

Kaiāulu Ko‘olau

Community of the Ko‘olau

FRESH FACES



Photo by
Theresa Worden

M e e t *Me too. Often I hear students say, "I can't learn math! It's too hard. I'm not smart enough" How do you overcome their depreciating thoughts?*

Y o u n g a Choi, the new math instructor! I point out all of the additional hardships I had; English wasn't my first language. I had to study twice as hard as they do. However, math is logic. Once they think about it and understand it, they'll see the beauty of it and that it's actually a pretty easy subject.

C h o i She is originally from South Korea

but moved to the US to better her education. She received her B.A. and M.A. from the University of Montana in Missoula.

W h y *did you choose to study math?* I changed majors four times and math was always my favorite class. When I took calculus, my TA was very smart but he couldn't explain [the subject] very well. I thought I could explain it better than this American TA. It motivated me to find a better way to teach math.

W h a t *do you think is the best thing about WCC?* The campus, it's so pretty - the teachers and students are so friendly and there's chickens. I like to see the small chicks grow up.

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W h a t *is one thing you love about teaching?*

Influencing my students and being a fun role model.

W h a t *is a little known fact about you?* I paint a lot. I had to choose between being an artist, a gene I got from my mom, and a mathematician, the skill I received from my dad. Watercolor is my favorite.

M a y b e *you should contribute some artwork to the Rain Bird.* Yeah, I will.

W h e r e *can we find you on Oahu?* Kalama Beach or Palama Korean grocery store.

W h a t *are you looking forward to doing over the winter break?* All my family is coming from Korea and we're celebrating my brother's birthday over the break. They're staying for a month with me. It's going to be fun!

DOINGS OF THE DOI

Eliz and Margie went to a meeting on Kauai. One of the agenda items was to get an overview of the other campuses degree of success with evening classes. It seems to be the same with many of the campuses in the system that there is a high correlation between evening classes diminishing as availability of online education grows. The address for systemwide online course listings is

<http://www.hawaii.edu/dl/courses/index.php>

The DOIs met with the accreditation team on Tuesday.

SABBATICALS

Nine individuals have been awarded sabbaticals for summer of 2007 through fall of 2008. Faculty who are interested in applying for sabbatical should consult the collective bargaining agreement Article VI A. pages 5 and 6. There is an application which can be picked up in the Dean of Instruction office forms drawer.

Summer 2007

Tara Severns

(one month per summer for six summers)

Fall 2007

Inge White

Peggy Regentine

Floyd McCoy (full year)

Ben Moffat (Full year)

Spring 2008

Ellen Ishida- Babineau

Paul Field

McCoy continued

Moffat continued

Summer 2008

Tara Severns

Fall 2008

Janice Nickols

Clayton Akatsuka

Submitted by
Chancellor Angela
Meixell

It's almost Thanksgiving! What are you thankful for?



“those from whom I’ve learned: family, friends, teachers, students, authors, colleagues...”
-anonymous entry

“I’m very thankful that Bush can’t be elected again.”
-Sandie Carmichael

“I am thankful for my job and the opportunity to use my God-given talents to help others” -Bonnie Beatson

EVENTS

Waikalua Loko Fishpond Restoration **11/17, 8-noon**, preregister by contacting Ka’ohua 843-1217

Common Book Event: **11/27, 4pm**, Akoakoa 105
“Gravity...It’s Not Just a Good Idea: The Naturalistic Fallacy in Ishmael” by Brian Richardson

DID YOU KNOW?

On October 12, approximately 70 people from the college and community gathered for the blessing and dedication of the Lanihuli Observatory. The Observatory houses a radio telescope, solar telescope and a newly installed 16-inch optical telescope. In addition to supporting WCC students, the facility will be open to the general public after regularly scheduled Imaginarium shows. On October 26, the Center for Aerospace Education hosted the 7th annual Haunted Village - a Halloween treat for the whole family!

This month, students from Hakipu’u Learning Center will be visiting the Imaginarium for a special lesson on naked-eye astronomy observations. This visit is part of a growing partnership between the Center for Aerospace Education and the native Hawaiian charter school which is housed on the WCC campus.
Submitted by Nancy Alima Ali

‘BITTEN BY THE BUG’

Stan Egi, WCC’s theater lecturer, recently played the boss of the leading character in “All for Melissa,” a film that was featured at the Hawaii International Film Festival on Oct. 20 at Dole Cannery Theater. This romantic-comedy film is by Gerard Elmore, a hot, new filmmaker who recently won best short film award.

How did this role compare to your other roles? This was my most fun role because I got to improvise a lot. I had done stand up comedy shows with the director and he gave me this freedom. Much of the improvisations ended up on screen.

What is another one of your favorite roles? The one in “Rising Sun.” It was fun to play the bad guy because you get to play someone you never would in real life and not get arrested for it. [Stan played Ishihara and acted alongside Sean Connery, Wesley Snipes, and Steve Buscemi]

How did the WCC Student Showcase go? It went really well! It’s great to see my students shine. I think their parents and friends were pleasantly surprised and proud, never having seen that side of their child/spouse/friend before. A few of my students had never been on stage before. Now they’ve been ‘bitten by the bug.’

That’s great! What bug? [laughs] It’s this deep feeling, this warmth and glow, like ET’s heart. Acting just makes you feel wonderful- really alive, like your complete self. I love the feeling of tapping into someone’s potential, seeing that tiny seed blossom.

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New for spring 2008: Education courses at WCC!
Two education courses through UH West Oahu are being offered this spring. Introduction to Teaching as a Career (EDEE 201) will meet Monday from 3:30-4:20 and will be offered in conjunction with Early Field Experience (EDEE 200). EDEE 200 is a field course that will place students in a classroom setting. These two courses will be taught by Dr. Mary Heller and are a good starting point for students interested in exploring the field of education or becoming a teacher. Students must have placed into English 100 or be concurrently enrolled in English 22. Both of these courses are requirements for the Bachelor of Education degree offered at UH West Oahu. Students will need to register through UH West Oahu. For more information please call Denice Kretz at 235-7388 or go to <http://www.wcc.hawaii.edu/universitypartners>

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