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States question death penalty

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State Sen. Willie Espero, D-20th Dist., ('Ewa Beach, Waipahu) will introduce a capital punishment bill to the state Legislature tomorrow.

If the bill is passed, Hawai'i courts would be able to use the death sentence as a punishment for the murder of a minor.

The death penalty was done away with in Hawai'i in 1957.

With the murder of Kahealani Indreginal still fresh in the minds of legislators and voters, the bill is getting attention and is expected to get support.

Indreginal, 11, who attended sixth grade at Aiea Elementary School, was beaten to death with a metal pipe and left at Aiea Loop Trail in early December.

Gov. Linda Lingle told The Honolulu Advertiser, that she strongly opposes the death penalty, but would not veto the measure if the legislature strongly supports it.

The following articles from around the country, from places where the death penalty issue is also surfacing, along with comments from University of Hawai'i students have been put together to provide a variety of viewpoints on the decision facing the legislature.

Lame duck Illinois Gov. commutes 167 death row inmates' sentences

By Molly Schranz
Chicago Maroon
(U. Chicago)

(U-WIRE) CHICAGO — A petition drafted by two University of Chicago Law School students saw vindication when Illinois Gov. George Ryan commuted the death sentences of all 167 inmates on death row in the state of Illinois during a speech at Northwestern University Law School on Saturday. The letter to the governor was signed by over 140 students from law schools throughout the state.

"We've worked nonstop all fall," said Elizabeth Erickson, a law student and co-author of the petition to Ryan. "You sort of feel like you've had a victory this past Saturday but you're not done."

Ryan's announcement, which came at the end of his controversial term, was his second of the weekend.

On Friday Ryan pardoned four inmates while speaking at DePaul Law School.

"I believe he did it based on what he thought was the right thing to do," said Jennifer Escalante, co-author of the petition and a law student who works at the MacArthur Center for Justice, of the governor's blanket commutation.

University of Chicago law students were part of a larger network of university students in Illinois working on behalf of death row inmates. Two classes at Northwestern University had been working on the exoneration of two death row inmates for the past several years. Both men, Aaron Patterson and Leroy Orange, were pardoned on Friday on account of having been forced to deliver false confessions.

"The Illinois capital punishment system is broken," Ryan said in the speech. He went on to quote former Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, saying, "From this day forward I no longer shall tinker with the machines of death."

The student-led effort was supported by strong advocacy among faculty at law schools throughout the state and was praised for its initiative.

Roving Reporter: What are your thoughts on capital punishment?

"I don't think it's a good idea because if there is any chance that someone's innocent then it would be hard to prove and there's no way to prove someone is 100 percent guilty."

– Stephanie Phillips
Junior, Med-Tech program

"What the law students did was quite wonderful. It's important for law students to make their voices heard, that they went across the state and gathered so many signatures," said Jean Maclean Snyder, lecturer at the University Law School and the MacArthur Justice Center.

Regarding the motivation of Ryan's final actions, there has been praise as well as suspicion.

He is currently being investigated for a scandal dealing with drivers' licenses granted in exchange for bribes while he was secretary of state, and some have suggested that he used the death penalty as an opportunity to deflect personal criticism. Still, many maintain that Ryan's actions were larger than any personal issue.

"In the current political climate you have to pinch yourself," said Snyder, who attended the Northwestern speech. "One person, a single act, made such a difference."

Although Ryan began his career as a conservative Republican who voted in favor of the death penalty, in 1999 he issued a moratorium on executions in Illinois. Later he formed a commission that suggested 80 improvements for the capital punishment system. None were approved by legislature.

Ryan says penalty unjust

By Jackie Keane
Daily Egyptian
(Southern Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. — Illinois Gov. George Ryan left office with death row vacant, a historic moment for the long-debated capital punishment system in Illinois.

After a three-year examination of the state's death penalty laws, Ryan announced Saturday his decision to issue a blanket commutation, which converted every death penalty sentence to life in prison without parole for more than 160 inmates, including four women. Before Ryan made a decision for a blanket commutation, half of the sentences in the nearly 300 capital cases had been reversed for a new trial.

"The Illinois capital punishment system is broken. It has taken innocent men to a hair's breadth escape from their unjust execution. Legislatures past have refused to fix it. Our new legislature and our new governor must act to rid our state of the shame of threatening the innocent with execution and the guilty with unfairness," Ryan said in his speech at Northwestern University Saturday about his decision to commute the sentences of inmates on death row.

Students and local residents gathered Saturday in Carbondale to protest the death penalty and show support for Ryan's decision.

"I hope this makes Southern Illinois look and say Ryan is right and maybe the death penalty isn't administered the right way," said Elsie Speck, co-chairwoman for the Southern Illinois Moratorium Against the Death Penalty.

Roving Reporter: What are your thoughts on capital punishment?

"I think it's appropriate for those who have broken the law severely. Those who have gone beyond a crime."

– Janis Taniguchi
Junior, Elementary Education

In addition, Ryan pardoned four men Friday. Another three men had their sentences commuted to 40-year terms.

The four pardoned men are, Madison Hobley, who had no prior convictions but was found guilty of killing seven people, including his wife and infant son in a 1987 fire; Aaron Patterson, convicted of a 1986 South Chicago double murder; Leroy Orange, convicted of killing four people in a South Side apartment in 1985, and Stanley Howard, who was charged with coming up to a man in a car, asking for a match, and then shooting the man in a fit of temper when the man refused the request.

"Courageous. This is courageous. Besides the right thing to do, his decision will be a statement of Illinois to the rest of the United States," said Jane Otte, member of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, who demonstrated Saturday.

Ryan placed a moratorium on the Illinois death penalty after 13 death row inmates were exonerated in 2000. The Tribune brought national coverage to the flaws in the Illinois justice system after the Chicago police force was found to have tortured suspects during questioning.

Gov.-elect Rod Blagojevich, who will be sworn into office Monday, has promised to retain the moratorium on the death penalty, although he does not agree with Ryan's decision.

"The goal here is to serve justice, and I oppose blanket clemencies and blanket pardons," Blagojevich told the Tribune Friday. "I hope he reviewed all those cases carefully and he reached his conclusions based on each individual fact pattern in each case. If he did that and he made a judgment that justice will be served by that, then I have no quarrel with that."

Ryan, who has been under fire for recent developments in the license-for-bribes scandal, made national headlines with his announcement. While some laud his decision, others do not harbor the same sentiments, including some victim's families and prosecutors. Each victim's family received a letter from Ryan hours before he publicly announced his decision to issue a blanket commutation.

Although death row remains empty, there are currently more than 60 capital cases pending trial in Illinois where prosecutors have formally declared intentions to seek the death penalty.

"It is a really important step to recognize the state cannot sanction the killing of another human being. If murder is wrong, then murder is wrong," said Heather Howley, an SIU graduate student and a member of Amnesty International, who was protesting the death penalty and war Saturday. "It is a

Texas considers revoking its death penalty law

By Erin Keck
Daily Texan
(U. Texas-Austin)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas - The death penalty controversy sparked by the commutation of all 167 death row inmates in Illinois Saturday may spread to Texas if two bills filed last week pass the state Legislature.

The bills, filed by Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, both aim to end executions in Texas, at least temporarily. The first bill calls for the abolition of the death penalty in Texas by Sept. 1. The second would institute a two-year moratorium on executions and create the Texas Capital Punishment Commission to study death row convictions and correct inequities in the system.

"It will go nowhere. Absolutely nowhere, just like it should," said Dudley Sharp, resource director of Justice For All, a criminal justice advocacy organization not affiliated with the student organization of the same name.

"The majority of Texans believe, under certain circumstances, that it's appropriate to give the death sentence," Sharp said.

Edwin Colfax, director of the Illinois Death Penalty Education Project, is hopeful that an anti-death penalty bill will become law in Texas.

"I think that if people are successful in getting the word out about how the system works in practice, then its chances are good. We see that when people support the death penalty, they support it conceptually. But when they see it doesn't work in practice, they're much more likely to

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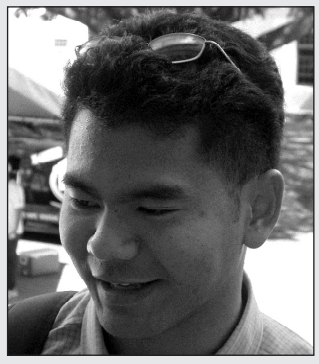

Roving Reporter: What are your thoughts on capital punishment?

"I think it's needed. I think right now we are too liberal. People are not afraid of the law."

– Ben Yamashiro
Senior, Education

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TODAY IN HISTORY

On January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. is born. He organized the 1955 African-American civil rights movement: the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott.

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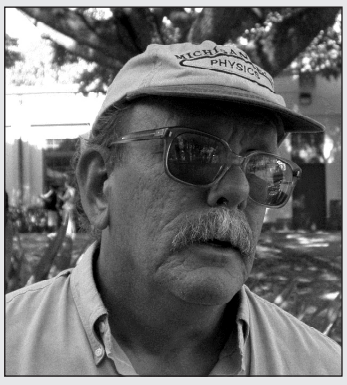

Roving Reporter: What are your thoughts on capital punishment?

"I am against capital punishment because it's only inflicted on poor people. When the wealthy are committed to death at the same rate as the poor I'll reconsider my opinion."

– Stephen Olsen
Professor of Physics

Death: Texans say no change necessary

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support moratorium and reform," Colfax said.

The Texas bills were filed three days before Illinois Gov. George Ryan emptied his state's death row on Saturday, reducing the sentences of three men and changing most other death sentences to life without parole. On Friday, Ryan had issued pardons for four other men who he said had been tortured and made false confessions to police.

"Our capital punishment system is haunted by the demon of error — error in determining guilt, and error in determining who among the guilty deserves to die," Ryan said to a crowd at Northwestern University just outside of Chicago Saturday afternoon.

Death penalty supporters maintain the appellate process is an adequate safeguard for keeping the innocent off death row and that Ryan's commutations were unnecessary.

"The system is not irretrievably broken," Sharp said. "The majority of these cases were good defense and good prosecution of guilty people."

Texas law prevents Gov. Rick Perry from granting clemencies as Ryan did. Perry may grant executive clemency only after the Board of Pardons and Paroles has recommended eligible inmates. Without the Board's approval, he may only grant a 30-day stay of execution.

A moratorium or repeal of the death penalty in Texas would dramatically reduce the number of executions in the United States. According to the Death Penalty Information Center, 71 inmates were executed in the United States in 2002. Texas executed 33 people, about 46 percent of all executions nationwide. Texas currently has 452 inmates on death row, and 18 executions are currently scheduled for this year.

FED UP: More aid supported by Bush

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Laura Bossio, director of Financial Aid at UCD. "The lower the default rate, it allows for some administrative releases to make aid easier."

President George W. Bush has also pledged to increase the availability of higher education to 8.4 million students through $55 billion in new grants, loans and work-study programs.

Currently 13,000 UCD students — 62 percent of the undergraduate population — receive some form of financial aid, according to Bossio. Even if a student does not meet requirements for need-based subsidized loans or grants, nonsubsidized loans are still available.

Student fees will be increased $135 for spring quarter, and Gov. Gray Davis' 2003-2004 state budget proposes a 35 percent increase in fees at the University of California. The Financial Aid Office stated that student fee increases will most likely lead to an increase in the amount students receive in their aid packages.

"Every year, we look at the complete cost of attendance when looking at funding students," Bossio said.

Fed bill to speed up student aid

New legislation should increase accessibility to scholarships and decrease lag time for disbursing financial aid checks

By Jessica Mosby
The California Aggie
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(U-WIRE) DAVIS, Calif. — Red tape, endless paperwork and an increasing cost of education are just some of the factors that the federal Committee on Education and Workforce took into consideration when drafting the FED UP legislation, which aims to make financial aid more readily available and easier for college students to obtain.

The bill is the result of research conducted by the Upping the Effectiveness of Our Federal Student Aid Program, which evaluated responses submitted by over 3,000 college officials and administrators. Participants recommended modifications and reforms to streamline the financial aid process.

If enacted, the legislation will expedite the time between a student's financial aid application and when they receive actual funds. It would also expand the Higher Education Act to make scholarships more readily available for low-income and minority students to attend law school.

"This is a noncontroversial, bipartisan bill that will allow thousands of students the chance to attend college," stated 21st Century Competitiveness subcommittee chairman Howard McKeon (D-San Fernando) in a press release. McKeon introduced the bill to Congress.

Additionally, the bill will help students avoid defaulting on educational loans by allowing increased flexibility on payment plans and renegotiations with lenders.

The University of California-Davis has a 2.3 percent student loan default rate, which is considered very low by the federal government. The rate is important in a university's ability to offer loans because a high default rate can jeopardize the loans available to that school's students.

"It speaks to the integrity of the students taking out the loans," said Laura Bossio, director of Financial Aid at UCD. "The lower the default rate, it allows for some administrative releases to make aid easier."

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Naked rice not enough for some

Musings about rice and recipes from around the world

PAPA

Robert Ahlstrom
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"White rice is from China," so a mother teases her three small children in 1935. "Just like your grandparents arrived by ship, rice comes to America by boat." Mother laughs, bringing young one's smiles and disbelief that rice came from such a far place. Rice was an expensive luxury during depression years. With extra money earned from my daily newspaper-delivery-route, the sales of rare white lilacs in the spring and vegetable garden surplus in summer, we could purchase small quantities of rice twice a year.

We signified allegiance to our food heritage by enjoying baked rice baked the Swedish way on Christmas Eve and cold rice the Norwegian way on June 14, which was also my birthday. Mother decided that since my sister and brother were born in February and their birthdays were close to Christmas, she would spread the joys of eating rice to once every six months. Mother often remarked when the economy got better, perhaps we could have rice three times a year.

In addition to food recipes passed down from previous generations, my family brought farming skills from Sweden and Norway to become struggling small dairy farmers during America's depression era. We survived by selling milk and other farm products. It would be years before rural Minnesota got electricity, so any surplus meat and garden products were stored in the basement storm cellar, kept chilly next to the cold water pump room and far from the coal-burning furnace. Our daily supply of meat, eggs, milk and precious heavy cream were kept in buckets lowered into outside fresh water well buckets or in the kitchen icebox.

When the farm's small lake froze in winter, Dad would cut blocks of ice to store in the farm's ice house insulated with straw and sod. With an ample supply of ice, the straw stayed cold during the summer months. Dad cut and transferred blocks of ice to our kitchen ice box to chill foods like our Norwegian cold rice dish.

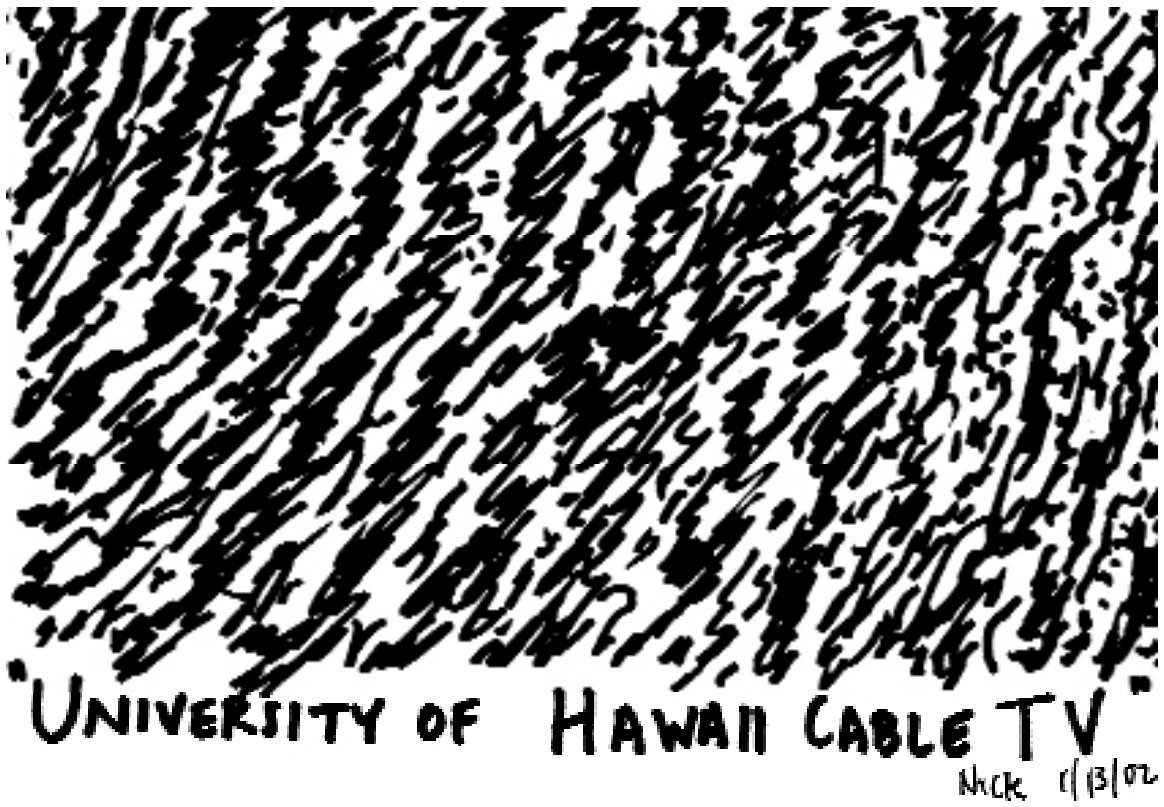
It was my job to make sure the water catch tray was frequently emptied, particularly when Mother was baking in the wood oven. It was my sister's job to make sure the woodbin was stocked from the woodpile next to the mule barn. When the wood load became too heavy, my brother helped pull the sled. We relied on the wood stove for baking our Swedish rice dish, and heating the daytime living area of the farmhouse.

On Christmas morning, Mother got up early to soak rice in heavy cream. She combined sugar to sweeten, raisins soaked plump in water and eggs to bind She poured the mixture into a baking dish, sprinkled with cinnamon before baking in the wood oven until a brown crust formed on the top. To appease our growing hunger enhanced by heavenly baking smells, Mother created a treat of Swedish pancakes served with fresh churned butter and lingonberries. We could barely wait for dinner prayers to receive a share of the rice pudding with heavy cream poured on the side.

On June 14 we ate rice prepared the Norwegian way. First, rice is boiled until slightly puffed, blanched under cold water, drained and chilled before combined with heavy whipped cream and pineapple tidbits and chilled on ice. Norwegians call the magnificent results, "Glorified Rice" and indeed, it is.

Eating cooked naked rice was unheard of in Scandinavian families. However, when I was 10 years old something happened to widen my rice horizons. A neighboring newspaper delivery boy invited me to his house for a dinner. His mother made Chinese food with rice. I was eager to find out about Chinese food and if the rice included cinnamon and raisins or whipped cream and pineapple.

My world expanded quickly when I tasted crispy noodles combined in exotic sauces and steamed vegetables topped with shrimp, beef and chicken pieces. I was in awe when my friend heaped a portion of hot naked rice onto my plate. In disbelief, I stared at this white lump. Not knowing what to say, I ate my first cup of naked rice. It was so good, I asked for and got another scoop.



Jail more helpful than war

Folding Thoughts

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Humans have a right to happiness and its causes. As a corollary, humans have a right to be free of suffering and its causes. With a good heart and effort, humans can be happy and free of suffering.

War cannot cause suffering and does not cause happiness. Every person in the United States contributes to the conditions necessary for war. We are responsible for the suffering our government causes elsewhere.

When we identify what causes the occurrence of war and how we contribute to those causes, we can begin to eliminate the conditions required for war. One way is to use less energy — by walking, riding a bicycle, eating more vegetables, reading a book.

At some point, however, the occurrence of war cannot be stopped. Previous conditions that we created are now coming to fruition — as Malcolm X once said "the chickens have come home to roost." Because we can no longer change the conditions that caused this particular fruition, we must accept its consequences. That is, we must focus our efforts at minimizing its consequences and removing the conditions for any subsequent effects.

While war is still preventable, it is a good time to contemplate and discuss what will happen if the United States wages war.

One possibility is involuntary conscription of America's youth — a draft. Involuntary conscription is the process in which the state uses its penal power to compel men to join the military. For those who object, they will be given a desk job away from the fighting, sent to prison or exempted from conscription. (The last being the most infrequent experience of objectors.)

"The machinery of war is the machinery of suffering and the machinery of death"

Aside from the political theater that goes on in New York City and Washington, D.C., on the international and national levels, war involves many human beings. Over a million people have died during the last decade over the United States policy towards Iraq. This is in the absence of war.

If war were to occur, even more would die and suffer. This time, the list of casualties would include Americans. War is not about Saddam Hussein or George W. Bush. It is about precious human lives. It is about causing suffering and preventing happiness.

War is not about the United Nations or the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. War is about people like you and me. War is about inflicting suffering on humans that have eyes and ears. War is about inflicting suffering on humans that have brains and hearts. War is about inflicting suffering on humans that have the capacity to love and be loved.

The machinery of war is the machinery of suffering and the machinery of death. On the basis that all humans have a right to happiness, war is ethically wrong. War is about human suffering.

Imagine yourself participating in the ground invasion of Iraq as a soldier. Imagine shooting people who like you have families and friends. Imagine their pain and suffering. Imagine being wounded and the suffering it causes. How does that feel?

Now, imagine yourself in jail for refusing to be conscripted into the military. Imagine people who like you have families and friends who will not be shot by you. Imagine their happiness. Imagine the pain and suffering that you have committed yourself to to prevent the suffering of others. How does that feel?

On this basis, a prison filled with those who object to conscription would be a prison filled with compassion — something prisons need more of even without a draft!

If war were to occur, we would have two opportunities. One would be to further war by creating favorable conditions for its maintenance. The other would be to minimize and end war by creating unfavorable conditions for its maintenance. We must make a commitment to the welfare of all humans and choose the latter opportunity.

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ROTC worthwhile program for campus

Dangerous Thoughts

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Here at the University of Hawai'i, we have the a Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) for the Army and the Air Force. The ROTC program trains young adults to be leaders in their respective military branch while they are getting a college education. There have been proposals to install the Navy ROTC at UH as well.

Being that Hawai'i is surrounded by water and is the home of Pearl Harbor, having a Navy ROTC program at UH makes a lot of sense. The UH student senate voted in favor of supporting the Navy ROTC program at UH, citing the scholarship money the Navy ROTC brings and the career opportunities it offers to college students.

The UH faculty senate however, voted against supporting the installment of the Navy ROTC. They claim to be against the Navy ROTC program because of the military 's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays, as well as questions about academic oversight of ROTC programs.

If you look past the rhetoric of ROTC opponents, however, you would see something sinister in the faculty senate's opposition to the Navy ROTC. You see, a vocal portion of the UH faculty are extreme, radical left wingers, whose views are even more farther to the left than the regular population of Hawai'i, which itself is a liberal state. Those faculty members toe the "Blame-America-for-Everything" line when it comes to foreign policy. They'll look for any excuse to promote their knee-jerk dislike of U.S. military policy. For one, they claim that their opposition to adding the Navy ROTC program is because of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy on homosexuals. While that policy is an unnecessary intrusion into the private lives and thoughts of military members, I really don't think that's the real reason for the faculty senate's opposition.

If it's the policy on gays that infuriates the faculty, do they plan to lobby UH to expel students who are Muslims, Catholics, Mormon, or any others who are affiliated with churches that disapprove of homosexuality? Probably not! They might say that not all members of those religions disapprove of homosexuals. But that is true of the military as well. It's not the military that has the final decision on the gay policy, it's the politicians that make the laws.

You would also notice that since 9/11, the radical leftists on this campus haven't been taking advantage of the opportunity to denounce radical Muslims who persecute and torture homosexuals. During the Taliban era, homosexuals in Afghanistan were stoned to death.

The New Republic magazine has reported that Palestinian militants, already notorious for their homicide/suicide bombings of Jewish gathering places in Israel, also have violently tortured anyone who's accused of being homosexual. Islamic radicals in other places have done similar things to homosexuals. This is worse than the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. But the radical leftists on this campus are silent on this. Nope, the radical left were too busy demanding that the U.S. surrender to Islamic terrorists.

Meanwhile, other Navy ROTC opponents have been attacking the academic side of the program. As quoted by the Honolulu Weekly, Kathy Ferguson, director of UH Women Studies program, said of ROTC: " It's about big men and big wars" making for "an "uninspired curriculum and pedagogy" (source: Honolulu Weekly 11/20/02). Excuse me, uninspired curriculum? If there's any college program that has been notorious for it's uninspired curriculum, it's Ferguson's own Women Studies program!

Women studies is notorious for promoting radical feminism, which has very little to do with equal rights for men and women. Radical feminists who are associated with women studies programs nationwide are notorious for demonizing marriage and motherhood as submission to the "patriarchy," even though not all husbands abuse their wives. They are also notorious for demonizing sexual imagery of women anywhere, even though some women find it fun and empowering.

Some even had the nerve to compare bikinis to the Afghan burqa, even though women in America and elsewhere who wear bikinis choose to do so, whereas women in Taliban-era Afghanistan had to wear burqa under threat of physical force. It was also the UH Women Studies faculty who demonized UH President Evan Dobelle for judging a Miss America contest.

Dobelle should be praised for being involved in Miss America, a program that promotes beauty, healthy habits and advanced education. Talking about beauty contests, it was radical feminists who aligned themselves with radical Muslims in opposing the Miss World contest in Nigeria.

These radical feminists are rare outside the ivory towers of their college departments. Even many pro-choice, Clinton-Gore voting, career women look at these radical feminists as extremist loonies who are counter-productive when it comes to gender relations.

UH Second Language Studies professor Robert Bley-Vroman was quoted in the Honolulu Advertiser (12/11/02) saying that part of the faculty's reasons for opposing the Navy ROTC was due to concerns "lack of scrutiny of the contents of the courses and the qualifications of the instructors". Yeah, right!

If there was any concern of "lack of scrutiny of contents," many other departments at UH would be under investigation. A good course on social issues will showcase various viewpoints. Some UH classes don't do this. Some only promote one viewpoint, usually a far left viewpoint.

As I've mentioned in an earlier editorial, a fellow student showed me his class syllabus in which the teacher recommended reading "The Nation," a far left magazine, without recommending other political magazines like the conservative "National Review," the libertarian "Reason," or the centrist "The New Republic."

Whereas UH has at least a few ROTC programs in place, other colleges in the mainland don't have any, including Harvard and Stanford. The ROTC opponents there also give lame excuses. Cecilia Ridgeway, a leftist sociology professor at Stanford University said, "Universities are about solving problems through discussions, not military approaches."

Contrary to what Ridgeway said, universities aren't about solving the world's problems. Universities are about training adults to becoming something in their lives, whether it is to be a lawyer, doctor, artist, sociologist, professional athlete or even military leaders. And contrary to what radical leftists say, we do need military leaders and we do need ROTC.

Though violence and military approaches are the last resort, sometimes, the last resort is all we have left. So if in the future, when North Korea, Iraq or some other country says "the hell with dialogue, let's attack the United States," we ain't got time to play the "Blame America for Everything" game.

Whatever happened before will mean nothing when your country needs to be defended. And when that happens and America's enemies are defeated, we will have the ROTC graduates to thank. The radical left wing ingrates who opposed the installation of the Navy ROTC will be apologetic for what they did.

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Look for nukes at home, not Iraq

By Marlo Ting
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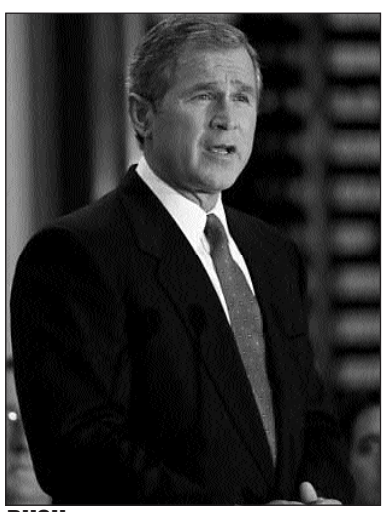
Editor's Note: This is the conclusion of an interview conducted by Ka Leo Staff Writer Marlo Ting with Travis Thompson and Adam Beyer, two members from University of Hawai'i at Manoa's chapter of Refuse and Resist, which deals with domestic issues including abortion and gay rights, racism, homelessness, police brutality and the death penalty.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Ting: Is Refuse and Resist an anti-Hussein group? What are the chances of Refuse and Resist having an anti-Hussein rally?

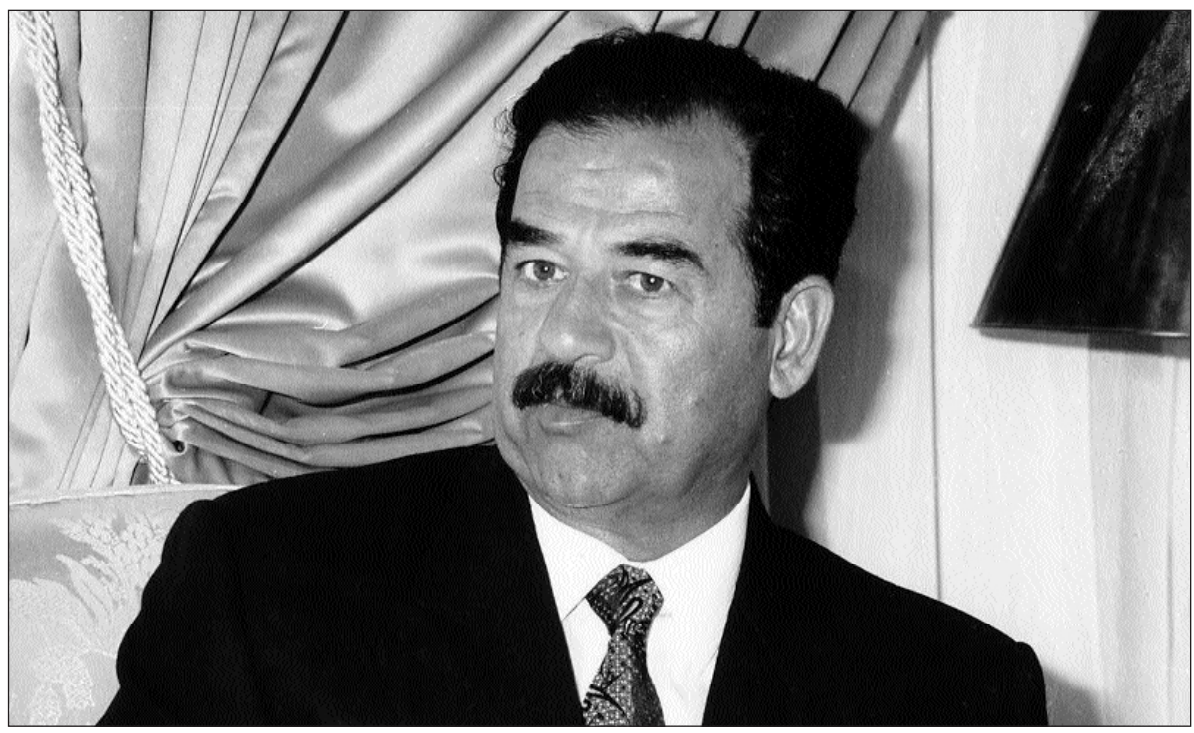
Thompson: Me personally, I don't like the guy. None of what we are has anything to do with Hussein, really, except our interaction with him. Now, do I see him as a fundamentalist? Yeah, I guess. I see him more as a wannabe-imperialist thug. Refuse and Resist have an anti-Hussein rally? Well, maybe individuals in it might, but as an organization we wouldn't because that's not what we're all about. We're not about anti-Hussein. We're not even anti-Bush. We just fight things that come down from certain people regardless of who they are.

Ting: What should be done if the Iraqis don't give the UN Weapons Inspectors their full cooperation?

Beyer: I think the big question should be why isn't anyone trying to inspect US's weapons. They're so concerned about Iraq having weapons of mass-destruction, but how many weapons of mass destruction does the US carry? I think the US is a much bigger problem to the world than Iraq is ever gonna be. Iraq is just trying to keep up and not get trampled over.

Thompson: As an organization we don't put out a solution. We sound the alarm for things and say that things need to change. Pacifists say peace is the answer. Well, in Refuse and Resist there are pacifists. The Revolutionary Communist Party puts forward an answer: People's war against the government. And within Refuse and Resist there might be people that have that as a solution. Refuse and Resist is an umbrella group.

Ting: What is your opinion on Iraqi vice president Taha Yassin Ramadan's suggestion that Saddam Hussein and George Bush settle things with a duel?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Thompson: If they want to settle it in a duel, let 'em. Would that be the end of anything? Course not.
Beyer: Less lives lost.

Ting: Who would win, hand to hand?

Thompson: I've seen wax sculptures of George W. Bush and the guy's not that big.

Beyer: He runs and stuff everyday. He's in shape.

Thompson: I don't know how big and buff and burly Hussein is.

Ting: What is Refuse and Resist's view on terrorism? Is it an acceptable and legitimate way for people to get what they want?
Thompson: No, not at all. We're against terrorism. Refuse and Resist as an activist organization believes in the power of the people and awakening millions and millions of people to see what the problems are so that maybe a solution can be found.

Ting: What should the US have done about the Sept. 11 attacks? Was our initial response a good one or should we have done something else.

Beyer: I don't know what they should've done, but they shouldn't have bombed Afghanistan.
Thompson: I think there should've been a lot of atoning, at the very least — atoning for what it had done. Atoning for the creation of the Taliban. Atoning for the creation of Osama bin Laden. Atoning for its proxy wars against Russia for the Cold War, and its dreams of super world domination, which hatched these chickens which came home to roost. That's what it should've done. The United States should've atoned for its prior atrocities against the people of the world, and should've told the American people straight-up, "Hey, we know why this happened, and maybe you should too now, so that we can take responsibility for what we have done so it doesn't happen to us in the future."

Ting: Did we deserve to be attacked on Sept. 11 because of what the United States did in the past?

Thompson: I don't think 2,500 people deserved to die that day.

Beyer: Especially 2,500 people that had nothing to do with what the U.S. has been doing around the world.

Thompson: U.S. foreign policy is responsible for what happened that day. If that's the grievance that they had they shouldn't have went about it that way. Now would the UN have ever taken the plight of a minority terrorist group named al-Qaeda that has been known for lashes of violence like that before? I don't think so. Did they have a chance to go to respected courts of law to take up their grievance with United States foreign policy? I don't think so. I think if anything, as activists maybe we should've been screaming so much louder about US foreign policy before it had to come home and kill our own people.

Correction

Reach Jackie Young, the contact for the UH Barry Manilow Fan Club, at e-mail address jyoung@hawaii.edu. Her e-mail address was incorrect in an article about the fan club yesterday. Ka Leo regrets the error.

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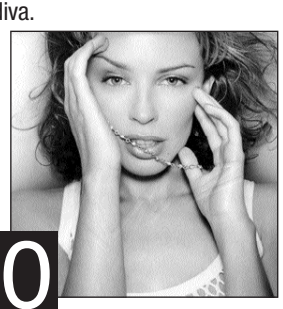
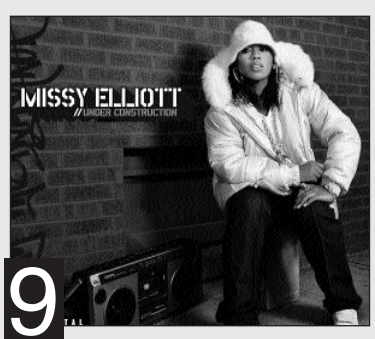
Kiley Minogue - Fever

My editor Mikey Campbell swears Minogue has no talent, but being the deaf turd that he is, I don't usually pay any attention to him. Minogue went from being the babe who covered the Local Motion in the 80's, to the babe who got Fusions doing the knee and hip rotation. Luckily, her sound expands past those boundaries, and has redefined House into new age disco, and if it truly is new age disco then Minogue is definitely its diva.



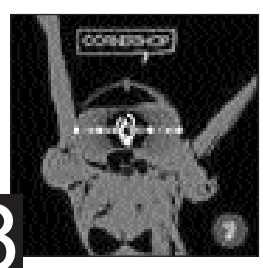
Missy Elliot - Under Construction

After shaving off a few pounds, Elliot remains a heavy hitter in the hip-hop section. While the title may imply some sort of spiritual discourse, Elliot never forgets why they call her "Misdermeanor". The Timbaland beats combined with Elliot's smooth voice, and nasty lyrics make the call to the dance floor undeniable.



Cornershop - Handcream For a Generation

Cornershop returns with an Indian curry of spicy hip-hop cuts, alternative rock, and Talvin Singh's signature electronica style. He turns his back around from his usual rants on social problems, and instead provides bubbly lyrics that makes listening easier than riding a bike. While this album does not supersede their debut release in 1997, it proves that the second time around isn't as bad as it's cracked up to be.

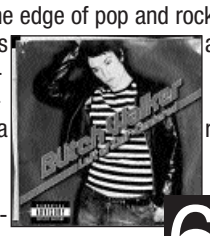


Andrew W.K - I Get Wet

My girlfriend calls this devil music, but don't let the cover of the bloodied nose, long haired headbanger fool you. While Andrew W.K.'s voice may sound like a chorus of mutant frogs, the overall picture paints a scenic sound garden of humming casio synths weaved into hard guitar riffs, and water shaking drums. Not bad for a jackass.

Butch Walker - Somewhere to the Left of Self Center

Atlanta's Butch Walker ditched his band, The Marvelous 3, grew his hair out, and traded his jeans for leather pants. The result is a tight, wire teetering, on the edge of pop and rock that is a grand revival of yesteryear's Arena rock. With crowd defying guilicks, and vocals that soar like a hype jet, Butch Walker doesn't just define the excesses of rock, he's a product of it.



By Jason Paz
Ka Leo Associate Features Editor

So the year may have passed us by, and some skeptics might whine that it's too late to have a "best of" for the past year. Being the irreverent jerk that I am, I disregard norms, as a prom queen would a pimple-faced geek.

My criteria for my top ten list is very low. The standards are not rigorous and follow a Plexiglass-flexible guideline of intoxicating fun, and the possibility of booty shaking. I disregarded whether or not I felt an artist had too much airplay, or if the artist expressed any social awareness. All it came down to was a simple mathematical equation: How much time the album played in my car.

Jurassic 5 - Power in Numbers

Finally, underground hip-hop has burrowed from the sewers below and given top 40 rap a run for their money. J5 released this album to a hungry hip-hop mass and became the voodoo child of MTV2. The beats are exquisite, as to be expected, but their mastery of rapid poetic slams twist tongues and minds tighter than pickle jar.

TOP 10

The Hives - Barely Legal

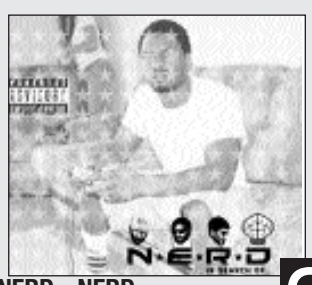
The Hives have proven that bands can wear ascots without sounding like a crumbling collection of American Idol rejects. Their screeching guitars sound more like grinding metal and have been the bounding platform that has catapulted rock back into the homes of America. All this despite the fact that the Hives are Swedish.

Go Jimmy Go - Soul Arrival

The local ska Juggernauts went from the backyard to the studio to create a head bopping, finger snapping compilation of ska/soul that has turned heads across the continent. Their easy-going reggae roots blends well into their mix of soul to create a lazy hammock afternoon hung over somewhere between the moon, and Lanikai. The fact that you can find them drinking Sam Adams at Magoo's on a Friday night just makes their music so much more appealing.

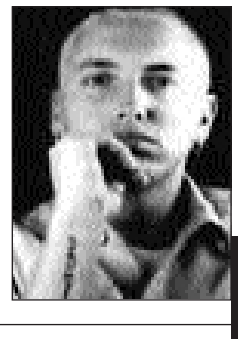
NERD - NERD

2002 might as well be called the year of the NERD, and that's no compliment directed at the kids in the marching band. The beat-making duo dropped beats for everyone from Britney Spears to Outkast, and even managed to release their own album in the process. Choked with a load of gravity defying beats, and hip-hop dubbed alternative, The Neptunes have come out of concealment faster than Anna Nicole Smith at a buffet line.



Eminem - The Eminem Show

Despite being played out more than an O-Town, greatest hits album on Radio Disney, Eminem holds true to his roots. People still get offended, and he still doesn't give a crap. With the ingenuity of Dr. Dre backing him up, along with a slew of bumping beats and samples, Marshall Mathers cares as much about being politically correct as Don Rumsfield does at those lame anti-war protests.



Rangle absurd to re-establish draft

Stout Minds
Christopher Mikesell
Ka Leo Staff Columnist

A while ago, I received, of all things, a recruitment ad for the U.S. Army in the mail. This doesn't really surprise me, even though I've made a point of making it known that, while I don't object to military recruiters personally, I don't want to join the military. It's a bit of a waste of paper to even send things like that to my door. When they say "be all that you can be," apparently the military does not limit itself to the non-pejorative adjectives.

A Few Short Years

But although I was somewhat annoyed by its presence, I noticed something on the envelope that made me blink. There, in big black and yellow print, read the words "A few short years can last a lifetime." I read it, then I read it again just to make sure I was seeing what I was reading. I could not believe it: In a rare moment of truth in advertising from our military, the Army had created an ad campaign that reflected the true nature of being in the armed forces.

Oh, I am sure it was intended to be something inspirational. Something about getting a lifetime's worth of experiences in a short while sounds vaguely motivational. Then again, something else tells me that if your lifetime is only going to last a few short years if you join the Army, that would be a more convincing motivator — against joining. Yes, it would seem that our nation's best and brightest were either not working on the Army's public relations team or that they were present and just being entirely cynical.

Of course, the way the military is drawing people from the civilian population is becoming more and more important as we approach war. But I still remain optimistic. So far, besides those unfortunate draft periods, our armed forces are still comprised of people who want to be in the armed forces. Well, besides fat people forced into early discharge or barred from joining, should they desire to. And homosexuals, no matter how talented. And depending on what job you're in, some women.

But that's OK, right? The people throwing themselves in the line of fire for some pipeline in Afghanistan or the oil Iraq is hoarding, er, I mean the people fighting to defend the rights and civil liberties that John Ashcroft and his lackeys are eliminating left and right, 'um, what I really meant to say was the people who are fighting for truth, justice and the American way — if you can even read that with a straight face — are still volunteers. They are idealists, but that's hardly a vice.

Rangel-ing up the troops

But something happened just a few weeks ago that threatened to blow this out of the water. Charles Rangel, a Democrat from Harlem, announced that he was planning to introduce legislation that would reinstate the draft, under the reasoning that it would somehow force the military to exercise more caution.

What is Rangel thinking? Is he somehow thinking that bringing in men — notice I do not say people in general; women are not required to register for the selective service since Uncle Sam apparently does not think there should be a few good women among those good men he's shoving off to boot camp — who do not wish to be in the military will keep Bush from sending them off to fight? Does he really believe that people like Bush hold more value for the lives of those unwilling to enlist than the lives of those who are? Judging from the decisions our foreign policymakers have already demonstrated themselves capable of making, they seem to think that even volunteer fighters are ultimately expendable.

Assuming that the government will really care about sending the unwilling into battle to die is the gaping flaw in Rangel's reasoning. In fact, the government is very concerned about the presence of the unwilling in the military — they want to keep those types away if at all possible. What do you think is going to happen if you're in some trench and you hand a gun to the guy next to you who has no desire to be there? It simply does not help any war effort, regardless of how noble (or ignoble) the cause, to have people who do not want to be in the military marching off to battle.

Unwilling and Able?

So which people decide not to join the military? These are people who have more successful jobs doing other things, people who don't really want to give up their normal lives for some fight halfway around the world, and undoubtedly people who are completely opposed to military action. I lose a lot of my optimism here when I tell you that I don't think Bush will care one bit if he sends some unwillingly drafted member of the Green party over to Iraq to die. Better some member of a dissenting party than a loyal volunteer, right?

But, Rangel says, the selection process should be more equitable. It would supposedly better reflect the diversity of the nation in our armed forces, creating, in his words, a shared sacrifice. Of course, this begs the question: why should we be sharing this "sacrifice?"

Who is really asking for this war? Who does this war really serve? Should someone who is vehemently opposed to fighting for a cause they do not believe in be forced to sacrifice for somebody else's ideals or economic gain? Yes, some people lecture those unwilling to serve in the armed forces about how the military teaches people about patriotism and their civil obligations, but what obligation does a person have for a government that does not work for his and others' benefit? Many, many people have lost faith in their elected leaders and parallel political parties, and they're sick of it. Why should they sacrifice themselves to a crumbling system?

Now, when you consider that Rangel would like this draft to extend even to those in college and graduate school, it is even more shocking. The threat of a potential draft looming over our heads is real and now it is relevant to every one of us continuing our educations. It no longer becomes an issue of military recruitment — recruiters are still only looking for volunteers, which is fine — but one of involuntary servitude in the line of fire. Those are the types of short lifetimes we simply cannot tolerate.

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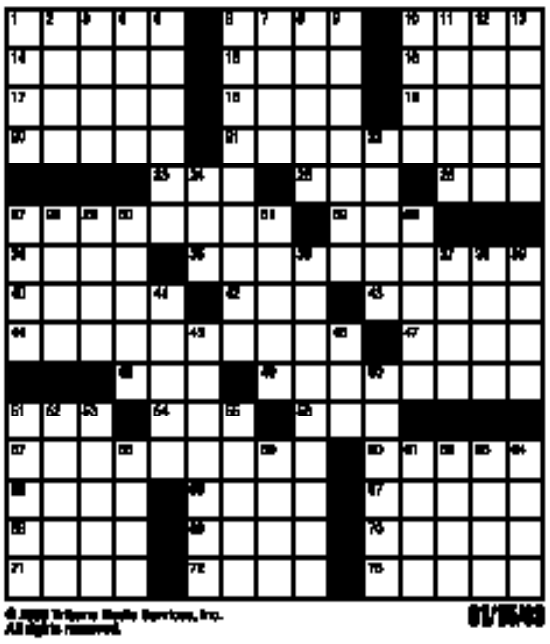

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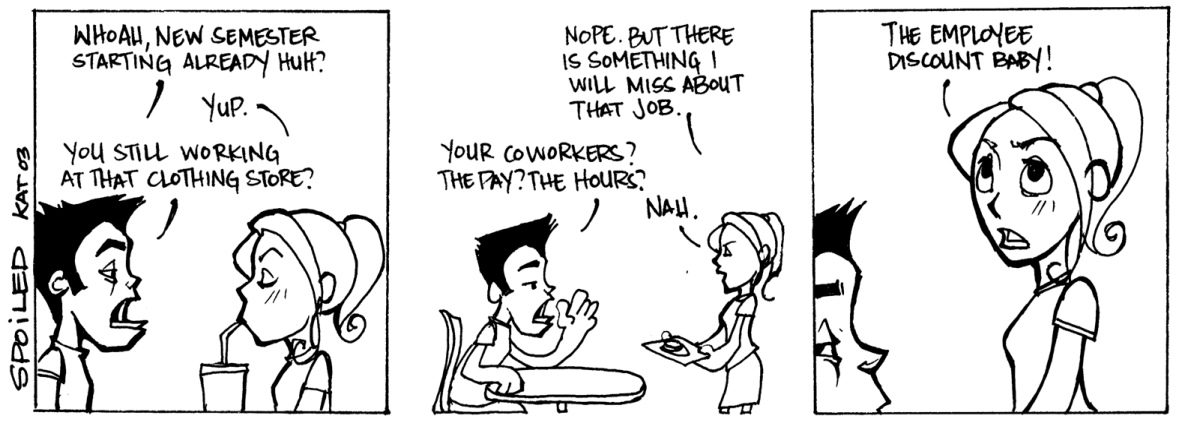

College swimming teams sinking

By Stanley Lee
Ka Leo Senior Staff Writer

Dartmouth's men's and women's swimming and diving teams were among the lucky few who survived the ax that is cutting sports on college campuses nationwide.

Bradley University's men's and women's swim and dive teams were cut last season as a result of a three-month strategic planning process designed to improve Bradley athletics as a whole. Money was cited as an issue with the swimming and diving budget exceeding $150,000 yearly.

Both the men's and women's teams finished last at the Missouri Valley Conference Championships since 1994. Yet, the school offered only two full scholarships yearly to both the men's and women's teams while the NCAA allowed a maximum of 14 scholarships for women and 9.9 for men.

Director of Athletics Ken Kavanagh notified the team of their elimination prior to practice. They received sheets explaining why their programs were dropped.

"Informing our swimmers and coaches certainly rates as one of the darkest moments of my career," said Kavanagh.

"I didn't even have time to tell my assistant coaches," said head coach Jane Austin who was notified of the elimination 15 minutes before her squad. "To cut a program without any warning doesn't make sense at all. I felt like I was kicked in the gut."

Conference coaches unanimously chose Austin as men's Co-Coach of the Year at the end of last season. University of Northern Iowa, another Missouri Valley member, suffered the same fate when their teams were dropped last May due to budget reductions. The women's team was later reinstated.

Money was also an issue at Northern Illinois University with their men's and women's squads eliminated at the end of last season. NIU's athletic department would save $400,000 yearly with the teams out of the lineup. Small colleges are not alone in this problem. Big name schools like Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa State have all eliminated their men's programs due to budget issues.

St. John's University (N.Y.) announced in December it will eliminate its men's and women's swimming and diving teams at the end of the 2003-2004 academic year. Under the university's Reformulation Plan, football, men's cross country and men's track have been eliminated and men's lacrosse will be added in 2003-2004. The university will continue scholarships and financial aid packages of athletes whose teams were cut and choose to stay at the school.

Athletes are displaced both academically and athletically when their programs are cut. Transferring colleges is an option but they risk losing academic credits. Others stay because of the school's academic programs.

"The freshmen made their commitment to Dartmouth knowing swimming was going to be part of their four years there," explained Dartmouth women's coach Jane Brislin prior to her team's reinstatement. "They're really caught in 'is Dartmouth going to be Dartmouth for me without swimming?' 'Will it be the same experience without swimming than it is with swimming?' That's a very important part of their experience at Dartmouth."

Cutting sports is one of the trends facing collegiate athletics. Dartmouth and Northern Illinois chose to eliminate swimming and diving as opposed to making across the board reductions from all of the sports their athletic departments offer.

Said then Kansas men's swimming coach Doug Dickinson, "It's prioritizing people and what they want to do, and that's a sad state of college athletics. It is now clearly 100 percent about money, and that's the only concern. It's not whether you're fulfilling kids' dreams, it's not whether you're giving opportunities to kids, it's whether you can balance the books."

The Bradley Scout's Nick Randall and the Iowa State Daily's Wendy Weiskircher contributed to this report.

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that have occurred with the administration that's in place now. It's been one thing after another after another. This is sort of the final straw," said Yocco. "And granted, it affects me directly, but also I think for a lot of my classmates who aren't even athletes who felt this was totally unfair."

Added sophomore Alexandra Bochicchio: "If the students decided we need to eliminate the sport and the students decided on it, I could live with that. But the way the administration did it the way they did, it was unacceptable. The fact they're not listening to us is really disappointing."

The timing of the announcement only complicated things further. It was made right before Thanksgiving break with finals looming ahead. "I don't know if there's ever a good time to have that bomb dropped on you," said coach Brislin. "It was tough to get through finals. It was very emotional to have that announcement made."

Prior to the reinstatement, the teams came up with financial solutions to the budget problem and alumni offered donations, all of which the administration rejected. Yocco said it didn't make sense why the administration refused their suggestions over the budget issue. "They don't want (donations) to take away from their capital campaign. They're going run a capital campaign in a couple years from what I understand and they don't want to take away the money they would necessarily receive from that."

Hawai'i

Nearly two weeks after the announcement was made, the Big Green women packed their bags and traveled west to Hawai'i for their yearly winter training trip. Every December, swimming and diving teams in the cold regions of the mainland journey to warmer climates to train during the winter break. This year was the first the team traveled to Hawai'i; in previous years they had trained in St. Croix of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Key West and Plantation, Fla.

"The distance has been literal and figurative," said coach Brislin. "It's been good for us to be away from our computers and all of the environment that this has created. We're very committed to finishing up the season strong, taking the high road and doing it the right way. I'm still very involved with the here and now."

Said Yocco: "I'm sure its in the back of everyone's mind but at the same time, we've done a good job putting it behind us and focusing on training which is what we're here to do. It's only made us closer and stronger, if anything."

Simunovich was unable to spend any mother-daughter time with Kristin. After an afternoon at Kailua Beach, though, she invited all 35 of the Big Green over for dinner. "My daughter was the guest," she laughed. "And after dinner, she had to go back to her dorm with her team. My husband did most of the cooking, fortunately for me. They were a terrific bunch of guests. It was a pleasure and a lot of fun. I'd do it again, twice if I have to."

The Big Green wrapped up their training trip by going 2-2 in the pentagonal dual meet held at the University of Hawaii's Duke Kahanamoku Aquatic Complex. They defeated the host Rainbow Wahine and Central Washington and lost to Oregon State and Cincinnati.

Victory

Hours after they found out their programs were saved, the Big Green men shattered 14 pool records and women won 14 events in their dual meet victories over Middlebury. Big Island native Thomas Sanford (Hawai'i Preparatory Academy) broke four records in the 100-yard breaststroke, 200 breaststroke, 200 individual medley and 200 medley relay events. Grant Chang (Punahou School) of Honolulu placed third in the 400 individual medley and 200 butterfly while Simunovich swam the final leg of the winning 200 medley relay team.

More than a victory for team members, the reinstatement was a testament to the combined efforts of students, parents and alumni who came together to ensure the survival of Dartmouth swimming and diving. Rallying behind what they felt was injustice, they voiced their opinions through every means possible and, finally, the administration listened.

In a message of gratitude published in Dartmouth's student newspaper, team members wrote, "A voice cried out in the wilderness and it was heard. Thank you."

The Daily Pennsylvanian's Zach Silver and The Dartmouth's Jessica Spradling contributed to this report.

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Something to *cheer* about

Big Green swimming and diving resurfaces after the administration announced its elimination last fall

By Stanley Lee
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In the cold, January winter of Hanover, N.H., there was news that warmed the hearts of many recently. Shortly before departing campus for a swim meet at Middlebury College last Wednesday afternoon, Dartmouth swimming and diving team members were informed on their bus by Dean of the College James Larimore and athletic director Josie Harper that their squads wouldn't be cut after this season.

"Once (Harper and Larimore) left the bus, everybody was hugging and cheering," said senior Paul Schned. "It's a huge weight off everyone's chest to get the swim team back."

Last Nov. 25, a decision had been made to eliminate the teams after this season due to budget reductions.

The newly approved John C. Glover Fund for the Support of Swimming and Diving will provide the teams with over $2 million in funding, enough to keep the program afloat for at least 10 more seasons. Three Dartmouth swimmers from the 1950s, John Ballard, Tom Kelsey and Steve Mullins were instrumental in establishing the fund, planning the fund raising of the needed $2 million and convincing administrators to continue the swimming and diving programs, along with students, alumni and parents. Ballard, Kelsey and Mullins swam at Dartmouth with Glover, who died while training for the Olympics in 1956.

The $2 million has not been completely raised, and the agreement between students, alumni, parents and administrators to preserve the teams hinges on promises that the funds will be available by June 30. Next year, Larimore will fund the teams with monies reallocated from other programs in his area. During the 10 years when the Glover Fund will support the teams, Dartmouth plans to seek other funding options to continue the programs' operation.

The elimination of the swimming and diving programs would have saved the athletic department $212,000 annually. It was concluded that eliminating swimming and diving rather than cutting costs from all athletic programs was in the better long-term interests of the department.

Voices

University of Hawai'i men's and women's diving coach Mike Brown, a former All-American diver at Dartmouth, said Dartmouth's administration did not foresee the voiced opposition that was made after the announcement to cut the teams. "The reaction was not as they had anticipated," he said on the day the teams were reinstated.

The vocal support for the Big Green teams began the night of the announcement of their elimination, as hundreds of Dartmouth students marched to the houses of Dean Larimore and Dartmouth College President James Wright. On the march to Larimore's house, several Hanover police cruisers met the crowd. During the night, students sang Dartmouth's alma mater and yelled, "Down with Jim — let us swim" and "Wright is wrong."

"I (have) never seen the school rally like this behind anything since I've been there," said senior captain Mia Yocco while in Hawai'i for training during the winter break.

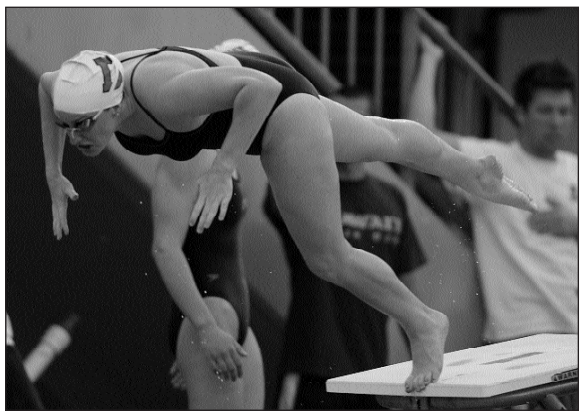
"There's been a lot (of) things that have been disappointing in the past couple years but this has been support I've never seen before. Even during their finals week when they really had no vested interest in the swim team, they came out and supported us." Yocco received 300 e-mails of support from Dartmouth students, many of whom she didn't know.

Team members distributed pamphlets to alumni headed for the alumni council meeting. Jon Linehan, boyfriend of sophomore swimmer Jennifer Kunkel, even posted the team on eBay, drawing over 25,300 hits and several bids over $211,000 before eBay removed it.

"When you think about what you want students to be, they exhibited everything we want college students to be. They fought hard, (have) been articulate, taken action, been passionate in their beliefs and been creative," said women's coach Joann Brislin. "They've also behaved with a great deal of pride and class."

An e-mail was sent over the school's e-mail service, encouraging students to attend a sit-in at the administrative building. At least 700 students showed up for the sit-in that coincided with the swim team's captains' lunch with Wright.

The vocal opposition that arose after the announcement failed to impress administrators, and only served to strengthen their initial decision to eliminate the teams, according to Dartmouth Student Body President Janos Marton. Marton said the turning point was a meeting held on Dec. 9 between administrators, Student Body Vice President Julia Hildreth, Student Life Committee Chair Amit Anand, and team captains Yocco and Louis Fidel. At the meeting, swimmers and Student Assembly leaders presented several compromises to the administrators.



ABOVE: The Big Green can cheer-about a fund that will keep it afloat for 10 years.

RIGHT: Dartmouth swimmers can dive back into the pool again after reinstatement.

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"The role of the intellectual dialogue cannot be stressed enough," Anand said of the administration's decision-making process.

Insult

When Kim Simunovich rises out of bed every morning at 6 a.m. in her Kailua home, she heads straight for the computer and checks the Dartmouth Web site for the weather forecast, curious if rain or snow is hitting the 4,300-student campus. But on one Monday morning in late November, her heart dropped after reading the site's headline "Swim Teams Cut." Her daughter Kristin is a freshman on the team.

"I couldn't believe what I was reading. They had a question-and-answer portion that I went over quickly and all of it to me made absolutely no sense whatsoever. My husband and I were frozen. We didn't know what to take or make of the whole thing."

Prior to the announcement, Dartmouth was everything Kristin envisioned college would be. She fell in love with the school after a trip there her senior year. Attracted to its high academic standards and opportunity to compete in NCAA Division I athletics (Ivy League institutions don't give out athletic scholarships), it was the only college the Punahou School graduate applied to.

"Up to that particular morning at 9 o'clock, she told me she loved the school. It was flawless. It was what she was looking for," said Simunovich, who e-mailed her daughter after learning about the elimination.

"She told me everything was out of control and didn't quite know what was going on. She just came back from a meeting. Everyone was horrified and scared and afraid of what was happening to them.

"All of sudden, the rug was pulled out from under them and they were like 'whoa.' She (Kristin) felt insulted, more or less the administrators kind of made them feel they weren't worthy. They were made to feel they weren't doing a good job or weren't worthwhile for the campus and environment."

Said Yocco: "It totally broke my heart because I love both Dartmouth and the team. It made me sort of choose between the two of them."

Team members and the student body were especially angered over the administration's decision since no student input was elicited. "That's been the case with a lot of decisions

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