

CLASSNOTES

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After 29 years of private practice in Salt Lake City, **Wilfred H. Higashi**, Ph.D. (formerly **Higashimachi**) retired in April 2009. He was the director of mental health for the state of Utah from 1969 to 1980, the first psychologist appointed to that position. Dr. Higashi and wife **Joyce** plan to retire to Hawai'i in the next two years.

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The Class of 1950 held their 58th Class Reunion in Honolulu on December 12, 2008, at the Happy Day Restaurant in Kaimuki. Those attending included **Ed Aoki, Willy Ho, Richard Iida, Paul Konishi, Leslie Lee, Stimson Lee, James Miyahara, Francis Okada, Richard Sakamoto, Harry Soo, Harry Takane, James Tanabe, Richard Yogi, and Riley Yuen**. All of us looked young and healthy for our age. Once again old friendships were renewed and many fond memories of our school days were remembered. Some of our classmates got together with **David Kennedy** on January 30, 2009, and with **Sun Yet Wong** on February 13, 2009, when they visited Hawai'i last winter.

The Reunion committee has scheduled a 59th Class Reunion in Honolulu for September 18, 2009, and/or Grand 60th Class Reunion in Las Vegas for the first or second week of April 2010. Notices have been sent to all classmates.

On a sad note, we lost two more classmates in 2008: **Edward Motoyama** and **Ronald Nishiyama**. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to both families, their relatives, and friends.

See you on September 18, 2009, and in April 2010.

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Merv Lopes was the subject of a feature article posted July 21, 2009, on honoluluadvertiser.com, "Lopes Led 'Swords' Giant Killers." The article focused on Merv's opportunities and

accomplishments as he progressed through his career as a coach. He credited **Father Bray** with one of his first opportunities: playing all-star end for the Raiders before going on to play football at college in Compton, California. Once Merv graduated and returned to Hawai'i, his football coaching career began at Kailua High School, then he joined the staff of **Pete Newell's** "Big Man Camp" to help NBA and college basketball players with their footwork. Merv soon "built Kailua into a powerhouse program" and even guided his team to their first state championship. Next, as Kalaheo coach, his team garnered the 1976 O'ahu Interscholastic Association title in their fourth year as a program. From there, Merv moved on to coach at Chaminade, where he again built up a program that entertained fans and a team that was eventually "forever immortalized for their December 23, 1982 victory over No. 1 ranked Virginia." After that triumph, "Chaminade and Merv became known as college basketball's 'Giant Killers.'" Now retired, Merv enjoys fishing in Kona and playing golf at Waikoloa.



Members of the Class of '53 and their wives enjoyed a mini-reunion to welcome John and Barbara Ching during a visit to Honolulu. Front row, Barbara Ching, Jeanette Pang, Esther Tanaka, and Elsa Lee, back row, John Ching '53, Clarence Lee '53, Tamotsu Tanaka '53, Linu "Hunky" Pang '53.

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The ranks of the Class of '55 were reduced again by the recent passing of our 'Mate **Kenneth Kamiya**. This was particularly shocking to us because we had mentioned in the last 'Iolani *Bulletin* that he had recently received the 2009 Community Recognition Plaque from the El Camino Lions Club. We express our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to Ken's family.

On a happier note, **Raymond Tanouye** touched base with us. "Bruno" is doing well; he is healthy, happy and very satisfied with life. He mentioned that his "thoughts of classmates and 'Iolani usually revert back to the days at the old Nu'uuanu Campus." "Bruno" owns a landscape plant business in Hilo, which he runs with his son. Fortunately, despite the downturn of the economy, they are still busy. He maintains an active lifestyle running his business, attending trade shows on the Mainland, spending time at his children's homes, and taking his family on trips once a year. Terrific, "Bruno!!"

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Dr. **Gordon Sasaki** flew in from Los Angeles and attended The Father Bray Football Classic with **Victor Chang**, **Paula**, and **Mel Chow**. Gordon was not only impressed with the program but also with the first class steak buffet hosted by the school and Alumni Association. 'Iolani was ahead of Kaiser 30-0 in the first half.

Unfortunately, we lost **Bruce Matsumoto**, our Son of 'Iolani, on July 11, 2009. Over eighteen of our classmates attended the Buddhist services at Hosoi and expressed our condolences to his widow **Ruby** and son **Todd** and family.

Forty classmates attended the Gung Hee Fat Choy banquet at the Wah Kung Restaurant in January. Mahalo should be given to our out-of-town classmates **LeRoy Ichida** and **Bob Yamamoto** for presenting all with lei. Mahalo also to their wives.

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Enjoying the Chinese buffet at our 48th year reunion at Yen King/Maple Garden on July 31, 2009, were **Bruce Ames**, **Rodney Chun**, **Steve Fujikami**, **Warren Ho**, **Allan Kawada**, **Paul Kuramoto**, **Mo Lai**, **Ken Lee**, **Jim Miyashiro**, **Milt Oshiro**, **Tom Teruya**, **Dick Tsuda**, **Norm Tyau**, **Tom Wong**, and **Dexter Furuhashi**, who summarized our 2011 reunion plans. Possibilities include a cruise event (tentatively between January and April 2011), a dinner in Honolulu (before the 'Iolani graduation in June), and a tour to Silverado with a possible side trip to Las Vegas (possibly October 2011). Twenty-five classmates responded to a survey conducted by Dexter indicating their willingness to attend a cruise, 9; Silverado, 13; a Honolulu event, 19; Las Vegas, 11. Tom Wong will contact those interested in the off-island events.

Emmett Yoshioka sent around a video of a contestant on *Music Idol* who sang Mariah Carey's "Ken Lee." Some might think that the song was "Can't Live," but we preferred hearing it as a song in honor of Aruda. Emmett also reported that the Diamond Head Theatre's production of "The Drowsy Chaperone" will be the first time in a long time that he will not be musical director. Emmett will be musical director for "White Christmas" December 4-20.

At the 7th hole of the Lomas Santa Fe Executive Golf Course on August 9, 2009, **Elliott Lum** shot his second hole-in-one. He was wearing a cap with a Tiger Woods logo. So now, three Asian golfers did really well in August 2009.

Bob Mumper has returned to nude modeling! Here's his report: "I was called back to inaction last week for a three class assignment with the UH Art Department. I modeled for the students in a life drawing class. My constant companion on the pedestal was a skeleton. I'm usually a last resort stand in when nobody else is available. I was complimented for my dependability, one of the traits that I've developed as a former 'Iolani student. Many first time models fail to show up."

Still playing competitive tennis is **Francis Wong**, who has teamed up in the past with **Walter Fo** '64 and **Mike Higashi** '64. Among Frannie's current Super Seniors opponents from 'Iolani are **Elton Choy** '65, **Jeff Fern** '65, **Richard Young** '65, and **Randy Lim** '65, who are on the same team. While in Honolulu for the Gwen Stefani concert, **Brian Hamada** '73 joined Frannie Wong and Mo Lai for some tennis.

Having a great time at A Touch of 'Iolani were **Gary** and **Carolyn Shigemura**, Ken and **Jennifer Lee**, Jim and **Susan Miyashiro**, Milt and **Maddie Oshiro**, Bob Mumper, Mo and **Lorna Lai**, Tom and **Joyce Wong**, Warren and **Anita Ho**, and **Tom Campbell**, who worked diligently in setting up and greeting guests.

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BELOW: Pictured are Paul Chun '62, Roland Chun '62, Pat Tom '62 and Randall Abe '62 who gathered to see Pat Chai '62 visiting from Atlanta and Randall Abe '62, whom many classmates had not seen since graduation.



Patrick Chai '62, Richard Lau '62, and Sandra (Aoki) Ohara were at the Class of '62 lunch.



Visiting from Colorado, Al Chong '62 and wife Dicki were in Honolulu in March. Some classmates reunited at the Mandalay Restaurant for lunch. Seated, left to right, were Al and Dicki Chong, Clifford You, Paul Chun, Rodney Asada and Alan Maii. Standing, left to right: Miles Kawatachi, Richard Lau, Patrick Tom, John Ishikawa, Calvin Nakagawa, Conroy Chow, Dennis Ching and Walter Muraoka.

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The following was compiled and submitted by **Russell Jones '63**: It was a fascinating coincidence for six 'Iolani graduates to meet on the Hawai'i Chinese Chamber of Commerce 60th Narcissus Queen Goodwill Tour to China. After overhearing the initial comments, "I graduated from 'Iolani," others identified themselves as 'Iolani graduates. The six 'Iolani graduates who made up about 10% of the tour group are **Reuben Wong '54** and wife **Vera**: Reuben was a former President, Chinese Chamber of Commerce 2002–2003; **Richard Lau '58** and wife **Lorraine**; **Vernon Ching '63**:

Vernon was president of Chinese Chamber of Commerce 1993–94; Russell Jones '63 and wife **Mary**; **Lisa Wong '01**, the 2009 Narcissus Queen; and **Kristine Duong '05**, the 4th Princess of the 2009 Narcissus Queen Court.

Vernon and Russell, who last met when they graduated in 1963, exchanged comments. Vernon said to Russell, "You haven't changed." Russell looked back and said, "You haven't changed." Two big liars! The only two graduates above who haven't changed since graduation are Lisa and Kristine. (Reference the Spring 2009 Alumna Profile of the 'Iolani School *Bulletin* for the story about Lisa, the 2009 Narcissus Queen.)

All of us had a fantastic time! The tour was packed with events, and although it seemed tough getting to bed at 1:30 in the morning and getting up at 5 the same morning, it was worth it. The excitement kept us going. The tour and 11-course lunch and dinner banquets started in Shenzhen then went to

Shanghai, Beijing, Xian, Jiuzhaigou, Chengdu, Guilin, and finally ended at Hong Kong. (Yes, some of us gained weight.) The tour group was treated with distinguished honor by the Chinese government. There were repeat visits by dignitaries from the central government officials to vice mayors. One of the highlights of the tour was a banquet for the entire tour group at The Great Hall of the People, adjacent to Tiananmen Square and The Forbidden City. The Great Hall of the People is usually reserved for state occasions such as honoring presidents **Nixon** and **Clinton**.

At the end of the 2009 Narcissus Queen Goodwill Tour of China, Russell, his wife Mary, and his three cousins visited their ancestral village of Dai Wan in Zhongshan, and Lisa Wong and her family visited their ancestral village of TanZhou in Zhongshan.



'Iolani graduates reconnect around the world, even in China. 'Iolani graduates on a China tour taken at The Great Hall of the People were, left to right, Vernon Ching '63, Reuben Wong '54, Narcissus Queen Lisa Wong '01, Russell Jones '63, Narcissus Princess Kristine Duong '05, and Rick Lau '58.

The following is Russell's account of his visit to his ancestral village:

"Upon arriving at my grandparents' village of Dai Wan, the villagers and government officials gave us a lively greeting complete with a band (drum and cymbals), two dancing lions, and fireworks. We were led upstairs to a hall complete with lychee, bananas, and water to refresh us from the warm temperatures, but I was too excited to eat. We then had a vibrant exchange to identify my grandparents (I gave them pictures to help) and a round table discussion identifying distant relatives in addition to one who arrived to meet us for the first time. The two translators were busy trying to keep up; fortunately, one of my cousins started hesitantly at first with her Cantonese, then became more confident as she continued the exchanges. The officials took us to our grandparents' farmhouse and to the school my grandparents and uncles supported. We took a walk through the village. I felt waves of emotion as I toured my grandparents' farmhouse, school, and village. For years I listened to my aunts and uncles talking about the farmhouse; it was only a dream. Now being in my grandparents' home was an emotional reality. I could have spent hours looking at every detail, but soon it was time to go, and the photos will help me remember. At dinner in our honor we were given much food. Apparently they read my smiles of obvious enjoyment as I ate a couple of treats—a sweet bow and jin dui—among all of the good food and ordered two dozen of the treats for us to take back to the hotel—nothing lost in translation about the good food. That evening on the ferry ride back to Hong Kong, I replayed in my mind the fond memories of my long anticipated trip to my grandparents' village and the warm welcome the villagers gave us."

The following is Lisa's account of the visit to her ancestors' village:

"I was amazed at the warm welcome my family and I received at my great-great grandfather's village of TanZhow. Even though it was so hot and humid outside, the villagers burst into drum and lion dancing as I approached the village gate. Stretched across the gate from one pillar to the other was a red sign reading: 'A Warm Welcome to Ms. Lisa Wong, the 60th Narcissus Queen!' Not only



Narcissus Princess Kristine Duong '04 met a furry friend in China.

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was I surprised by such a grand welcome, but also I was then greeted by the village officials and introduced to one of my granduncles who still reside in the village. I walked with him through the main street of the village followed by the lion dancers and their banners. As I walked through the center of the street, my granduncle strutted next to me and we led what soon became a parade through the village main street. People stopped their tasks to gather on the side to see what the commotion was all about. Children waved as we passed by the elementary school, and even the dogs halted their street patrols to come join the excitement. Our parade ended at my granduncle's home where my family and I were introduced to the rest of our village relatives. Our tour guide mentioned that I was the first Narcissus Queen represented by this particular hometown, so I felt honored to meet my relatives still residing in the village. After noting the resemblances between us, I suddenly felt I was reuniting with a home I never knew. We drank tea and paid respects to our ancestors at the altar in the home. My father and I were invited to cut the gleaming roast pig together with a particularly sharp cleaver before we ventured to our ancestors' gravesites to *baisan*, or pay respects to the ancestors. Every year the Narcissus Queen is greeted in the same welcoming fashion by her village. I was humbled to be a living reflection of my origins and grateful to have the opportunity of experiencing a village homecoming and a tour of China filled with memories to cherish for a lifetime."

The following is Kristine's perspective as the 4th Princess:

"You don't hear about 'Iolani alumni in the papers as often as those from some other schools, but the funny thing about 'Iolani kids is that we somehow manage to find each other in the most unlikely places. Like say, China for instance? That's how I felt on the first day at the airport meeting the other 'Iolani members of the Narcissus Queen Goodwill Tour.

"From start to finish, the trip blew away all my expectations. Although Lisa and I were technically on a business/diplomatic trip, I was a kid in a candy store the whole time. From the bustling cities of Beijing and Shanghai to the gorgeous, breath-taking sceneries of JiuZhaiGou and Guilin, I saw so many sides of China, I could have sworn I was visiting several different countries. The food was a BIG plus for me. Even though I had to watch what I ate in order to fit into my formal dresses, I still could not help indulging in the items that we didn't get in Hawai'i, like turtle soup in Sichuan (so spicy I only took one bite), sea cucumber at The Great Hall of the People, and the authentic crispy and fatty Beijing roast duck (my mouth is watering as I type this!).

"The highlight of the trip for me was visiting the panda reserve in Chengdu. It was hot and muggy, but nothing mattered to me after they brought the 8-month old panda out. My first thought was, 'Holy cow, that's a baby??' It was adorable and I got a few really good pictures with it, so all in all, totally worth it!

"A funny skill I developed on this trip was learning to apply makeup and change clothes in a moving coach. Some days our afternoon activities would run late, and we didn't have a lot of time to change back at the hotel—maybe 30 minutes if we were lucky, depending on traffic. So I learned to apply most of my makeup on the coach to give myself more time to change into my cheong sam and do my hair. The tour members got a good laugh at us when they found out what we were doing. But, hey, you gotta do what you gotta do."

Vernon, as Bus #2 Tour Coordinator, tried to keep us under control—almost as difficult as herding cats. We were a lively group. Vernon has made repeated trips to China with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce; we benefited from his numerous staff at the various cities and his sage advice. We highly recommend this tour group for anyone thinking of touring China. The tour was outstanding and the support the tour gets from the Chinese officials is excellent. Russell Jones '63, Kristine Duong '05, Lisa Wong '01, Vernon Ching '63, Richard Lau '58, and Reuben Wong '54 all have many great memories of this trip.

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On the evening of May 15th twenty-three of us gathered for our 45th reunion at the site of our Senior Prom, O'ahu Country Club. Thanks go to OCC member **Dave Takagi**, who sponsored the event, and **Allan Tanigawa**, for selecting the menu and coordinating the event with OCC staff.

Attending the reunion from out of town were **Frank Hay** (Kauai), **Keith Morioka** (Big Island), **Mel Tsuda** (Monument, Colorado) and **Don Mackay** (Atlanta, Georgia). The rest of the classmates joining in the nostalgic evening were Allan Tanigawa, **Bruce Shimomoto**, **David Lo**, David Takagi, **Dickson Yamamoto**, **Eddie Oshiro**, **Elwin Goo**, **Eric Maehara**, **Gary Ting**, **George Arizumi**, **Larry Yasunaga**, **Leroy Uyehara**, **Mike Young**, **Ray Minami**, **Richard Fong**, **Ron Ohira**, **Ron Yoda** and **Roy Ledesma**.

Classmates attending The Headmaster's Dinner on July 30th were Ed Oshiro, Roy Ledesma, Allan Tanigawa, Mike Young, Leroy Uyehara, Richard Fong, **Ed Sakoda**, **John Week**, Dave Takagi and Gary Ting. John Week lives in Waimea on the Big Island and is the district manager for John Guild Communications. His responsibility is multimedia staging and production for the Mauna Kea Resort, which



Classmates and their wives gathered recently: Courtland '65 and Claire Pang, Alvin '65 and Margaret Onaka, and Glenn '65 and Trudy Kawatachi.

includes the Hapuna Prince. We (Alan Tanigawa and Mike Young) immediately got ideas of coordinating a class event on at the Mauna Kea Resort. Stay tuned.

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Many members of our class attended memorial services to support **Hubert Minn** after the death of his wife. Hubert would like to express his sincere and deep appreciation

to all his classmates as well as all the other 'Iolani alumni that have offered their support and kind words following the death of his beloved wife, **Sandy**. For the Minn family (**Vail** and **Shanti**), it was so heartwarming to see the tremendous kokua everyone offered.

Our class's attendance at this year's A Touch of 'Iolani was the lowest in some time with just three of us seen there. If there were others at the event, they didn't stop by to say hello to **Glenn Kawatachi**, **Alvin Onaka**, or **Courtland Pang**, nor was the eyesight of those three good enough to spot other classmates. Glenn's nephew **Marcus's** Class of 1990 was this year's hosting class and that helped Glenn decide to attend with his family. Alvin and Courtland and their wives are regular attendees.

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Glenn Inouye coached the 'Iolani golf team that captured first place in this year's David S. Ishii Foundation/Hawai'i High School Athletic Association Boys Golf Championships at the Royal Ka'anapali Golf Course in May. 'Iolani last won the team title in 1991. In an article posted on honoluluadvertiser.com on May 14, Glenn is quoted thusly: "We never really came together as a team until this past two weeks [before the championships]. Anyone who says high school golf is not a team sport is wrong. They fed off each other."

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Clyde "Rambo" Takahashi '72 gets ready to fire Scott Ballentyne's new firearms, a 9mm pistol and a 12 gauge shot gun on a recent trip to Boise. Takahashi spent a funfilled weekend with Scott and Scott's wife, Robin.



Scott Ballentyne '72 and his son Sean at the finish line of the 30th Annual STP Bike Ride (Seattle to Portland). They finished this two-day 214-mile ride with a total ride time of just under 14 hours. Scott and Sean rode through rain, lightning, storm winds and hail for 3.5 hours on the second day. Aaron Okinaka '72 was going to come along as the bike mechanic and team support but missed the flight to Seattle.

I apologize for the late report on this year's 'Iolani Fair Pizza participation. As many of you know, I had a small e-mail problem sending some twenty-plus e-mails asking for help at the fair. I'm sorry for the error but sometimes glitches occur when using new software.

I would like to thank the following for working at the Pizza Booth: **Alan Yee, Jimmy Hino, Sam Failla, Sanford Saito, Wayne Yoshioka, Gary Miyama, Geof Chu, Jon and Marsha Tanabe, Russell Kato, Grant Kashiwada, Darryl Young** and daughter **Daralyn**, and my wife, **Cheryl**, and son **Robb '08**. The pizzas were flying out of the booth as were the water and sodas. It was a scorcher of a day, and we sold out of pizza for the first time before some of the other booths.

Those responding to the e-mail barrage included **Dave Yonamine** of MobilityWare; **Bright Wong** from northern Illinois; **Donn Tanaka**, who went deer hunting on Moloka'i; **Peter Kashiwa**, who was out of town; **Scott Ballentyne**, who always volunteers; **Sam Failla** and **Aaron Okinaka**; **Mike Yee**, who was busy with his credit union board; **Charlie Hathaway**, who did fly to Australia and couldn't convince the pilot to drop him off in Hawai'i; **Eric Kawamura** from northern California; **Alton Miyashiro**, who helped at the Gourmet Booth; **Ray Ono**, who was doing business in Tokyo for First Hawaiian Bank; **Gilbert Korenaga, Brian Teruya** and **Ron Yanagi**.

Thanks, all of you who responded despite my ballistic e-mail blunder. It's always great to hear from you. For those who did not receive my e-mail notification, please e-mail me at kenseye@mac.com. Then you too can receive the surprises that explode from my computer.

Other communications included **Brian Soneda** from Seattle, Washington; and **David Tatman** from Mongolia via Facebook.

Mufi Hannemann attended the 77th Annual United States Conference of Mayors meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, on June 12-15, 2009. On Saturday night, June 13, 2009, the highlighted event of the conference was *WaterFire*, a fire sculpture that runs in a canal through Providence, created by 'Iolani alumnus **Barnaby Evans '71**. The following is from a letter by Barnaby Evans to Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann this May: "I am delighted



Barnaby Evans '71 and Mayor Mufi Hannemann '72 reconnected at the United States Conference of Mayors this past June.

that you are coming to Providence for the US Conference of Mayors in two weeks; and further thrilled to learn that you are the chair of the Conference's Task Force on Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment and Sports. One of the signature events for Providence is my arts installation, *WaterFire*, a fire sculpture that runs for one half mile on the canal through downtown Providence. It is a very popular community event that has been credited with revitalizing downtown Providence and has been called the 'crown jewel of the Providence Renaissance.' *WaterFire* is also a huge arts and tourist attraction bringing over 10 million

visitors to the state and has drawn significant international attention as well. My growing up in Hawai'i was a major influence in my creating *WaterFire*, both the many fire, torch, and Pele associations with Hawai'i, but also the time I spent on the 'Iolani crew on the Ala Wai Canal. I have often dreamed about returning to Honolulu to install a special version of *WaterFire* on the Ala Wai, particularly in the area near the Honolulu Convention Center. Thus I am especially pleased that you will have a chance to see *WaterFire* for yourself during the Mayors Conference." *WaterFire* has been the subject of articles in such publications as *The Washington Post Magazine*, *Art New England*, and *Smithsonian* magazine.

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This has been a good summer for our class. **Mark Yamakawa** joined the 'Iolani Board of Governors, **James Lee** joined the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents, and **Craig Nakamura** was nominated as Chief Judge for the Hawai'i Intermediate Court of Appeals. This is also the 35th reunion year for our class, and it was celebrated with typical class camaraderie. On Thursday, July 30, about fifteen members of our class attended the All Class Reception hosted by Headmaster **Val Iwashita** in the courtyard at 'Iolani. It was nice to see **Alan Soneda** and wife **Rosaline**, who flew in from California. It was great: the beer was free! On Friday, July 31, fourteen classmates met for golf at the Coral Creek Golf Course in Ewa Beach (see below) and twenty-five then met at Sam Choy's for the Boys' Night Out. The convivial atmosphere for the latter was helped along by the wine and beer provided by James Lee's establishment and also by the rare vintages brought by **John Doty**. Then, on Saturday, August 1, eighteen classmates attended A Touch of 'Iolani where Mark Yamakawa was awarded the Alumni Service Award, which he accepted on behalf of the Class. Talk about class!

No class reunion is complete without a golf outing and our 35th reunion was no exception. **Tyler Ching, Thomas Chun, Wendell Choy, John Doty, Terry Keola, Lester Leu, Lee Miki, Randy Miyamoto, Dean Nakasone, Stephen Oishi, James Sasaki, Carl Tanaka, and Alan Taniguchi** hacked their way around the Coral Creek Golf Course. Based on the gross scores (which were pretty gross), I don't think anyone is considering giving up his day job to join the Senior Tour. It was a tough and grueling afternoon, but the camaraderie made up for the bad scores. Low net honors went to Dean Nakasone with a net 65.

In addition to the golfers, many others participated in the reunion activities: **Kevin Ing, Paul Connell, Colin Miwa, Mark Yamakawa, Robin Uyeshiro, Alan Soneda, Sanford Goto, Dana Yoshimura, Paul Yokota, Ross Kuraya, Bill (Dean) Alcon, James Lee, Garrett Nose, Neal Kugiya, Ronald Quong, Richard Louis, Randy Grune, and Ryan Totoki, and Norman Gentry**. My apologies if I left anyone out.

In other class news: **Randy Kaya** appeared in a TV commercial for EnvironControl Termite, Inc. He said, "People have gotten mixed up thinking that this is my job. I just did it to help them." Randy's job, when not a TV star, is vice president at UBS Financial Services, Inc.

Proud father **Sherman Kwock** wrote to add that his accomplished son, **Jeffery**, just graduated as a co-valedictorian, co-awardee of the AP Biology Academic Award, and a National Merit Finalist. He audited human embryology at the John A. Burns School of Medicine this past summer. More congratulations, Jeffery.

Randy Miyamoto got **Andy Yamaguchi** to send in an update. Andy Yamaguchi is the night city editor at the *Honolulu Advertiser*, sending reporters to fires and car crashes and overseeing the Hawai'i section. He lives in Kailua with wife **Cheryl** and sons **Matt**, a Honolulu police officer, and **Ben**, a University of Washington junior.

Henry Ho became the new AA California State Sporting Clays Champion on June 13. Sporting clays is sort of a cross between skeet and trap shooting, where shotguns are used to hit flying clay targets. AA is the second highest competitive level in the sport.

Dr. **Vincent J. Nip** was voted one of Hawai'i's best cosmetic surgeons in the People's Choice Awards in the Sunday *Advertiser* of May 31.

Lester Leu and Randy Miyamoto continue to live the One Team values we all learned at 'Iolani. They join with our classmates in celebrating our 35th year reunion but also reach out to work with members of other classes, like **Clancy Taoka** '49, **Ben Almadova** '51, **Wendell Hoshino** '58, **Gordon Lee** '63, **Courtland Pang** '65, and **Harris Nakamoto** '75 to help make the 'Iolani Raiders Booster Club's One Team documentary. The documentary will capture, preserve, and perpetuate the core values that we learned and that many of us carry in our lives to this day. Lester hosted the fundraising kickoff event at his house. Let Randy or Lester know if you want to help.

'75

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Congratulations, **Jim McArthur** and **Angus McKibbin**! Announced Sunday, May 31, 2009, in *The Honolulu Advertiser* Official People's Choice Awards 2009 Best of the Best is the number 1 cookie category: The Cookie Corner. This is the 4th time The Cookie Corner was voted the Best of the Best. If you haven't had one of their delicious offerings lately, stop by one of their O'ahu locations. Our classmates on the neighbor islands and outside of Hawai'i can visit The Cookie Corner website: www.cookiecornerhawaii.com.

Mark Wong, CEO of Commercial Data Systems of Honolulu, was among the more than a dozen heads of small businesses in Hawai'i interviewed by *Pacific Business News* for an item posted July 3, "Government Work Requires Patience, Military Precision." Each small businessperson was asked for suggestions about dealing with the paperwork required for military contracts. More than two-thirds of Commercial Data Systems of Honolulu's business is from federal government projects here and on the Mainland. Mark's advice: "Have a contracts expert, an expert that has experience working with the federal government and the military." That expert for Mark's company is **Bill Simpson**, who brought with him 14 years of experience when he joined CDS in 2003.

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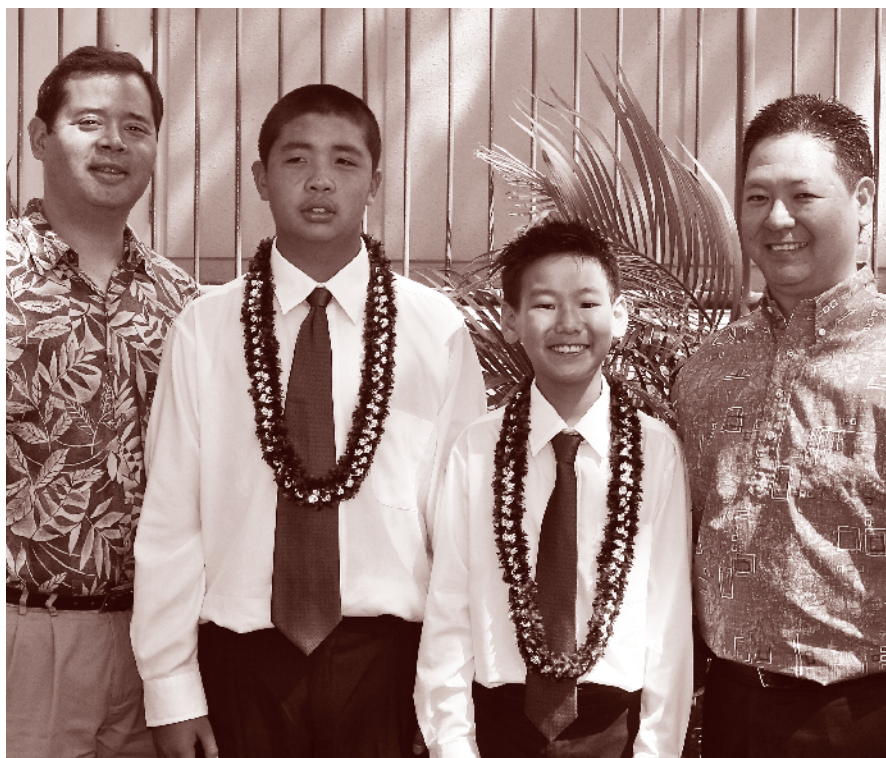
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Mark Takahashi has been living overseas for quite a while. He is currently in Hong Kong and was recently named Group Director and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for CLP Group. Founded in 1901 as China Light and Power, CLP is one of the leading power companies in the world. Mark is responsible for group finance, treasury and investor relations. You may look him up at <http://www.clpgroup.com>.

Theodore A. Norris has been appointed CEO of Pacific Health Ministry. Theodore has more than 25 years of experience in health care administration.



Celebrating at the sixth grade promotion ceremony this past June were Calvin Oishi '79, Nathaniel Oishi '15, Matthew Azama '15, and Garet Azama '83.

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Peter Jenkins and wife **Debbie** helped celebrate **Norman '77** and **Sally Cotter**'s daughter **Chelsea**'s high school graduation in Heidelberg, Germany. They all then took a weeklong vacation touring Italy and Switzerland. Chelsea will attend the University of North Texas this fall studying forensic psychology.

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'Iolani football coach **Wendell Look** and 'Aiea coach **Wendell Say** received the Hawai'i Coaches Award for their contributions to high school football this May.

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Creighton Arita, chief executive of TeamPraxis LLC, a Honolulu-based provider of technology solutions and services for physicians, was interviewed by reporter **Greg Wiles** for an item posted April 6, 2009, on honoluluadvertiser.com, "High Profile Client for Software: Scripps Health Signs on for Patient Records System with Bonus Pay Reporting." According to the article, Craig feels "the Scripps deal was significant because of the visibility of that health system." With this contract, which will include money from the economic stimulus bill for healthcare reform, Craig hopes to expand the TeamPraxis staff by 30% this year.

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Lane Muraoka, owner of Big City Diner, was one of several local business owners highlighted in an article posted by *Pacific Business News* on May 25, 2009, "Hawaii Businesses Find a 'Tweet' Goes a Long Way." According to the article, Lane didn't even know what Twitter was during the recent presidential campaign, but his keen eye for marketing helped Lane realize Twitter has "the potential to be a cost-effective marketing tool for his five-restaurant chain." Now Lane and his company's director

of human resources and operations post news about specials and entertainment for the chain's 925 followers, responds to customers' comments and questions, and sends out the password for the Twitter Tuesday promotion.

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Glen Tanaka's son **Nicolas Tanaka** has won 1st place for U.S. Kids Golf World Championship Qualifiers AGAIN for Hawai'i in the age six and under boy's category. He also won it as a five-year-old last year, and he came in 3rd place when he was four.



Brian Yee '81 and Scott Auyong '81 visited the 'Iolani art building and their former teacher Dave Roberts while Auyong was visiting from Henderson, Nevada. Roberts describes Yee and Auyong as "some of the best to grad from 'Iolani. Real solid—all heart."

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'Iolani baseball coach **Dean Yonamine** was named ILH Coach of the Year after guiding the Raiders to the ILH crown this past season. It was 'Iolani's first ILH championship since 1997, and it came in Yonamine's last season as coach.

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25 years already? Wow it seems time has gone by in a blip. In celebration of our 25th reunion, we had a casual round of golf at the Pearl Country Club. The weather was somewhat wanting due to the passing mauka showers. Nevertheless, we all had blast playing our own respective games or trying see who could hit the ball the farthest (even though some of us are getting to that age of aches and pains).

The highlight of the round was **Walter Yim's** "almost" hole-in-one by mere micro inches (it must have been his special two-tone golf shoes). For the 19th hole, we met up with the rest of the classmates who did not golf at **Scott Fujita's** restaurant/bar Hanagasa Inn. The evening went by in a blur with 'ono food and Xtra Reserved spirits that a few of us paid for the next day. All in all, it was great catching up with everyone including **Monica Lee** and **Phillip Osako**, who flew in from California. Mahalo, Scott (and our long lost class account), for generously hosting the event.

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In August, **Paul Shimomoto** performed as a special guest artist at the 2009 Imperial Jazz Complex in Tokyo and Osaka, Japan. The Complex is a world-class jazz festival hosted by the famous Imperial Hotels. Included in Paul's jazz ensemble was classmate and bass player **Mark Tanouye**.

David Tamura moved back to Hawai'i in July after being away for 23 years. David is an oncologist, and his wife **Lisa** is an attorney. They have two sons, **Ryden** and **Ronin**. Welcome back, David!

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Lance Au announced that **Lacey Lynn Au** was born on Sunday morning May 17, 2009. She weighed seven pounds and fourteen ounces and was 19½ inches long. Both mom and baby are doing fine and at home. Dr. **Charlene Ushijima '86** delivered this baby, too.

Jason Arakaki is 'Iolani's varsity baseball coach for the 2010 season. Jason has been head coach for the school's junior varsity baseball team since 2001, and he has coached baseball at 'Iolani for the intermediate, junior varsity, and varsity levels since 1990.

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Tim Chang was laid off from Caltech in January. While it was a trying time, Tim has a new-found appreciation for friends and family who all rallied around him and his family (thank you, everyone!). Tim now has a new job just seven miles away (as the crow flies) from his old job at Occidental College as the interim assistant dean of students and director of residence life and housing services. As luck would have it, he starts one day after his last day at Caltech. Unfortunately this means Tim will miss the 20th year reunion, so please take a lot of pictures to post! Tim can be reached via his e-mail address: teamchang@yahoo.com.

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The Class of '90 organized a successful 2009 A Touch of 'Iolani.

The Class of 1990 did a fabulous job hosting A Touch of 'Iolani this year. Here is a shout out to all the classmates who made the event an amazing success! It was an amazing time seeing old friends working hard, laughing, and enjoying the delicious food.

Thank you, planning committee and volunteers of the Class of 1990, for coming out and working tirelessly to make this year's A Touch of 'Iolani a great success. Under the sun and stars, lifting tables and chairs, and collecting garbage, everyone had a lot of fun reconnecting after 19 years. Some classmates hadn't seen each other since graduation, and others commented that everyone still looks the same. The committee which spent the last year planning the jazz themed, iLounge included **Marcus Kawatachi, Shari (Akashi) Tapper, Darian Chun, Allison Fujita, Jason Sahara, Hugh Ishikawa, Kirk Hedani, Todd Shibata, Brandon Flores, Robb Tanaka, Phillip Camp, Adrienne (Shimonishi) Elkind, Shaun Mukai, Dawnie Ichimura, Jodi (Kwan) Nishida, Sheldon Lau and Greg Yamane.** Volunteers for the August 1st Touch included

Darin Awaya, Steven Goo, Gregg Hirohata-Goto, Ryan Kanada, John Matsumoto, Elden Nakamura, Jeremy Niwa, Nicole (Ueyama) Niwa, Kevin Sasuga, Kristin Shigemura, Kehvinn Tsuru, Shannon Ishikawa, Ryan Kuwahara, Bob Morikuni, Rand Ide, Mark Ishii, Ken Kobayashi, Darren Nakao, Jon Shintaku, Greg Sakaguchi, Stephen Schatz, Doug Yee, Leanne Agawa, Woodie Milks, Marcus Shimomi, Rod Spadinger, Shelly Tanaka and Kandyce (Iwao) Watanabe.

Thank you also for the support from the Class of '91, **Marc Okumura, Greg Young, Gary Young, Ryan Honbo, Damon Hamura, Todd Okasaki, Andy and Ann Nakasone and Lori Ho.** Mahalo, spouses/friends **Jodi Chun, Rose Tsuru, John Tapper, Phil Panquites, Michael Ramos, Robyn Ide, Kim Kobayashi, Sandra Nakao, Dayna Kuwahara, Marilou Caoile and Shari Okumura.**

The One Team spirit was demonstrated in true form, and we sincerely appreciated everyone's dedication and commitment to making the night memorable. We hope to

see more classmates at next year's Touch in celebration of our 20th reunion. If you are also interested in helping to plan the 20th reunion, please e-mail Marcus or Aurene.

Rich and Jen Nakanishi are the proud parents of **Cante**, who just graduated with highest honors, from Madison High School in Portland, Oregon. Cante will be heading to New Hampshire to attend Dartmouth College in the fall.



Rich '90 and Jen Nakanishi are pictured with Cante who is now attending Dartmouth College.

Ashley Kai is living down under! He was married in Australia on March 7, 2009, to **Jennifer Dwyer**. In attendance at the wedding were Best Man **Kendall Kai '94** and **Miki Kurokawa '92**. Ashley met Jenny while in veterinary school in Australia. She was a year ahead of him and they met at Orientation. Ashley and Jenny honeymooned in Vanuatu this past August, and they returned to Hawai'i to visit with family and friends. Their wedding reception was held at Waiālae Country Club. Ashley and Jenny continue to work as veterinarians in Australia while traveling the country in their RV. Congratulations!!!

I was happy to receive a friend request on Facebook from classmate **Keli'i Peltier**! Keli'i sounds as rascal as ever and seems to be enjoying an active, exciting life.

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Plans for the 2010 A Touch of 'Iolani are well underway thanks to event co-chair **Marc Okumura**. E-mail Polo at marc.okumura@hawaiiitransfer.com with your interest before the coveted committee seats fill up. Last ones standing will be on napkin folding duty for the duration of the evening. Special thanks, **Ann** and **Andy Nakasone**, **Lori Ho Ikeda**, **Todd Okasaki**, **Damon Hamura**, **Ryan Honbo**, and Marc's wife, **Shari Okumura**, for shadowing this year's event. Just in case you missed them, co-chairs **Greg** and **Gary Young** were called away by a once-in-a-lifetime trip to China during the Touch weekend. As always, the Youngs have impeccable timing. Others in attendance and supporting the cause at the Touch were **Bonnie Taam Sakai**, **Stacie Kaji**, **Val Hirano** and **Nina Teruya**.

On to daily life and random classmate spottings: I saw **Kingston Lam** at Liliha Bakery in July stocking up on local favorites. Kingston resides in the Bay Area and comes home from time to time. **Erin Adaniya Palmer's** son's 4th birthday party in August was a reunion of sorts with **Julie Kodama Mijo**, **Greg**



Ashley Kai '90 married Jennifer Dwyer. His brother, Kendall Kai '94 served as Best Man. They are pictured with the groom's parents.

Young, **Brandt Takeuchi '87**, (Uncle) **Kevin Adaniya '86**, (Grandpa) **Roy Adaniya '59** and **Andrew Furuta '86** all in attendance. Greg and Brandt's daughters were classmates with Erin's son, **Keane**, at St. Clement's. Brandt and Andrew spent the better part of the day rejoicing on being fathers to three girls. It was a quick and quiet summer, so please e-mail me any updates on you or your classmates. Take care.

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Jason Revestir was named one of *Honolulu Magazine's* Top Dentists of Hawai'i in the February 2009 issue. He is a partner at Temple Valley Dental Group in Kāne'ohe along with

Dr. David Brown. He encourages everyone to maintain their oral health despite the current economic downturn. When not at work, Jason and wife **Deidre** have fun with 22-month-old son **Evan**, who enjoys Abba, water hoses, and bouncing balls.

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Dean Shimamoto is the new 'Iolani boys basketball coach. He has been varsity assistant coach since 2001. Longtime coach Dr. **Mark Mugiishi** '77 retired this spring, but he will contribute to serve as a "consultant." According to an article posted on honoluluadvertiser.com on April 21, for the past two years, "Doc" Mugiishi has been assigning Dean and another longtime assistant coach **Adam Wong** '94 "more of the basketball responsibilities including daily practices and the summer league program." Dean worked mostly with the offense and Adam with the defense. Dean is looking forward to "a good core of players and parents coming back for next year's team," but he also commented that with no players on this team who have won a state title, it will be "like starting over."

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Kanoa Leahey and his sportscasting father **Jim** and grandfather **Chuck** were the subject of a feature article posted July 18 on honoluluadvertiser.com, "Leaheys Have Been Voices of Hawai'i Sports." The article mentioned that Kanoa surprised his father Jim when he decided he too wanted a career in broadcasting. Ironically, however, Jim Leahey probably fostered that interest by taking Kanoa to games and exposing Kanoa to the play-by-play descriptions of the games. The article points out that even Kanoa didn't realize he would actually end up choosing the same career his father and grandfather had until one day he was given the chance to do a girls basketball game on radio. Kanoa seems a natural for this career, but he recognizes that he is "pulling the caboose of his Leahey legacy."

Brent Tamamoto is a pediatrician and wife **Sheri Tamamoto** is a stay-at-home mom, starting a new business with her brother called Busy Bees Hawaii (www.busybeeshawaii.com). They have two children: **Wyatt** is an "all around smart-aleck trouble maker, and **Dylan** is learning the ways of the world from Wyatt—not good for us," they write.

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TOP: Dr. Brent Tamamoto '95 feeds son Dylan who was born in 2008.

ABOVE: Sheri Tamamoto '95 plays with Wyatt (born in 2006) and Dylan.

Tom Park and his "high-end men's shoes" business Leather Soul were the focus of an article posted May 29 by *Pacific Business News*, "Five Who Thrive: Leather Soul Sees Rodeo Drive as the Perfect Fit." Tom will be opening a store in a historic building on the corner of Rodeo Drive and Little Santa Monica Boulevard in southern California. The article indicates that Tom's business acumen has enabled him to grow his business even in difficult economic times such as the present; he "carefully cultivates his customers and vendors, and he uses technology in a savvy way to promote a traditional, low-tech product." Tom said: "The products I sell, they're all the best quality. Even in a bad economy, people still want good quality," and the shoes he sells retail for upwards of \$500 pair. The new store is scheduled to open in December.



Ethan Taomae '98, Chiara Berton, Meghann Schroers '98, Lani Clinton '98, Cherif Gurguis '98, Reinaldo Pacheco '98, Chris Shimabukuro '85 enjoyed the evening.

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Peter Boylan's stellar six years with *The Honolulu Advertiser* were praised in an item posted June 7 on honoluluadvertiser.com written by his colleague **Mark Platte**. The occasion for the story was Peter's departure from his position at *The Honolulu Advertiser* to become U.S. Senator **Daniel Inouye's** chief spokesman. As Platte comments near the end of the item: "On another occasion, I might have tried to talk him [Peter] out of leaving *The Advertiser*, but after several long discussions, I came to realize that this was a good opportunity for Boylan in that he will learn much about politics and policy in Washington, D.C., while Inouye is at the height of power."

Keoni De Renne, a 5-foot-7, 160-pound, consistent (.285 average, 41 runs in 77 games) player, and **Kala Ka'aihue '03**, a 6-foot-1, 225-pound slugger with a talent for launching baseballs unimaginable distances, are now teammates on the Revs, the York (Pennsylvania) Revolution baseball team. They may be the first natives of Hawai'i to share an Atlantic League clubhouse, according to an article posted July 28 of this year by **Jeffrey A. Johnson** on yorkdispatch.com and, as Johnson remarks, "the prospect of playing with one another definitely seemed next to impossible all those years ago."

Keoni is quoted as saying: "It's kind of funny how it all came full circle." Kala is six years younger than Keoni so it did seem unlikely they would end up playing on the same major league team. Coincidentally, Keoni and Kala have the same agent, **Dan Horwits** of Beverly Hills Sports Council.

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The Class of 1998 held its tenth year reunion at the 'Iolani campus during the 2008 winter break.

'99



At the Class of '98 reunion, left to right, were Tricia Yoshioka, Craig Tamamoto, Mandy Tomita, Ross Yoshioka '00, Romi Iida, Kevin Wee, and James Chan.

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10th Year Reunion for Class of 1999

Saturday, December 26th, 2009

Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

Location: Paparazzi (The old Brew Moon at Ward Centre)

Tickets: \$25 (\$28 for guests)

Please respond by November 28, 2009. More information can be found on our class website on <http://www.iolanialumni.org/profile/profile.asp?profile=1000766>, or you may e-mail Jackie (jackiesagum@msn.com) or John (jmiyagi@gmail.com)

Class Community Service Event and Class Golf Tournament TBA



Members of the Class of '98: Robert Li, Mark Verrey, Laurie Komatsu, Mariel Kusano, David Aoyama.



Billy Lawson '02 married Heather Dick of Honolulu on June 20, 2009. A graduate of Kaiser High School, Heather is in the nursing program at the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa. Billy recently graduated from the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa with a degree in mechanical engineering and is employed at Navatek, Inc. in Hawai'i.

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Stanley Chang received his law degree from Harvard Law School and then worked with the local law firm of Cades Schutte LLP in their finance and real estate department. He is now running for City Council from the Waikiki to Hawai'i Kai district in the 2010 election.

Andrew M. Nuibe graduated this past May from Creighton University School of Medicine. The American Academy of Pediatrics honored him as the Outstanding Pediatric Student for Creighton. He is currently doing his pediatric residency at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, California.

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Matthew Ma won the Hickam Invitational golf tournament this May by two shots.

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Sarah Bess received her master of education in teaching degree from the University of Hawai'i in May 2009 and began her new teaching position for K-1 at Hanahau'oli School in August.

Raeceen Woolford, a former standout volleyball player for the University of Hawai'i, was named Miss Hawai'i on Saturday, June 27. She will compete for the Miss USA title on January 30, 2010, in Las Vegas.

Joshua (Humu) Cariaga received his bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering in 2007 and completed work for a master's degree from the University of Southern California Viterbi School of Engineering in 2009 in aerospace engineering. He is a member of Alpha Gamma Omega, Fraternity Pi Chapter at USC. He is currently employed by Northrop Grumman in El Segundo, California, working on Joint Strike Fighter (F-35).

Joshua became engaged to **Loni Iverson** on June 11, 2009, during a visit to Boston, Massachusetts. Loni is a 2009 graduate of the University of Southern California Viterbi School of Engineering, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. She is currently employed by Northrop Grumman in El Segundo, California, working on her master of science degree in product development engineering at USC. She is a member of Alpha Delta Chi Epsilon Sorority. Loni is a resident of Rancho Santa Margarita, California. The couple is planning a 2010 wedding in California.

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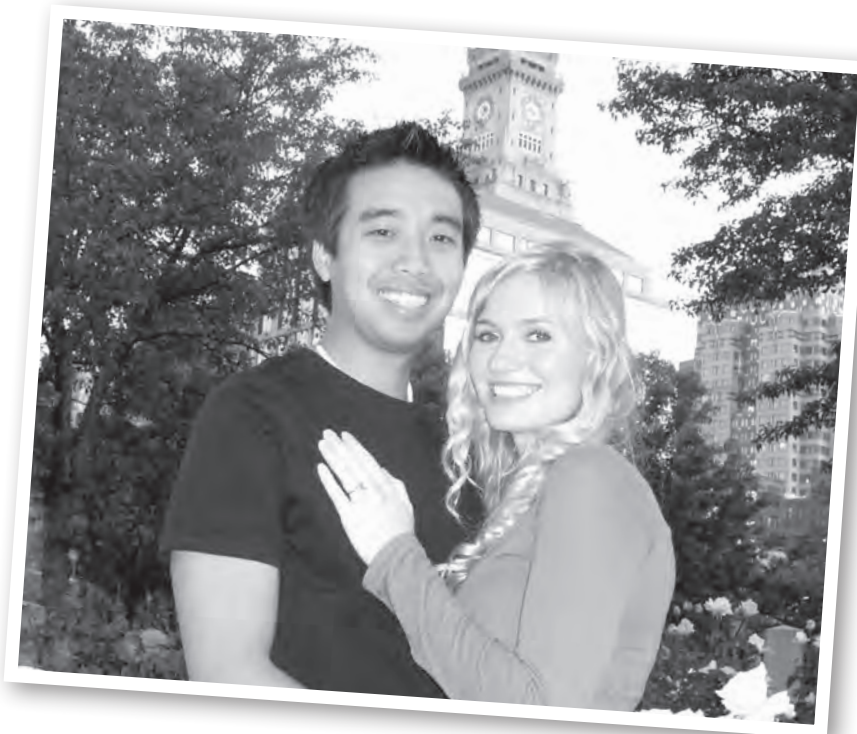
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Sean Carney graduated from the University of Hawai'i this May and played his final game for the Warriors this April. These two achievements were his late father's final wishes, but Tom died before he could witness both in person. In an item posted April 16 on honoluluadvertiser.com, Sean noted that playing his final game without his father in the stands would "be bittersweet."

Derrick Low was recognized as one of *The Honolulu Advertiser's* Top 50 sports figures in the history of the State of Hawai'i. After graduating from 'Iolani, Derrick played at Washington State and brought their team to national prominence. He is considered the best player ever to play basketball in Hawai'i. After playing professionally in Australia and Europe, he is hoping to find a spot next with a professional team in Europe. This summer, sans his trademark shoulder-length hair, Derrick helped young basketball players in Hawai'i by speaking to kids at Dennis Agena's Kalākaua Foundation Clinic and instructing at two clinics held at 'Iolani School. Derrick's motivation, according to an item posted June 16 on honoluluadvertiser.com: "It's all about giving back, even if it's just a little bit. It's the right thing to do, after all the help I



Joshua Cariaga '03 and Loni Iverson visited Boston.

had growing up." Derrick is also one of the former local sports stars who played in the men's NCAA Summer League at the Mānoa Recreation Center.

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Rachel Powers, a four-year rower at University of Washington, was named to the Pac-10 All-Academic first team and was awarded a division scholarship for graduate study. Rachel served as the team commodore this past season, rowing in the defending national champion varsity four, helping the crew sweep Washington State, come in third at the Pac-10 Championships, and earn an overall seventh place at NCAA championships.

Kai Yamashiro graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs with a bachelor's degree in legal studies. After a 35-day trek across Europe, the newly commissioned 2nd lieutenant reported to Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas for pilot training.

Brinton "Big Dawg" Howerton recently graduated from George Washington University with a degree in criminal justice (how's that for some irony??). Brinton, our former Key Club president, Senior Prefect, can-tab recycler and all-around dirty guy (he ALWAYS had dirty feet and nails because of all his Key Club projects) will be in Dubai for the next three years working for an importer/exporter. We're happy that Brinton will fit right in in Dubai because no one could ever tell what ethnicity he was: he could pass as United Arab Emiratean. HAH!

Kyson Chase Hiroshi Morikuni spent the past three months in the library studying, never seeing the light of day, and he's STILL as dark as ever! He just graduated from Claremont McKenna College with a degree in science and management and is now working with fellow Raider alumni at EnviroServices doing environmental consulting. Kyson is amazing for several reasons: #1. He eats like a PIG and

hasn't put on even one pound; #2. Just when we thought he couldn't get any studlier, he did just that! #3: He resembles his father, **Calvin**, tremendously.

Robyn "Queenie" **Yamakawa** is now a proud Middlebury College graduate! She finished her four years with a degree in neuroscience and will be living in Japan this year teaching English through the JET program. While at Middlebury, she danced like no one was watching, volunteered at a nursing home, and continued to be **Mark Yamakawa's** '74 daughter. Queenie's sister, **Rachel** '02, is in Missouri right now in dental school. Better make sure you floss! Queenie's hands are really small.

Erin Chiyo Liu is a college graduate! She just finished at Claremont McKenna College with a major in economics and is now in her first year at UH Medical School. Dr. Liu??? Dr. Liu??? Dr. Liu??? HOLY COW! Erin is the same 'ole lovable, clueless Erin we knew in 2005.

Stephanie Toriumi is FINALLY in Hawai'i after being gone for so long—her past four years have been a whirlwind of adventure—weekend trips to Boston, NYC, Montréal, and more, a semester in France, a semester in Spain, a summer in Spain teaching Spanish to African immigrants, a week volunteering with Burmese refugees, a little bit of studying, a lot of loving, and finally a degree in international studies from Middlebury College. She spent the summer teaching Spanish 1 and 2 at 'Iolani (GO RAIDERS!) and will spend the next year in Japan studying Japanese language. Stephie knows about 700 languages and hopes to be a translator or interpreter in a few years. She is still one of the sweetest, cutest, most loving people you will ever meet!

Evan Nakatsuka just graduated from Occidental College with a degree in economics. Contrary to popular belief, Occidental College has nothing to do with teeth. Evan spent the summer helping handicapped adults find jobs. After that, he hopes to either be an MMA Fighter, professional model, or golf course snack shop hot dog maker. Evan's nickname is "HB" and he wants everyone to ask him how he got that nickname.

Kirk Uejio '98 submitted the preceding six items.

'06

Junior utility player **Kimi Ide-Foster** earned Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches Women's Water Polo Academic All-American honors following a successful season for the Pomona-Pitzer College Sagehens. The team captured their fifth Collegiate III championship after defeating Redlands 10–5 in the final game. Kimi is a political studies major at Pitzer College.

Tonia Ko's piece "Afterfalls for Full Orchestra" was selected from an open call-for-scores and read by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra in February 2009. It will also be performed by the Eastman Philharmonic Orchestra this coming November. In addition, Tonia was awarded second prize in a competition sponsored by the New York Treble Singers and attended the ensemble's premiere of her work in March. This past semester, her new vocal piece was coached by acclaimed soprano **Tony Arnold** as part of the Warren Benson Forum for Creativity. Tonia will be attending the American Conservatory at Fontainebleau, France, this summer.

Spencer Shishido, a junior at Sonoma State University, tied for 37th in the NCAA Division II men's golf championship held in late May in Washington State.

Jenna "Pablo" **Tamashiro** is a mean, green, Scrippsie Machine! She has one year left at Scripps College (keep those boys away!) where she is majoring in molecular biology. She spent the summer in Costa Rica living in the rainforest studying the population density of the poisonous dart frog for two months. RIBBIT! Pablo wants everyone to know that she grew a half-inch since graduating, which takes her to a whopping 5'10" with 10-inch heels on!

Amanda "Hedwig" **Maehara** is the same smiley, owl-look-aliking, small-handed, basketball goddess. In fact, during her junior fall semester, she studied abroad in Denmark (she ate a lot of danishes...HAH...pun intended). While there, she played in a basketball league and was yelled at in Danish because she played too physically and beastly. That's our little 4'11" Hedwig. "HEY, I'M 5'1" AND PROUD OF IT, MR. U!!!!" During the summer, she

spent six weeks in Nepal (Suveg and Sumil wannabe) interning at Women's Foundation of Nepal where she was helping with human rights issues. WOW! She'll be graduating next May from Scripps College with a degree in psychology. After that she hopes to do one of five things: 1. Go to grad school; 2. Seduce a J-Pop star and bear his children; 3. Find a job (boring); 4. Teach English in Japan through the JET program; or 5. Wait until Mr. U croaks, and then take over his job ("I can sit around all day and write paragraphs about alums").

Kirk Uejio '98 submitted the preceding two items.

'07

Dara Tawarahara, a sophomore at Pacific (California) is helping the water polo team by scoring three (against Long Beach State and UC Irvine) and even five goals (against UC Santa Barbara) in a single game.

Dillon Powers spent the summer in Beijing studying Chinese language and culture. He won third place in a citywide speaking contest for non-native speakers, second year division. He was particularly delighted when, toward the end of the ten-week program, he was asked, "How long have you lived in China?" Dillon "Austin" Powers is still the same lean, mean, running, good-looking machine that we all know and love! He just finished his sophomore year at Harvard University where he is majoring in history. In order to get into the "mood" of his China adventure, he grew out a Confucius-type beard and dyed it gray. Ni hao ma! DAP was all excited to run the Boston Marathon in April, but he twisted his ankle while training (see what happens when you stare at the women's crew team practice???) so he has to wait until next year. DAP is best remembered from high school for throwing a rubber chicken at Homecoming, for being Motel the Tailor in "Fiddler," and for having a secret crush on Austin Barnes (but then again, who didn't?). Just kidding about the beard.

Kirk Uejio '98 submitted part of the preceding item and all of the next three.

Codi "Zips" **Limm** is in the house (and she let's people know it too!). Zips has a very sophisticated nickname; you have the rest of the paragraph to figure it out. Zips is a junior-to-be at Notre Dame University where she is majoring in finance (as some people might say, "she puts the FINE in finance"). She's also minoring in peace studies. WHAT THE FARGO? CODI LIMM MINORING IN PEACE??? Ok. Zips is spending the fall semester in Perth, Australia, studying international business. She's a bit nervous about learning the new language, though. HAH! Just kidding. Ok, Zips got her nickname because her real name is Codi, Code, Zip Code! Got it!

Christine "Miss Chantastic" **Chan** goes to the non-best school in the Claremont Consortium (CMC being #1, Pomona being either 2, 3, 4, or 5, you pick). She plays volleyball there, not water polo, and also does track and field (hurdles, baby). She even can get over the hurdles once in a while. She's majoring in religious studies at Pomona and minoring in body building (i.e. dance). She also is pre-med and wants to be a heart surgeon or an OB/GYN. Dr. Chantastic is spending the summer working with her soul mate, **Michael Murayama**, at Queen's Hospital. NO PDA! Small game: three truths and a lie, you decide. She once had a very interesting dream about an encounter with one **Richard Wu** '07, she sweats a lot, and we couldn't think of another truth.

Miyoko "Omiyok" **Pettit** is the same wonderful Omiyok we know and love. Before we go any further, drop this *Bulletin* and look up the Class of 2007 yearbook because Omiyok took the most beautiful portrait known to man. Omiyok, a junior-to-be at Hahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhvahn University, is the co-captain of her volleyball team, a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, and shook those Tahitian hips at the annual luau. We try to make these Classnotes interesting and funny, but there's nothing funny about Miyoko Pettit; she's the classiest, most elegant, sweetest, most precious person out there! Oh yeah, and her teeth are really well-aligned.

'08

Brad Lawson was freshman outside hitter for the Stanford men's volleyball team this spring. He was named to the All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation men's volleyball third team in late April.

Kai Masutani played shortstop for the Redlands (California) team this spring.

Freshman **Kelsey Outram** pitched for the Southern Utah baseball team.

Jamie Smith had an outstanding freshman year at UNLV. She was recognized as one of the top freshman players in the nation and had a scoring average of 10 points per game and 10 rebounds per contest. This summer she was among the former and current college basketball stars playing in the D.ONE women's league at the Mānoa Recreation Center.

"Scottish" **Keahi Kaneshiro** is part Hawaiian—NOT! He just has a Hawaiian middle name. Scotty just finished his first year at Harvard University where he is majoring in something. He wants everyone to know that he saw a squirrel get eaten by a hawk, barbers in Cambridge don't know how to cut his curly hair, he misses sister **Brooke** '14 like crazy, and he can speak Chinese now—dim sum, anyone? Scott was the Class of '08's best Student Body Treasurer EVER, best looking Senior Prefect named Scott, and was a kayaking machine!

Signe "Signacious" **Chambers** is attending Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. She is majoring in "UNDECIDED" and is excelling in that program. She is too humble and shy to share her great freshman year GPA, but let's just say it's more than 3.96 and less than 3.98. She spent the summer hitting the beach, hanging out with friends, and working full time at the Iolani Special Programs Office. Sig is best known for being a tall, smiley, fast-running, hula dancing, Senior Prefect, and Faculty Relations Co-Chair. Some interesting facts you didn't know about Sig: her middle name is Hamilton, which is the same as her brother's middle name, she has a total of six earring holes, she likes Kiawe Grill. Wash U's mascot is the bear.

Aaron "Scar" **Suzuka** '08 finished his first year at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York. Scar enjoys reading manga. Scar likes graphic novels. Scar watches anime movies. Scar is majoring in bio-chemistry. Scar is interning at Cellular Bioengineering, Inc. this summer. Scar cut his hair. Scar was a Senior Prefect and clarinetist. Scar plays quidditch. Scar misses rice. Scar doesn't really talk like this.

Kirk Uejio '98 submitted the preceding three items.

'09

Melody Rose Lindsay has been named a 2009 Davidson Fellow Laureate in recognition of her prodigious achievement in the field of music. Melody received a \$50,000 scholarship award as well as a trip to Washington, D.C., in late September to attend the award reception at The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian. In appreciation to the public for their support of her music, Melody gave a free concert, "Harping Through the Ages: From Ancient Themes to Alternative Rock," on Sunday, August 23, 2009, at Kaimuki Christian Church, located at 1117 Koko Head Avenue in Honolulu. The youngest student to be accepted into the preparatory harp program at Indiana University's School of Music, Melody studies with Mrs. **Constance Harding Uejio**, Principal Harpist of the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra, and with Professor **Elzbieta Szmyt** of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. Melody has received numerous awards and prizes including the following: the American Harp Society Competition, the American Harp Society Mildred Biehn Johnson Award for outstanding musical promise, the World Harp Congress Project Award, the World Harp Congress Deane Sherman Award, scholarships from the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra Associates, the first Dora Derby Scholarship Prize, and a Morning Music Club Scholarship Award. Melody is a freshman at Princeton University where she plans to study biochemistry, astrophysics, economics and, of course, harp performance.

Memorials

CLASS OF 1938

Rufus Nihinihulaokalani Horswill died July 20, 2009. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He is survived by wife Carol; sons Bruce and Rufus, Jr.; daughters Roxanne, Rae Moikeha, and Stacy King; sister Sarah Kauka; 26 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1941

Robert Norman Jamieson died May 17, 2009. He was a retired Honolulu Police Department officer. He is survived by wife Madeline; sons Robert, Jr., and Leonard Peters; daughters Kahala Jamieson, Sandy, and Mona Peters; and sister Barbara.

CLASS OF 1944

Wilfred Hiroshi Maruyama died May 24, 2009. He was a retired U.S. Postal Service employee, retired U.S. Army Reserve Sergeant Major, World War II and Vietnam veteran. He is survived by wife Helen; sons Steven and **John** '78; grandchildren Tarah, Taylor, **Trevyn** '15, and **Tristyn** '17. He was preceded in death by brothers Wallace and **George** '46.

CLASS OF 1947

Noel C.S. Kim died June 10, 2009. He was a retired Sears Roebuck & Company service technician. He is survived by wife Ellen; sons Martin and Leo; daughter Karen Graham; five grandchildren; and sisters Mary Halm and Ann Bessa.

CLASS OF 1950

Roy Koyei Makishi died August 1, 2009. He was owner of Gulick Delicatessen and also a U.S. Air Force veteran. He is survived by wife Mary; sons Cory and Lee; daughter Linda Goto; grandchildren Sydney and Taylor; and sister Mildred Yoneda.

CLASS OF 1954

Ernest Kiyoshi Funai died July 2, 2009. He was an aircraft mechanic with United Airlines. He is survived by sons Isaac and Seiji; daughter Liana; brother Teru; sisters Mabel Takenaka and Violet Kusatani.

CLASS OF 1955

Kenneth Masuo Kamiya died April 30, 2009, in Torrance, California. For the past five decades he was an insurance broker. His community involvement included serving as president for the Gardena (California) Evening Optimist Club, the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, and the Okinawan Association of America. He was also a member of the Japanese American National Museum, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in Little Tokyo. Kenneth is survived by mother, Yoshiko; daughters Katherine Korenaga, Kristine and Keira; brothers Ronald and Edward; sisters Helene Shimane and Jean Enomoto; grandsons **Kenneth Murata** '07 and Kingston Murata.

CLASS OF 1957

Ronald Takaki died at his home in Berkeley, California, on May 26, 2009. He was a professor emeritus of ethnic studies at the University of California and a prolific scholar of U.S. race relations who taught UC's first black history course. He "received a Pulitzer nomination for his book *A Different Mirror* published in 1993, a Distinguished Teaching Award from UC Berkeley, and the 2003 Fred Cody Award for lifetime achievement from the Bay Area Book Reviewers Association" according to a story reported in the UC Berkeley News this spring. He is survived by wife Carol; and three children.

CLASS OF 1960

Bruce Tadao Matsumoto died July 11, 2009. He was a retired Park Engineering land surveyor. He is survived by wife Ruby; son Todd; and two grandchildren.

CLASS OF 1970

Morrie Wilson died June 1, 2009, in Seattle, Washington. He worked at Boeing from 1977–1989 as a programmer and software systems expert. In 1989, he founded his own software company, Wilson WindowWare. He is survived by parents Morris Wilson, Sr., and Edwina Wilson; sister Victoria Ball; wife Nancy; and daughters Donna, Karin, and Laura.

'Iolani School extends heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased. The school also attempts to maintain accurate records on all alumni. Please let 'Iolani know when an alumnus/a has passed away. Notices may be sent to Office of Institutional Advancement, 'Iolani School, 563 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96826. Thank you.