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NewsBriefs

For the music lovers and the writers

Rolling Stone magazine is geared toward people who love music and want to know more about the music they love. The magazine is also a place for someone who writes to get into the industry. Rolling Stone is now looking for writers between 18 and 24 years old to work this summer. Those chosen will be full-time staff writers in their New York offices and will be filmed for MTV as part of a series about journalism.

The magazine is looking for people with interests related to music, politics, film, sports or fashion, regardless of whether they've experienced writing for a newspaper or just blog.

At the end of the summer, Rolling Stone will choose one writer to receive a one-year contract as a contributing writer for the magazine. Interested writers must be 18 years old by June 9 in order to apply. Application instructions and details related to eligibility can be found at <http://www.rollingstone.com> or <http://www.mtv.com>.

Scholarships aimed at Pacific-Asia

Students who attend the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at UH and are from the Pacific-Asian region including Hawai'i or have a major related to the Pacific-Asian region can apply for scholarships offered through the School of Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific Studies.

The number of scholarships and applications can be picked up in Moore 321. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, May 12.

Student struck by vehicle near Campus Center

By Blaine Tolentino
 Ka Leo News Editor

A Chevrolet Suburban hit a 19-year-old student yesterday while she was walking on the access road between Kuykendall Hall and Campus Center. A retired professor was driving the vehicle when it hit the freshman at approximately 12:55 p.m.

Shy Helm, a friend who was walking with the victim at the time of the accident, said the driver hit her from behind and she fell forward.

Cuts were visible on the woman's knees and arms and paramedics placed a neck brace around her neck. The victim was taken to Queen's Medical Center where she was still being evaluated yesterday afternoon.

The driver told paramedics that he had been going 5 MPH at the time of impact. Bystanders said it looked as if he were going 10 to 15.

"They were just crossing the road; he was going way too fast," said undergraduate Alex Petersen, who also witnessed the accident.

"People drive through here way too fast all the time," said undergraduate Jed Erbar, who was on his cell phone when the student was hit.

Witnesses reported that the driver of the car appeared to be in mild shock after the accident.



HFD applies a neck brace to the victim at about 1:10 p.m., approximately 10 minutes after the incident.

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 BLAINE TOLENTINO



The victim was put on a stretcher before being put in the EMS vehicle and driven to Queen's Hospital.

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CampusBeat

Compiled by Michelle White

Wednesday, March 22

3:03 p.m. — A woman reported that she heard an explosion and saw smoke coming from a vehicle behind Kennedy Theatre. Campus Security found two used firecrackers under a blue Ford. There was no damage but the cats in the area were scared by the explosion and ran away.

Thursday, March 23

10:28 a.m. — A woman reported that another woman was bathing in the first floor bathroom at Wist Hall. Security could not find the woman but noticed a peculiar smell in the bathroom.

11:47 a.m. — A man hit a wall in the lower-campus parking structure. He said that he hydroplaned into the wall while driving 5 mph.

3:26 p.m. — A mo-ped rider said she was almost "taken out" by a string

that was hung across the lower campus dorm access road. Campus Security removed the string.

Friday, March 24

4:02 p.m. — Campus Security found a man at the bike racks near Hale Kahawai and Hale Laulima. He was issued a trespass warning.

Saturday, March 25

2:30 p.m. — A man reported to security that he dropped his cell phone in a drain fronting Kennedy Theatre. The UHM plumber was informed.

Sunday, March 26

5:02 a.m. — Someone reported a possible break-in at Hale Lehua. Campus Security apprehended the suspect who happened to be a cat. The cat-burglar was removed from the room.

Tuesday, March 28

3 a.m. — A man and a woman in a

SUV ran the East-West Gate. They refused to provide identification to security. They were later issued trespass warnings.

Thursday, March 31

5:40 a.m. — A Hale Wainani resident found a man in his room. Campus Security identified the man and escorted him to the correct room a few floors above the one he was found in.

11:26 a.m. — A tree fell across University Avenue near Atherton YMCA.

11:33 a.m. — Campus Center staff reported that the water was rising near the Ba Le Restaurant at Holmes Hall.

12:18 p.m. — Mānoa Stream was reported to be overflowing.

1:49 p.m. — A manhole cover blew off on Dole Street near Sakamaki and Holmes Hall. The cover was found and replaced.

2:10 p.m. — The manhole cover on Dole Street came off again.

Saturday, April 1

3:53 a.m. — Hale Kahawai reported that a group of people was toilet papering the building. Campus Security caught them and had them clean it up.

4:19 a.m. — A parking guard reported seeing three naked men and one naked woman near the lower campus dorms.

Security did not find them.

Sunday, April 2

8:29 a.m. — Campus Security found a man and a woman in a car that was parked in the Institute for Astronomy parking lot. They were asked to leave.

5:14 p.m. — Someone stole a woman's purse from a locker at the Athletic Complex.



NICK GREGORY • KA LEO O HAWAI'I

A manhole lays open from flood waters that overloaded the drainage system into the streets.

Events Calendar

Compiled by Alice Kim

Free Events
 Rodney Morales will present his latest work of fiction, "When the Shark Bites" and other sources as alternative history on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Hamilton Library's Yap Conference Room A153. Morales is a professor in the English department. For more information, call Sarah Myhre at 381-6610 or e-mail smyhre@hawaii.edu.

"Bach to the Future: an evening of suites, concerti, and a premiere," a performance by the UH symphony, will take place on Saturday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Blaisdell Concert Hall. For more information, call the music department at 956-8742, e-mail uhmusic@hawaii.edu or view the music department's schedule of events on the Web at <http://www.hawaii.edu/uhmusic/schedule.htm>.

"The Relationship Between Female Adolescent Self-Esteem, Decision Making and Contraceptive Behavior," a nursing final oral, will take place on Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Webster Hall 402-C. For more information, call 956-8500.

"People, Politics, Social Changes - my view of the 6.4 Democracy Movement in 1989," will be presented on Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. at Moore Hall, room 227. Gina Ling will present this lecture. For more information, call Vincent K. Pollard at 944-6479 or e-mail pollard@hawaii.edu.

"Research Opportunities through the Center for Health Research and the Cancer Research Network," a cancer seminar, will take place Monday from noon to 1 p.m. Thomas M. Vogt, associate director of Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research, Hawaii Program, will present this cancer seminar. The event will take place at 1236 Lauhala Street, Suite 401. For more information, call Wendy Mitchell at 586-3010 or e-mail wendy@crch.hawaii.edu.

Paid events
 The UH Gamelan Ensemble will perform on Saturday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Orvis Auditorium, located in the music department. Admission fee is \$12 for general admission and \$8 for students and seniors. For more information, call the music department at 956-8742, e-mail uhmusic@hawaii.edu or visit [themusicdepartmentontheWeb at http://www.hawaii.edu/uhmusic/schedule.htm](http://www.hawaii.edu/uhmusic/schedule.htm).

Members of the Hawai'i Helping the Hungry Have Hope organization are currently renovating and remodeling buses to serve as temporary shelters for those displaced after the city's sweep of Ala Moana Beach Park last week. H5, which is based at the First United Methodist Church in Honolulu, is seeking donations and volunteers to help with bus renovations and re-design. For more information, contact Utuloa Langi at 223-5176.

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KARIS LO • KA LEO O HAWAII

TOP: The buses will be converted into 16 small living spaces with beds and a bathroom.

MIDDLE: Six buses given by Robert's Hawaii will be reconstructed to accommodate 90 homeless persons as temporary shelters.

BOTTOM: Mobility is the key of the bus shelter project. Langi said washing machine and refrigerator can be installed at the large storage space of the shuttle bus. The mobile kitchen allows volunteers to provide meals for homeless people at different spot easily.



By Danny Simon
Ka Leo Columnist

Dear Working woman,

Once upon a time, I knew a couple of ice addicts who stayed up for six weeks at a time grinding their teeth and listening for voices in the exhaust fan. Lacking sleep and a life beyond speed, they fixated on the smallest wrinkle and amplified it into a full-scale nuclear meltdown. They compensated for a lack of healthy action by creating drama, thus temporarily alleviating them of self-reflection that might have led them to realize the shallowness of their lives.

Don't be a tweaker. You are fixating on the negative. The office world has its need of artificially created drama. If it weren't the girlfriend, your group would fixate on some other wrinkle. While I find it odd that she hangs out at the office waiting for her boyfriend to finish work, I won't make any assumptions about her character beyond congratulating her for having so much free time. You can talk to the boyfriend, but I would imagine that the casual conversation you once enjoyed would vanish permanently. Unless they're total morons, they have a reason for her being present.

What can you do? Get her a part-time position in the office. Bring her into the fold. Like Gandhi making salt from seawater near Dandi, Gujarat, you may likewise turn your oppression into your salvation.

I can only empathize with your plight because here at Ka Leo, your predicament would never happen. We are "Love Bliss." Free from the scorching backstabbing normally found elsewhere, we allow ourselves to love each other completely, and this tremendous love exudes from the building, turning cigarette butts into soy milk, cat dung into manna fallen from the heavens. Love us. Learn from us. Love Bliss.

The Jealous Stare

Dear Wala'au,

I have a problem with one of my co-workers. He's a nice guy, but he's always dragging his girlfriend to the office with him. She stays there the entire shift, and it's hard for me to ask my co-worker to do something or even make our usual friendly conversation without his girlfriend giving me the jealous glare. Our boss doesn't have a problem with it, as it hasn't really affected my co-worker's productivity. It's put a strain on his working relationship with the rest of us, though. How do we tell him to stop bringing the broad around without being insensitive?

Sincerely,
Working woman

Ka Leo needs your questions for UHM's very own advice column, Wala'au. Literally meaning "talk story," it gives advice to the students, faculty and staff of UHM about everything from relationships to school and work issues.

To submit questions to Wala'au, e-mail us at: features@kaleo.org.

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E-mail kaleo@kaleo.org for more information.



By Larissa Eisenstein
Ka Leo Columnist

Dear Working woman,

This guy's girlfriend is a total dog — literally. Who takes their girlfriend to work then leaves her there for the entire shift unless she really is just a furry canine companion? Before we concern ourselves with how to put your interpersonal — err, interspecies — skills to work, let's consider the bigger issue: bestiality is so not cool.

Usually used as a punch line accompanying the gifting of a plastic blow-up sheep at a bachelor party, bestiality is not taken seriously. But as gross and unthinkable as it might sound to most of us, animal loving is more common than we might think. According to Alfred Kinsey's famous groundbreaking study on male sexuality, roughly 8 percent of males reported reaching orgasm with an animal. Roughly twenty years later in the 1970s, another study reported that number was down to about 5 percent. Now, let us assume — rather unscientifically — that the trend decreased at a similar rate since the mid-70s. Adjusting for the population increase since the baby boomers started procreating and accounting for the decrease in rural populations as urban areas have grown, it's probable that 3 percent of the male population is still into this kinky form of lovin'. This means that out of a popula-

tion of approximately 150 million red-blooded American men, about 4.5 million have had sex with a dog, sheep, wild bovine or other non-human representative of the animal kingdom.

As you can see, your coworker is not alone in his proclivity for interspecies relationships. But like being a member of a doomsday cult or the Republican Party — pardon the redundancy — just because someone else is on your side, it doesn't mean you're right. Your coworker needs help. By continuing to call his pet his girlfriend, you and your coworkers are serving as his enablers. Take immediate action by referring him to a qualified mental health professional.

Now, just for kicks, I will consider the insane possibility that this girlfriend is an actual human being who chooses to waste her existence waiting for her boyfriend to get off work. No wonder she gives you the jealous glare — you actually have a life! The best thing for all parties is for her to stop the lapdog routine and get the heck out of the office.

Even though your boss seems OK with having the ball and chain around, he or she is probably oblivious to the fact that the evil-eyeing girlfriend keeps tripping you up. She may not be interfering with her boyfriend's productivity, but she's definitely interfering with yours since you can't comfortably converse with your own coworker. Take your boss aside and explain how the situation is making you and other coworkers uncomfortable. Since it is your boss' responsibility to make sure that you have a positive work environment, he or she should be the one to ask your coworker to leave his old lady at home.

Good Luck.

THE JOBS

College Senators

- They shall represent the existing academic colleges.
- The ASUH College Senators shall be elected by and from each college according to an apportionment system based upon the number of regular ASUH members within each college. The apportionment shall be determined every three years by the ASUH President and approved by the ASUH Senate at least thirty school days before the election.
- The total number of College Senators shall not exceed thirty members. There shall be at least one representative from each college.
- The ASUH College Senators shall maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average and full-time status throughout their term of office.

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- They shall represent the ASUH student body.
- The ASUH At-Large Senators shall be elected by and from the regular ASUH membership. The total number of At-Large Senators shall not exceed four members.
- The ASUH At-Large Senators shall maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average and full-time status throughout their term of office.

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Senators at Large

Name: Brittany Grice

Position: Senator-at-Large, Senator of the College of Arts and Sciences

After having had the privilege to serve on the current senate this year and be a part of the high level of activism and advocacy that has been absent in the realm of UHM's student government in previous years, I would be honored to have the opportunity to see to it that the groundwork laid by the 93rd senate continues its forward March in 2006-07. If re-elected, I plan to fervently represent students' continued concerns about lack of class availability, advising assistance and housing and fight for expedited planning toward rebuilding and renovation.

Additionally, as the token athlete running for office, I will advocate for making athletic-related events something fun and appealing for all students that they can be proud to participate in at both the intramural and varsity levels. It is my sincere hope that you will select me once again as your senator to ensure that your voice and concerns are heard in the coming year by both the administration and state legislature about what this campus needs to reach its full potential. So vote for the girl you look up to — literally.

Name: Andrea Long

Positions: Senator-at-Large, Senator of the College of Arts and Sciences

Aloha, my name is Andrea Long and I am running for Senator-at-Large and senator of the College of Arts & Science. I would appreciate the opportunity to contribute to making the school a place everyone will enjoy.

I have extensive experience in student government and have the problem solving abilities to get the job done. I started working in student government in the 8th grade. As student government treasurer, I prepared the budget, handled finances, balanced accounts, prepared and presented reports. At Pearl City High School, I served in the student government throughout all four of my years there. In my junior year I served as student government treasurer. In my freshman,

sophomore, and senior years I was elected as a representative for my class.

I also continue to help train current Pearl City High School student leaders by volunteering as a facilitator at their annual Leadership Camp. I served as a senator at Leeward Community College, where I helped plan many student activities, such as supporting the Hawai'i Foodbank, with its 16th Annual Food Drive.

In addition to my duties and studies, I enjoyed being an active member of the Japan Circle. My past experience in student government has developed qualities that make me well qualified to serve as a senator at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

If elected, I promise that I will do my very best to make your time here as memorable as possible.

I will also always be here to listen to any questions, concerns, suggestions, or problems you may have.

Together we can create exciting activities in the upcoming year.

Name: William Fernandez

Position: Senator-at-Large, Senator of the College of Arts and Sciences

Aloha,

My name is William Fernandez and I am running for the ASUH Senate seats of Senator-at-Large and Senator of Arts & Sciences.

As a senator I will work for the students and bring all their concerns to the Senate body and get them addressed. It is my hope that through my initiative and dedication to the student body of the University of Hawai'i, this year the ASUH Senate will be able to effectively help to solve their problems and bring them the results that they ask us for each year. I am taking the initiative in running in this election so that I can do all this and humbly ask that you the students support me in my endeavor for a senate seat, and vote in the Spring ASUH Election April 11-13.

I would also like to support the following candidates in their campaigns, Andrew Tatsuo Ogata for President and Robert Kaulana Green for Vice-President.

Mahalo nui loa,

William D. Fernandez Jr.

Name: Lindsay S. Sakai

Position: Senator-at-Large, Senator of College of Business Administration

I'm running for the position of Senator-at-Large/Senator of CBA because my experience with ASUH has been a valuable part of my collegiate career at UH Mānoa. After being elected as a senator for the College of A&S in the Fall of 2005, I have had a very fulfilling experience creating a positive impact on many undergraduate students.

After working on campus for about two years as a student assistant and head fiscal, I have had lots of experience dealing with university procedures as well as interacting with students and faculty. This past summer I was an orientation leader for the New Student Orientation and involvement with that program has motivated me to pursue student government. In addition, I take pride in my membership with the American Marketing Association and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

I am a dedicated and hard-working student who is also outgoing and loves to have fun. If I am elected to this office for either position, I hope to be able to continue representing the student body to the best of my ability. You have elected me as a Senator in the 93rd Senate and I hope that you will allow me to continue serving you as a Senator-at-Large/Senator of CBA in the 94th Senate.

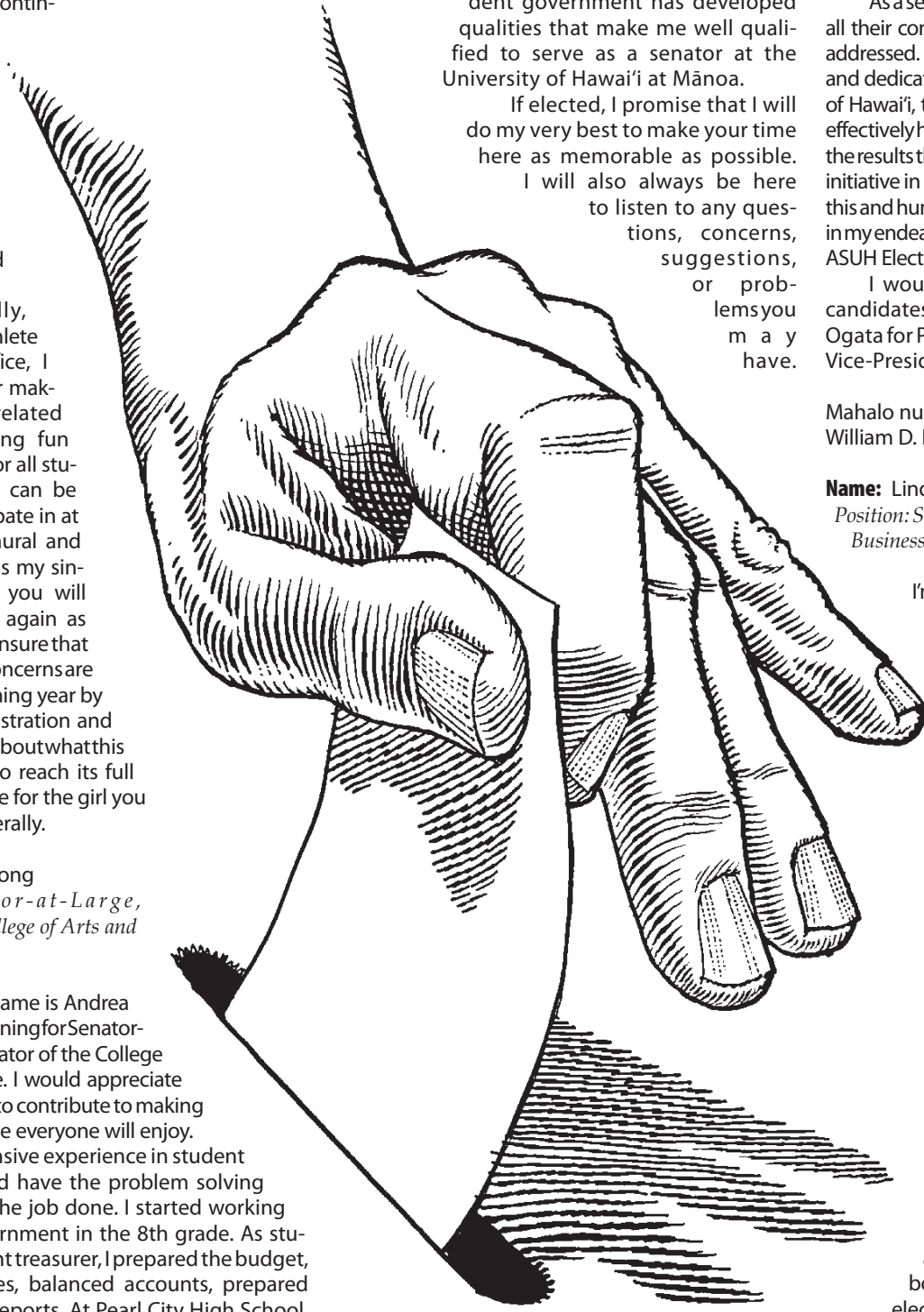


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Arts and Sciences

Name: Keith Nishida*Position: Senator of College of Arts & Sciences*

Aloha, my name is Keith Nishida and I'm a fourth year as a psychology major with a minor in merchandising. My professional interest is in consumer behavior. I am running for senator for the College of Arts & Science for the fiscal year of 2006-2007.

Having come from a high school where everyone got involved in some aspect with school spirit, I was active in anything from marching band to student council. When I came to college, things were different; each student had their own agenda. I was still involved with student organizations on campus, but not nearly as I was in high school.

Now that I have the time and experience to serve as a liaison between the general student body and the University, I'm ready to step up as senator. I hope to gain everyone's support, if I haven't done so yet, and serve as senator for the students!

Mahalo Nui

Name: Steve Catt*Position: Senator of the College of Arts & Sciences*

Good day to all,

My name is Steve Catt and I want to change things. I want my agenda to be your agenda. I want my position as senator to be a tool for the students to get their issues not only out in the open, but to bring about changes in the areas that students feel are not functioning to their liking. There exist many possibilities for us to make living and learning at this school more comfortable.

From security to housing to infrastructure to class availability to the need for program funding to stopping UARC, I want to stay busy making sure you students and your opinions are not thrown aside by the school administration and President McClain.

We as students should have more control over our own lives. If we want it, we have the ability to change things. We have the best weapon, it's called democracy. Let's take an active role in our education and make sure that our center of learning is not transformed into a corporation. Thank you very much for your time and have a good day.

Steve Catt

Democracy in Action

Name: Bryan Battiste*Position: Senator of the College of Arts & Sciences*

If you're wanting change, I'm your man. I've got experience as a senator from Colorado State University, and am ready to fight for the necessary modifications to better our school. I know how the system works and how to get what we need as students. All I need is your vote.

Name: Eric Vize*Position: Senator of the College of Arts & Sciences*

I am currently an interdisciplinary studies student, which means I am designing my own major, however I have yet to finalize exactly what that will be. I have received my associate's degree in international business from Santa Barbara City College, but I am looking to utilize the interdisciplinary stud-



ies department to focus more so on international relations.

After graduating from high school in 2000, I have spent the majority of my college career traveling. Born and raised in Illinois, I have since lived in four other states and have been a student at eight different colleges.

Most recently following my 2005-2006 academic year at UH, I spent the summer in Brazil and then went to school in Miami, Fla., via UH's National Student Exchange program. This is only my third semester here at UH, however I would like to represent you the students throughout the rest of my duration as a Warrior. When selecting your future senators of the College of Arts & Sciences, just remember, Vize tells no lies! For sheezy, I'm off the heezy, vote for meezy!

Candidates not listed

Joshua Abel
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Matthew Gerhardt
Kristen Smatresk
Jenna Okamoto

Letters to the Editor

I bleed the same color as you do

I zipped out of botany lab and into the Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services in hopes of making a donation to the blood bank. I waited patiently for an hour and stepped up to the nurse. I was polite, jovial and even humorous. I vowed to be honest and forthright with my answers, one shouldn't be ashamed of who he or she is.

I breezed through the preliminary questions: Do you have mad cow disease? Have you had sex with someone who had mad cow disease? Have you had syphilis? etc.

I get tested regularly, always use protection, and never once had an STD. It was pretty much a no-brainer. Then came the part: Have you had sex with another man? I looked the nurse in the eye and smiled and said resolutely, "yes." The nurse was apologetic and responded, "Oh I'm sorry you can't give blood." I looked at her unsure of what I had heard and blinked a few times just to make sure she was serious. To shake me from my stupor she said, "Hey I believe I have the same chances as

you of getting AIDS."

So I asked inquisitively, "What if next time I come back and I lie?" To which she said, "You can't, it's on your record." I guess I have a pink triangle fastened to my record. Yet none of the questions given to women are if they use protection or have multiple partners, and all blood is tested for HIV antibodies anyway.

The sad part is, as much as I would like to help save a life I can't. It's a miserable sort of persecution to hear commercials about dying people in need of blood and then hearing the phrase "give blood." And I respond with in my head, "I can't because the blood bank thinks I have AIDS from doing drugs and having rampant sex."

I know it's the belief of some that gay people are doomed to die of AIDS. I've had people respond with "Good for him. That's what he gets for not being normal." And to those people that feel that way I hope that they will find something that makes them happy enough to

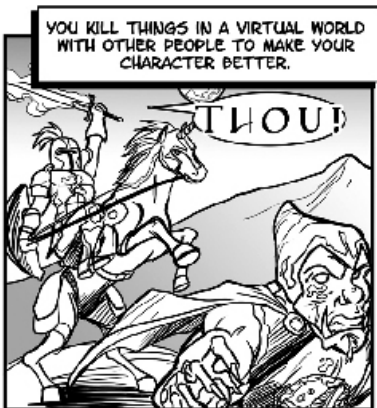
be in the mind-set to accept others and have compassion.

I had hoped that this article would be a point of catharsis for me, but I think in the end it'll be another point of controversy and contention. But I hope in a way that pride in who you are is not something that can be diminished by discrimination but buffered by a sense of solidarity through friends and family.

Dane Kenichi Yoshimura*Undergraduate student*

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Poor Boys - OMG LOL!!!!!!



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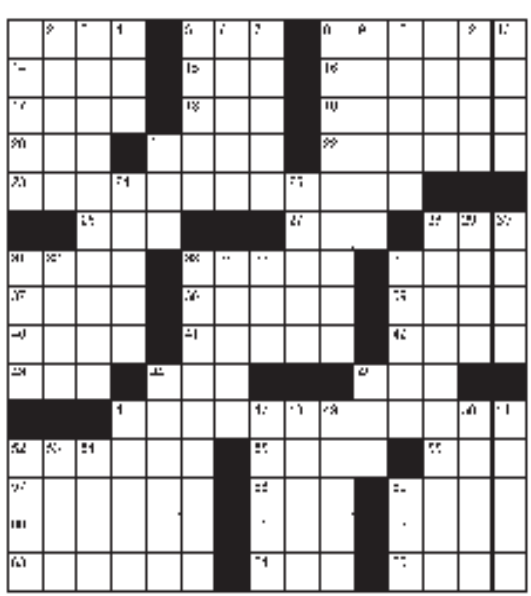
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Mio Sapolu, 47, from Samoa said he chooses to be homeless because he wants to help the homeless with the words of God.

Honolulu homeless hunt for a solution

Photos by Karis Lo



Hundreds of people were forced to vacate their makeshift homes at Ala Moana Beach Park after Honolulu city officials began the overnight closing of Ala Moana Beach Park last Monday. In the days following the evacuation, the plight of Honolulu's homeless has been in focus, with politicians, citizens and former Ala Moana Beach Park residents trying to find a solution.



Governor Linda Lingle hosts a meeting at the Honolulu International Airport Thursday morning to implement an action plan to resolve Hawaii's homelessness situation.



TOP: Utuloa Langi, founder of H5 (Hawai'i Helping the Hungry Have Hope) said it takes about one month to reconstruct a bus. The main problem he is struggling with now is the lack of parking spaces and the \$1,200 registration fee per bus.

LEFT: Brian Ellyson, Mio Sapolu, Tasi Paupau, Kimo Rimer and Antino Aliwia (left-to-right) set up a tent near the grassy area next to the Honolulu Police Department Headquarters after the state closed Ala Moana Beach Park.



FAR LEFT: Hawaii's Men's Volleyball outside hitter, Lauri Hakala, is a powerful force for the Warrior's explosive offense.

LEFT: Hawaii's Libero Alfred Reft and outside hitter Lauri Hakala. "He's always fun to play with," senior libero Alfred Reft said. "When he's on the floor he has so much energy."

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BOTTOM: Lauri Hakala dives for a spike. Lauri Hakala has made a big impact for the Warriors this season, he is currently second on the team with 298 kills and trails UH leader Jose Delgado (299) by only one.

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Finnish hitter finds his comfort zone

Lauri Hakala a big part of UH Men's Volleyball

By Glendalyn Junio
Ka Leo Staff Writer

In the stands of the Stan Sheriff Center, countless signs and posters scatter among University of Hawai'i Warrior Volleyball fans. One in particular stands out: Finland's Finest.

Last season, Finland native Lauri Hakala took the court in an environment that contrasted his home, which in last week's forecast had an average low temperature of 9 degrees Fahrenheit.

"I'm so glad I came to UH," Hakala said. "We have a really good program, we have good teammates and we are well-coached."

The cold has definitely not been a stranger to Hakala. After graduating from Pieksamaen Lukio in 2001, where he led

his volleyball team to the 2001 Finnish High School championship, Hakala spent a year in the Arctic serving his mandatory Finnish military duty.

After winning several championships in his junior club beach volleyball team from 1997 to 2004, warmer weather was an environment he wanted to pursue with volleyball.

During his experience last season at UH, Hakala played 18 matches and 43 games while recording 80 kills and averaging 1.86 kills per game and 40 digs.

"I think he is more comfortable being in Hawai'i. It always takes everybody some time when they go somewhere new," Head Coach Mike Wilton said. "I think last year was a big learning curve for him."

After last season, Hakala strongly considered leaving UH for several reasons he asked to not talk about.

"Let's just say I'm glad that I stayed and nothing this year is the same as last," Hakala said.

Hakala played left-side hitter last year, yet seemed to find his comfort zone early this season after taking the place of

the then-injured senior Matt Bender at opposite attacker during training camp.

"It's exciting here and it seems to me that people here enjoy playing more," Hakala said.

Hakala currently stands as one of the leading scorers on the team with 3.87 kpg, second behind senior Jose Delgado who averages 4.33 kpg. He has improved tremendously from his 80 kills to his current 298 kills this season and has played 77 games so far.

"He's always fun to play with," said senior libero Alfred Reft. "When he's on the floor he has so much energy."

His teammates and coaches can agree that Hakala has been a significant part of the team and is a tremendous athlete.

"He's one of our strongest athletes physically and he hits the weights hard," said Assistant Coach Jason Salmeri. "He's a strong server and it's scary to be behind him when you're playing with him."

Hakala's personality extends beyond the court. He plans on majoring in business. He also is fluent in Finnish, Swedish, German, English and Estonian. He is studying Spanish and Russian.

"[Hakala] works hard," Wilton said. "He has good priorities, and is a good student. He's having a real nice season."

Salmeri also added that Hakala is a very hard worker, and that "he analyzes everything he does and everything he needs to do. He's always asking our opinion to do what he needs to do."

Jokingly mentioning Hakala's bad luck with machinery, senior Matt Carere can probably describe Hakala the best off the court. The two are roommates and share a car.

"[Off the court], he carries the same intensity he has on the court," Carere said. "He's a fun guy to be around with."

Hakala hopes to pursue volleyball beyond college and for the next ten years.

"I want to go back to Europe, not Finland, but somewhere else," Hakala said. "Depending on how I do, I want to play professionally after."

Hakala is glad to be at UH, especially after playing on bad teams and under bad coaches.

"It's a real enjoyable experience playing here," he said.

SportsBriefs

TENNIS

The University of Hawai'i Rainbow Wahine tennis team (2-16-1) bore down on Division II Chaminade, 7-0, Tuesday at the UH Tennis Complex. The Rainbows won all four of the completed singles matches and both doubles contests against the short-handed Silverswords,

Chaminade forfeited the No. 5 and 6 singles spots as they had only four players. UH needed only two singles wins after the forfeits

for their second dual match victory of the season. UH junior Jacqui Williams won at court three (6-0, 6-0) and junior Samanta Cappella at the No. 4 position defeated Silversword Kristina Hutmacher (6-0, 6-0).

UH junior Kana Aikawa and sophomore Chloe Bihang both won their matches against Kimi Chikazawa (6-3, 6-2) and Audra Takara (6-1, 6-2) respectively.

The Rainbow Wahine took home the doubles point as Cappella and Julia Sandborn defeated Chikazawa and Takara

(8-4) and freshman Fenja Shaw and junior Florence Wasko shut-out Danielle Nueberger and Hutmacher (8-0).

UH will host Hawai'i Pacific University on Saturday, April 8. HPU is ranked 20th in the latest ITA Division II poll. First serve is 10 a.m. at the UH Tennis Complex.

SOFTBALL

The University of Hawai'i softball team (21-13, 5-0 WAC) will go up against

New Mexico State (21-13, 4-2 WAC) in a three-game WAC series this weekend at the Rainbow Wahine Softball Stadium.

Hawai'i enters the week atop the conference while holding a seven game winning streak, including four straight shut-outs. Hawai'i's all-time series record against NMS is 24-10, but this will be the first game where the two squads will meet as conference opponents.

Friday's game starts at 6 p.m. and Saturday's double-header will begin at 2 p.m.