'i player Justin Costi throws out a pitch during one of the Rainbows earlier season games. Costi earned WAC player of the week honors this week after throwing 10-strikeouts with no runs allowed against UCSB, and five strikeouts with two allowed runs against SJSU.

ing to 5-0 on the season. Tim Jimenez (0-1) took the loss for SJSU.

## Friday – SJSU 7, UH 5

The Rainbows lost the series opener to the Spartans with 7-5 in 12 innings, dropping their third straight WAC game.

Eli Christensen had a big game for the 'Bows going 3-for-6 with three RBI and Jon Hee made his return to the lineup a successful one going 2-for-6.

The Spartans scored three runs in the third, all with two outs to take a 3-1 lead and added two more in the fifth.

Richard Olsen was a bright spot for the 'Bows, pitching 3 2/3 innings in relief and giving up just one hit. UH starter Steven Wright struck out six before leaving the game with one out in the fifth after giving up five earned runs.

The 'Bows managed to tie it up in the seventh but struggled to hit with men on base stranding 14 runners in the game.

The Spartans scored two in the top of the 12th and shut down the Rainbows in the bottom of the inning to win the game. Steve Jones (2-0) got the win while Darrell Fisherbaugh (2-2) took the loss.

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COSTI

## Costi Earns second career Player of the Week honors

University of Hawai'i men's baseball right-handed pitcher Justin Costi earned Western Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week honors for March 27 to April 2.

Costi, a senior from Elk Grove, Calif., started two games last week and posted a win and no-decision for the Rainbows. He pitched a total of 13 innings and allowed two runs, six walks and seven hits while striking out 15.

Costi opened the week last Monday against UC Santa Barbara and threw 6.1 innings with a career-high 10 strikeouts and allowed no runs and just one hit in the 3-0 shutout. On Saturday, he pitched 6.2 innings and allowed two runs while striking out five in Hawai'i's 13-inning 6-5 win versus San Jose State. It is Costi's second career WAC Pitcher of the Week award and the third for a Rainbow this year.