WCC grads move forward

by Lance Sabado
Ka 'Ohana Co-Editor in Chief

“You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.”

– Tom Brokaw

This month, four WCC students who are first-generation college graduates will receive their “tickets to change the world.” On Saturday, May 15, Evelyn Uti, Scott Sutherland, Bonnie Valmoja-Kaleikini and this reporter will be honored at WCC’s commencement ceremony along with approximately 50 other WCC graduates from fall, spring and summer sessions. The commencement ceremony begins at 1 p.m. at the Palikū Theatre. Uti, WCC’s commencement speaker, wants to show her appreciation for WCC and congratulate her class. “WCC felt like home to me. I love WCC. Just the excitement of the people who come here is different than other colleges,” she says. “I want to congratulate everyone. Graduating with an A.A. is such a big accomplishment because it’s not just your major you’re focused on; you have to be well-rounded.”

Because there is limited seating, you will need a ticket for admission to the ceremony. Those who do not have tickets will have the option of watching the ceremony via closed circuit television in Palaniōka 102. A celebration, put on by the ASUH-WCC student senate, will take place after the ceremony in the Palaniōka courtyard for the graduates and their guests.

Bonnie Valmoja-Kaleikini

When Bonnie Valmoja-Kaleikini was laid off from her job two years ago, she decided to go back to school, but didn’t know how invested she would become. “My company couldn’t justify paying me what I was worth because I didn’t have a degree. So I decided to go back to school full-force. I said there was no way I’d consider pursuing a master’s degree. But now, with all the resources available, it’s definitely not out of the picture,” she says.

Valmoja-Kaleikini will be receiving her liberal arts degree this month at WCC. From here, she will pursue her bachelor’s degree in health care administration at UH West O‘ahu. However, getting to this point has been a challenge. This semester, she is taking five classes Monday through Friday. Also, she tutors math and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Aside from her full-time status as a student, she is married and a mother of five. She reveals, “Lately, I’ve been getting up and saying, ‘What time is it?’ I keep thinking I’m missing class.” Either way, she always finds time for her children and adds, “I still make sure that I get ‘mommy time’ in.”

Valmoja-Kaleikini is proud of her experience at WCC and is especially grateful for the TRiO services. She says, “WCC is an awesome campus. TRiO is such a huge asset; without it, I wouldn’t have been successful. A lot of students qualify, and there are scholarship and grant opportunities. The advisors are there to help.”

All in all, Valmoja-Kaleikini finds a college education to be more accessible now. “There are so many different resources for everyone to use. I think it’s easier for everyone to excel nowadays and move along in college,” she says.

Domestic violence panel speaks out

by Patty Yonehira
Ka ‘Ohana Co-Editor in Chief

Survivors of domestic violence shared their heartfelt stories of abuse at last month’s Domestic Violence Panel entitled “Aloha Ke Kahi i ke kahi” (love one another) presented by KuPono, WCC’s Hawaiian club. KuPono’s 2010 Lāua’e project, whose focus is on family, brought a panel of experts to Hale ‘Akoakoa for an open dialog on the exploration of possible solutions to the difficult topic of domestic violence. A video production described as “very raw, very real” by prison warden Mark Patterson, gave the audience a gut-wrenching account of life with an abuser. He explained, “The majority of women who come through prison in the state of Hawai‘i are due to drug-related offenses (possibly stemming from abuse). And many of the women who end up in facilities suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.”

Inspiration for the video came from women in Kealaula, a program for substance treatment at Hina Mauka rehabilitation facility. Patterson said, “It’s an accumulation of their stories from the lives of 50 women.” The video production was written, produced, filmed and acted by the women themselves. It was an avenue to healing for these survivors and a means to bring awareness of the issue of domestic violence, both emotional and physical.
Don’t ask, don’t tell policy under scrutiny again

by Kelly Wiles
Ka ‘Ohana Staff Reporter

John D. was 18 when he enlisted in the Marine Corps. He said the day he graduated from boot camp was one of the best feelings he has ever had in his life. He felt accomplished; he was a part of something that would take him somewhere. He loved the United States and was ready to serve his country.

John is an active duty sergeant in the Marine Corps, but little do some know that he is gay. He chose to put serving his country above the current “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy, which meant he had to keep his sexual preference to himself.

When John was asked about the current “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy, he said, “Right now the order works. But I think it’s a bad policy because it does undermine people like me in the military. People who are gay can’t live their lives the way they want. They can’t get married. You can’t live your life the way every other civilian or military personnel can or should.”

John feels that if the order does get changed, there will be an uproar, but eventually people will get over it just like when they let women in the military.

The gay community is eager for the repeal of the DADT policy, but they fear that it could be months before lawmakers, the Obama administration and the military come to an agreement. Only time will tell if they can make it happen. If they can’t, the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy will be changed.

A world without nuclear weapons

by Jared Hamilton
Ka ‘Ohana Writer

One year ago this month, a newly elected president of the United States, Barack Obama, stood in front of a crowd of people in Prague and said, “Today, I state clearly and with conviction America’s commitment to seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons.”

It was a bold assertion for a yet-to-be-proven American president to make, made even harder to fathom given the number of problems he was facing at home, two wars, an aggressive domestic agenda, the largest financial crisis in 70 years and a mounting deficit.

In the previous week, the U.S. hosted the Nuclear Security Summit, a gathering of the heads of state of 47 nations, the largest such gathering since the creation of the United Nations in 1945.

The summit was declared a success. According to WCC political science professor Roy Fujimoto, “Fewer漏s lowers the level of risk that one may accidentally be fired or fall into the hands of an NGO (non-govemmental organization) like a terrorist group.” Fujimoto also noted that it was “a very big deal that Obama pulled this off within one year.”

The president wanted to secure nuclear materials to make sure terrorists don’t get them or use the materials to make a so-called “dirty bomb,” a bomb laden with radioactive materials intended to explode like a traditional bomb while scattering the radioactive debris, thus contaminating an area and its residents.

So what did the president get? According to White House statements, President Barack Obama agreed to give up Chiles’s entire stockpile of nuclear weapons-grade material. Viktor Taranovych, president of the Ukraine, a nation known to have unaccounted for nukes, made the same pledge.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon also said his nation would give up its entire stockpile of nuclear Weapons-grade materials.

Argentina and Pakistan announced they would increase port security and other efforts to prevent smuggling of nuclear materials. Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper agreed to give up a significant quantity of his nation’s highly enriched uranium.

The crowning achievement, however, is the U.S. and Russia agreeing to eliminate 800 tons of plutonium from their nuclear weapons programs, or 17,000 weapons worth. The cherrv on top is President of Russia Dmitry Medvedev pledging to close ADE-2, a reactor in their formally secret Siberian nuclear plant. This is significant because it is Russia’s last weapons-grade, plutonium-producing reactor.

Liam Green, international correspondent with The Economist, said: “The president’s [Obama] foreign policy strategy seems to be to inject a little bit of good will into previously frozen conflicts and see if he can unfreeze them just a little bit by getting various actors to see it’s in their interest to find accommodation.”

The Obama administration seems to be harnessing this momentum and using it to make the U.S. a world leader in nuclear security and restore credibility once again. This makes the U.S. a more legitimate negotiator in the U.N. Security Council as it addresses Iran’s nuclear defiance and disregard of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) of which Iran is a signatory.

According to an official press release by the White House press secretary, President Hu Jintao of China has indicated that his nation would no longer block meaningful sanctions against Iran as punishment for Iran’s repeated NPT violations.

This indicates China’s willingness to assist the U.S. in efforts that show no clear path forward.
WCC improves campus security with new cameras

by Monica McConnell
Ka‘Ohana Staff Reporter

On April 16, 2007, the sun may have been shining and the birds chirping on the tree-lined campus of Virginia Tech. Students were most likely relaxing on the grass or in class listening, writing and learning. Then a “bang, bang, bang” was heard hammering from a nearby construction site, some students thought.

What they didn’t know was that other students were covering in fear and hiding in closets, lying dead in hallways or desperately running away from a crazed shooter.

“Every so often, the shots paused for a minute or so. When it was over, 33 people, including the gunman, were dead and at least 15 more were injured,” reported Shaila Dewan of the New York Times about the shooting.

Before the tragic incident, people may have never imagined something so horrific happening there.

So, how safe are we here on our scenic Windward Community College campus? The Kåne‘ohe Police Station is down the road, but the Hawai‘i State Hospital is just behind us, where patients have recently escaped.

Windward has been relatively safe, with car break-ins being the most frequent crime reported. But after headlines of campus shootings on the mainland, the Hawai‘i community colleges requested funding for school safety, according to WCC Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Clifford Togo.

The funding was granted and all Hawai‘i community colleges will be implementing a new, comprehensive security system.

The system will include seven loud speakers on poles or trees to announce any emergency action or warning, and seven blue emergency telephones that will put the caller in direct contact with campus security. These will be placed in various locations around campus with 24/7 video surveillance cameras located inside buildings as well as along outside perimeters.

Unlike video cameras that are just for show, “The school’s cameras will be running and taping all the time so if anything does happen, we will capture it on film,” said Togo.

All this new security technology will be in addition to the school’s security guards who patrol the campus. The guards will be responsible for monitoring the security cameras as well as the safety equipment.

When asked how safe they feel on campus, several WCC students said they feel relatively safe. “Sometimes, by budget cuts eliminating the position that oversaw exams and workshops, Paul Field, WCC history professor and interim dean of instruction, worked with other faculty members to meet the needs of graduating students by salvaging the program with what he called a “life support system.” At the forum, Field said, “That life support system is flat lining.”

The committee proposes fulfilling the CIL requirement by designating 3-credit computer literacy courses as CIL, requiring a grade of C or better.

The proposal also includes a subcommittee to determine hallmarks for certification and designation of CIL instructor/ courses to be determined as computer intensive.

It also would begin granting immediate probationary certification to ICS 100, 101, 105, and 115, to be certified within one year.

“Being computer literate is a job skill, so much so that she referenced Forbes.com. When asked about her view of computer information literacy, WCC counselor Carla Rog- ers comment, “To me, if two students need to prove to WCC, by virtue of a graduation requirement, that they have the (computer and math) skills?”

She is concerned that students who have not met the mandatory requirement, but otherwise qualify for the automatic admission and reverse transfer programs, would lose out on the opportunity to benefit from those programs. Both of these are contingent on the student having an A.A. degree.

Emi Troeger is a WCC business technology professor. When asked about her view of whether or not to keep the math requirement.

Student Deanna Data recommends keeping the math requirement.

by Patty Yonehiro
Ka‘Ohana Co-Editor in Chief

If you are a WCC student who hasn’t already graduated, this affects you. A forum held last month at Kāko‘a addressed WCC’s graduation requirement for computer information literacy (CIL) and math.

Administrators, faculty and students were there to hear alternative proposals from a faculty senate formed to address concerns about the non-college credit degree requirements.

Committee members were faced with the arduous task of formulating feasible alternatives for both requirements. Although separate issues, they were addressed at the same time because these requirements directly affect a student’s A.A. degree eligibility.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Ka ‘Ohana wins Pa‘i award

by Patrick Hascall
Ka ‘Ohana Staff Reporter

On April 8 in the Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom, the Hawai‘i Publishers Association presented WCC’s Ka ‘Ohana with a Pa‘i Award for excellence in journalism.

This year marked the 25th anniversary of the HPA Pa‘i Awards, which honor outstanding achievements in Hawai‘i publications.

For the second year in a row, Ka ‘Ohana editors submitted three of their favorite monthly editions from 2009 to beat out other two and four-year universities, placing second only to UH’s paper “Ka Leo” in the School Newspaper Excellence category.

It was also noted that the editor in chief of the UH paper is Mark Brislin, a WCC journalism graduate and former Ka ‘Ohana editor.

The Ka ‘Ohana is produced by students in Windward’s JOURN 285 (newspaper lab) and JOURN 205 (WI - basic newswriting) classes. The courses help students understand TV, radio and newspaper coverage and provide hands-on training in everything from writing and editing articles to graphic design, photography and website management.

Ka ‘Ohana is no stranger to success, having won numerous awards from the American Scholastic Press Association, a competition between hundreds of schools and colleges nationwide. Ka ‘Ohana also placed second in the 2009 Pa‘i Awards.

Phil Theta Kappans inducted

Khrisitan Agnos
Kalai Ahlo Souza
Kaasha Ako
Crystal Bell
Kearstin Bell
Lesley Bode
Christine Brandle
Nicole Cheek
Michelle Colandrea
Deanna Lee Data
Cory Dias
Carleah Fayen
Kyman Fernandez
Laura Hall
Rachel Hickey
Leonard Hoke
Solomon Kaimimoku
Ione Kamaka’ala
Radine Kamakea-Obelo
Jennifer Kane
Gloria Kay-Gouveia
Stacie Kerti
Chad Kurosawa
Chelsea Maeda
Monica McConnell
Kalenaalani McElroy
Sibel Nakamura
Jennifer Perry
Ashley Porter
Kim Ruvio
Hylie Santos
Brendon Sunada
Robertta Swanson
Anthony Tait
Dominique Kahale-Webster
Dominique Welch
Adrienne Ziegler
Roy Zitzelsberger

Mari Ono and Sheri Gon (at table) were representatives of UH Manoa.

College and Career Fair

by Ashley Hobbs
Ka ‘Ohana Staff Reporter

WCCC’s College and Career Fair last month drew crowds of students and community members looking for jobs or college information and a way to improve their lives.

“We have over 50 vendors here today,” said Sarah Hodell, coordinator of the event. Exhibitors included everything from the Honolulu Police Department, for those interested in joining the force or doing office or dispatch work, to the Kane‘ohe Marine Base for part-time positions at the enlisted club or at the KBay Lanes.

The Apple Store was then looking for tech and business specialists for their three locations in Ala Moana Center, Kāne‘ohe Mall and Royal Hawaiian Center in Waikiki.

For students looking for a different direction in their education, a variety of schools were on hand to answer questions. They included the University of Phoenix, Hawai‘i Pacific University and the University of Hawai‘i, to name a few.

WCCC’s own transfer counselor, Carla Rogers, was also there to advise students on paths to a college degree. She even had some students go straight to the student services office to make appointments to see her one-on-one.

With the job market still pretty tight, Hodell said she was surprised to see such a heavy turnout of students and community folks.

“Mid-morning, I saw a dozen or so community members in their interview clothes, filling out applications,” she said.

Rain Bird unveiling

by Corrie Vieira
Ka ‘Ohana Staff Reporter

This year’s issue of Rain Bird, WCCC’s award-winning literary journal, will be unveiled at an open-door party on Thursday, May 13 at 6:45 p.m. in Hale ‘Akoakoa 105.

There will be readings by some of the various published writers, live music from Windward’s own Echo Zero, award presentations, gourmet desserts and art work. The theme for this edition is “Windward Style.”

Also, film adaptations of selected works will be shown by the newly established WCC Film Club.

“These are exciting times for WCCC’s creative output. We have our new film club, which will only get bigger and better. They will soon be creating their very own feature film,” said Professor Robert Barclay, Rain Bird advisor.

“Our next issue ‘Hopoū’iwa: A Journey into the Creepy, Freaky and Frightening Realms of Hawai’i’ is already filling with fantastic art and writings, and I’m looking forward to working with students to apply their creativity to this next issue.

“Everyone is invited to attend the party — if nothing more than to check out WCCC’s unofficial mascot Katsu, the feral chicken. It was a lot of fun last year, and we’re hoping for a bigger turnout this time around,” he added.

For more information about joining Rain Bird, entering pieces in the next issue, the film club, or attending the party, please e-mail rainbird@hawaii.edu.

New members of the campus honor society, Phi Theta Kappa:

Curious about the media? Want to expand your skills?
Then check out:
JOURN 205 (WI)
Basic News Writing
9:45 - 11 a.m., T, Th
JOURN 285V
Newspaper Lab
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., T, Th

For more info, email libby@hawaii.edu or call 235-7396.
Molding a new life through clay therapy

by Monika McConnell
Ka ‘Ohana Reporter

I imagine a steel beam hurtling towards you on a path straight to the side of your head. WCC student Kurt Tateshii doesn’t have to imagine that because he’s been living with the aftereffects of such an accident. On a typical day in 2006 while Kurt was busy at work as a foreman, a not-so-typical thing happened: a steel beam came loose from a truck and struck him on the left side of his head, breaking his hard hat. He was knocked unconscious, unknown to the few people at work that morning. However, Kurt managed to get to his feet and find help.

“I was diagnosed with T.B.I., traumatic brain disorder,” he recalls as he sits in the ceramics studio at Windward.

He’s just finished sweeping the studio and there’s a light lingering on the dust in the air. You can feel its heaviness as you breathe it in. Kurt doesn’t seem to notice it, however — perhaps because the ceramics studio is a second home to him as well as his salvation.

“Kurt’s been here for about a year. His case manager approached me about him,” says ceramics professor Paul Nash. After being struck on the head, Kurt was in a coma for a few months. He lost his short-term memory as well as his motor functions. It took him a year to relearn how to walk while trying to cope with a constant barrage of seizures that assaulted him daily.

Kurt is now on disability and cannot return to work. It’s been almost three years of no seizures and years of physical therapy. His art therapy is why he is at WCC.

“I’ve seen a difference in Kurt since when he first started here,” says Nash. “I’ve had other people with disabilities come here. Usually the hospital or a patient’s therapist will approach me. Kurt believes that the repetition of working with clay has helped his memory, and the concentration has helped his hand and eye coordination. However, the biggest benefit he has received is getting his life back. Before starting any type of art therapy, Kurt just stayed at home. “It was monotonous day after day. I just stayed home. I would wake up, eat breakfast, go outside in the yard, back inside and just lay there,” recalls Kurt.

“Now I have a life, I have somewhere to go. I do my clay. I help clean up and help with what they need,” he adds.

Kurt hopes that in the future he’ll be able to take other classes at WCC. He seems so eager, a sponge ready to absorb knowledge. When you look at Kurt, you don’t think disability; you think ability.

Asked whether he would be interested in doing a formal art therapy program, Nash replied that he would consider it.

Kurt says he is truly grateful to his newfound circle of friends and the skills he is learning each day. “Nash and the other guys at the studio have really helped me a lot,” Kurt says as his face lights up.

Kurt Tateshii amongst clay creations ready to be glazed at WCC ceramics studio.

New Common Book: ‘Meļaļ’

by Boo Lam
Ka ‘Ohana Staff Reporter

The new Common Book selection for 2010-2011 is ‘Meļaļ: A Novel of the Pacific’, written by WCC’s own English professor Robert Barclay, who is also adviser to Rain Bird, the campus literary magazine.

According to the University of Hawai’i Press, “Meļaļ is an archaic Marshallese word (for) playground of demons or not habitable by people.”

The novel is set in the Marshall Islands, an area affected by atomic testing and continued military presence. When asked what made him write his novel, Barclay responded simply, “That was where I grew up.”

Barclay moved to the Marshall Islands in 1972, where he attended high school.

Common Book coordinator Brian Richardson describes the novel that “weaves together the legacy of atomic testing, the relationship with the American community on Kwajalein and the complicated Marshallese mythology of dwarfs, spirits and demons.”

Richardson believes the novel will open many opportunities for discussion such as “the political aspects of American involvement in the Pacific, nuclear testing, social justice, racism in Hawai’i, testing on humans, and the role of mythology in everyday life.”

Another possible topic would be the increased migration of the Micronesians to Hawai’i and its many causes and effects.

The Common Book committee will be working on potential speakers and topics and are open to any possible suggestions.

The book is published by the University of Hawai’i Press and should be available at local bookstores or online.

India calling Windward students

by Monika McConnell
Ka ‘Ohana Staff Reporter

In a few weeks, seven WCC students will be traveling to India to immerse themselves in a radically different culture. This is the third year of WCC participation in a program called International Summer School for Jain Studies (ISSJS).

It is a three-week program from May 30–June 18 with dates varying slightly from year to year.

“During the program students take two or three classes every morning on topics within Jainism,” says Sarah Hadmack, WCC religion instructor.

In the afternoons and weekends, students will visit temples, museums and palaces, and in the evenings they can enjoy Indian dance and musical performances.

“This summer students are spending time in Delhi, Hastinapura, Jaipur, and Varanasi,” adds Hadmack. Jainism is perhaps one of the kindest religions where non-violence is practiced. Strict vegetarianism is a way of life.

When asked if he’ll be able to adhere to the strict vegetarianism of the Jains, Jason McMullen responded, “As long as I have my protein powder I’ll be okay” while Patrick Among said, “I’ve been eliminating meat from my diet a couple of times a week.”

Hadmack says, “ISSJS is not an academic credit-granting program. However, students who wish to enroll in HUM 269V (Study Abroad) through WCC during the second summer session can receive 1 to 3 credits for writing a paper based on the knowledge gained during ISSJS.”

Lodging, ground transportation in India, meals, lectures and books will be provided. Students will need to pay for their own airfare as well as $400 fee to WCC, which will go to a weekend pilgrimage students will be taking. WCC is looking into scholarships for future students that will eliminate any costs for those accepted into the program.

WCC student Lory Manning said she will miss the luxury of having AC in the humid climate of India. All the students, however, are ready to sacrifice creature comforts for the chance to explore all India’s treasures.

India is huge compared to Hawai’i with one of the largest populations in the world. It is made up of so many components, ideas and thoughts, but there is one common thread: spirituality.

The students’ common thread is Sarah Hadmack. “I just took religion because I had to take it,” said Stephanie Olson, “but Sarah made a difference in the class and now I’m minoring in religion.”

Students interested in the ISSJS program should have a real interest in religion as well as have taken REL 202, Understanding Indian Religions, in the fall semester and REL 296 Special Topics in Religion in the spring semester.
Staycation ideas for the perfect lucky-you-live-Hawai‘i summer

Your summer getaway is closer than you think. Whether it’s camping under the stars, hiking scenic trails or sampling local favorites, the choices are endless. A new state park website at camping.ehawaii.gov makes it easy to grab your permit and go. Follow Ka ‘Ohana’s map of fun to make your staycation dreams come true.

Baron Hashimoto and Theresa Worden
Center design and layout by Baron Hashimoto and Theresa Worden

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North Shore Itinerary
Stay: Mokulē‘ia
Hike: Peacock Flats
Do: check out polo, skydiving!

Kikena Point
Stay: Makahikina in Waialua
Eat: Paconau Fish
Dr: Vino & viola

I recommend you check out Waimanalo Bay. When it’s not surf season, it’s perfect to swim. Take a drive to Hale‘iwa to get some shaka on. Na‘alehu is famous so expect the lines to be long. If you don’t want to wait, go to the General Store at Rainbow Marketplace. It’s just as good.

For food check out Romy’s or Giovanni’s Shrimp Trucks and get a plate. Also, if you want some one food you should check out Hukilau Café in La‘ie. The plates are hot and they were just on the show “Man vs. Food.”

— Mollie Bruns

I would suggest going to Turtle Bay and staying in the townhouse rentals or the hotel. They have two of the nicest golf courses in Hawai‘i and are not packed like Waikiki. For food check out Romy’s or Giovanni’s Shrimp Trucks. It’s just as good.

Wait, go to the General Store at Haleiwa Marketplace. So expect the lines to be long. If you don’t want to wait, go to the General Store at Rainbow Marketplace. It’s just as good.

For the staycationer who wants to party, I suggest a hotel room in Waikiki. For the staycationer who just wants to cruise, party and go windward... surf sharmake every day and get baby banned. Let’s go!

— Keith Nakazawa

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GET YOUR POPCORN READY!

Iron Man 2
May
Biologically Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) must contend with deadly issues involving the government, his own friends, as well as new enemies due to his superhero alter ego, Iron Man.

Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time
May 28
Based on the video game, which follows an adventurous prince (Jake Gyllenhaal) who teams up with a rival princess to stop an angry ruler from unleashing a sandstorm that could destroy the world.

The Karate Kid
June 14
Work causes a single mother to move to China with her young son (Jaden Smith) in his new home, the boy embraces kung fu, taught to him by a master (Jackie Chan).

The Twilight Series
Eclipse
June 30
A trio of orphan girls causes the normally deportable Gru (voiced by Steve Carell) to rethink his plan to steal the moon.

Despicable Me
July 9

Dinner for Schmucks
July 23
Tim (Paul Rudd) is a rising executive who “succeeds” in finding the perfect guest, IRS employee Barry (Steve Carell), for his boss’s monthly event, a so-called “dinner for idiots,” which offers certain advantages to the exec who shows up with the biggest букет.
The WCC fall courses offer fun and variety

**by Ke ‘Ohana Staff**

### THEA 260 Dramatic Production TTH

Discover your talent onstage or backstage working on plays with director Ron Bright’s “Once on the Island” and/or the “Paliku Arts Festival Cirque Show.” Have fun while you earn three credits that fulfill the DA Humanities requirement.

At most colleges working on a play is considered extracurricular, but in this case it is your class. The class has a flexible schedule. For example, if you are cast in one of the shows, your in-class time will be your rehearsals. If you are helping to construct sets, props or costumes or do lighting or sound, the hours you work will be your class time.

Contact Ben Moffat at 236-9138 or moffat@hawaii.edu if you have any questions or want more information.

### ECON 120 Intro to Economics (WI)

This course is meant for non-business majors and will discuss social issues such as crime, education, immigration, health care and other areas from an economist’s perspective,” Briggs explained. For a long time, I’ve wanted to teach a course that focused on current events from an economist’s angle. Often, though, these courses are offered only at the upper-division level.”

He said he wanted to experiment with an issues-oriented course but without the graphs and math an economics major would use.

### Art 260 Gallery Design and Management

This fun, hands-on course provides an opportunity for students to learn appropriate gallery procedures to create and maintain a successful exhibition and gallery operation for practical job experience for any art-related or interior design employment.

Designing and installing exhibits preparation of artwork, press releases, invitation designs and media information are covered in this course.

### Kick back at Kane‘ohe’s PC Gamerz

by Baron Hashimoto

Computer nerds and arm-chair jocks unite! PC Gamerz is now open from noon to 4 a.m. near Boston’s Pizza in Kaneohe.

“PC Gamerz is an Internet gaming center. We try to keep people out of trouble and serve as an alternative for people who are tired of the club scene,” said Devin Wolery, owner of PC Gamerz.

All you have to do is set up an account on the computer. The rate for gaming starts at $4 per hour, but you can purchase three hours for $10, eight hours for $20, and 20 hours for $40. The time purchased does not have to be used all at once.

Bigger than its ‘Area location, PC Gamerz offers all the best multiplayer games like “Call of Duty,” “Halo,” “World of Warcraft,” and more on 30 high-speed gaming computers.

Along with the computers, there are eight XBOX 360 systems to be played on each of their own 32-inch Samsung 720p TV.

“We don’t have a lot of single player games here,” said Wolery. “We try to get people to interact with each other.”

Wolery wants to kick the stereotype that video games are “bad or evil.” “If you bring your own alcohol (6-pack maximum), they (people from different groups) start playing together and start becoming friends,” he says.

Every month PC Gamerz holds its “All-Nighter” where gamers are allowed a full night of gaming, free food (Boston’s Pizza or Wolery’s homemade baby back ribs), and one free drink (water or soda).

For those 21 or older, Wolery says PC Gamerz allows customers to hold their own “All-Nighter” and rent out the whole location. They’re allowed to bring their own alcohol (6-pack maximum) for $30 an hour.

Also for those who enjoy the competitiveness of tournaments, they’ll be holding one on May 30. It’ll be a “Modern Warfare 2” team tournament and will require a $50 entry fee.

Along with gaming, PC Gamerz offers computer repair and custom computer building. And for those Xbox fans who have faced the dreaded ‘Red Ring of Death,’ which usually means there’s a technical problem with your XBOX, PC Gamerz can fix that too.

“We do XBOX 360 repair with a five to seven-day turn-around time. If you don’t have a Microsoft warranty, you can come here and get it repaired,” Wolery offers.

For more up-to-date information and discounts, add PC Gamerz on Facebook at Face-book.com/PCGamerzHawaii or e-mail Devin at Devin@PCGamerzHawaii.com.

### Relationship advice

by Carrie Viera

**“Why Men Don’t Listen and Women Can’t Read Maps.”**

This #1 best seller is a great read for all of us desperately trying to make sense of the differences between men and women. I stumbled upon this book while searching for the typical self-help book after my last messy breakup.

Looking for some kind of reason why my relationships always end with that “What happened this time?” feeling, I found this book. It is a new approach to an age-old problem. Why do men and women think and behave so differently?

“Why, after all these thousands of years can’t the sexes get along?” According to the authors Barbara and Allan Pease, we aren’t all going insane. In fact, most all of the traits that drive us crazy about our significant others can be understood by simply understanding the evolution of the human race.

With content titles like “Same Species, Different Worlds,” “Thought, Attitude, Emotions, and Other Disaster Areas” and “Towards a Different Future” you will be sure to find a chapter that hits home for you.

This book dives deep into the physiological reasons why men and women act so differently about so many things.

It has complete conversations between men and women and sections explaining why and when the communication between the sexes stopped.

This book can definitely be insightful to all who read it.

Explore chapters that discuss how to argue while driving, why boys like things and girls like people, and the different things that women and men want out of sex.

Based on dramatic findings from research on the brain, evolutionary biology, studies of social change and basic physiology, this book is sure to offer some relief for those of us tired of battling the sexes.
Polo: a sport played in paradise

by Simon DiBlasio
Ka'Ohana Staff Reporter

Polo is arguably the oldest team sport in recorded history, with the first games dating back about 2,500 years ago in Persia. It has been called the sport of kings and the sport of sports, and has been played by many royalty. Kings have been known to use the sport to train their cavalry. But it doesn’t take being royalty or a millionaire to play this sport of kings.

“You have to be prepared to work hard, learn from a good instructor, and respect your mount (horse),” explains player Mark Beck.

“You can only get better by riding, riding, and more riding. Money won’t make you a better athlete, unless you put in the hours to train and learn.”

At the Hawai’i Polo Club, “where polo meets and learns,” the field is easy to find, right off Farrington Highway on the beach side. If you hit the Dillingham Airfield, you have gone too far.

Gates open at noon for tailgating and beachgoers, and the first game begins at 2 p.m. For your entertainment, there is always a band after the game that plays until the sun goes down. Though you may not know anything about polo, that’s okay.

The announcer provides a play by play along with background information and anything else you need to know to enjoy the game. Come out and see a game, tailgate, enjoy beautiful Mokule’ia Beach, and catch a halftime show by the talented Skydive Hawaii team.

Good, clean competition is always a joy to cheer on!” says club member Tammy Becker. “The quick response and agility of the horses makes this sport entertaining and keeps me coming back for more.”

Polo has brought people from all walks of life to it, from Prince Charles of Great Britain to popular singer Al Lopaka. In 1974, the prince was on a Navy cruise and took a few days to enjoy Hawai’i. He played polo with some of the members who still play today.

Lopaka was tragically killed in 1985 while playing his favorite sport, polo. He is forever remembered in the polo world, with a memorial tournament held in his name. The polo season runs all through the summer, ending in August. For up-to-date season, lessons, and general information, check out www.hawaii-polo.org.

New coach has global plan for UH

by Baron Hashimoto
Ka’Ohana Staff Reporter

As one regime ends, a new one begins. And as fast as Gib Arnold was selected to be the new coach of the UH men’s basketball team, he has already begun his mission of recruiting possible players.

Along with his new Brazilian assistant coach, Walter Roes, the search has begun.

“We’re going to have to be global to do this thing. In the States our recruiting base will be in L.A.,” said Arnold in an interview with ESPN.com’s Andy Katz.

On March 21 Arnold, whose father, Frank, coached UH from 1985-87, was introduced as the new head honcho of the Warriors.

Known around the nation as one of the best recruiters and assistants, Arnold has been with schools in the Pac-10, Southeastern Conference and the West Coast Conference. With the loss of five seniors from last year’s team, Arnold’s starting from scratch.

The only returning player who contributed last recruiting season is guard Hiram Thompson.

However, Arnold has already landed his first commitment in Trevor Wiseman a 6-foot-7 forward from Valencia, Calif.

Arnold also has holdover commitment Jordan Coleman from Calabasas, Calif.

For the past five years, Arnold has been an assistant at the University of Southern California under coach Tim Floyd for four years and Kevin O’Neill last year.

O’Neill ultimately fired Arnold at the end of the season, which could end up being a blessing for Hawaii hoop fans.

One of seven finalists for the job, Arnold beat out Kyle Smith, whose St. Mary Gaels made it to the Sweet 16 in this year’s NCAA championship and became the main man in paradise.

According to the Honolulu Advertiser, Arnold agreed to a three-year contract paying him $260,000 a year (similar to what former coach Bob Nash was making).

He takes over a struggling program from Nash, whose team went 34-56 in three seasons.

The attendance at home games has dropped recently, and last season the team finished last in the WAC, but under Arnold fans will receive a much-needed breath of fresh air.

The planning for the 30th annual Windward Ho’olaule’a is already under way, but with a date change to Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the WCC campus.

The change was due to the annual BayFest at the Marine Base also being scheduled for the Ho’olaule’a’s original Sept. 25 date.

The Windward Ho’olaule’a is a free community event and one of the biggest on the windward side, with top-name entertainment, island food, crafts, WCC exhibits, and keiki games.

The theme this year is “Ho’olona‘me kaahi pānuiwā” (Moving forward with one heart) to emphasize the spirit of aloha.

The Kaneohe Business Group and WCC are partnering to sponsor this event with the same idea of community-building, said Bonnie Beatson, president of the KBC and WCC’s marketing director.

Proceeds benefit student scholarships and the campus Advancement Fund, which helps support programs and projects.

For the business group, it’s a way to help small businesses and vendors earn income and reach out to potential customers to build awareness.

Ho’olaule’a chair Herb Lee said, “It’s a great community event, sharing time, effort and aloha with everyone in our community. This event can’t happen without everyone’s help.”

“The Ho’olaule’a is an opportunity to give back. It’s a great family day to enjoy food, music and fun! This is a great tradition that Windward has come to have.”

“One big reason it’s important to the KBC is that it gives exposure for the Kane‘ohe businesses during tough times.” Beatson said.

She added that it’s also important to the college for awareness, student recruitment and to share information about WCC programs.

If you’d like to help or know of someone who wants to participate as a vendor, you can contact any of the committee chairs or go to windward.hawaii.edu/hoolaulea.

Ho’olaule’a’s Contacts

WCC booths, Bonnie Beatson, beatson@hawaii.edu

Arts and crafts- Judy Oliveira or Lance Uyeda, judyanno@hawaii.edu or luyeda@hawaii.edu

Food – Gus Cobb-Adams, gusca@hawaii.edu

Silent auction – Carla Rogers, crogers@hawaii.edu

For all other questions, contact Libby Young, libby@hawaii.edu
by Aleke Newman
Ka 'Ohana Writer

W indward Community College’s neighbor, Hakipu’u Learning Center, is facing displacement from its current home as early as this summer to make way for a long-term care facility for the elderly.

The facility, across the road from Hale ‘Akooaka, would provide up to 240 beds — about one-third of which would be reserved for residents with mental health needs.

However, the actual timeline for construction remains uncertain, and questions still remain about opportunities for public input.

The notice to move has the Hawiian charter school in limbo as it searches for an alternate site for its 81 students in grades 5 through 12.

Interim chancellor Doug Dykstra has been in meetings with school administrator Charlene Hoe and other state officials to see what can be worked out. But so far there seem to be more questions than answers as the Department of Health continues contract negotiations for the project.

HAKIPU’U LEARNING CENTER

The 4.8 acres on which Hakipu’u operates is owned by the Hawaii State Hospital (HSH). According to Hoe, one by the Hawaii State Hospital Hakipu’u operates is owned is the Hakipu’u Learning project.

The proposed future site for the relocated Hakipu’u Learning Center.

Hoe said the school put over $200,000 into the restoration of the building and invested many volunteer hours and donated supplies, funds, and services.

But when Department of Health (DOH) management changed, the agreement went unsigned. In March of 2009, Hakipu’u received notification that DOH was planning to build the long-term care facility and that the school needed to be out of Bishop Hall by July 31, 2010.

The HLC board has been examining other state land options in the area as possible sites for a new campus, “though ideally, our first wish is to remain here [at Bishop Hall],” said Hoe. Being within walking distance of WCC is “hugely critical” to Hakipu’u and “an essential element” of the students’ education, Hoe says.

HLC AND WCC

Having such close contact with WCC has greatly influenced the students in deciding to go on to higher education, Hoe explains. Over 80 percent of the school’s graduates (one of the highest percentages in the state) have made that choice.

Because of the proximity to the campus, students can take WCC classes through the Running Start program, which more than 60 percent of the juniors and seniors participate in.

WCC and Hakipu’u have also developed a symbiotic relationship based on a shared emphasis on Hawaiian cultural studies.

On a number of levels it’s been frustrating,” said Hoe. “We’ve achieved so much [highly developed project-based curricula, learning labs, advanced programs, multi-generational learning, rigorous academics] and now it’s all at risk.”

Although the eviction deadline is July 31, Hakipu’u is requesting at least a year to remain at Bishop Hall to prepare for the move and establish a temporary facility to operate out of until they can find a permanent campus.

An option being considered by the school is to move temporarily to cottages owned by WCC near the entrance to campus and investigate other state-owned and privately owned land in the neighborhood.

The space provided by the cottages is less than half the square footage of Bishop Hall, and one of the cottages is condemned and must be destroyed. Hakipu’u would have to make repairs to these cottages and construct a new building in order to be functional. This, however, requires funds they do not have.

LONG-TERM CARE HOME

For years there has been a growing need for facilities that would provide long-term care for the elderly in the community who don’t have any other care plan open to them, as well as for the patients of the Hawaii State Hospital (HSH) who no longer need treatment but do require care.

Because of the shortage of long-term care options, patients at the Hawaii State Hospital often wait several months (or even years) for discharge even though they are otherwise qualified. This takes up space that could benefit people who really need treatment.

The contract for the construction and management of the facility, has been to Avalon Health Care, although the Department of Health says they are still in contract negotiations.

Part of the proposal also calls for the facility to be a teaching and training site for nursing and other students.

Although the timeline is still uncertain, Dykstra points out that once Avalon signs the contract, they will have to start paying rent and will then be more motivated to “get things moving.”

Domestic violence panel

“Love Is Blind” was an insightful look into domestic violence and how it perpetuates across the generations.

No stranger to that life was panelist and food service counselor April Sandobal, who is a WCC graduate.

She and her husband had courted for years before they were married, and there was physical and verbal abuse even then.

Sandobal shared, “My life was just like the video— ‘Love is Blind.’ The everyday tear-down of my spirit, layer after layer, telling me that I wasn’t worth it. I couldn’t find her. She was lost— lost in the darkness.”

Sandobal even contemplated suicide, but she explained, “I went to church and prayed a lot and I felt my spiritual intuition tell me to call a friend, Jody. It was my friend Jody who connected me with people who could help me. And she did me the greatest service by telling me to go back to school. When I did, that was a step out of the darkness.”

Director Michelle Hill of the Department of Health stated, “2009 data shows almost 20,000 people admitted to some kind of trauma or abuse. And those are only the ones who admitted it.”

She said, “Abuse happens across the demographics, and the community needs to deal with the critical issues of economics, education, engagement and empathy.”

Jane Bopp, WCC’s University partners coordinator and researcher on domestic violence prevention said, “When it comes to prevention, the area I think about is men preventing violence against women. The emphasis is always put on the women and children and that’s good, but we need to ask, why doesn’t anyone say for the man to stop?”

Bopp also pointed out, “Men are also abused, although the numbers are much lower.”

Whoever the victim is, “It’s the perpetrator that has 100 percent control of whether that abuse is going to be stopped or not,” Bopp said.

“Isolation, desecration and desperation” are some of the words used by the panel describing someone who needs help from abuse.

Ohia Shelter for women and children and the O’ahu Family Peace Center for individual and group counseling for victims/survivors as well as offenders and children exposed to domestic violence are available for help and an escape plan. Contact them at 847-3285 or www.patcha-waii.org.

WCC counselor Winston Kong said, “I hope that when you leave here today, you take with you the deep sense of sorrow of the victims, perpetrators and everyone involved.”

Kong closed by asking everyone to take this pledge: I (your name), publicly declare and promise to forever reject and renounce domestic violence.
What are your plans after WCC?

by Fredrene Baloney
Ka 'Ohana Reporter

If you want to learn about money, ask a banker. If you want to know what to do with that money, ask a financial advisor.

Kaelene Wong
financial advisor.

My plan after WCC is most likely another UH campus. I really don’t want to leave the island. When I first came to WCC, I wanted to get a degree in business, but as time went on and I got more into school, I wasn’t sure if business is really what I want to do. So now I’m kind of stuck. My career plans are still undecided, and I am still weighing options to continue my education at UH West O’ahu or UH. I will pursue an A.A. degree.

As expensive as it is, I would like to raise my kids here. That’s why I’m going to school... to be able to one day afford the cost of living here. I’m majoring in nursing and I’m excited about it. It’s definitely a challenge for me, but I’m motivated to do it. I would like to be a pediatric nurse, and I can’t wait!

Mollie Bruhn

Transferring to HPU was a great decision... I'm glad I chose HPU, and that I'm graduating with my Bachelor's degree. The advising staff was always available whenever I had questions about classes and my schedule. HPU accepted almost all of my credits while other colleges did not. From the moment I arrived here, it was like I was home. That’s why I’m going to stay for my senior year.

Lorrie Kim
Travel Industry Management, Class of 2008

Being proactive can keep you out of debt

by Samantha Tanginoa

Hawai'i Pacific University accepts almost all of my credits while other colleges did not. From the moment I registered, I felt as though my education was just as important to HPU as it was to me. The advising staff was always available whenever I had questions about classes and my educational goals. This gave me a sense of security, knowing that someone was there to help guide me. The faculty were also always available; I could meet with them whenever I needed advice. I’m glad I chose HPU, and that I’m graduating with my Bachelor’s degree from such a great place!

Lorrie Kim, Travel Industry Management, Class of 2008

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Graduates

He says, “I would consider myself pretty shy and quiet. Through this job, I discovered a person who is more confident, extroverted, outgoing, self-assured and willing to try new things.”

Sutherland spoke highly of the staff and faculty as well. “We have an incredible staff here at Windward. The counselors, the chancellor, vice chancellors are all very approachable and humble. Student services are extremely friendly and welcoming. And the professors are awesome,” adds Sutherland.

In the end, Sutherland feels that he has “come into his own” here at WCC and would like to offer some advice to anyone pursuing higher education.

“If you believe in yourself, I can say with certainty that I am going to pursue degree in journalism at UH Mānoa. People who know me think that I’m more mature and therefore disciplined. Although, this is true, it’s not the only reason why I’ve managed to come this far. I’m graduating because WCC has provided me with a strong foundation academically, professionally and personally. Just like me, WCC has grown immensely as a college compared to when I attended it 13 years ago. I realize now that it is a place that wants its students to succeed in whatever they choose. And though I can only speak for myself, I can say with certainty that I am one of many who feel this way.

Sutherland works closely with tutor Scott Harada on his Japanese homework.

Scott Sutherland

At only 20 years old, Scott Sutherland is already showing signs of a promising future. While pursuing his liberal arts degree at WCC, he maintained a 3.95 GPA, was a major part of WCC’s peer mentor team, and tutored numerous students in English, history, Japanese and religion.

On May 15, he will officially graduate. “Now, I’m looking forward to whatever comes my way,” says Sutherland.

Sutherland is currently attending UH Mānoa and KCC, as he works towards a bachelor’s and possibly a master’s degree in communications. Although this is only his first semester at these campuses, he admits that he already misses WCC.

“I love Windward. It’s much more personal. If WCC were a four-year college, I would stay here,” he says.

Sutherland attributes his love for WCC mostly to his job as a peer mentor. At first, though, he did not want the job because it involved public speaking, leading groups and tutoring and advising students. But after getting the job, he grew to like it and ultimately feels that he’s learned a lot about himself.

get to know me and even recommended that I join TRIO or look into financial aid. They seemed dedicated to my success as a student. This motivated me and now I am excited to say I am graduating.

Finally, I have to say that there is much more meaning to my graduation from WCC than just a piece of paper. People who know me think that I’m more mature and therefore disciplined now. Although, this is true, it’s not the only reason why I’ve managed to come this far. I’m graduating because WCC has provided me with a strong foundation academically, professionally and personally. Just like me, WCC has grown immensely as a college compared to when I attended it 13 years ago. I realize now that it is a place that wants its students to succeed in whatever they choose. And though I can only speak for myself, I can say with certainty that I am one of many who feel this way.

Instructor Ross Langston and his first group of vet assistants pose with a horse skeleton.

Vet grads already getting job offers

Several of WCC’s first group of graduating veterinary assistants are already being called to work in the real world.

Ross Langston, WCC instructor and faculty coordinator for the vet assisting program, said, “Three of our students have already been offered jobs as a result of their coursework and clinical internships.”

Langston hopes to expand his program into a two-year A.S. in veterinary technology. “Hawaii is currently one of only six states without such a program,” he said.

Langston is proud of all of the vet assistants and the work they’ve put into the program.

He adds, “I am continuously amazed at their drive and dedication. Their motivation and enthusiasm are awe-inspiring.”