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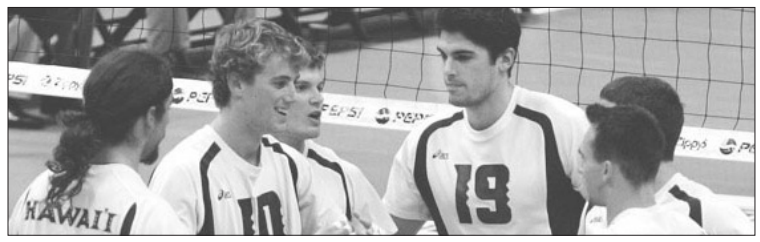

Warriors outblock and outwit Tigers to even their record

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EL NINO

Forecasts accessible with high-tech tools

By Aaron Oshita
Ka Leo Staff Reporter

The rising level of technology has enabled scientists, forecasters and many other experts to utilize a number of natural resources in understanding and predicting weather patterns with greater efficiency. Seasonal forecast, the term for predicting long-term, climactic conditions, allows researchers to determine only minor weather conditions for a extended period of time.

Factors such as magnitude and possible occurrences of rain can be predicted several months in advance using the movement and temperature of ocean water.

Although ocean water temperatures around certain areas of the Pacific remain relatively constant, rainfall triggers warmth among other areas of the ocean. These eastern "hot spots" are defined as El Nino or abnormal warming. Its effects include rainfall in some areas and drought in others.

"Basically, if you know the water temperature, you know where the rain is going to fall," said Shang-Ping Xie, Professor of Meteorology at the International Pacific Research Center. "The worst info is the current location of the warm water. The objective is to understand and predict where the warm water is going to move."

The warm waters of El Nino correspond with the cumulonimbus clouds, rain clouds, and are usually the highest in elevation. These enormous and commonly dark-colored clouds are very sensitive because of their great mass. Therefore, warm air released by El Nino triggers rainfall.

The challenge of tracking and measuring El Nino is overcome by the use of the Tropical Ocean Atmosphere Array. This method consists of a large number of buoys spread out along the ocean surface. Attached to these buoys are anchors, which probe the warm surface of the water, measuring the distance between the thermocline (the boundary separating warm shal-

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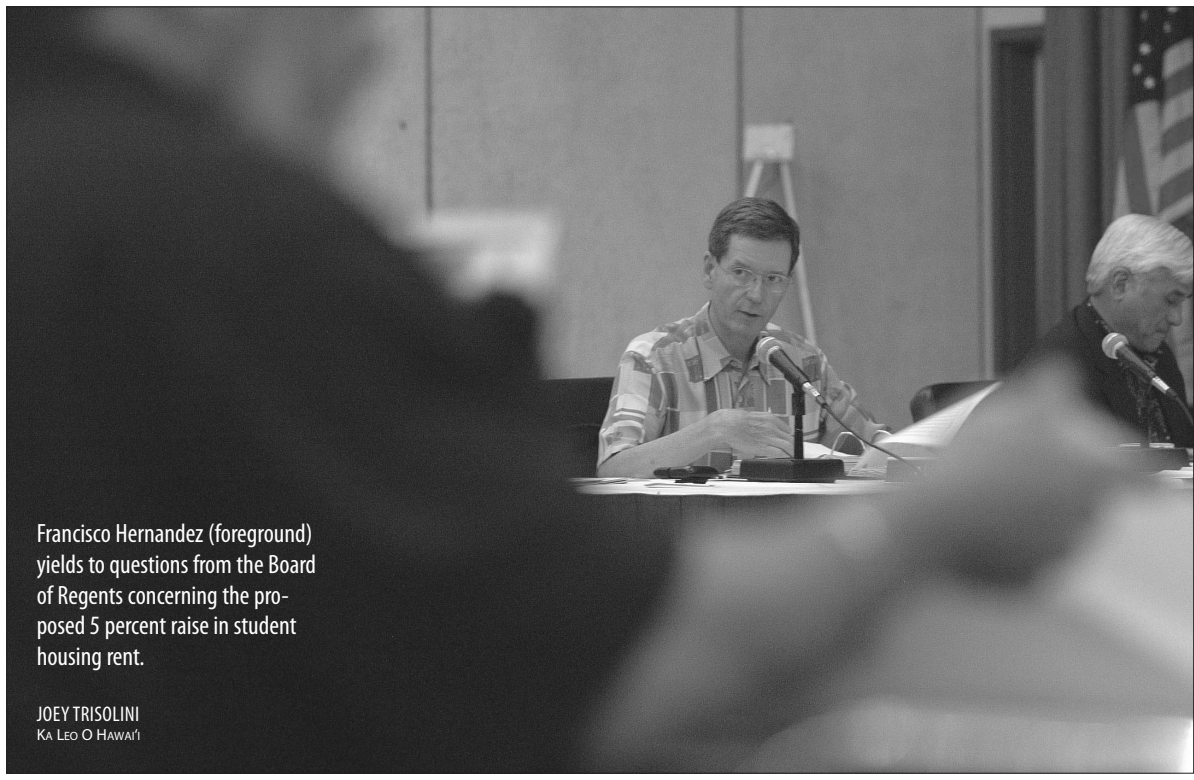
With new power Konan ups dorm rates 5%, some doubtful

ASUH troubled by lack of student involvement

By Dannah Gonzales
Ka Leo Staff Reporter



Francisco Hernandez (foreground) yields to questions from the Board of Regents concerning the proposed 5 percent raise in student housing rent.

JOEY TRISOLINI
Ka Leo O Hawai'i

Earlier this month, the Board of Regents gave interim Chancellor Denise Konan increased authority over student housing for the next five years. The approval was unanimous. Her first call to action was to increase housing costs by 5 percent.

For years now, renovations and necessary dormitory improvements have been major student housing concerns but have yet to be addressed. Having a permanent housing director is vital to upcoming projects, according to Konan and Vice Chancellor for students, Francisco Hernandez.

But such talks of a search to appoint a new housing director have not seen action.

Renovating and refurbishing of dorms constituted the increase. Concerns of unsafe areas like the Hale Noelani walkways were a top priority.

Though improvements are needed, students are concerned with Konan's new authority.

"If housing were my business, then we'd be out of business," said Associated Student of the University of Hawai'i President Grant Teichman who disapproved of the BOR's decision.

Housing was under a managerial audit because of several complaints, some on the basis of sexual harassment, Teichman said. Because of that, he believes, "Giving the authority before the audit has been completed is not the best decision."

Some BOR members were troubled by the high rates that the housing tuition could accumulate – a startling 25 percent by 2012.

The cost of housing for an academic year will range from $3,215 at 4 percent to $3,277 at a 6 percent increase in 2007-08. By 2011-12, a year of housing will cost students about $3,900.

But what actually matters "Is not the amount," Hernandez said, "it's the spirit to allow Konan to make the decision."

Overwhelming fiscal responsibility lead to Teichman's uneasiness about the decision.

"How come housing can't cut costs?" Teichman said. "It boils down to the students bailing them out. It's just like the 140 percent tuition increase."

The lack of student representation, (the only student testimony was made by Teichman) gave the BOR only one side of the story.

No one seemed to know if students were told of the meeting.

Chancellor Konan was unable to comment on the ongoing plans from her newly granted authority to increase tuition.

Low ratings spur UHM efforts to retain unimpressed undergradutes

By Nathan Serota
Ka Leo Staff Reporter

DAN RICHARDS • Ka Leo O Hawai'i

Students take a break from classes at Campus Center. According to a 2006 report, "killer" classes and poor advising services are causing many students to leave UH.

Wayne Adams is a former student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa student who isn't pleased with the education he received from the university. After performing poorly in some of his required electives, Adams decided to take the courses over again the following semester, but was frustrated by the redundant nature of an education that he didn't want to repeat to begin with.

"I just didn't feel motivated to stay here," Adams said, "to study hard ... The environment wasn't pushing me to succeed." As a result, he is taking a semester off working and pursuing career options outside of the university.

According to a retention assessment of UHM, Adams is not alone in his sentiments. In a report released in September 2006 by Teresa Farnum & Associates, an independent agency that assesses the retention rates of schools, the university's rate of retaining students has declined by 4.6 percent over a three year period between 2000 and 2003. The report states that in 2003, the institution had only a 75 percent retention rate, meaning that 25 percent of its students did not return for further schooling or to graduate. During that period, the retention assessment also asserts that while UHM performance in student retention has decreased, the university's peer institutions had an overall increasing rate of retention.

In addition, the campus fell 4.5 percent short of the agency's benchmark for retaining students in 2003. According to the assessment, "While UHM had retention rates that were only slightly lower in 2000, it is disturbing that others increased their rates, while UHM decreased, actually increasing the gap."

While highlighting this "disturbing" information, the agency provided priorities for action, indicating what UHM administrators can do to improve their retention rate.

The five areas that were given recommendations for improve-

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Bouys are being deployed by a team of Volunteer Operation Ships members to collect data from certain parts of the ocean. The buoys measure differences between warm and cold water, which allows scientists to predict rainfall.

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low water with deep cold water) and the surface. The areas with deeper thermocline levels signify an abnormal abundance of warm water. These TOAAs calculate the areas containing excessive warm water as well as their possible movement. Using this information, researchers can predict the weather patterns according to the locations of the hot spots and the patterns they depict.

"Hawai'i has very low clouds that aren't very sensitive." Professor Xie said. "This is one of the reasons that we don't experience as much rain as some other places on the mainland. However, scientists can only predict minor weather conditions in advance. To predict a storm would fall within a week prior to it. Science has yet to discover even more effective ways to determine rainstorms."

What do you think Ka Leo should be covering? What kind of things on or around campus concern you?

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ment include academic support, advising, retention initiative foundations, general arts & sciences and academic rigor/culture.

Much of the improvements listed were concerned with providing students with better guidance towards meeting their particular educational needs. An observation by the agency stated that, "Services [in academic support] appear to be fragmented, residing in departments, or non-existent." To benefit this lackluster system, the agency suggests that UHM needs to individualize the educational advising and mentoring process, while also implementing programs to encourage students to continue their education at the university.

The assessment is also critical of the unpopulated UHM honors program, where only 335 students are enrolled, "at a university that might have at least 1,000 more participants." In general, the agency indicates that, "there was concern related to the intellectual challenge that surfaced in the student survey. This should be taken seriously."

Furthermore, the assessment suggests that the high number of "killer courses." These are high-risk classes in which good students are shown to have difficulty, and the wide spread use of general arts & sciences as a "place holder" for more than 4,000 students. These generally contribute to a low retention rate because they create uncertain and unguided educational goals for students.

After reading the agency's assessment of UHM, Adams agreed with several of the concerns and problems highlighted by the report, particularly poor academic services and ambiguous required courses.

"They didn't push you to become scholars at what you were learning," Adams said. "There were so many surface classes."

Although the assessment of UHM is highly critical of the education provided, it suggests building improvements off of the university's strengths, which include diversity, the New Student Organization, improved course availability, WiFi access throughout campus, and the plans for an increase in staffing and mandatory advising for all students.

The administration said they are working hard to increase student support and retention on campus in hopes of enrolling students like Adams back into the UHM system.

Observed UHM weaknesses and recommendations

According to a report from Teresa Farnum & Associates

Academic support

- Increase availability of high-enrollment courses
- Offer Supplemental Support for difficult courses
- In-person, paid peer-tutoring for all students

Advising

- Increase faculty advising
- Structuralize support for advising and mentoring
- Simplify UHM CORE requirements

Retention initiative foundations

- Develop retention plans
- Create a Retention Committee
- Conduct workshops on the "Faculty Role in Retention"

General Arts & Sciences

- Hold colleges accountable for retention of their pre-majors
- Create "net majors" to catch the students who are not admitted in the college of their choice
- Create intrusive, structured support program for students led by Arts & Sciences advisors

Academic rigor and culture

- Revamp the Honors program
- Offer semester recognition ceremony for academic excellence in each college
- Create in-class faculty support for students

NewsBriefs

DAN RICHARDS• KA LEO O HAWAI'I

Visitors to UH Day at the State Capitol got a glimpse of a College of Engineering race cart, part of a national competition.

UH Day

Last Friday, the University of Hawai'i celebrated its 2nd event inline with the Centennial Celebrations. Being the 4th annual event, the celebration was the most comprehensive ever with over 80 booths from 10 different campuses.

Displays from various student organizations and departments gave lectures and information on the outer lawns of the capitol. Booths ranged from sustainability themed focuses to many projects done by engineer and architecture students.

In conference rooms guest speakers such as Cecily Wolfe, who gave a presentation on earthquakes in Hawai'i and Panos Prevedouros, who gave a presentation on his interpretation of the mass transit system.

Sustainable Saunders

Saunders Hall has been chosen to be one of many pilot projects for sustainability around the multitudes of University of Hawai'i campuses. Student working groups and members of the Sustainability council have made efforts to promote sustainability in students and in staff.

On Friday, Apr. 20, there will be launch party at Saunders Hall from 4 – 7p.m. with booths that will have information on sustainability. The part will have organic foods and have interactive rooms such as the Bio-diesel room and a composting room where they will actually display how things will work.

If you want to learn more about the party or to get involved visit http://sustainability.hawaii.edu.

Events Calendar

Please e-mail any community or campus events to calendar@kaleo.org.

"Arithmetic Dynamics of Rational Maps," a mathematics colloquium, today, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Keller Hall, room 401. Michelle Manes from Brown University will present. Info: Mathematics Department, Robert Little, 956-4668, little@math.hawaii.edu, http://www.math.hawaii.edu.

"Killer Asteroids ... and What We Can Do About Them," an astronomy lecture, tonight, 7 to 9 p.m., Art Building auditorium. Panelists include astronaut Ed Lu, University of Hawai'i astronomers David Tholen and Robert Jedicke and UH cosmologist Nick Kaiser. Info: UH Mānoa Institute for Astronomy, Karen Rehbock, 956-6829, rehbock@ifa.hawaii.edu, http://www.ifa.hawaii.edu.

"Reading in Other Words: a Literary Event," an international symposium on translation reading, tonight, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Center for Korean Studies auditorium. Hosam Aboul-Ela, Yunte Huang, Puakea Nogelmeier, UH English professor Susan Schultz, S. Shankar, Reina Whaitiri and others read literature in translation. Info: S. Shankar, 956-3077, subraman@hawaii.edu.

"Hyponatremia," a department of medicine grand round, tomorrow, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., UH medical school Kaka'ako campus, Queen's Conference Center, 510 S. Beretania St., second floor lobby. Roland Ng, an associate professor of medicine, will present. Info: Sharon Chun, 586-7478, sharonch@hawaii.edu.

"Translation: Theory, Practice, Trope," an international symposium on translation roundtable, tomorrow, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Art auditorium. Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Hosam Aboul-Ela, Noelani Arista, Yunte Huang and Donatella Izzo will take part in the discussion. Info: S. Shankar, 956-3077, subraman@hawaii.edu.

The study abroad fair, Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Campus Center mall. The festival will have information about the center's study abroad opportunities in 27 locations around the world, financial aid and scholarships. Info: Study Abroad Center, 956-5143, uhmsac@hawaii.edu, http://www.studyabroad.org.

"Genomes, Medicine and the Environment," a seminar, Wednesday, 3:30 to 5 p.m., Kaka'ako University of Hawai'i medical school campus, Medical Education Building, third floor. Craig Venter, founder, chairperson and CEO of the J. Craig Venter Institute, will present. The institute is a non-profit, research and support organization that is dedicated to genomic research. Info: David Baker, 956-9405, bakerd@hawaii.edu.

Erica Reynolds Clayton will deliver an English colloquium Thursday, 3 to 4 p.m., Kuykendall Hall, room 410. Clayton focuses on writing assessment as well as composition theory and pedagogy. Info: English department, 956-7619.

"The Ocean Genome: a Key to Earth's Habitability," an ocean genome lecture, Thursday, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Campus Center ballroom. Craig Venter will present. Info: David Baker, 956-9405, bakerd@hawaii.edu.

La Kaiem (To your Health)

Vitamins no substitute for good health

By Yoellah Yuhudah
Ka Leo Staff Reporter

One of the most efficient ways to achieve good brain activity is consuming healthy foods, which act as vitamin supplements.

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Every nutrient and mineral your body needs can be found in the rich and abundant foods the earth supplies. But students' hectic lifestyles and lack of monetary stability can negatively affect their diet. There are supplements that can help maintain a healthier progression toward academic achievements.

Reasons for consuming vitamins include some depletion factors; the foods we consume are just not what they were 200 years ago. Another reason could be the preparation of the foods themselves; cooking and processing can cause foods to lose their nutrients.

One such nutritious mineral that the body naturally produces is "melatonin," the newly discovered antioxidant.

"Melatonin is the best antioxidant, being 500 times more effective on free radicals in the brain," according to author R. J. Reither.

As a naturally produced hormone, melatonin is produced in the pineal gland, a pea-sized structure of the brain, and can be the determining factor in achieving an A in class instead of something regrettably lower.

Some foods that help stimulate the production of melatonin in the body are oats, sweet corn, rice, ginger, tomatoes, bananas and barley. But through sleep, melatonin becomes the body's natural wonder drug. The pineal gland, through physiological processes, synthesizes it. So, when you're flying in the cosmos of thoughts and can't remember information, the pineal gland isn't able to work its magic.

So here's where the vitamin world can step in to help with busy schedules or lack of proper food intake: You can use vitamins as an alternative for brain foods. There are two types of melatonin vitamins on the market today. One is derived synthetically and the other from meat. Animal or bovine grade melatonin is actual extracts from the pineal gland of a cow.

I don't personally recommend this type, due to viruses or proteins that could cause harmful antibody responses. The synthetic melatonin would be my choice because the pharmacy-grade melatonin is molecularly identical to the melatonin in our own bodies.

But why not just get a bunch of bananas from the farmer's market on campus on Fridays? Consuming healthy foods is one of the best ways to achieve great brain activity. So, when cooking or eating out, choose food groups that help promote melatonin production.

As people age, melatonin production decreases. That's where vitamin supplements really count. There are a few drawbacks to consuming vitamins – women who are lactating or want to conceive could see harmful side effects.

Because studies have not been conducted to determine the detrimental amounts of melatonin consumption for lactating women, the effects on the fetus aren't known yet. People with depleted immune systems, lymphoma or leukemia might also be affected.

Why risk taking a melatonin vitamin, whether it be from natural or synthetic sources? The bottom line is: just eat responsibly for the health of your body – especially your brain.

LettertotheEditor

Military has access to student information

I recently received a call on my cell phone from a military recruiter. I was surprised to discover that not only had the recruiter been given my phone number, but also my student information. I checked with the University and discovered that, just as high schools are required to give the military student information, universities that receive federal funding are also required by law to give our personal information to military recruiters.

I am writing this letter in an effort to make students aware that this is happening, and to bring to everyone's attention that, although not well publicized, there is action you can take to make sure your personal information is not released. You can make an "opt out" request by going to the records information window in the student services building. The University, however, is not allowing us to pick and choose specific information to be blocked, nor can we pick and choose who can receive our information and who cannot. The current practice is to block everything from everyone, including campus clubs or potential employers who may want to verify our resume information.

UH needs to do a better job of effectively informing students of their privacy rights. In addition, I urge UH to clarify the policy and procedures, and provide us with the ability to specify who we want to block our information from.

Crystal Cooper
Junior
Philosophy

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Administration's lackluster info spotty at best

Poor communication leaves students uninformed

By Israel Chavez
Ka Leo Contributing Writer

When it comes to keeping students informed about important changes at the University, the administration does a poor job. A recent example of this occurred during the first week of school. The Student Housing Services had a couple of informational hearings regarding the increase of dorm costs. Housing did a bad job of making these hearings accessible to the people most concerned: the residents and any parents that may be responsible for paying for their children's housing now or in the future. The problem is campus-wide, and the solution is to recognize the various ways students can be informed and use them effectively. This could be done with the timely placement of fliers around campus, with an e-mail from announce@hawaii.edu or an announcement at the usually mandatory dorm meetings.

Student Housing Services used fliers to inform students about the meetings, but did not distribute them in a timely manner. Residents didn't find out about the hearings until just before or right after the first one. When I asked my RA why these fliers were put up so late, he told me that he just got them that day.

Whenever the administration wants to use fliers to inform students about important events, they need to take steps to ensure that announcements make it from the printer to the bulletin board quickly. In Housing's case, desk receptionists and RAs have academic responsibilities, and shouldn't be the primary methods of delivery for notices for meetings that are happening later that day. In a situation like this, these flyers should have been up at least one week before, so residents could see them as they returned from vacation.

Even though neon-colored notices can be good for getting the word out, more should have been done to create awareness, like sending e-mails to all University of Hawai'i students. Even though there are students that don't give their school e-mail account much attention, it would still be much more effective than posting bulletins hours prior to the events.

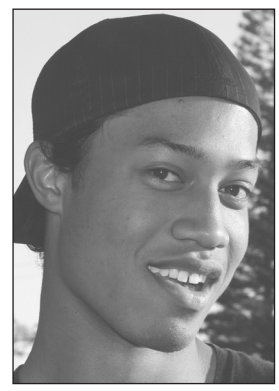
The lack of an e-mail notice makes the hearings seem relatively insignificant. After all, if we are receiving e-mails from our Centennial Celebration Office about festivities, we should be getting e-mails from Housing about a rate increase.

Word of mouth from administrators or other school employees could be used to spread the information. Some residents would have found out about the meetings earlier if their RAs had told them during one of the floor meetings; although, this scenario is contingent on the Housing office letting the appropriate staff know ahead of time.

When students were informed about possibly increasing student fees to pay for a new recreational facility, a similar problem occurred. Many students found out when asked to sign a petition for it. The school should have put in more effort to inform via public discussion, where the pros and cons could be weighed together.

Consideration also needs to be shown for the student's schedule. It is good that there were two meetings, but the second meeting was in the middle of the day, at a time when it was unlikely that residents would be available. Also, both hearings were during the first week of school, when students are busy getting books and finalizing their classes.

Whether the issue is a rate increase, a policy change or zone priorities, it's definitely a good thing that there are forums to get information and voice concerns. To make these meetings more beneficial for all involved, more effort needs to be put into communicating with students so that they have adequate, advanced notice to make arrangements to attend.



JONES

"I don't remember seeing any fliers. I only remember the e-mail sent to my UH account."

Kainoa Jones, Feshman
Hale Aloha Dorm Leihua

ZHENG

"I saw fliers about [the dorm rate increase] I think. And one day we were waiting for the bus and we saw it in the Star-Bulletin. This was our only source of information on this."

Jennifer Zheng, Freshman
Hale Aloha Dorm Leihua

LetterstotheEditor
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E-books: new frontier of reading

By David Pham
Features Editor

Have you ever owned so many books that you've run out of space to put them? You probably have resorted to places like Public Storage or Hawaii Self Storage just to keep books from turning into avalanches in your closets, but realize the inconvenience of traveling far distances just to store a bulk of paper.

Just as technology approaches a sci-fi world of possibilities everyday, the ideas and inventions that are born from it come closer and closer to reality.

"We still carry around enormous amounts of paper," said Simon Jones, Vice President of Product Development at Plastic Logic. "However, people are making less room in their lives for the weight and bulk of paper and are becoming more sensitive to the environmental impact of printing to read."

Plastic Logic will produce flexible active-matrix display modules for "take anywhere, read anywhere" electronic reader products. It will utilize Plastic Logic's process to fabricate active-matrix displays that are thin, light and robust, enabling a reading experience closer to paper than any other technology.

"Our displays will enable electronic reader products that are as comfortable and natural to read as paper," said John Mills, Chief Operating Officer at Plastic Logic, "whether you're on a beach, in a train or relaxing on the sofa at home."

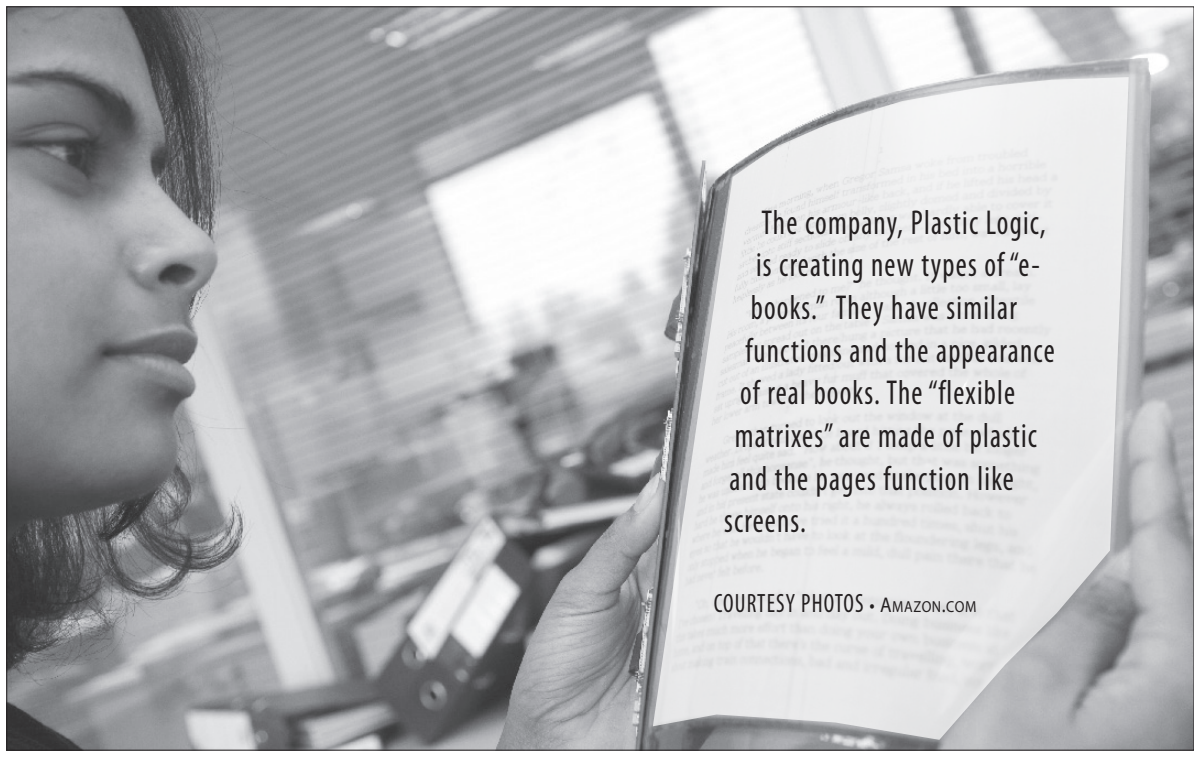
The electronic reader is different from the e-books that are already on the market because it's less like a giant PDA and more bendable, like a book.

"Wireless connectivity will allow you to purchase and download a book," Mills said, "or pick up the latest edition of your newspaper wherever you are and whenever you need it."

Though Plastic Logic is working on the display products, its ideas could contribute to the most groundbreaking advancement in technology since the creation of nanotechnology.

Plastic Logic expects to begin manufacturing display products midway through 2009, with products shipping by the end of the year.

With the flexible displays on the market, electronic readers would attract not only book readers who want to free up storage space, but also a wider variety of people.



The company, Plastic Logic, is creating new types of "e-books." They have similar functions and the appearance of real books. The "flexible matrixes" are made of plastic and the pages function like screens.

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"It would be a great relief in terms of what to bring to class," said Kendyll Doi, Information and Computer Sciences 101 TA. "People wouldn't have to break their backs

Whether it's students who don't want to carry around heavy textbooks, chefs who don't want to look up recipes from their cookbooks or FBI agents who don't want to retrieve criminal profiles from slow databases, the flexible displays could hold all that information in a conveniently compressed and easy-to-read hunk of plastic that resembles a book.

"We believe," Jones said, "there is a substantial unfulfilled need that Plastic Logic can meet by making digital reading a comfortable and pleasurable experience."

The "e-books" that are already on the market feel and look more like giant PDAs, and lack the flexibility of books.

100 Years Strong

By Patricia Wilson

Culture flavored play

1924

The University of Hawaii's Dramatic Club presented "The Faithful," by John Masefield (an adaptation of "Chushingura"). It was the first Kabuki play ever performed at the University.

Photo Courtesy of "Building a Rainbow" by Victor Kobayashi

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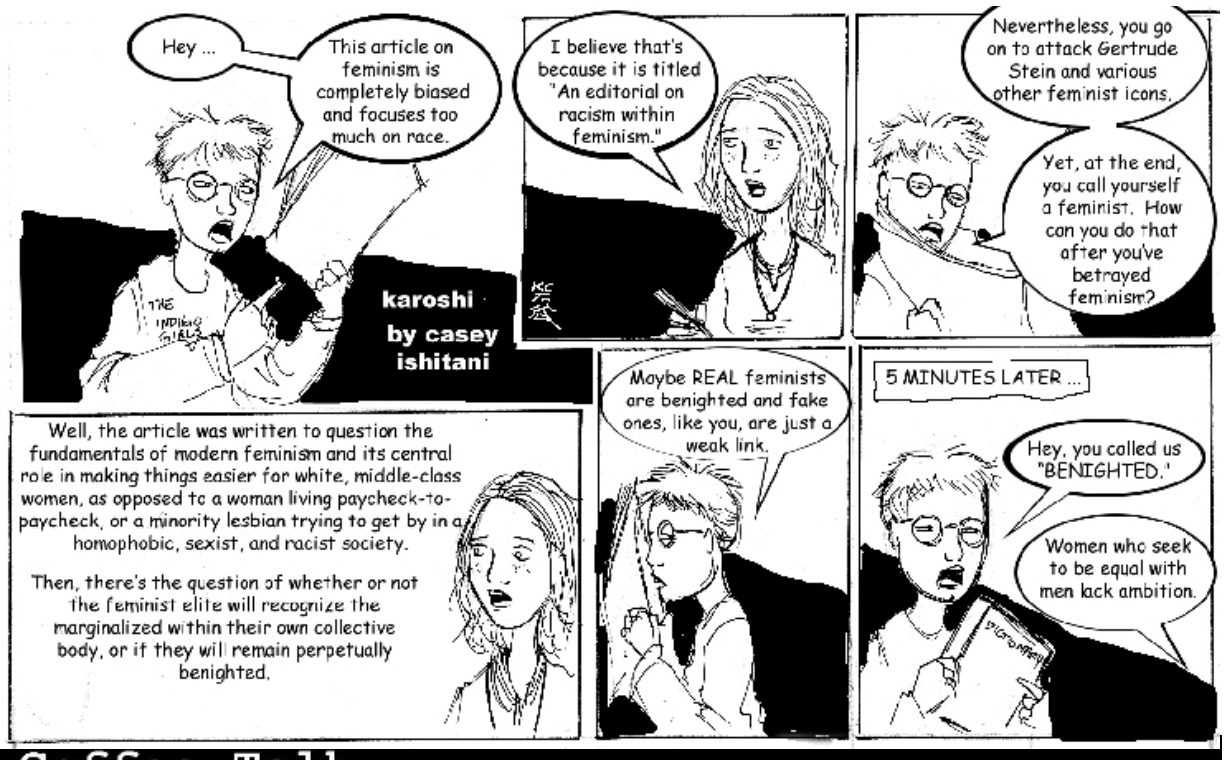

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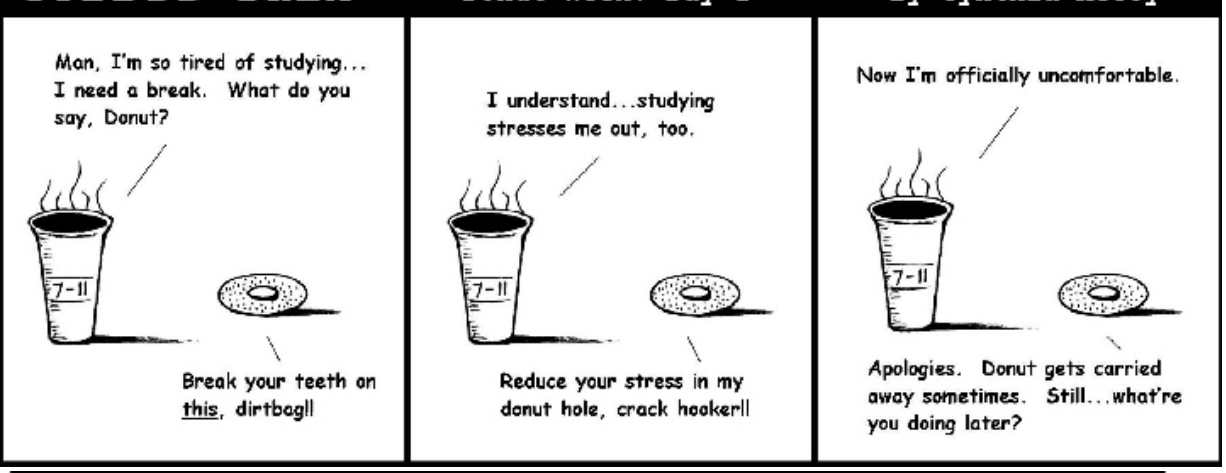
Coffee Talk

"Donut Week: Day 1"

By Cynthia McCoy



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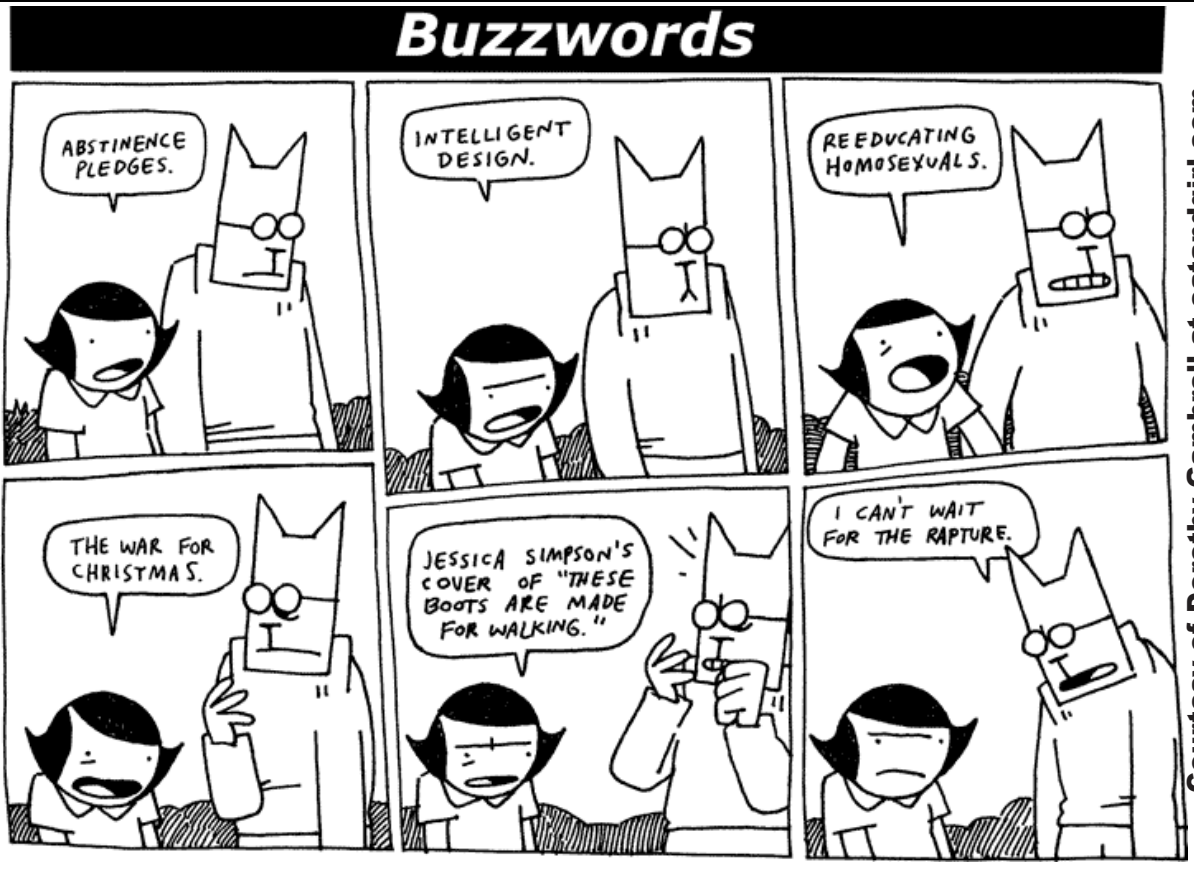

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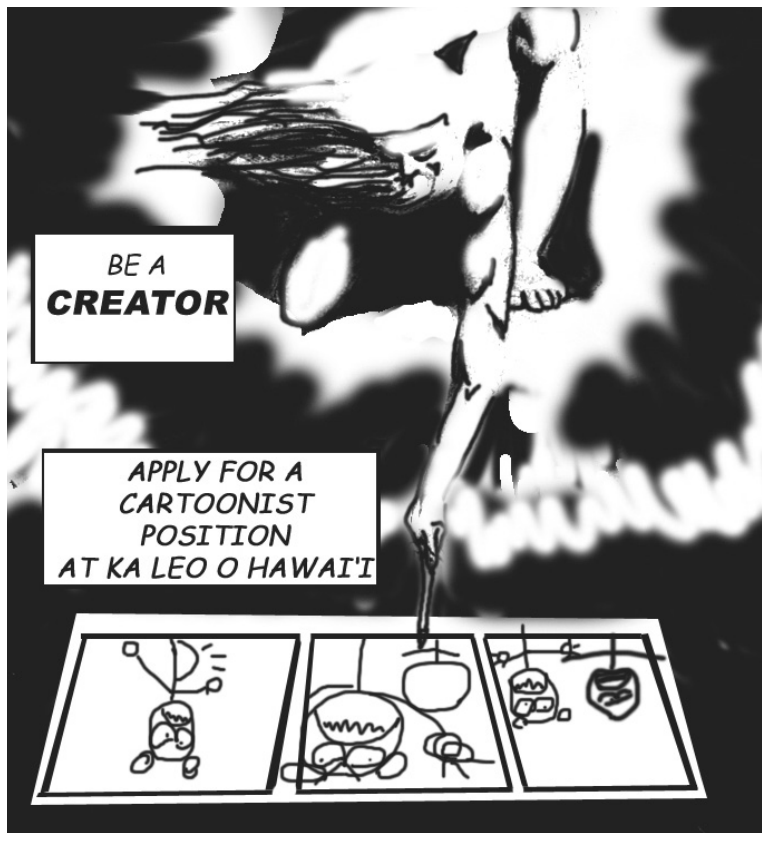
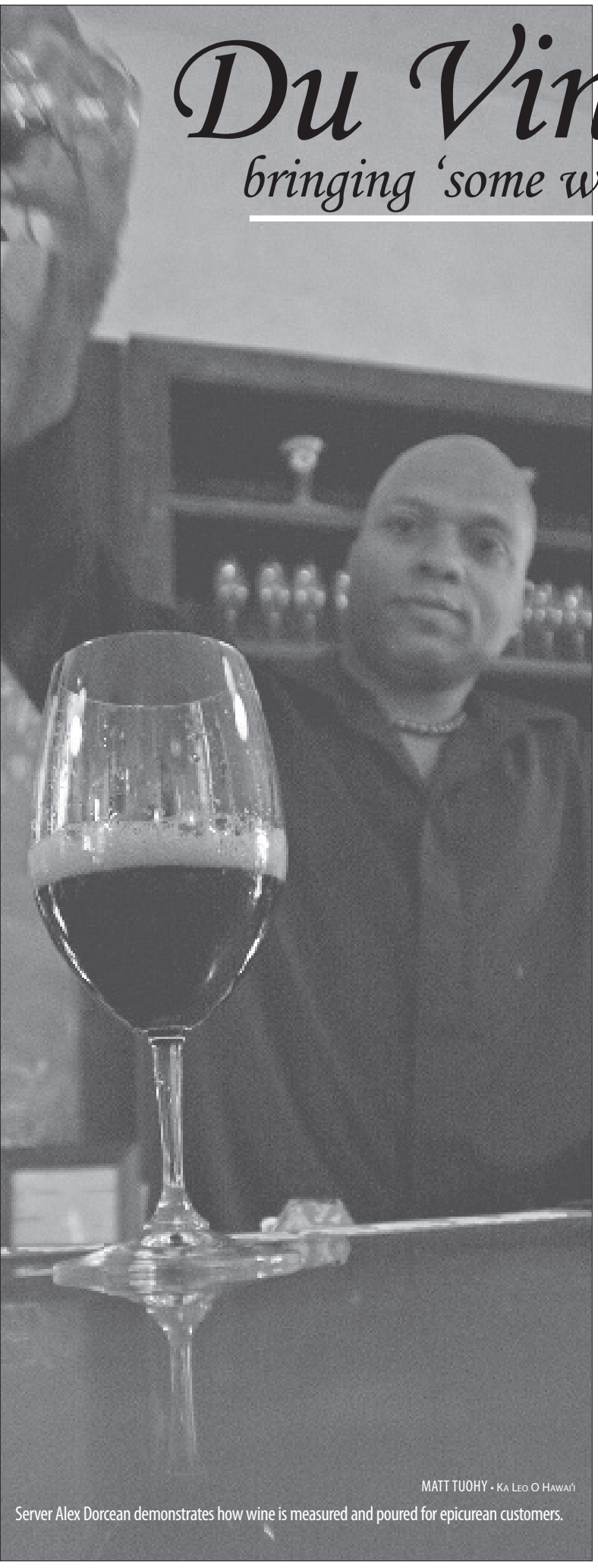


Du Vin

bringing 'some wine' to Chinatown's bar scene



MATT TUOHY • Ka Leo O Hawai'i

Server Alex Dorcean demonstrates how wine is measured and poured for epicurean customers.

By Jenn Brown
Ka Leo Contributing Reporter

When you enter the newest addition to Chinatown's bar scene, you cannot help but notice the distinct European influence and swanky atmosphere of the place. With its brick walls, copper bar, cute little tables scattered around and a porch area constructed to resemble a street straight out of Europe, the ambiance of Brasserie Du Vin is refreshing.

On each table lies a leather bound wine list designed to help the guest, whether a connoisseur or an amateur, to find the wine that best fits their needs. This European style café and wine bar has a French style and features two different menus: one for the day and one for the evening. Both menus feature dishes such as an oven-baked tart of Niçoise olives, caramelized red onions, anchovies and Gruyere cheese and chilled asparagus salad with crab meat and sauce Ravigote. It is a far stretch from the average college student's dining experiences at Magoo's, but nevertheless intriguing. Happy Hour is from 4 to 6 p.m. with, of course, drink specials and half off menu items.

Owner David Stewart also owns Indigo Restaurant and Bar 35, both downtown, and two spots with a very unique and hip feel to them. Siobhan Johnson is a manager for Du Vin, and has been working for Stewart since the opening of Bar 35. She explains that Stewart and his wife did the decorating and design.

"He just has an eye for decorating," Siobhan said. "He has this vision and just creates it."

For those students on a budget, there is always a "wine of the week" which goes for about six dollars a glass, and the menu is designed so guests can share dishes. Menu prices range from about $5 to $15. Siobhan describes it as being "more of a European style" menu. Du Vin also offers fifteen different international beers and a full bar.

"It is kind of unusual for a wine bar to have a full liquor bar," Siabhan said. They are currently working on a drink list that, Siobhan said is representative of a wine tasting menu.

Since its opening in early September, the bar has steadily seen the traffic increase as the word gets out. Currently Du Vin closes at 11:30 p.m., but has future plans to do more evening promotions.

In the works is a Wednesday night food and wine pairing. Pre-sale tickets are $70 and have already sold out for the first event. The Sommelier, Jason Castle, is the man behind the wine.

"[For the event, it's] his pick of wine region or wine vineyard," Siobhan said, "and we will do food pairing with different wine from that area."

Though they are still working on the details of the menu, it is expected to impress guests.

Castle also put together the wine list for Du Vin, with an introduction and symbols to indicate certain characteristics of some wines. The key for these symbols is listed in the introduction, explaining whether the wine uses alternative closure, in which a natural cork is not utilized, or Organic Viticulture, which lets you know there is an absence of pesticides used when creating the wine.

Biodynamic Viticulture takes a different approach to viewing the winery's life cycle, and there are even wines marked to show the Sommelier's stamp of approval.

These wines are suggested by Castle himself and are described as "Just too damn good to pass up." The book lists wines by the category if you read it one way, but flip it upside down and on the opposite pages you can find wines listed by the region.

There are 35 different wines available by the glass, but any bottle is available for tasting for 30 percent of the bottle price. If you decide that it doesn't fit your liking, the bottle will simply go on special for other patrons to enjoy.

"A lot of places don't do that," Siobhan said.

Du Vin also has a room in the back reserved for special parties. For about $50 per person, it can be rented out for parties, receptions or showers, all included with your own server and bartender.

"It's kind of a slow process getting started," Siobhan said, "but the word is getting out there."

Though Du Vin calls it an early night on most occasions, closing at about 11:30 p.m., Siobhan said, "If people are still here and having fun, we will stay open."

So, whether it is a night out on the town, or a midday meal with a glass of wine, Du Vin is worth a try.

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Top: Jason "Cass" Castle, the wine and beverage director of the bar, works on his laptop, sipping wine before his dinner is served.

Middle: The outside patio is like a slice of France in the middle of the Pacific where patrons can sit and enjoy their wine.

Bottom: Though Du Vin is located in Chinatown at 1115 Bethel St.

Warriors find success at home

DAN RICHARDS • Ka Leo O Hawai'i

Matt "Dragon" Rawson had nine kills in the Warriors' sweep of the Tigers Thursday night at the Stan Sheriff Center.

Ka Leo Sports Desk

The University of Hawai'i men's volleyball team evened their record at 2-2 with two consecutive victories over Mountain Pacific Sports Federation opponent University of the Pacific on Thursday and Friday nights, respectively. While the Warriors were able to shut out the Tigers on Thursday night (30-26, 30-21, 30-28), it took a four-set match on Friday (31-29, 30-22, 28-30, 30-24) to send their first home opponent of the season packing.

UH out-blocked and out-hit Pacific in both meetings, tallying 12.5 blocks in the first match and 16.0 in the second, compared to the Tiger's 7.0 and 5.5. UH held an attack percentage advantage of .344-.171 on Thursday and .360-.287 on Friday.

The Warriors will next play host to the 13th Outrigger Invitational Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26 and 27 at the Stan Sheriff Center.

The University of Hawai'i Warriors had a successful outing against Pacific, winning both matches against their first home oponent of the season.

DAN RICHARDS
Ka Leo O Hawai'i

SportsBriefs

The University of Hawai'i men's basketball team remains winless on the road after consecutive losses in Idaho. The Rainbow Warriors took in a 76-75 loss to the Idaho Vandals Thursday night, and a 73-62 loss to the Boise State Broncos Saturday night to fall 10-9 overall and 1-5 in the Western Athletic Conference. They recorded their worst start in WAC play since 1999, following their sixth road game loss.

In the sold-out Taco Bell Arena, the Broncos (9-8, 3-3) outscored the Warriors, shooting 52.3 percent from the field, to the 'Bows dismal 33.8 percent. The Warriors struggled on the courts, shooting only 3-21 from three-point range and nearly hitting their season's lowest shooting percentage.

The 'Bows return to the Stan Sheriff Center to host the San Jose State Spartans Thursday night at 7:05 p.m.

RUSSELL SAITO • Ka Leo O Hawai'i

UH Forward Tanya Smith scores over Boise State's Rebecca Kepilino

Broncos bust Wahine comeback

By Magdiel Vilchez
Ka Leo Staff Reporter

Despite the University of Hawai'i Rainbow Wahine's second-half surge to round up a victory over the conference-leading Boise State University Broncos, BSU was able to gallop out of Hawai'i with their first win at the Stan Sheriff Center since joining the conference in 2001.

The Rainbow Wahine basketball team fell to 1-5 in the Western Athletic Conference and 7-11 overall with a 62-53 loss to the Broncos Saturday night at the SSC.

The battle between the 'Bows and the WAC-leading Broncos began with a rapid-fire shootout. UH senior guard Janevia Taylor grabbed a steal and laid the ball in for her 7th point that gave the 'Bows a 7-6 edge. However, in a surprising move by UH head coach Jim Bolla, Taylor was benched one play later.

"[Taylor] wasn't getting the job done as the point guard," Bolla said. "The point guard's responsibility is to get the ball to the people and get the people where they need to be. Our first four shots were taken from outside and that's not what we wanted."

Without one of their top ball-handlers and scoring threats in Taylor, the 'Bows were trampled by a 10-2 Bronco scoring run that gave Boise a 23-15 lead with seven minutes left in the first half.

"We were being out-hustled and thinking too much of what [Coach Bolla] wanted from us," Taylor said. "[UH] was too busy throwing the pass into our post without even looking to where the defense was at so that caused a bunch of turnovers which caused them to get a big lead and put us in debt. So we had to play catch-up for the rest of the game."

Hawai'i fell behind by as much as 13 points when the Broncos grabbed a 32-19 lead with 3:25 left on the clock. The 'Bows made a brief 4-0 run to close the half and narrowed the Broncos lead to single digits at 23-32. Hawai'i recorded 15 turnovers and allowed Boise to score 16 points off the errors.

Led by outstanding play off the bench by guard Amy Kotani and the return of Taylor, the 'Bows dived into the second half with a 4-0 run that put the 'Bows within five points of the Broncos at 27-32. Shortly after, the 'Bows went on another scoring run capped by a jumper by freshman Iwona Zagrobelna. The 9-0 run brought the 'Bows within a single point of the Broncos.

"We just looked at better opportunities instead of panicking," said UH forward Tanya Smith. "We made smarter passes and looked for the open person instead of just thinking where the person was going to be."

Smith led the 'Bows with 12 points and 13 rebounds, however, Hawai'i could not convert to take the lead.

"They just had those possessions where we just couldn't get the rebound," Bolla said, "and that really hurt us. We couldn't come down to get a score."

Boise increased their lead to eight points with a jumper by Bronco forward Jackie Lee with 2:05 left in the game. Kotani's third three-pointer of the night narrowed the Bronco lead to five and gave the 'Bows their final push of the night. Boise State closed the game on a 7-3 scoring run.

"We played really good defense for 25 seconds," Smith said, "and then in the last five seconds someone would get open and take a shot and they'd make it. They looked after the ball. Our turnovers killed us in this game."

Hawai'i finished the night with 23 turnovers while Boise State scored 25 points off turnovers. Kotani finished with a career-high 10 points.

The 'Bows will head on the road for their next two games, stopping in San Jose first for Thursday's game against the San Jose State University Spartans.

Taylor said she loooked forward to getting two on the road.

"We just have to build on every game and try to improve on every game," Kotani said.