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# Evolutionary biologist speaks against creationism

By Kumari Sherreitt  
 Ka Leo Staff Reporter

"You are not the stuff that you are made," said Richard Dawkins. "If that doesn't make the hair on the back of your neck stand, then read it again until it does."

The degree of queerness in the science of evolution, Dawkins said, is an obscure one, that has founded the movement of his life's work.

Richard Dawkins, the world-renowned evolutionary biologist, recent New York Times Best Selling author for "The God Delusion" and controversial speaker has made his way to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa as the distinguished lecture series speaker this year.

Hundreds crowded into the ballroom, maxing out its capacity on both Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon last week for his lecture presentation titled "Queerer than we can suppose; the strangeness of science," along with the seminar "Is Evolution Predictable?" and awaited book signing.

Dawkins' trademark of strong, opinionated and clever phrases is what brought his research to its currently debated arena and there was no lack of such wit in his presentations.

In one case Dawkins compared the US dollar to the British pound, revealing the comparison between the presences of Darwin on the 10 pound, and saying "In God We Trust" on the dollar, as being an understated commitment of the American government.

The audience, a diverse group of creationistic and atheistic individuals

comprised of UHM professors, students and curious public, listened to Dawkins' PowerPoint slide show of his research in the theory of evolution, to prove consequently that it is indeed fact.

Welcoming creativity within science, and honing its source, is an aspect that remains undeveloped among his colleges but not by Dawkins. His belief that scientists should "woo and seduce" the public into science, sets him apart from the rest of the scientific community. Dawkins said he has been polite for too long and needs to become blunt to get messages across.

### Evolution

Evolution, Dawkins said, is the process in which every species has adapted to navigate itself through its world. DNA is just DNA, he said, a "rhino is a robot." The make-up of a species' DNA is its determining factor, followed by the role of natural selection and Charles Darwin's theory of "Survival of the Fittest" taking its course.

In seminar Dawkins answered the question "what would it take to falsify the theory of evolution?" including where fossils should be found. He said that within the theory fossils are not probable to be found in the first place.

Evolution of the human being and our perception of both science and religion are dependent upon the fact "that our brains ourselves are evolved," he said, and therefore the perspective of the natural world has been adapted to fit our niche that he coins "middle world."

"Middle world ... limits what we see," he said, matter being the only element that we can conceive and are

innately built to interact with. This in turn limits what we can and cannot do, and comprehend about the world around us. Humans are visual animals, which "construct the illusion of solidity" and conceptualize colors to create identities and in turn label internally for future reference to them. As such, "evolution in the middle world does not enable us to comprehend improbability," Dawkins said, and people should therefore stick to factual data found in science.

"The elaborate beauty of complex design" appearing in nature does not imply a relation to a creator as creationists Dawkins said. Instead design is pushed by the "arms race" of "complicated escalation on one side matched to escalation on other." It is illusion, he said, to believe "a master engineer" has created the natural world.

And to critics who claim that evolution breaks the 2nd law of Thermal Dynamics, there remains "no hope" Dawkins said, continuing on saying that they should "lapse into the deepest humiliation," for their ignorance.

"What lies in the future for the human race?" It is a common query; unfortunately, Dawkins said, because of its lack of originality. His reply to a woman in the question line who posed this question was that there would be a lack of selective pressure for intelligence, and possibly therefore an increase in incompetence. In 20 years, he said, with technology's growing pace, it is unlikely that sustained human intelligence pressure will succeed.

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## Audience packs Campus Center Ballroom, reacts to statements



Richard Dawkins speaks his mind in an interview before another one of his lectures at a packed Campus Center Ballroom last Wednesday.

RUSSELL SAITO  
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By Dan Souder  
 Ka Leo Contributing Reporter

A bottleneck is what hundreds of waiting people, who came an hour early, faced once the ballroom doors opened. Although there was plenty of seating, so many people showed up that there were people standing in the back, along the walls and on the outside lanai.

One of the world's leading proponents of evolution – he pronounces it with a long "e" – Richard Dawkins is the author of numerous books including "The Selfish Gene," a classic on genetics, and "The God Delusion," his latest book. In "The Selfish Gene," he used the term "bottleneck" to describe the life cycle that begins from a single cell at birth and ends in death.

Dawkins, professor of evolutionary biology at Oxford University in England, gave a lecture and a seminar as part of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Distinguished Lecturer Series. The presentation, "Queerer Than We Suppose: The Strangeness of Science" was held last Tuesday, and the latter, "Is Evolution Predictable?" on the following day at the Campus Center Ballroom.

Some people found describing Dawkins' books to be challenging and complex.

"These have certainly not been easy-reading popularizations of conventional wisdom," said UH zoology professor Anthony Taylor. "They have been provocative and challenging. They have been real celebrations of the beautiful complexity and diversity of life that was produced by evolution and natural selection."

Some of the strange aspects of science Dawkins discussed included quantum physics and insects that evolved to resemble rose-thorns to repel predators by their appearance.

Evolution is predictable in a sense that we can expect eyes to evolve, whether like ours or a fly's, and flight to evolve, which it did independently four times. Dawkins supplemented his talks with slides displayed on the large screen behind him.

"I think it was brilliant and insightful," said Teiji Chiba, a liberal arts student at Kapiolani Community College. "I liked how each species has its own model for perceiving nature in order to survive, and how humans see reality is not the same as another species would see it."

During his first lecture, Dawkins illustrated the spectrum of waves from gamma to radio. In this range, humans can only perceive a few nanometers from the middle, a slice we call "colors." Other animals like dolphins can use waves for echolocation, or sonar. He called the human experience of reality "the middle world."

"We are unable to perceive the world on other scales because we always live in the middle world," said Norman Wang, a molecular bio-sciences and UH bio-engineering major. "It was just like, 'Wow, I never thought of the world this way.'"

Dawkins presented himself as a defender of science who championed pure research and lamented some of its applications, such as for weapons.

"I think science needs to be defended because a lot of great things come from it like medical research," Wang said, "but you just have to do it responsibly. Without people like him defending science, biology departments and physics departments won't get as much funding because people have religious

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## Noon Drum Session



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In celebration of Black History Month, Sango, also known as Russell Roberts, a University of Hawai'i at Mānoa ethnomusicology graduate student, led a Stop and Play drumming session at Campus Center Thursday. Sango invited passing students to play on his drums, and he explained how drumming is a foundation in almost every culture. "Drumming shares the soul by manifesting sound into action and rhythm," he said.

# Chancellor candidate No. two speaks at UHM

By Hannah Borrego  
Ka Leo Contributing Reporter



GUPTA

Last Thursday, one of the finalists for University of Hawai'i at Mānoa chancellor, Yash P. Gupta, addressed issues concerning the University of Hawai'i and the steps he plans on taking in order to better interact with students and to make things happen.

Connecting with the students seems to be the top priority from nominee Gupta. When asked what he plans on doing in order to better connect and become involved with students, Gupta said monthly town hall meetings with student leadership members will be routine. He also would like timed open-office hours for anyone wishing to speak with him. Student's parents are very welcome, as they "bring a different interpretation of issues ... a transparency component," Gupta said.

Studying in India, London and Canada, running nominee Gupta has covered ground – both geo-

graphically and professionally. Intellectual flexibility and adaptability are what he feels he gained from such an experience and what UH proudly offers its students. More importantly, however, is what Gupta himself plans on offering students and the university they attend.

"The first step ... is trust. Build trust and you will find a solution," Gupta said. "Earning the trust and connecting with students and staff; it's about understanding the issues and building the trust."

Following trust, comes the development of a plan. Gupta said that those who are affected by the issues and those delivering the plan will work together and play the biggest role in accomplishing what needs to be done. When asked

what he believes needs to be done, and what the top issues concerning UHM are, he replied parking on campus, the conditions of dorm life, increasing the graduation rate and bringing in more money for the University.

"Funds to facilitate comes from donors," Gupta said.

The concern with finance seemed to be a strong issue from the student government's perspective.

"Easier said than done," said ASUH President Grant Teichman in response to Gupta's remark. The student government had a strong desire for long awaited answers and action by those in charge.

"To bring an order of excellence you have to have the resources," Gupta said. "Where and when will the money for the resources come? Trust and a plan? Donors? My interest is to work with you."

The next candidate, Reed W. Dasenbrock, will be speaking today at Campus Center, room 220, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

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agendas that do not want these things happening."

Dawkins' first book was published in the 1970s, and he has been inspiring people ever since.

"I decided to study biology when I read his book 'The Selfish Gene,'" said Jay Friedheim, an attorney in Honolulu. "For years I wanted to meet this guy; he answered a specific question that has plagued me about whether or not there was predictability in the rate, tempo and mode of evolution. He is perhaps the most profoundly insightful person I have ever met in the areas in which he knows about."

Many scientists believe Dawkins' best contribution to science is his theory of the extended phenotype. This concept explains that a gene in one organism can affect things outside its environment. An example of this is a beaver dam. Dawkins plans to make further contributions to science through his recently started non-profit foundation, the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science.

Awards that Dawkins has received include the Michael Faraday Award and the Humanist of the Year Award.

## Dawkins

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"Some put their money on rats, others on cockroaches," he said about the scientific community. But eventually, "soft things will become redundant," and silicon will take their place.

### Dawkins Interview

When asked in an interview before the seminar what he would say to critics who claim science is its own religion he said, "Religion has tried to explain the universe for a long time, so they both try to do the same thing. The difference is religion gets it wrong, because it's not based on evidence. It's based on tradition, revelation, scripture; everything but evidence."

Science is not a morality system; "science does not tell us what's right and what's wrong," he explained.

"Thank goodness nowadays religion is ignored," Dawkins said, "otherwise we'd all be stoning adulteresses and forbidding people to enjoy their private sex lives and sticking our noses into other people's business, which is non of our business ... Science, as I say, can't tell you what's right or wrong, but a sort of scientific thinking in the form of moral philosophy can expose those moral ideals which are mutually inconsistent ... Science, therefore, can help you to clean up your illogical act and think clearly about morality."

This "religious morality" is what drives many of the world's problems, including bigotry and war, Dawkins said in many interviews. Then when asked if he believed there could ever be a compromise between religion and science on the level of understanding, he said, "There is no compromise. Creationists have just got to learn some science and stop parading their lamentable ignorance."

## NewsBriefs

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### Watada's defense attorney to attend debate

A debate between Eric Seitz, defense attorney for 1st Lt. Ehren Watada, and Professor Michael Lewis of Northern Ohio University will be held at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law on Tuesday, Feb. 27. The debate is titled "Lt. Watada's Case and the Legality of the War in Iraq."

Lewis is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and Harvard Law School. Before pursuing a legal career,

he was a Navy fighter pilot and attended the Navy's Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun).

Seitz is a graduate of the University of California Boalt Hall School of Law.

The event will be first in a series of debates sponsored by the American Constitution Society and the Federalist Society. For more information about the event, contact Cynthia Quinn, director of communications and external relations at 956-5516.

### No added risks from artificial reproduction

In a joint project with the University of Texas at San Antonio

and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, researchers of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa have found that assisted reproductive technologies do not increase the risk of genetic mutations in developing fetuses.

According to Ryuzo Yanagimachi, Ph.D., a Professor Emeritus at the UH John A. Burns School of Medicine, "More than three million humans have been conceived by in vitro fertilization and other artificial methods. The results of this study should reassure couples that these techniques do not lead to any increased risk of genetic abnormalities."

The team at JABSOM reviewed the DNA of groups of mice looking for "point mutations," genetic errors that are known to underlie many genetic diseases in humans.

ART technologies have been responsible for more than one percent of births in the United States and in most Western countries. In countries such as Denmark, the numbers reach six percent or higher.

Results of the study in mice will be released in this week's journal, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

### Corrections

In an article last week Thursday stated that the body of Dr. Edward Chronicle was found near the cliffs of Makapu'u. The body found at the site has not yet been identified, according to the Honolulu Police Department Medical Examiner.

Earlier last week, an article said Leshay Gusman had attended UH Mānoa. She attended Honolulu Community College.

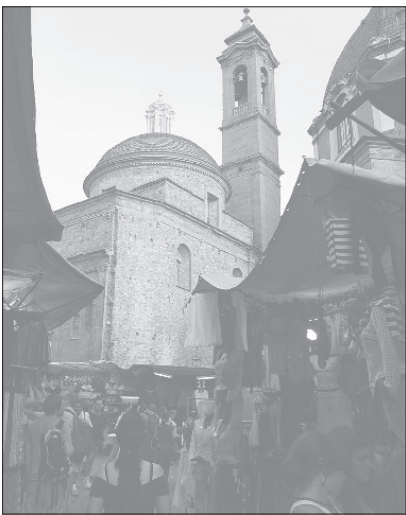
An article Feb. 1 misidentified ASTR 110 as a "killer course." It should have been ASTR 110L. Another statistic should have read that 15.5 percent of students did not receive credit but paid tuition dollars. Statistics from the Institutional Research Office were from Fall 2005, not October 2006,

Last week Wednesday, chancellor candidate University of Hawai'i Mānoa Carol Tomlinson-Keasy was incorrectly identified as a former chancellor of UH West O'ahu. She was chancellor at the new University of California at Merced.

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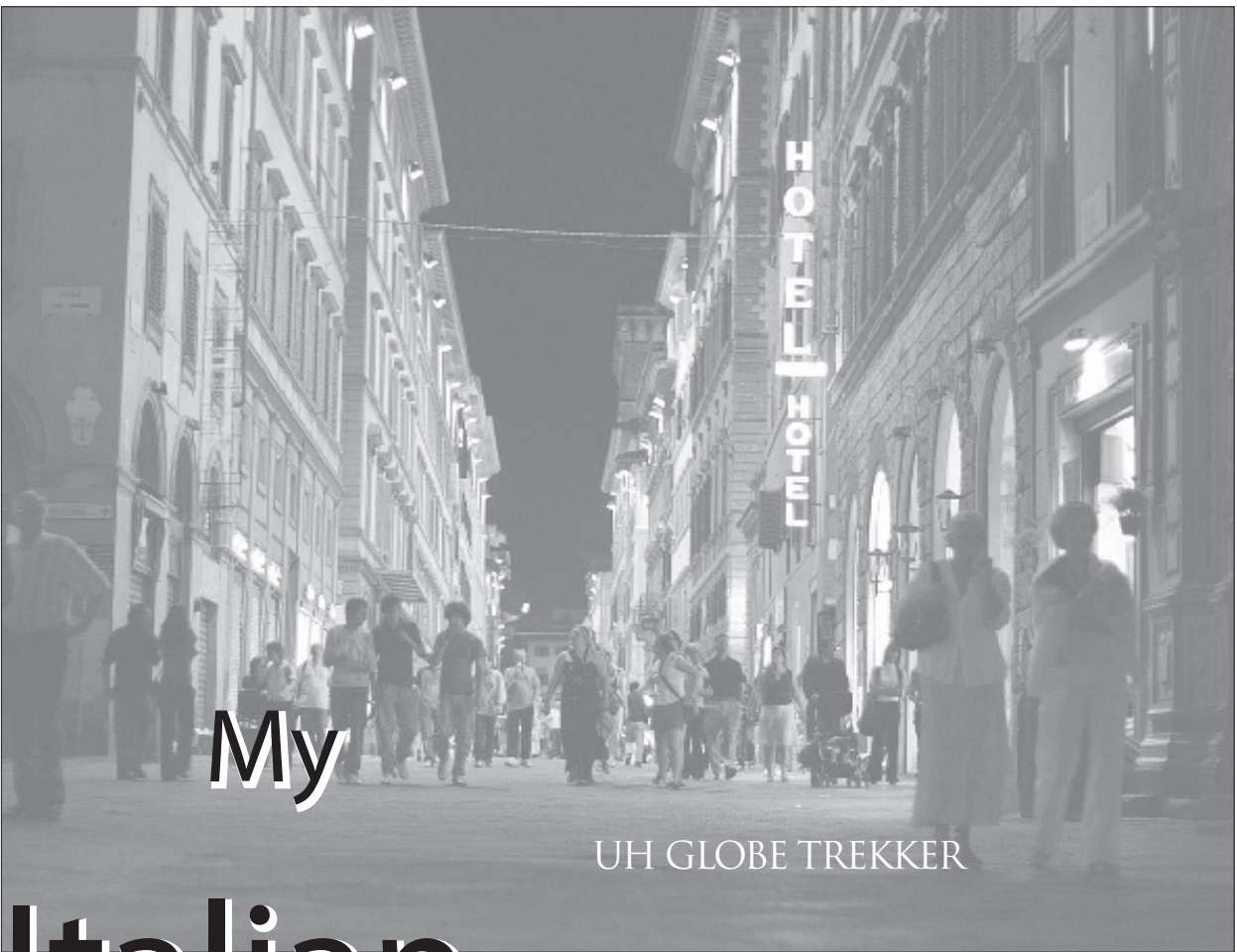
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**LEFT:** The markets of Florence are flooded with cheap goods from cart vendors. These markets are some of the hottest shopping spots for Italian visitors.

**RIGHT:** The charming streets of Florence, Italy are busy with visitors during the summer nights. The UH Study Abroad program offers students the chance to study in Florence year round.

**BOTTOM:** The Arno is a river that runs through Florence, Italy with varying depths in different parts of the year. Florence is modeled after many romantic cities, which used waterways for transportation of goods and as resources in antiquity.



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# Italian trip

**Photos and Story By  
Joey Trisolini**

*Ka Leo Photo Editor*

I departed from Honolulu International Airport, all by myself, for London on May 15 with nothing more than a backpack filled with my life's essentials and a return ticket dated July 27, flying out of Rome, Italy.

I hadn't planned much, and the only plan I had to stick to was getting from London to Florence, Italy by June 1 so I could start school on time. To do this I had figured out a series of trains to get from London to France and ultimately to Italy. This trip evolved around the idea of attending the summer session of a study abroad program in Florence, and it worked out to be the only planned event in my two and a half month stay.

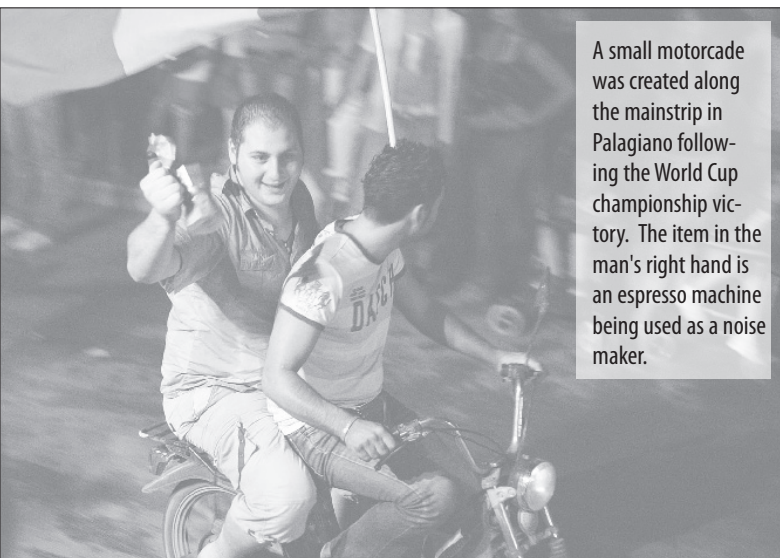
Above everything else in the world, I had a great desire to meet with the roots of my family tree planted in a town called Palagiano, a small town outside the major port city of Taranto in southern Italy. The problem was I had never spoken to them: they only spoke Italian, and all I had was a telephone number from my grandpa.

When school was about over, and I had to figure out where to go for the extra month I was in Italy, I finally picked up the phone and dialed. No less than two days later I was on an eight-hour train ride due south to Taranto. I stepped off the train to four wide-eyed smiling relatives who I will be forever grateful to for their hospitality and kinship during my stay with them.

Together we watched Italy beat France in a thriller for the World Cup as we ate some of the best food ever cooked. I found my own heaven. Much to my dismay, the calendar quickly flipped to July 27. I hesitantly purchased the train ticket which took me to the airport in Rome where I had to leave the things I loved behind, taking only pictures and memories of a time that was special to me.



A friend of the family, Pierre-Paolo and my cousin Christiano, compare their writing in Italian to my own at the home of my aunt Pompeii in Palagiano Italy.



A small motorcade was created along the mainstrip in Palagiano following the World Cup championship victory. The item in the man's right hand is an espresso machine being used as a noise maker.

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# The environmental impact of the livestock industry

## Livestock Facts:

- 70 percent of agricultural land is used for raising livestock
- One third of the land on the planet is used for raising livestock
- The livestock industry is responsible for all of the following:
  - 18 percent of all human-related global-warming gases
  - 9 percent of carbon dioxide emissions
  - 37 percent of methane emissions
  - 65 percent of nitrous oxide emissions. Nitrous oxide has nearly 300 times more of an impact on global warming than carbon dioxide
  - the equivalent (combining all three gases) of 7.1 billion tons of carbon dioxide each year
  - 8 percent of ammonia released into the environment

Statistics from *Livestock, Environment, and Development*

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percent of the pesticides and 50 percent of the antibiotics that end up in freshwater sources.

Despite the seeming increase in vegetarianism, the consumption of meat in this country has tripled in the past 40 years and is expected to double again, from where it is now, in the next 40 years. Until the livestock industry makes significant and widespread changes in its practices and becomes considerably more environmentally friendly on the whole, the best we as consumers can do is to reduce our consumption of meat. While I am not advocating that everyone run out and become a strict vegetarian, every bit does count. Opting for a piece of fish rather than a burger just once a week will help make a difference. (I am obviously just focusing on the environmental impact of eating meat, to say nothing of the health issues and for some, moral issues.)

Perhaps some of you are now convinced that the meat industry is bad for the environment, but you simply can't give up even one burger a week. OK, I respect people having strong preferences for certain foods. What every one of us can do, regardless of what we choose to eat, is waste less food. It is estimated that 25 percent of the food that people buy simply gets thrown away. Just think of all of the environmental damage that has been done in the production of the meat (or most any food, for that matter) that simply goes to waste. That rotting half of a sandwich in the back of the refrigerator isn't just annoying your roommates. It's part of a much larger problem that we can all help to solve. Think about cutting back on meat a bit; at the least, commit to not buying food you won't eat.

All of the facts I have referenced were gathered from a recent 400-page report entitled "Livestock's Long Shadow: Environmental Issues and Options." This report was put out by LEAD (Livestock, Environment, and Development) and supported by a host of international organizations, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN.

By Shelly Denkinger

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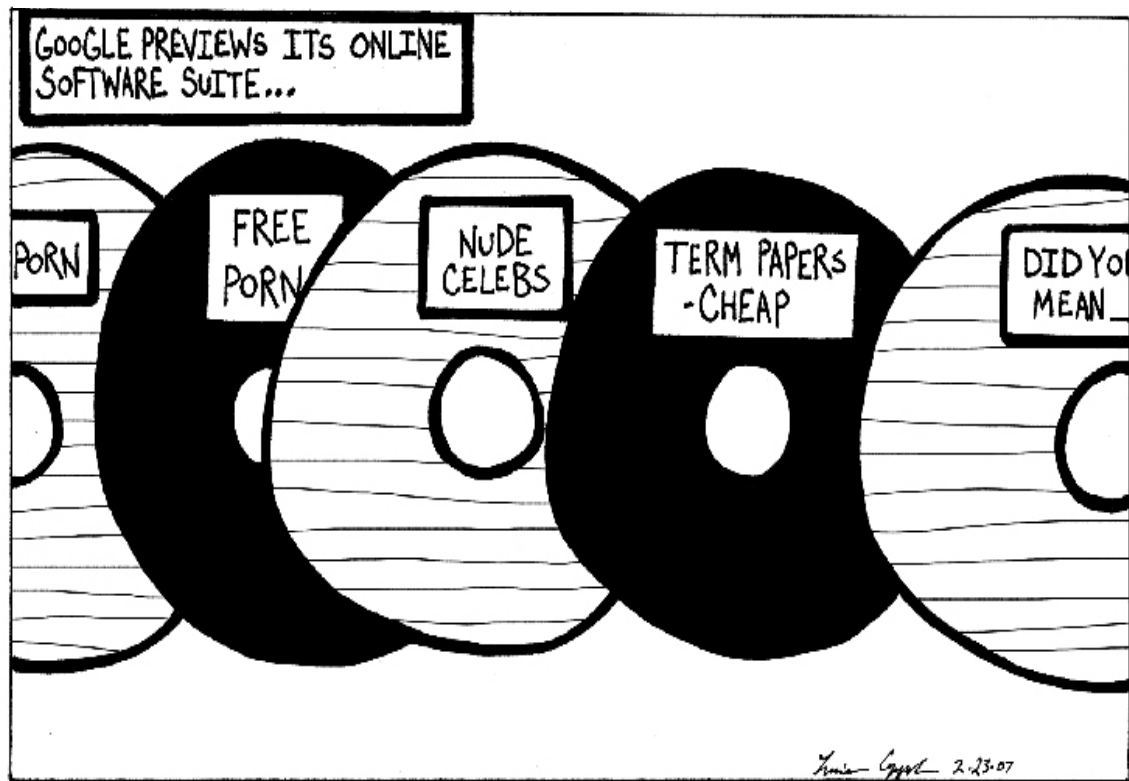
Humans are making global warming worse.

This is from the Feb. 7 report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The report confirmed that anthropogenic factors contribute to what is now recognized as the global warming crisis. While most of us already knew that, those who didn't before should know now. We can all finally begin from the same starting point: some of our habits, collective and individual, are damaging the ecosystem, and we, collectively and individually, need to make some changes.

For a while now it has been widely recognized, but still debated, that automobile emissions are likely to be one of the most significant ways in which humans contribute to global warming. However, another even more significant anthropogenic factor in climate change has recently been brought to light. This is the environmental impact of the livestock industry. Nearly 20 percent of all human-related global warming gases are produced by the livestock industry – which is more than all of the emissions from all forms of transportation worldwide put together!

The livestock industry isn't just a major factor in global climate change – it also contributes significantly to air pollution, the degradation of land and water and the loss of biodiversity. In addition to high emissions of global warming gases, the livestock industry is also responsible for releasing 30 million tons of ammonia into the environment each year, which leads to increased production of acid rain and the loss of regional biodiversity. The livestock industry is thought to be one of the single biggest factors in water pollution worldwide. In the United States, livestock is responsible for 55 percent of erosion and sediment, 37

## Editorial Cartoon



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### Correction

"The answer is simple: get rid of cars" (2/21/07) incorrectly reported the number of traffic fatalities. The number of traffic fatalities as of Feb. 17, 2007 was 13.

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# Rainbow Wahine not finished yet

*Seniors set the stage with starting lineup, first for Wahine*

**By Magdiel Vilchez**  
*Ka Leo Staff Reporter*

With all five seniors together in the starting lineup, a first for the Rainbow Wahine, the stage was set for a spectacular Senior Night.

The University of Hawaii's women's basketball team increased their winning streak to seven, while sending off Cassidy Chretien, Brittany Grice, Amber Lee, Pam Tambini, and Janevia Taylor, the senior class of '07, with a 64-53 win over the San Jose State University Spartans. The 752 fans at the Stan Sheriff Center watched as the Rainbow Wahine improved to 14-12 overall and 8-6 in the Western Athletic Conference on Saturday night.

The Rainbow Wahine's 6'4" Grice packed the opening tip-off to the far end of the 'Bows court to UH guard Chretien who quickly laid the ball in for the first score of the game. It was this kind of team chemistry that fired up the Rainbow Wahine to a strong 11-2 head start.

"It felt amazing to have all [of] the seniors start," Grice said. "Our teammates that normally start had no problem with it. I'm so proud, especially of Amber [Lee] because she has worked hard over the past four years and she played great tonight. We're a really close group so you saw the initial spark and it translated onto the court."

Lee, a McKinley High grad, had a career-high 12 points with four rebounds, including a lay-up with 3:30 left that sparked a 7-0 Rainbow Run to close the first half.

"I just wanted to give it my all," Lee said. "I was very happy for that opportunity to start. I just wanted to give it my hardest one last time on the court."

The Rainbow Wahine headed into the locker room with an 11-point advantage at 31-20. However, after falling to the Spartans in the final seconds the last time the two teams battled, the Rainbow Wahine did not let the double-digit lead mislead them.

"We got overconfident because we got so far ahead of them the last time we played," said associate coach Pat Charity. "Tonight we played for every minute."

Grice added that the last time the teams met the 'Bows demonstrated the epitome of selfishness. "We were five individuals on the floor and what you saw tonight was a team, as simple as that."

Hawaii came out fired up after the break, extending their lead to 19 points at 43-24, including nine points from Grice. The Spartans replied by slowly cutting the Rainbow Wahine's lead, eventually trimming it down to six points at 57-51 with only two minutes left in the game.

"We were well prepared," Taylor said. "We got rattled by



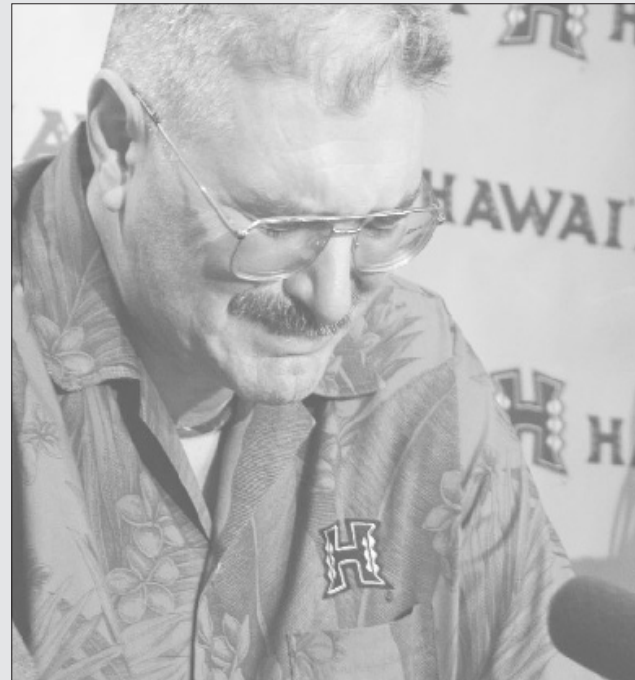
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Rainbow Wahine senior center Brittany Grice takes a shot over Louisiana Tech's Ty Moore in the second half against Louisiana Tech last season. Grice averages 8.8 points a game and has added 136 rebounds this season.



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# Recovering Bolla focused on basketball, health



Rainbow Wahine Basketball coach Jim Bolla speaks during the press conference held at Stan Sheriff Thursday. The conference was held to discuss Bolla's future as head coach.

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**Christopher Ramelb**  
*Ka Leo Staff Reporter*

Jim Bolla, head coach of the Rainbow Wahine basketball team, held a press conference Thursday, Feb. 24 to "clarify things" about his recent health conditions.

"We got the final test results this past week, and it's something called valley fever," Bolla said during the meeting. "It is a fungus infection common to dry, arid areas, very prevalent in the Phoenix and San Joaquin area."

Bolla probably acquired the infectious spores while at a basketball tournament in Phoenix, a recruiting hotspot.

Bolla underwent surgery Feb. 5 after flu-like symptoms and a sore throat followed two separate

road trips.

"It's going to take time to heal," an emotional Bolla said, who was in apparent pain during the half-hour interview.

The average recovery time is six to eight weeks after the surgery, which in all likelihood will have Bolla out of commission for the remainder of the season and leave associate coach Pat Charity at the helm.

"As of now," Bolla said, "there [are] no traces of valley fever in my system"

Bolla then redirected the focus to basketball.

"Again, it's time for this thing to be over with. I'm fine," he said. "Let's help these young ladies get to where they want to go and we'll have some fun here."



## Celebration of life for UH sailor tomorrow

*Ka Leo Sports Desk*

In memory of University of Hawai'i junior Timothy Wolf, the Rainbows coed sailing team will host a celebration of his life tomorrow at Mānoa Gardens from 5 to 7 p.m.

On Feb. 18, the 23 year-old Wolf was found dead at the site of his off-campus job in Waikiki. According to a sailing teammate, Wolf had drowned after diving 10 feet underwater to tie down a boat.

The sailing team asks that those who knew Wolf join them in their celebration.

## Wahine

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their little trap they had on us in the second half, but our defense has been really good. We were just patient and we tried to control the pace of the game."

The Rainbow Wahine did not let the Spartan run spoil their night. Hawai'i crashed the inside to maintain possession of the ball and force a pair of free throws by Tambini. The Rainbow Wahine



COURTESY PHOTO - UH ATHLETICS

The 2007 Rainbow Wahine seniors were honored in traditional fashion Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Stan Sheriff Center. The seniors were Pam Tambini, Cassidy Chretien, Brittany Grice, Janevia Taylor and Amber Lee.

continued to crash the boards and a three pointer by UH guard Amy Kotani sealed Hawaii's 64-53 victory.

"I'm excited," Taylor said. "I wanted to get San Jose back because I felt we shouldn't have lost there. But just to cap it off and beat them and have senior night is great. This second half [of the season] we want to try and get revenge on every team we lost to and so far, so good. We only [have] Boise left. Idaho we just have to try and sweep."

Hawaii's win puts them in a tie with Fresno State for fourth place in the WAC and ends a perfect 6-0 month of February. The Rainbow Wahine once again played without UH Head Coach Jim Bolla, who will be out for the season to recover from a serious medical procedure.

"They're trying to adjust," Charity said. "And at the same time, [Bolla] said to take the focus off him. He wants them to do the best that they can."

Bolla was present for the post-game Senior Night festivities, which included the annual plaque ceremony and video presentation. Four of the five seniors scored in double-digits with Grice leading the 'Bows with 14 points and two blocks, and Tambini posting a double-double. The Rainbow Wahine seniors held back tears and shared smiles and laughter in what was a bitter-sweet night for the 'Bows.

"I've accomplished a big thing in my life," Grice said. "To finish four years and start the close of my chapter to this part in my life has been something that has been really tough at times and also been some of the best times of my life. It's overwhelming because we've gone through so many different experiences over the past years and you're just never ready for it to end."

Luckily for the Rainbow Wahine, the home finale is not the season finale. The Rainbow Wahine will face Idaho and Boise State on the road before entering the WAC tournament.

"I'm just trying to finish off and win [the] WAC and get into the NCAA [tournament]," Taylor said. "It's not done yet."

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