# CLASSNOTES

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Pre 60th! **Cyrus Wong** called **James** "Asau" **Lee** from New Jersey to have him arrange a 6-person breakfast get-together but word of the gathering spread like wildfire and became a 40 plus Sunday Brunch which was held on February 1, 2008, at the Hickam Air Force Base Officers' Club. Unfortunately some classmates did not hear about the gathering, but be assured everyone will hear about the "Big 60th" happening in mid-April 2009.

It was a champagne brunch with the following classmates and wives in attendance: **Hugo** and **Phyllis Seto**, **Harold** and **Gladys Aloiau**, **Gerald** 

"Bolo" and Eileen Soneda, Gilman and Ruth Hu, Bill and Vivian Lee, Ken and Michi Mukaigawa, Albert and Song Nishikawa, Howard Han, Ray and Carol Wong, Hollis and Jojo Ho, Ray and Lillian Hatate, James and Clara Kawasaki, Asau and Sandy Lee, and Cyrus and Lillian Wong. Hollis' daughter Deanne, son-in-law Wesley Tyau, grandson Trevor, and granddaughter Taelyn; Asau's daughter Mariellen, and sonin-law Andrew Jones; Cyrus' daughter Leslie and son-in-law Steve Kahn also attended the event. Classmate widows: Myrna (Albert) Chun Hoon, Marge (Phillip) Choy, and Letitia (Walter) Ho were at the Sunday Brunch. Adele (Paul '47) Ho and adopted 49er Ben (Diane) Almadova also joined us.

Everyone enjoyed chatting about old times, recent travels and activities, not only to Las Vegas, but also to far away places such as Europe and Asia. With our age getting up there, we talked about our aches and pains too.



Members of the Class of '49 and their wives gathered for an early 60th Year Reunion.

#### **CLASSNOTES DEADLINES**

#### e-mail: classnotes@iolani.org

- » May 15, 2009 for summer 2009 issue
- » August 15, 2009 for fall 2009 issue
- » November 15, 2009 for winter 2010 issue

Please read photo requirements on page 65.

P. S. per Asau:

Our rules/new policies for our class get-together:

- 1. No stag party—we ain't what we use to be.
- 2. Only daytime activities—can't see where we're going, let alone where we're at and how to get home (worst at night).
- 3. Need spouse—need someone to lean on and even drive.
- 4. Reminders—schedule activity for Sunday—guests arrive on Saturday ("no can hear, no can remember").
- 5. Movements—we walk slow, drive slow too, no can see good, walk funny kine, sore legs and feet.
- 6. Tea house party—no can sit on the floor, cannot get up.

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**Vernon Goo** excitedly pointed out to us that on Page 49 of the Fall 2008 issue of the 'Iolani Bulletin is a photo of his dad, Chock Hin Goo, and his twin brother, Chock Fai Goo, who were 6th grade students at 'Iolani in 1922. While many of us "Mates" of the Class of '55 had/ have sons, daughters, grandsons, and granddaughters attending 'Iolani, one wonders how many, like Vernon, had fathers who preceded them. Might be interesting to find out.

**Rodney Kimura** recently received the following e-mail message from Dr. Richard Sakai, who has been doing some wonderful work abroad.

"2008 has been another very hectic year with many visitors (more than 200), continuation of multi-year protocols The number of research and support staff has now grown to about 162 with some new recruitments planned for the next year. We also completed

construction of a clinic/residence in the village of Tienekebougou, set up an immunology laboratory in the village of Bancoumana, constructed a large warehouse for equipment and supplies and a 32-car parking garage. We were visited by First Lady Laura Bush, the Secretary of Health ad Human Services,  $\label{eq:continuous} \textbf{Michael Leavitt}, the \ new \ Deputy \ Director \ of \ the$ National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and several visits by the American Ambassador.

"I went back to the USA for four weeks in February/March after a three year interval during which I had not returned to the US. There were so many new projects ongoing during that period that I could not find a period when it was convenient for me to be absent. Actually I went back to the US on orders from the embassy doctor because I had lost the medical clearance necessary for a US government employee to be stationed abroad. So I spent three weeks at the NIH completing the medical examinations necessary to regain recertification and a week and a half in Hawai'i. I have been abroad for most of my adult working life (15 years in Pakistan and 18 years in Mali) so I feel somewhat disoriented whenever I visit the US. One thing I did notice while in the US was that the portions served in the restaurants have become gargantuan. I wondered who could eat so much food at one time, but it seems many people do and that probably accounts for all the obesity. It is so perverse that while many in the world cannot obtain the daily minimum number of calories, there are people in the US who are eating themselves to death!

"Although I have voted in every presidential election (via absentee ballot) while I have lived abroad, I was happy to be in Mali during the recent election as I was spared the flood of campaign hype. The Malians really followed the progress of the US election especially after Obama won the Democratic nomination. I think it is difficult for people in the US to imagine how surprised and delighted the Malians and, in fact, most Africans were with the results of the election. Obama t-shirts are highly prized possessions as well as photographs. Many recently born males in Africa are now named Obama."

Herbert Omura and his wife, Nancy, recently enjoyed a cruise on the Holland America line from New York City to Quebec, Canada. He reports the weather did not cooperate; it has to be cold in order for the foliage to change colors. They were told by the locals that they were about three weeks early. "Thank you very much!" However, it was a very nice trip. Newport, Rhode Island, Boston, and Bar Harbor, Maine were interesting because they are sites very much involved in the early history of this country. Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia; Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Saguenay and Quebec City, Quebec, on the other hand, were rich in the history and development of Canada. In touring these locations, it was very odd to hear the guide mention that many fortifications were built in and around these cities to protect themselves from the then enemy from the south-America. Herb told Nancy that they just saved themselves a trip to France by visiting Quebec City. Terrific!!!

The Omuras spent two days in New York City prior to boarding the ship. One of the locations visited was the site of the WTC. It was a very emotional experience since Herb worked in the Number One Tower temporarily back in the early 90s. Six months after the bombing in its garage Herb and Ronald Nakayama were sent to examine the New York office of their parent company. It was sad to see a very large hole where the two towers once stood.

On a lighter note, they met Roy Nakahara and some of his friends from Farrington '55 on the ship. They had a group of 62 people. He said that he knows many of our classmates and proceeded to name a few such as Nishioka, Sabu, Takata, Walter Lee, and Stan Fukumoto. Herb asked if he was a golfer? Silly question! They ran into him almost every night in the ship's casino. BTW, the ship's casino takes your money just like they do in Vegas!

Recently, Roy Murakami and his better half, Leiko, visited Japan as part of a group of five couples. Among the sites visited were Sapporo, Otaru, Noboribetsu, Hakodate, Oma, Aomori, Hachinohe, Matsushima, Sendai, and Tokyo. Besides seeing the beautiful scenery, they got to eat some wonderful food, and the gals got to do some shopping.

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**Wade Ishimoto** was a keynote speaker at the U.S. Army's annual Antiterrorism Conference held at the Shades of Green Resort in Orlando. He talked of future challenges posed by smaller military deployments and ways to provide those soldiers with defenses against terrorist attack.

Glenn Young was the subject of an item posted December 17, 2008, on honoluluadvertiser. com about the 25th anniversary of the 'Iolani Classic. The article focused on the success of this tournament which Glenn first thought of in December of 1982 when, as 'Iolani's head basketball coach, he saw the team "get humbled at a Las Vegas tournament," losing by at least 20 points each game. Since its inception, the tournament has helped to improve the caliber of Hawai'i's basketball teams. According to the article, "Glenn recognized that having a top tournament that local teams could compete in would elevate the level of coaching here [in Hawai'i] and give us more exposure to different paradigms." This year to make the anniversary even more memorable, Nike, one of the tournament's longtime sponsors, "unveiled a custom-designed shoe called 'Air Force 25' which features the Classic logo on the tongue and a palm tree imprint on the side."





TOP: From the Class of '61, Eric Yamamoto, Bob Mumper, Eddie Ching (visiting from Guam), Dexter Furuhashi, and Ken Lee met for lunch at Hanaki Restaurant.

LEFT: Dexter Furuhashi '61 flew to Maui to reminisce with Roy Fusato '61.

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Attending the inauguration of **Barack Obama** in Washington, D.C., were **Rodney** and **Elaine Chun**, who attended the Punahou Ball. They appeared in two photos in the local news-

paper and also in a television special. Rodney said he was next to KITV reporter **Mahealani Richardson** during the inauguration. **Mo Lai** was also in D.C., but despite having an admission ticket from Senator **Inouye**'s office, he was among the thousands who were not let into the ceremonies area for some unknown reason.

Other recent travelers included **Eddie Ching**, who visited from Guam. Getting together with Eddie at the Manoa Marketplace were **Mike Uechi**, **Ken Lee**, **Eric Yamamoto**, **Dexter Furuhashi**, **Bob Mumper**, **Warren Ho**, and **Mo Lai**. A few days later, Eddie went to Switzerland as an Olympic representative from Guam. Eddie has a nice tattoo on his leg showing the five Olympics in which he has participated.

Traveling a shorter distance was **Dexter Furuhashi**, who went to visit **Roy Fusato** after the two had not seen each other for ages. Roy is retired, works as a substitute teacher, and is a pastor and active church and community (troubled child) program volunteer/sponsor. Roy's wife **Charlotte** is a public health nurse (RN) in elderly care and is also a disaster emergency specialist.



Emmett '61and Judy Yoshioka dressed as pirates in the Orchestra Pit of Peter Pan.

Traveling in the other direction was Glenn Lee, who sold his fruit business before the economic fallout and has been traveling to Korea, Washington, and Las Vegas but "doing nothing."

Steve Sato really got around recently. He played tennis with Francis Wong, Mo Lai, and Roger Kondo'68, got together with Dennis Goto, and also had a chance to talk with Ken Lee.

**Emmett** and **Judy Yoshioka** dressed up as pirates during the production of Peter Pan, directed by **Greg Zane** '82. Their next project will be *Gypsy*.

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Hello, Class of 1962. We received an e-mail from Walter, the architect, regarding applying for our Medicare benefits, Part A, Part B and Part D. Dicky Lau followed up with some additional advice regarding the Part B. Pat Tom has an e-mail that asks everyone what his lunch schedule looks like, and we respond with the days we are open for lunch. He then picks

a day and asks for suggestions of where we should eat. It is usually at 11:30 somewhere in town. Some people show up unannounced, and we have to have an extra seat or two available. The usual attendees include Pat Tom, Richard Lau and wife Pui, Conroy Chow, John Ishikawa, Sandra Ohara, some times Paul Chun, Rodney Asada, Alan Maii, Miles Kawatachi and others I don't know. Last lunch was with Chester Ching and wife Evie.

Classmates with hurt hearts: Richard Ho with a quadruple bypass in 1991, Al Chong with a quadruple bypass in 2008 right before the Olympics in Peking, and Clifford You with more than quadruple bypass. Clifford wins.

John Ozaki is alive and well along with Vinny (Vince Goshi). I found out Rolin Soon has been living in Los Angeles since 1969 and retired in 2004 from LAC-USC Medical Center as a clinical laboratory technologist in hematology. (Wow, so many multisyllablic words in his job title-better than a Hawai'i State worker.) Walter was in Los Angeles for Christmas and stayed in a hotel near Little Tokyo that was only 40% occupied. Pat Chai visits us once in a while also and eats lunch with the group when he is in town. Jimmy Hayakawa is going to Japan soon for the Cherry Blossoms. He does military golf: left, right, left, right. Even when the green is right in front of him, he will go either left or right, depending on his last shot. It is fun golfing with him. Paul Chun doesn't golf anymore; he plays tennis. Clifford golfs. I saw Steve Shibuya walking down the street from Roots and Relics last month. He looked familiar, but I didn't say anything. After we passed each other, he called out my name and said he knows we don't call him for lunch because he had run into Dicky and Pat, who were going to lunch.

Roland Chun is traveling to New Zealand and Australia for a three-week cruise. He is going to be putting on weight again. In April Roland wants to go to Hong Kong to visit Richard Ho and his sister Rotary Club. Roland has five grandchildren who are all boys; Cory Lu is in kindergarten at 'Iolani and enjoying school. This is the third generation of "Sons of 'Iolani" in the Chun family.

Dicky Lau retired from Kamehameha Schools human resources. They used to take him out to lunch so they could ask him questions, but he had to tell them to leave him alone so he

could go fishing. In 2008 Dicky had gone out at sunrise to Penguin Banks, which is 12 miles out from the Hawai'i Kai coast. He made 120 fishing trips and has caught 400 aku, ahi, mahimahi, kawakawa, and uku which he has given to family and friends. We ate lunch with Dicky one day, and he had bags of fish for each of us. That fish was so ono and fresh. He is willing to take any of our classmates fishing or for a boat ride. Richard Ho needs to go fishing and catch something since he never ever had any fresh fish at all in Hawai'i.

Al Chong will be in town with his wife on March 2nd, and we have a luncheon planned with them. Pat is coordinating this mini event. Thank you, Pat Tom. Keep e-mailing Waltah so we can pass on the information to the rest of the class.

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David Ross retired as the aviation manager/chief pilot of Direct TV's corporate Gulfstream 3 in April 2004 after 23 years. David now does contract corporate/charter flying in G-3's all over the US and Europe.

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Billy Lum got a few classmates and wives together for dinner at the Makino Chaya restaurant at Aloha Tower Marketplace when Milt Lau visited here. Joining them were Randy Wong, Alvin Onaka, and Courtland Pang and their wives. With the restaurant's decor featuring fish hanging from the ceiling, the guys, most being fishermen, swapped fishing tales between bites of good food. We've all known each other for so long, the wives probably had more fun than the guys did.

After they got home to California, Milt and Ella had dinner with **Gavien Miyata** and his wife Ann. Milt says they had a good time and sent the photo below as proof.

**Don Fujimoto** also visited briefly. Don is a realtor in Washington State but has family living in Kailua. He took grandson **Jack** out fishing with Alvin and Courtland. They had fun, and Jack was enthused enough to want to do it again next time Don is back.

To end the year and celebrate the holidays together, **Herb Hong** organized a Christmas dinner as has become customary each year. Dinner choices are usually fish or beef, but this year was special with both a part of the



Members of the Class of '65 and their wives gathered for a Christmas dinner in 2008. Left to right, seated: Val Wong, Kathy Hong, Arlene Wong, Claire Pang, Linda Shirai, Margaret Onaka, Sue Ann Liu, Jan Goo, Emiko Yonemoto, Cynthia Lum. Standing: Herb Hong, Billy Lum, Randy Wong, Wendell Kam, Gerry Wong, Courtland Pang, Steve Chong, Chris Shirai, Alvin Onaka, Tim Liu, Glenn Goo, Ron Yonemoto.

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delicious entrée. Although beverages were available from the bar, Tim Liu provided a selection of wines from his collection as a special treat. Believe it or not, after-dinner sweets were provided by dentist Billy Lum, of course accompanied by tooth decay disclaimers and admonishments about proper dental care. Our age showed in our conversations that turned more toward impending retirements or retirement activities and even, sometimes, grandchildren. Chris Shirai has now joined the ranks of the retired, and he and wife Linda travel when they can fit it around their daughter's school schedule. Wendell Kam, ever the outdoorsman, helps with the Yoshimoto Foundation. Billy has daughter Jaclyn '98 easing into his practice so retirement may be on the horizon for him (maybe that's why he was giving out sweets?). Ron Yonemoto, the faithful 'Iolani basketball fan, shrugged off

playful kidding that he should be moving up the Veterans Affairs ladder now that there is a Hawai'i connection above him in **Obama** and **Shinseki**. **Alvin Onaka**, **Randy Wong**, **Tim Liu**, and **Gerry Wong** must love their jobs because they're still working. Either that or they've got big bills (just kidding, guys). In **Glenn Goo**'s case, he's got the newest grandchild, courtesy of daughter **Kelly**. And, of course, there are those two retired but "working" playboys, **Herb Hong** and **Steve Chong**, who are keeping busy. Is retirement or working or keeping busy best for one's physical appearance? Take a look at the guys in the above photo and decide for yourself.

While many could not attend the Christmas dinner because of conflicting holiday commitments, we hope they will come to the class's Family Fair booth, being organized by **Stu Kaneko**.





LEFT: From the Class of '65 at the Makino Chaya restaurant were Randy and Val Wong, Billy and Cynthia Lum, Courtland and Claire Pang, Milt and Ella Lau, Alvin and Margaret Onaka

ABOVE: Milt '65 and Ella Lau with Gavien '65 and Ann Miyata met in California.

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**Brian Sunada** is now executive vice president and manager, commercial real estate division, at First Hawaiian Bank.

**Tom Sheeran** was honored in November by the state Health Department's STD/AIDS Prevention Branch for his 20 years of work to support and improve services to Hawai'i's HIV/AIDS community.

Tom was presented with the fifth annual Suzanne Richmond-Crum Award at a World AIDS Day service at St. Clement's Church in Makiki "for outstanding contribution in providing HIV/AIDS services in Hawai'i."

In an interview, Tom said he was honored to be recognized for what he's done in the past, but "what I'd really like is for people to look ahead at the kind of work that needs to be done. We need a cure. People need to have access to care and treatment and while Hawai'i is better than most places, even we aren't doing enough." He added that he is "hopeful a new administration in Washington will provide leadership to implement a national AIDS strategy," Tom was a community member of Hawai'i CARES, the statewide HIV/AIDS care planning group from 2000 to 2004 and was co-chairman for two years. He has been World AIDS Day co-chairman for O'ahu since 2003

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Shioi Construction Inc. and its president **Conrad Murashige** received the Hawai'i Carpenter's Union 2008 Outstanding Union Builder Award sponsored by Pacific Resource Partnership. Conrad earned a bachelor's degree in economics and political science at Whittier College in California. He is a trustee of the Hawai'i Carpenters Apprentice and Training Trust Fund, which broke ground recently on an \$18 million training facility in Kapolei.

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Also, plans for the 40th Year Reunion are being made for August 13 to 15. Details will be announced soon.

**Stan** "Sado" **Sadowski** submitted this note of tribute and gratitude to the entire Alumni Association office for hosting a reunion to honor the players and coaches of the '68 'Iolani ILH championship football team last November 8th at Hee Hing restaurant: "The night that rekindled feelings that had been tucked away for 39 years and was the first time we had gathered as a team since 1968 to share our feelings. Hearing each player share his thoughts of that memorable season brought

both laughter and tears. Cathy Lee Chong's cover story beautifully captured that 'golden age' that will forever be cherished .The old Honolulu Stadium is forever gone as is the old ILH with five public and five private schools, known as the best football conference in the state. As a member of the class of '69 and the '68 championship team, I am grateful to have been a part of that grand experience. My education at 'Iolani was expanded in a wonderful way from the classroom onto the athletic field and into the lives and history of 'Iolani. I feel honored to be part of a legacy we can all be proud of. It was a privilege to have been tutored by Coach Eddie Hamada. He didn't just teach us football; he really taught us how to be better people by building character. He once told me that one of the things that makes football such a great sport is it teaches us how to deal with fear. There were many opportunities to learn that lesson, but none better than just before a game. It made you reflect inwardly and think of what you were made of. You realized that being part of a team made you less fearful. Ah, the importance and value of being one team wherein lies the strength of many!

"Yes, Coach Hamada taught us the value of one team. As **Glenn Flores** keenly pointed out in our reunion, **Father Bray** was the one who started the one team idea, but Coach Hamada was the one who kept it alive. Today, 'Iolani one team is the nucleus of our 'Iolani 'ohana. The fabric of our 'ohana is broadened and strengthened by each student who learns the one team idea and incorporates it into his and her life.

"Thank you, office of Alumni Association, for making the '68 'Iolani championship football team reunion a reality. Thank you, my fellow teammates, for the opportunity of knowing and playing with you. I admire the contributions and sacrifices you all made for the greater good of the team. Thank you, coaches, for your belief in us and giving us a chance to prove ourselves. Thank you, 'Iolani 'ohana, all of you who had a stake in the accomplishments of that team. Because we are 'ohana, we all share in the victories as well as the defeats. So the '68 championship was not just for the players and coaches of that team. It was for the entire 'Iolani 'ohana to share and savor!"

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**Dean Okimoto** is one of three business leaders named as laureates in the Junior Achievement Hawai'i Business Hall of Fame for 2009. The leaders were recognized "for their outstanding contributions to free enterprise and the promise of a better stronger society," according to an item posted on bizjournals. com December 3, 2008.

**Steven Ai** and his sister **Carol Ai May** were the focus of an article in the November 19, 2008, edition of *MidWeek*, "Get Organized." The story detailed the idea behind their new store in Kapolei, Simply Organized, and the kinds of products carried in the store. After doing marketing research here and on the mainland, Steve and Carol recognized that stores in organizational and storage specialty were a growing trend.

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Chris Johnson left the islands at the start of 2009 to relocate to Irving, Texas, to seek new opportunities. He's found a new sales management job in the wholesale and distribution business. Chris will be providing food products and everyday household items to our military families living in the heartland of America. Chris will be joined by his wife, Rosalie, as soon as he settles in. Asked if this is a permanent move, Chris replied, "The house in Hawai'i will be rented out. After I learn how to golf better, I'll come home to retire. In the meantime, I'm learning how to duck hail stones the size of baseballs."

Eugene Villaluz's an "Every Day Hero(s)" says the October 24, 2008, issue of *Pacific Business News*. Little does anyone know that Eugene spends a considerable amount of his spare time helping total strangers as a volunteer mediator at the Mediation Center of the Pacific. Eugene contributes his calm and caring nature, and his financial advisory and photography skills, to connect with individuals with disputes to help them reach peaceful resolutions to their differences. Hats off to Eugene! And when Eugene's all pau with the real world's problems, he's a reliable clean up shift guy in the Chili booth at the 'Iolani Family Fair.

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Reminder: 35th Reunion events are planned for July 30 through August 1 in Honolulu, and September 13 through 19th in the Northern California Wine Country and Las Vegas (UH vs. UNLV). Please visit the websites below for information and to sign up.

Class of '74 Website: http://iolani1974.tripod.com/

Alumni Association's Class of '74 35th Reunion web page: www.iolanialumni.org/events/index.asp?eventid=59



At the 2008 A Touch of Iolani, members of the Class of '73 gathered. In the front row were Jay Suemori, Dr. John Pang, Dean Ochiai, Alan Tamanaha, Glen Chong, Guy Kamitaki. Second row - Gary Wong, Duane Wong, Vernon Nakamura, Alan Kojima, Ken Morikami, Willie Keola. Back Row - Mark Merriam, Dr. Mike Wall, Steve Franklin, Warburton Maetrz, Maurice Kanda.

Alumni Association's Class of '74 web page: http://216.228.2.251/profile/profile. asp?profile=1000454

Also, please let Robin or Randy know if you have a child graduating this year, or if there is any other event coming up for which we can post congratulations.

Attending a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) dinner at the Waialae Country Club in mid-February, **Mark Imada** ran into **Nelson Dang** and **Riki Morimoto**. These well-respected economists gave their points of view—none were optimistic. (I hope they were wrong as we read this when the *Bulletin* is published!).

**Randy Kaya** has moved to UBS Financial Services as vice president. He is also a certified investment management analyst and has been in the investment field for 15 years.

James Lee's Hee Hing restaurant was the subject of a feature article in the January 23, 2009, issue of *MidWeek*, "Celebrating Chinese New Year at Hee Hing." Writer Jo McGarry interviewed James about "his early working days at the restaurant, why dishes at Hee Hing are always changing, and what the Year of the Ox may have in store." The restaurant has always been in his family, and now the younger generation is starting to get involved, too. James and his brother Henry currently run the restaurant, and already James has his nephews working there, too.

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"Do you know which one of our classmate and his family are posing in front of the B2 Stealth fighter? (See answer below photo.)

Hint: He sent the following: This was the first time in many years that we (Northrop Grumman Corporation) flew the parade and the game (Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game). The game was the kickoff for our yearlong celebration of the 20th anniversary of first flight. We had a media day on December 30 at our facility in Palmdale where the two aircraft arrived, then did touch and goes. Then the pilots landed and walked directly to greet the media. Interestingly, the aircraft flying over the game was the Spirit of Pennsylvania. I told the pilots that they needed to fly back to Whiteman and bring the Spirit of California. I was at the game and loved hearing the oohs and aahs. As part of our 20th anniversary celebration, we also worked with American Chopper TV show where they built a B2 stealth bike for their season opening episode. I can't provide pictures but someone did post it on the Internet.



Standing in front of a B2 stealth bomber were Byron Chong '75 and his family. Left to right were Allyse (daughter), Karen (wife), Byron '75, and Ryan (son).



Craig Watanabe '76 is chief financial officer at DTRIC Insurance

Answer: **Byron Chong** and his family posed in front of one the B2 Stealth. Byron is a technical manager with Northrop Grumman Corp based in Palmdale, California. He and his family live in Santa Clarita."

'76

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**Peter Gibson**'s son, **Carl** '09, made the Division 2 All State team as a linebacker. He was also a member of the State Champion football and soccer teams!

**Craig M. Watanabe** is now chief financial officer at DTRIC Insurance. In his new position, Craig is responsible for overseeing the accounting, financial reporting, and treasury functions of the company.

"Craig brings a wealth of experience in both the financial and insurance fields, and has an extensive working knowledge of the local insurance industry," said **Ron Toyofuku**, president and CEO of DTRIC. "We are pleased to welcome him to DTRIC's executive team." In addition to his many career achievements, Craig is a Certified Public Accountant and a member and board director of the Hawai'i Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and he received its 2006 national award for outstanding CPA in State government.

'77

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**Brian Morikuni** flew in from London to celebrate Thanksgiving with his family. While home, Brian hosted a get-together with some close friends and classmates at Hy's Steakhouse.

'78

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Mark S. Nishiyama, Randy Miyashiro '97, Ryan Renfro '07, and Harrison Kawate coached the 'Iolani Intermediate Basketball team that clinched the Division I championship with a convincing 40–23 win over Kamehameha. The Raiders finished the season with a 9–2 record. Bill Hannum's son Josh Hannum '12 was instrumental in the success of the team.

'79

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**Charles Kaneshiro**, a principal of Group 70 International Inc., is vice president/president-elect of the Honolulu Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

**Daniel Stein** moved to First Hawaiian Bank's Waikīkī Branch last September. He is a business banking officer and supervises Japanese speaking personal bankers at the branch. Daniel specializes in personal/small business banking clients and services at the Waikīkī branch.

Jim Vandenberg just got back from 16 months overseas which included working in three different combat zones: Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom-Trans Sahara (West Africa), and NATO KFOR-Kosovo.

'80

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Central Pacific Home Loans 201 Merchant Street #1700 Honolulu, Hawaiʻi 96813 (808) 561-2653 chingearl@hotmail.com **Dwight Uetake** was recently named principal of He'eia Elementary. According to an article in *Midweek*, Dwight is eager to take on his new challenge, and his main goal is to improve the school's Adequate Yearly Progress results.

'81

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**Dirk Apao** of Finance Factors was elected treasurer of Contractors Association of Kauai.

CCM, a faith based non-profit founded by **Curtis Tsuzaki**, was awarded the Leeward Coast Community Benefits Grant for the second year in a row. The grant will be used for a transitional program for the homeless and drug addicted on the leeward coast of Oʻahu.



Curtis Tsuzaki '81, right, is pictured with Mayor Mufi Hannemann '72.

'82

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**Dean Yonamine**, 'Iolani's varsity baseball coach for 25 years and a two-time coach of the year who led the school to two state titles, will step down after the 2009 season.

# '84

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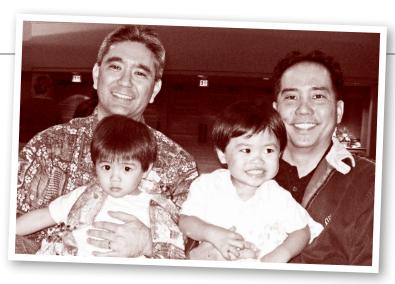
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A casual round of golf for fellow'84 classmates is scheduled for Friday, July 31, 2009, at Pearl Country Club. If interested, contact **Brett Tanaka** at tankab678@gmail.com

'85

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David Oyadomari '89 with son Joshua and Russell Yanagawa '89 with son Garrick

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We'll be in Vegas again Oct 1–5, 2009. Look in the Evite bulletin for details. If you don't have access to the Evite bulletin, then you need to give **Corey Shibata** your e-mail address for an invitation!!!

'88

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Ryan Shiraki wrote and directed the comedy film "Spring Breakdown," which was screened at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival. The film stars Parker Posey, Amy Poehler, and co-writer Rachel Dratch as three 30-somethings vacationing with college kids on South Padre Island during Spring Break. It is scheduled for release on DVD April 7. Congratulations, Ryan!

**Remy Hiramoto** posted a poll on the 'Iolani '88 Facebook group, asking, "Where do you want the next reunion to be held?" Join 65 of your classmates who are already on Facebook for lively discussions, up-to-the-minute class news, and collective time-wasting.

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As promised, **Christine Yasunaga** sent in a picture from last December's Hawai'i Ballet Theatre's production of *Nutcracker* in which Chris's six-year old daughter **Myla** performed for the first time with her mommy. Myla just started ballet this year and played a Cherub.

Chris writes, "This is special for me because I danced in this same production for many years growing up." It sounds like Myla has many more years of dancing ahead of her. Who knows, she too may dance on Broadway.

Last December was also mini-reunion time at Amy Apisa Hitzeman's beautiful Hawaiian wedding. Amy married Brett Hitzeman (Kamehameha '89) at a beautiful sunset ceremony on December 27, 2008. Amy writes, "We ate, drank, and danced the night away with fellow '89 grads: Marcie (Herring) Uehara, Rena (Duque) Winchester, Kanoe Winchester, Roxann (Chun) Bulman, Lori Silva, Michelle Clark, and Nicole (Prevo) Kageyama. We had a blast!" Congratulations, Amy!

December was also a special month for **Russell Yanagawa**, whose son **Garrick** started preschool. Garrick is in the same two-year-olds class as **David Oyadomari**'s son **Joshua**. Garrick and Joshua stopped for the paparazzi after their crowd-pleasing Christmas program at pre-school.

Family Fair: The Class of 1989 will be staffing the Waffle Hot Dog booth at the family fair this year on April 17–18, 2009. Stop by and say "hi." Or better yet, come to help.

20th Year Reunion Update: Here's the latest reunion update (as of February 2009). For the most current reunion updates go to our class page on IolaniAlumni.org. Contact Alumni

TOP: Amy Apisa Hitzeman '89 and Brett Hitzeman were married in December 2008.

ABOVE: At Amy Apisa Hitzeman's wedding were classmates Michelle Clark, Roxann Bulman, Marcie Herring, Amy Apisa Hitzeman (holding the flower girl's hand, niece Katie Beck), Nicole (Prevo) Kageyama, Rena Winchester, and Lori Silva.

Director **Mike Moses** to obtain your user name and password at mmoses@iolani.org. Or, for updates you may e-mail **Dave** at oyadomari@ yahoo.com. Please update your home mailing address with 'Iolani School ASAP to be sure that you receive the reunion packet with all the order forms scheduled for mailing in April/May.

Friday, July 24, 2009 Golf at Ewa GC 10:04 a.m.

Family Bowling (tentative) 4:00–7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 25, 2009 Classmates Dinner and Dancing 7:00 p.m.–late

We are working on a hotel room block for Saturday night, priced \$120–149/night, double occupancy. If you're interested, contact Dave at oyadomari@yahoo.com.

Sunday, July 26, 2009 Family Picnic on 'Iolani School campus 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 30, 2009 Headmaster's Reception 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 1, 2009 14th annual A Touch of 'Iolani 5:00–8:00 p.m.



Chris Yasunaga '89 with her daughter Myla '21

New 20th Year Reunion DVD: Please continue to gather your pictures and videos in digital format to submit for the new DVD. More information will be posted on the class page and sent via e-mail about where to send your photos and videos for our special 20th year reunion slideshow/DVD that is going into production.

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The class of 1990 and the 'Iolani Alumni Association are hosting A Touch of 'Iolani on August 1, 2009. In its 14th year, this annual fund-raising event will feature gourmet creations from Hawai'i's top chefs, exquisite wines and beverages, smooth sounds of jazz, and an exciting silent auction.

The class of 1990 planning committee for this event is led by co-chairs Shari (Akashi) Tapper and Marcus Kawatachi. Committee members include Philip Camp, Darian Chun, Brandon Flores, Alison Fujita, Kirk Hedani, Dawnie Ichimura, Hugh Ishikawa, Sheldon Lau, Shaun Mukai, Jodi (Kwan) Nishida, Jason Sahara, Todd Shibata, Robb Tanaka, and Greg Yamane.

Follow updates to A Touch of 'Iolani online at iolanialumni.com and on Twitter at twitter. com/touchofiolani. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marcus or Aurene.

The Class of 1990 is on Facebook! Join now and look us up. Classmate Rich Nakanishi created a group for us to hang out and catch up with one another. It's a nice to place to re-connect with old friends, see what everyone's up to, and post old and new pictures.

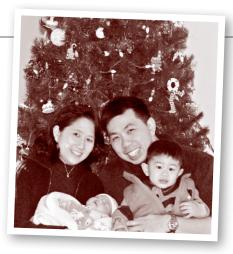
Where were you when the power went off the day after Christmas? Shelly Miyashiro, Kerri Yoshioka, Darien (Ching) Nagata, Adrienne (Shimonishi) Elkind, Kerry (Muranaka) Hirata, and Aurene (Padilla) Pila were enjoying their 18th annual Christmas get-together at the Miyashiro house with their families. The kids (Heather and Nyla Elkind, Dara and Denby Nagata [little brother Damon was with grandma and grandpa], and Dannika and Noah Pila [ranging from six months to six years old]) had just started their dinner when the lights went off. Surprisingly there was no screaming, no crying, and in fact the kids continued eating as if nothing had happened. A couple of the desserts and gifts were held hostage in the refrigerator but the kids had fun running around the house in the dark, and the adults enjoyed talking in the dark about the good ole'days. The mommies and daddies apologize to the Miyashiro family for the mess of food the kids left and appreciate the hospitality. Where's the party next year?

Joshua Edelstein resides in the Washington, D.C., area and has his own jewelry business. He started smithing in 1986 in Honolulu, with a jewelry and metal smithing class at 'Iolani School that he repeated the following three years under the tutelage of Cheri Lynn Keefer. In spite of the scouting efforts of a few decent art schools, Joshua chose to pursue a degree in Chinese languages instead of in art—but continued to hone his skills at 'Iolani. Check out his amazing designs at his website http:// www.edelstein-edelsteine.com/

Damon Nagata, son of Darien (Ching) Nagata and Ron Nagata celebrated his first birthday in January. He is the little brother of big sisters Denby (age five) and Dara (age three).

At the time that this issue went to press, Mark **Ishii**'s Kapolei Hurricane Soccer team was in 2nd place in the OIA Soccer Tournament and had won their first game at the State Championship Tournament. Good luck, Mark!!!

If you have any news you'd like to share with the 'Iolani community, please send me an e-mail at padillaa008@hawaii.rr.com. I am looking forward to hearing from you! Thanks, Aurene!



Celeste (Yuen) Tam '91 and her husband Jackson Tam have two children.

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After a desperate plea to obtain classnotes submissions, I was overwhelmed with news from our classmates below.

Gaylynn Nakamatsu recently had dinner with Angela Coloretti who moved back to Hawai'i from Los Angeles about a year ago. Angela is a proud mommy to Kaimana, who will be two in March. She has just started her own business as an educational consultant, working with local public schools to develop community connections and build resources for current and future students. She is currently developing a network for Kalani High School.

Angela Coloretti wrote that Grace Kim Canada is the principal of Celerity Nascent Charter School and has worked directly with the founder to open and run the school since 2005. There are now three Celerity Schools. The Celerity Educational Group is a non-profit organization that serves Los Angeles-area schools, children, and families. Its mission is to provide quality education in under-served communities by creating alternative schools that focus on the potential of every child. The first school opened September 2005 in the Jefferson Park Community. The Celerity

schools have joined with community leaders to issue a change for the youth in the communities they serve.

Gail Nakaichi returned home from Michigan to practice pediatrics. (She got tired of the snow.) She opened a practice in Kailua and is accepting new patients for those of you who live on the Windward side. Gail and Angela Coloretti are active in the UCLA Bruin Alumni Club organizing social functions and community service events.

**Kirk** and **Helen** ('91 Priory) **Nakamoto** welcomed their first child, **Ryan**, on January 13, 2009. Ryan was delivered on the same day as **Stuart** and **Joyce Endo**'s son, **Tyler**, at the same hospital (Kapiolani Medical Center) by the same doctor (Dr. **Diana Huang**). What a coincidence! The Nakamotos live on Kauai where Kirk is the Kauai Regional Manager for Bank of Hawai'i.

**Ann Miyamoto** suggested that we all meet up on Facebook. **Scott Imaye** created a closed group called "Class of 1991—Where is Everybody?" where we can all post and reminisce about our younger days.

**Lorien Golaski** is doing well in North Carolina. She is an attorney at a firm called Dechert. She recently joined Facebook, so classmates can find her there, too!

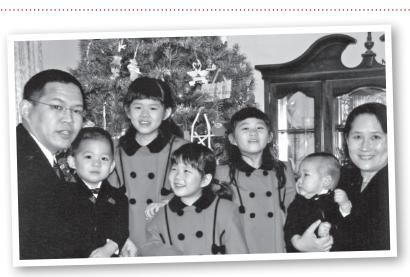
**Angela (Sung) Mashlan** and her husband welcomed **Phoebe Yoon Hee** Mashlan on November 6, 2008. She is Angela's second beautiful little girl.

Paul'91 and Kristie Matsumoto welcomed their first child, Emi, in December 2008. We have yet to receive pictures from the busy father. Another busy parent is Erin Adaniya Palmer who welcomed her second child, Kerys, in January of 2008, with husband Steve and son Keane. Keane and Lauren Young, daughter of Greg and Shannon Young, are classmates at St. Clement's Preschool. They are best friends.

Finally, on a personal note: **Chris Tokumaru**'s son, **Kai**, and my daughter, **Grace**, are classmates at Pali Preschool along with one of '88 **Brennon Morioka**'s twins, **Brayden**. Grace loves playing with Kai and Brayden. **Damon** and **Sandy** '93 Hamura's son, **Javin**, is also at Pali in another 3-year-olds class.

Celeste (Yuen) Tam and her husband Jackson Tam are proud parents of their new daughter Eden Kailani Tam born on November 4, 2008. Eden weighed six pounds and nine ounces. Eden's big brother Noah, now two years old, enjoys her coos, smiles, and grasping hands. Celeste has recently resigned from her job as science coordinator at the Brooklyn Children's Museum to enjoy her new career as full-time mother at home. Now having to support two kids, husband Jackson works hard as a toy designer at SDI Technologies.

Charisse (Yuen) Tang and husband Timothy are thrilled to update classmates on the birth of their fifth child, Joshua. Born April 13, 2008, Joshua weighed eight pounds and was 21 inches long. He joins older siblings Grace, age 7; Christine, age five; Mary age three; and Paul,



Charisse (Yuen) Tang '91 and her husband Timothy are now the proud parents of five children.



George and Kelli Martines are enjoying their first baby.

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age two. Charisse enjoys raising her children as a full-time mother. Timothy continues to work at Hughes Network Systems as a marketing director. The Tangs live in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and enjoy serving their home church, the Chinese Community Church of Washington, D.C., whenever their schedules permit by having Tim help to preach whenever pastor Reverend **Charles Koo** needs the assistance.

George Martines '91 and Kelli Saito Martines welcomed their first baby, Leila Ayame Martines, into the world on September 30, 2008. Leila has been a joy in their lives from the very beginning and they cherish every day with her. George and Kelli met back in 2004 at an Oakland Raider game during a tailgate. They were married on June 3, 2006, in Carmel, California. Their wedding was attended by fellow '91 classmates Brian Tanabe, Viraphanh Sananikone and Jarrod Van Hoogstraten. George, Kelli and Leila reside in San Jose, California and George is currently working at LinkedIn, a professional networking internet site.

'92

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The 'lolani Alumni Association's Box Car Racing event was held in February. Pictured are father—daughter racers: Davin Kazama '94 with daughter Sunny, Lance Taniguchi '94 with daughter Maddie, and Chris Tokumaru '91 with daughter Sera.

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On September 6, 2008, Tambrey Canape (Mid-Pac '96) and Lemuel Aweau were married at Kalihi Baptist Church. Alumni present were Tiffany Ahuna '97 and Ryan Kaneshiro '97. Reception entertainment included a performance by multi-Nā Hōkū Hanohano award winner Nathan Aweau (brother of groom).

**Nolan Kido** was one of several graduate students interviewed for an item posted November 30, 2008, on honoluluadvertiser.com. The article focused on the necessity for college students to take out loans to pay for graduate studies. Nolan explained that he relied on scholarships for his undergraduate studies, but "unless you have outside money, I can't see how you would graduate on the graduate-student



Tambrey Canape and Lemuel Aweau '97 were married in September 2008.

level without debt." Nevertheless, the average debt for Hawai'i students is still among the lowest in the country. Nolan is in his second year pursuing a doctorate in accounting at UH-Mānoa.

'98

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On October 4th Kristi (nee Esmiol) married Michael James in Hanover, New Hampshire. Mike and Kristi met as first year Dartmouth students, started dating when they were seniors, and almost seven years later got married on their college campus! Two of Kristi's 'Iolani classmates, Laura (Duryea) Hayes and bridesmaid Lauren Kiefer, and two other 'Iolani grads, Kristi's sister and matron of honor Lisa Esmiol '96, and Deanne Nakamoto '96, were present at the New Hampshire wedding. Mike and Kristi now live in his hometown of Tampa, Florida.

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Kristi (nee Esmiol) '98 married Michael James in Hanover, New Hampshire.



Marisa Wahl '01 and Mario Lopez.

'01

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Marisa Wahl, the Miss Los Angeles Chinatown First Princess 2009, was pictured with Mario Lopez, the emcee for the Miss America Pageant held in Las Vegas this February. Marisa represented the Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Los Angeles Chinese Community at the Miss America Pageant. She met the mayor of Los Angeles, Natalie Cole, and Blair Underwood recently and has over 150 events to attend this year during her reign.

**Jacquelyn Tom** has a blog about the work life of a 20-something year old at TheOfficeNewB.com.

Lisa Wong, who was recently crowned the 60th Narcissus Queen by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i, appeared on the *Ellen Degeneres Show*. Lisa performed her special speed painting talent for Ellen and her audience. Lisa told Ellen that she was inspired to speed paint by another guest on Ellen's show. A video of her performance can be found at this link: http://ellen.warnerbros.com/ Lisa earned a degree in studio art from Wellesley College and works as a dental assistant.



Просим к столу! (Please to the table! This is what a hostess would say to start off a meal.) A Russian Feast was enjoyed by former 'lolani Russian students, who held an informal reunion on December 27, 2008, at the home of Stephen Crosier '01. Guests included Adrienne Fong '01, sisters Kristi Kennard Guidry '99 and Kari Kennard '01, Paul Graydon (Kari's fiance), Seth Miller '01, Chris Putre '01, and Natasha Bailey '14.

'03

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**Sean Carney** was the focus of a story by **Cindy Luis** posted January 8, 2009, on starbulletin. com. Sean, senior setter for the University of Hawai'i men's volleyball team, started college at Lewis University in Illinois, but when

the Lewis Flyers were stripped of the 2003 NCAA title following recruiting violations, Sean decided to return to Hawai'i and play for UH. With his mother and sister now living in Boston and his father ill, Sean finds support in his volleyball family: "It's cliché to say you have a family in volleyball, but the people I see the most are these guys. My dad being sick plays a lot on my mind, but my teammates make me feel like there's light at the end of the tunnel."

**Derrick Low** is playing point guard for Rouen in France's top pro basketball league. He "moved to Rouen after his Australian pro team ran into major financial problems and stopped paying players," according to an item posted on starbulletin.com on January 20, 2009. In the article, Derrick commented on his adjustment to playing in France: "I'm getting more and more adjusted to living and playing here. I obviously would love to stay in the states and play. It's always hard to have to go on your own to a foreign place, not knowing anyone or anything or even the language. It's tough, but it's another stepping stone for me to improve my game and work on the things I need to work on that will get me to the NBA."

'05

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**Kristine Duong** was fourth princess in the 2009 Narcissus Queen Pageant this year.

**Amy Lawson**, a senior forward for Westmont's women's soccer team, was named to the Golden State Athletic Conference first team last fall.

**Kyle Pape**, who chose a rigorous academic program in engineering over playing Division I Basketball, is nearing the end of his collegiate career at Division II Colorado School of Mines. In late November, he was named Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference East Division Player of the Week. In an article posted on honoluluadvertiser.com, Kyle reflected upon

his career and the choice he made. He is sixth in the RMAC in scoring, and happy with his decision. Kyle will be earning a degree in civil engineering this year. He hopes to play hoops overseas before starting his engineering career.

**Nicole Anderson**, a junior at Amherst (Massachusetts) finished 234th out of 279 runners in the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships held in Hanover, Indiana, in late November.

**Brent Asuka**, senior libero for the UC Irvine men's volleyball team, had eight digs and an assist as the team defeated UC Santa Barbara this January.

Rachel Powers and her University of Washington crew teammates pulled their way to a varsity four national title and a second place trophy at the NCAA Women's Rowing Championships last June. The varsity four was undefeated this season, with Rachel in the stroke seat. In addition, Rachel was named UW's outstanding academic athlete in all sports programs for the winter quarter.

**April Woo**, a senior at Pacific (California), won the 100-breaststroke event in a season-best 1:06:64.

'06

**Megan Burton**, junior middle blocker for the Saint Mary's (California) volleyball team, is averaging just over one block per set.

**Kimi Ide-Foster**, a junior at Pomona-Pitzer, swam the first leg on the winning 400-yard medley relay team in a dual meet against La Verne in December. She also finished fifth in the 100 butterfly.

Marci Kang, a junior at Occidental, was named to the All-Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference first team last fall.

**Dylan Langley**, now a junior at Swarthmore College, helped the men's soccer team advance to the sweet 16 of the NCAA Division III

Tournament this January. He led the team with 19 points (seven goals, five assists).

**Alana Wall**, junior guard for the Middlebury (Vermont) women's basketball team, had eight points, two rebounds, and two assists in the team's 80–67 loss to Bates (Maine) in late January, and four points, three rebounds, and two assists in their loss to Tufts (Massachusetts) the following day.

According to an article in the December 14, 2008, edition of the *Honolulu Star Bulletin*, **Landon Patoc** was selected to the Hawai'i Grown College Football All Star Team as a defensive back. Landon Patoc and **Mike Hirokawa** both play for Claremont McKenna and were recently honored as the Outstanding Defensive Player and Outstanding Offensive Player, respectively, at the football postseason banquet. Also on the Claremont roster are **Justin Yamamoto** '08 and **Ronald Hirokawa** '08. Claremont McKenna/Harvey Mudd/Scripps last game was a win over arch-rival Pomona-Pitzer 18–6. The Pomona roster includes WR **Aaron Fong** '08.

# '07

**Kapua Kamana'o**, a sophomore setter for St. Mary's (California), started all 27 matches at the beginning of the season and averaged 11.6 assists per set.

Morgan Langley, a sophomore at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, helped the men's soccer team advance to the sweet 16 of the NCAA Division III Tournament this January. Morgan finished with three goals and six assists.

**Nikki Yamamoto**, a sophomore at Pacific (California), swam a leg in the 200 freestyle relay event that the Tigers won in a dual meet against Stanford this January.

**Karlyn Kurokawa**, who is majoring in accounting at University of Washington, recently won the IKEA International Case Competition. She

and her three other teammates, including **Krystal Kurokawa** '06, were chosen to represent UW in the Global Business Case Competition this coming April. Karlyn has also been awarded the Freshman Medal by the President of UW, a medal given to the student with the highest cumulative GPA for the first year of college.

Josh "Squishy" Busse is a sophomore at USC. Go Trojans! He is majoring in biology and hopes to be involved in the medical field in the future (as a doctor, not a patient). In high school, Squishy was best known for being Troy Bolton in 'Iolani's version of High School Musical. Lower School girls would ask for his autograph between classes when the spring musical was playing. He says, "It's sad my popularity peaked as a 17-year old." Squishy (nicknamed by classmate Nikki Yamamoto) was also a Senior Prefect, Homecoming Court attendant, Student Council co-chair, and Speedo-wearing water polo master! Squishy wants to remind all his classmates, "GETCHA HEAD IN THE GAME!"

Kyle "Big Dawg" Fooks is a sophomore at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He is majoring in environmental engineering so he can come home to clean up the Ala Wai some day. Fooks's middle names are Keoki Tatsuo. His birthday is July 9, 1988, which makes him a Gemini and a Dragon—RAWR!!!! While at Cal Poly, he is involved in student government, with his major's club, and in the process of developing a water treatment system that does not require electricity. Fooks is still his same lovable, adorable, teddy-bear looking self. Go Mustangs!

The previous two items were submitted by **Kirk Uejio** '98.

# '08

**Leinani Keanini**, a freshman outside hitter for the San Francisco Dons, recorded 18 kills, 53 digs, eight service aces, and three blocks in just 52 games this season. **Brad Lawson**, freshman hitter for the Stanford Cardinal volleyball team, had eight kills in one game recently.

**Lauren Minkel**, a Long Beach State freshman defensive specialist, had six digs in one game against Pepperdine this December.

**Taylor Mounts** is playing well on the Willamette (Oregon) men's basketball team.

Junior setter for the Stanford men's volleyball team **Kawika Shoji** had forty-five assists with seven digs, four kills, and three blocks in a sweep of Pacific (California) this January.

Jamie Smith, a freshman guard/forward for UNLV, is making headlines there just as she did at 'Iolani. She was recognized as one of the top freshman women's basketball players in the country by ESPN.com this January. The item posted January 16 on ESPN.com cited Jamie's unique ability to average more than eight rebounds a game while shooting better than 40 percent from the 3-point line. She earned a starting role five games into the season and is third on the team in scoring and second in rebounds. Earlier this year, she became the first Lady Rebel in 10 years to post three consecutive double-doubles.

**Dayna Jandoc** is a freshman guard for the Willamette (Oregon) women's basketball team. In a game this January against Concordia (Oregon), Dayna had five points, two rebounds, and one steal.

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