Carnival Pirates
Find Their Treasure

Everyone loves the Carnival: the food, the rides, the games. But does anyone ever stop to think about the fact that the Carnival is not just a source of entertainment?

All year long, everyone looks forward to the Carnival, and when it finally comes, all everyone can think of is a half-day of school and cruising for the long weekend. People rarely stop and think about the fact that the Carnival is also a way for Punahou to make money.

Through fun-filled games, exhilarating rides and delicious food, Punahou and EK Fernandez work together to make a profit. Every year EK Fernandez gets 22% of the total gross no matter how much the games and rides make. Punahou takes the other 78% of the money made and uses it to help families financially.

This year, some students have heard disquieting rumors about how the Carnival has not made as much money as other years. This year, it may have seemed like a pretty bad Carnival what with the rain, the malassada price going up, and the rides being so expensive.

But, The CMS Courier has the real scoop.

In fact, the Carnival made the same amount of money, if not more, than last year’s Rock n’ Roll Carnival. The approximate profit was $400,000 after all expenses were paid.

The Carnival food also had some drastic changes concerning the profits. The malassada profit went up 75%, and according to Mr. John Field, Punahou vice-president and treasurer, this increase is not necessarily due to the fact that the price was raised to fifty cents. For instance, the hamburgers were priced the same but their earnings went down 20%. The weather may have had a tremendous effect on the Carnival’s attendance level. The dreary, muddy, and rainy grounds on Friday discouraged many potential attendees.

This may explain the fact that there was a slight decrease in Friday’s productivity. But Saturday dawned a bright, clear, and promising day, and by mid-afternoon, had more than made up for the loss of money on Friday.

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Dr. Rod McPhee, Punahou President 1968 to 1994

Rodrick Fulton McPhee, the previous president of Punahou, died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 76. For 26 years, from 1968 to 1994, he supervised the school and made it the place we all wanted to be at. He led our school alongside his wife Sharon. Dr. McPhee has touched many lives and bought a cheerful attitude towards school. Teachers still remember all the appreciation and attention he gave to the students.

“It was amazing that he knew all our names. He even remembered the new students names at the graduation,” recalls Mr. Agena, ’94 graduate and a current teacher.

“He was a very charismatic person and at the same time a very personable person. He knew everybody by their first names; sometimes even their children’s names,” says Mr. Otagaki, a 7th grade teacher. In fact, most teachers who knew the president remember this unique gift that he had.

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By Natalie Benjamin, Joy Piotrowski, & Allison Chen
Just A Few Hiccups Along The Way

By Andrea Herndon, Brittany Suzuki & Toby Ishizu

Case Middle School is almost complete; they are just putting on the finishing touches. To most of us, it has seemed pretty smooth sailing moving into the new buildings or offices. But there are some issues that are going on and, according to Mr. Woody and Mr. Lucas, have caused just a few hiccups along the way.

Mr. Woody, seventh grade supervisor, told us that there had been a few problems that he was aware of.

First of all there was the air conditioning problem in the new 7th grade CLC. The pressure on one of the vents was too much for it and it caused a leak.

If you saw construction workers digging what looked to be giant holes in various locations around Case, it wasn’t because Punahou had decided to build a new golf course — they were searching for the leak in the air conditioning.

It took about three weeks to find the leak and it was finally fixed about two weeks ago. Because of the leak, Mr. Woody was without air conditioning for three weeks but he said he still enjoys his new office in Case.

We also interviewed Mr. Randy Overton who is Asst. Physical Plant Director and Construction Manager for Case Middle School about any updates with Case. He said that this week that the company is turning the last building over to the school.

After that, he will then be walking through Case with the architects and contractors with a punch list of things to fix.

In other words, The Case Middle School project is coming to a close. Right now, they are just adding landscaping. They have tried to plant as many Hawaiian plants as possible.

Mr. Overton also said that the sixth grade theater building will be finished sometime this week and will be ready for use.

Some other minor issues happening in Case are that the Case office printer was broken and that the teachers’ keys have needed to be reprogrammed.

Teachers have been having trouble getting into their classrooms on the weekends and especially after 4:00 pm.

Their keys won’t allow them access to the teacher’s lounge or any of the learning centers.

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‘Wave of Aid’ & ‘Tsunami Relief’ Bracelets

On December 26th, we were all devastated by the effect of a heart-breaking event caused by a tsunami which killed nearly 165 thousand people and made over $14 billion in damage. Students in team 8-Z were advised by their social studies teacher, Mrs. Priore Kim, on how tsunamis are generated and the damage they create.

The students thought of many ways about how they could help rebuild South Asia. Their first idea was to donate food and clothing to the victims until they found out that it would cost more money to send the items halfway across the world than what the items were actually worth and that it wouldn’t improve their economy at all.

After the recent success using silicon bracelets during Christmas time as “alternative gift-giving,” the students then decided to sell dark blue “Wave of Aid” bracelets and light blue “Tsunami Relief” bracelets.

In order to create fund money for the initial bracelet order, with the help of the “Skyrocket” organization, the students from Team 8-Z donated money out of their pockets.

Students then wrote letters to principals and other officials at other schools on the island inviting them to join the cause.

As of March 9th, Case Middle School and the Academy combined have grossed about $12,000 so far. Each day’s efforts brought $1,500 on average, according to Mrs. PK. All proceeds go directly to the American Red Cross.

If you haven’t yet bought a bracelet, the students of Team 8-Z encourage you to “Buy one!”

“We’re having a special discount right now...buy one for $4, get two free!” says student Alex Wachi.

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Japan: The Place To Go

On Friday, February 4, Carnival night, 8th grade math teacher Mrs. Lee, four 8th graders, and two 7th graders left for Japan for ten days. They stayed with a host family, went skiing, attended classes at Tamagawa School, and even went shopping and visited a museum. They returned on Valentine’s Day.

Theresa Austin, an 8th grader who went on the trip, said that she learned lots of Japanese — especially since she is a Latin student. She also said that they were treated like “famous celebrities.” When they first arrived in Japan, they found out that it was much different from Hawaii. Everything was hours away from each other.

“My favorite part of the trip was the ofuro. An ofuro is a public bath, like a hot spring. School in Japan is very different from school in America: Tamagawa School was very segregated, at least during the ski school. There were separate dorms for boys and girls. The boys couldn’t go to the girls’ dorms and vice versa, or else they would be punished.

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“It was super cold! I could see my own breath!” Theresa said.

“I was the only haole person there,” she said. “Everyone kept touching my hair because they’ve never seen brown hair before.”

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Lono-i-ka-makahiki! The cry was echoed throughout the Punahou campus. Students dressed in ceremonial clothes marched down barefoot onto Middle Field where they began to partake in traditional Hawaiian games.

What were they doing? What was happening? Maka-hiki, of course.

On February 10th and 11th, all the seventh graders and third graders in Punahou celebrated the traditional Hawaiian holiday, Makahiki. Makahiki is a celebration that honors the Hawaiian god of peace, agriculture, harvest, and games, Lono. It is a period of roughly five months, starting from October and ending February. During this time, there was peace. There was no war or violence. Instead, there were feasts, celebrations, and a great assortment of games that tested the Hawaiian’s skills. It was practiced for over 2000 years, until missionaries abolished it 200 years ago.

If you haven’t heard about Makahiki before, most wouldn’t be surprised. Not many people these days know about the Hawaiian holidays, more or less the very culture.

Perhaps it would have never been heard about if Kapono Souza and Keli’iwai didn’t bring it back. Kapono Souza and Keli’iwai, if you can remember back to February 10th, were the ones who brought back Makahiki to Hawaii.

Every year, they celebrate Makahiki in a traditional manner, one of them going around the island and one coming to Punahou to help celebrate the Makahiki season with the younger generation. This year, Keli’iwai was the honored guest.

Before the celebration, Auntie Hattie, along with Keli’iwai, helped set up Middle Field for the joyous occasion.

She helped coordinate and contact the Punahou staff, namely the groundskeepers, so that they were aware about the upcoming Makahiki celebration.

She also set up the dates and time, while Keli’iwai helped choose the games for this year.

So, if you were particularly happy about the games we played, like the spear throwing or the rock bowling, thank Auntie Hattie and Keli’iwai.

Do you remember those Kihei you wore? If you found them hot or stuffy, or perhaps in the way, don’t. Remember, you needed one to celebrate Makahiki with the rest of your friends.

It’s a ceremonial garb, and it reminds you that you are in a ceremonial mood and you have to respect both it and the holiday.

The tradition of Makahiki at Punahou is a few years strong. This year, namely, was a year of training, seeing how well they functioned with the Makahiki Celebration and how smoothly everything went.

According to Auntie Hattie, she thought this year was a bit better than expected.

Near the end of the interview, the Courier asked Auntie Hattie what she enjoyed most about the Makahiki season.

She simply replied, “Being together, working together, and watching the children play.”

But what do the supervisors bring to their office any way? To this reporter, they didn’t look that full.

You might not notice it, but when you walk into their offices, there are a million memories all around you. The supervisors decorate their offices just like their students decorate their lockers. Each student or supervisor adds stuff or methods to make it feel “homier” for him or her to see every day.

In Mr. Woody’s office he keeps it “homier” by putting up two collages from his former students canteens. He also has a model sailboat which some one left in his office, and a marble apple that Dr. Rod McPhee, the former school president, gave to him, and who has also recently passed away.

Mr. Lucas also has tons of pictures of his family and his former students; he also has a stereo if he ever has time to listen to music, and lots of books.

But it makes people more comfortable when you have a piece of your heart in your work area.
Academy Choices
Bring Cause For Celebration

We’re not entirely sure if you’ve heard, but us big eighth-graders are going to high school next year. The Academy is filled with all sorts of wonderful surprises, but among these “surprises” is something we’re not quite used to; they’re called choices. These “choices” are very confusing if you don’t know what it is that you want in the first place.

We can help you out there. Now since the concept of choices is relatively new to us, we don’t have as many of them in freshman year. As a ninth-grader, you are required to take Algebra 1, or Geometry (and a couple things in between), English IA & IB, Chemistry (Chem Hon.) & Biology (Biology Hon.)

Your only real academic choice as a freshman is your Social Studies courses. You can take World Civ, or IGS and one of three 2nd semester courses (Medieval History, Hawaiian Studies or Contemporary Issues). You can also take Electives and PE 1. Electives are music (Choir, Orchestra, Band), Theatre, and Studio Art.

The real fun takes place in Junior and Senior year. We know it seems like a while, but it’s never too early to start thinking about what you really want to do.

There are numerous courses available to you in your last two years of high school.

Let’s say English is your thing; the question then becomes Literature or Writing. You have to take 2 semesters of American Studies or 1 or 2 semesters of American Literature.

However, the fun begins with your elective English classes. Punahou offers the most English-related electives of all the available electives. Some include Fiction and Film, Creative Writing, Shakespeare and Friends, Speech and Humanities, and The Divine Comedy.

And what if you’re a math geek? Well, then you’ll want to be taking all those exciting Calculus classes, and Trigonometry.

Then there’s science ... Ewww! No no, just kidding. Science, apparrantly, also offers more choices in high school. There are also science electives, including Anthropology, Marine Biology, Genetics and Astronomy. You are required, however, to take two full years of lab courses (Bio, Chem and Physics).

For social studies, you need three and a half credits by the time you graduate. In 11th grade, you have to take one of the year long US history options and both...continued on page 7
White Day Is The Right Day In Japan

In Japan, Valentine's Day is a day for the women to buy gifts, mainly chocolate, for the men in their lives. They buy many boxes of “girl” or obligatory chocolate for their co-workers and friends, and maybe one expensive box of “home” chocolate for the man they love. White Day is the holiday celebrated in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan exactly one month after Valentine's Day on March 14. This day was created for the men who received chocolate (or other gifts) on Valentine's Day to return the favor and buy the women gifts. Most men, however, only give gifts to their girlfriends.

White Day is not as big a holiday as Valentine's Day, but like Valentine's Day, there are many different gifts that can be given, each having its own meaning. Cookies, candy and white chocolate are some of the most common gifts. Cookies mean that you love the person you give them to, candy means you like them, and white chocolate means you just want to be friends. Other gifts include handkerchief-accessories, cards, flowers, jewelry, handbags, shoes, wallets, scarves, stuffed animals, and lingerie. Some people say the more valuable the gift is, the more serious the gift-giver is about their relationship.

On White Day in Japan, you can see many couples going out on dates, shopping, watching movies, and eating at fancy restaurants. Here in the U.S., Valentine’s Day is usually when men give gifts to women, so White Day is not usually celebrated. But still, some men do give lingerie and other gifts to their girlfriends on this holiday. You’re probably wondering “How did this all start?” Well, it all started in 1965 when a Japanese marshmallow maker started proposing to men that they should give soft fluffy marshmallows to the women who had given them gifts and chocolate on Valentine’s Day.

From then on, men have been giving gifts to their ladies on March 14. While Valentine’s day was not created by the Japanese, White Day was a pure Japanese creation. The name “White Day” comes from the color of marshmallows, and at first it was called Marshmallow Day. Soon chocolate companies saw an opportunity to get in the picture and started to market white chocolate. Gradually, the original gift of marshmallows disappeared and the name Marshmallow Day was changed to White Day.

This holiday began as a religious Shinto ceremony. It was created during the Edo period (17-19 centuries). Origami dolls were breathed upon by young girls. The girls then cast the dolls into the river which was symbolic of cleansing themselves emotionally. It was a means of purification.

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Hina Matsuri: The Day That Belongs To Girls...

Delicate pink blossoms flutter to the ground. A shower of fragrance lingers through the spring air. The sheer beauty of a blossom, the epitome of femininity. Throughout Japan, as the landscape is carpeted in pink, the celebration honoring all girls begins. In early March when the peach blossoms unfold, the Girl’s Day festivities begin. This holiday began as a religious Shinto ceremony. It was created during the Edo period (17-19 centuries). Origami dolls were breathed upon by young girls. The girls then cast the dolls into the river which was symbolic of cleansing themselves emotionally. It was a means of purification.

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Traditioinal Japanese dolls play a significant role on this occasion. Intricately decorated, they are usually displayed in the home. A platform is erected for the hina-naningyo or hina dolls which depict an emperor and empress with their courtiers, warriors and other high society figures. The emperor and empress figures are called the dai-bina. They are extravagantly dressed in silk and finery and portray the Japanese royal court. The focus of this festival is to hope for a successful marriage. Throughout Japan, superstition has it that if the dolls are left out after the celebrations have ended, the girl will be married only when she is old! An arrangement of tasty mor-sels are placed around the tiered doll display serving as offerings. Sweet, delectable rice cakes are specially colored for the occasion. These rice cakes, called hishiki, are shaped into a diamond form. White sake rests among the sacred offerings.
Spring Break
Madness
By Ariana Quinones & Leah Detor
Spring break is rapidly approaching. So grab your gear because your fantasy break is almost here.
Although this break will surely be different for each and every person, it is always a long awaited fun-filled, no-school time of year.
So we decided to find out exactly what people will be doing this spring break.

In all we interviewed 84 people, exactly 42 girls and 42 boys. We found that most people are going on trips this spring break. What a kawinkie-dink, we are also going on a trip to ... wouldn't you like to know.
For some, the extra time will be spent vegetating at home on the couch, but a majority will be leaving on a jet plane (and don't know when they'll be back again?)
One 7th grade boy said, "Well, I'm just going to stay at home with my mother and then maybe I'll invite a friend over on Good Friday."
An 8th grade girl stated, "I've been waiting for spring break for a while but sadly I'll be busy with sports the whole time."
Wow! What a variety!
Well whatever you'll be up to this spring break, remember, you'll only have ten days away from school so spend them wisely.

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 and commemorates the death of Saint Patrick some-time during the 400s C.E. This holiday has been celebrated by the Irish for thousands of years but has only been celebrated in America for a couple hundred years.
The first Saint Patrick’s Day Parade took place in New York City on March 17, 1762.
According to record, the parade happened when Irish soldiers that had been serving in the English military marched through the streets of New York to celebrate a holiday that had for a long time been celebrated only in Ireland.
Most of the Irish immigrants that lived in America up until the 19th century were Protestants but during the Great Potato Famine in 1845, almost one million Catholics immigrated to America for hope for a better life.
Because the sudden increase in people, jobs were scarce and because they were Catholics and had funny accents, the Irish had a hard time finding jobs that could support them and their families.
The parade became one way to celebrate their heritage.
The tradition on Saint Patrick’s Day is to wear different shades of the color green. So don’t forget to wear your green; it’s great luck.

Spring Break Options

What do we plan to do this break? Here are the stats for a few of us.

European history and economics/community service in Senior Year.
Some of the social studies classes that you have a choice to take are: The Sixties, Global Issues, Religions of the World, Modern China, and Law and Modern Society.
BUT, WAIT! Some of the most looked-forward-to classes are the Visual and Performing Arts courses. You can take many different art courses including Ceramics, Glass Blowing, Jewelry Making, Painting and Sculpture.
There are several acting courses and a lot of different orchestra, band and choir options. There's even a guitar course offered to 9, 10 and 11th graders.

Academy Choices
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Ms. Lewis grew up in Ridge-Crest California. She attended college at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, and currently plays the violin and viola. Ms. Lewis was inspired to be a teacher because she was so impressed by how her first orchestra teacher in 5th grade could play all the instruments.

Before she came to Punahou School, she taught middle school students in New York. She was tired of the cold weather, and decided to come to Hawaii because she has a very adventurous spirit.

The move has so far been a positive move, and she enjoys the students and staff here at Punahou.
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The Pops Assembly
By Christian de Quevedo & Stephen Alterado

The Pops Assembly is the greatest talent show in the Punahou 7th and 8th grade. The Pops Assembly features 7th and 8th grade students and their amazing talents. Pops consists of ten different acts with a total of 34 students participating, not including the Pops M.C.'s. The Pops Assembly started 19 years ago and is now organized by Mrs. Wright and Ms. Patton. The Pops Assembly has three performances. One for the 7th grade, one for 8th grade, and one in the evening for the adults and family members.

In order to get in the Pops Assembly, you must be able to perform in front of six judges. The six judges consist of the two music teachers, two 8th graders, and two 7th graders. You do your act in front of the judges and the judges will give you a score. The judges add up the scores and pick the top ten.

Due to some friends in high places, we were able to obtain the information about the acts in this year's Pops Assembly. The M.C.'s will start off the Pops Assembly with a surprise performance. Then a street dance team consisting of two 7th graders and four 8th graders will dance to a mix that they put together. Act number two will be Olivia and Dalton singing "If I Ain't Got You." Up next will be Maya and Sydney singing "Family Portrait." Then Christa Sonido will be singing "I Am Beautiful."

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The last act is the Punahou Dance Team. The Pops Assembly is on March 16 and March 17.

We hope that everyone enjoys the Pops Assembly. And remember to tell your parents that they can come and see the Pops Assembly in its evening performance on March 16th at 6 P.M.

MySpace: Is It Becoming The New Xanga?
By Monica Arnold & Emile Meder

We know a lot of you have heard about the new "hit" thing called MySpace. But do any of us know what MySpace actually is?
"Well, MySpace is this weblog thing that allows you to leave comments, put photos, post journals, and all of this other stuff," stated Kacie Fox.

According to the informational page on MySpace, this new weblog is "an online community that lets you meet your friends' friends." It also says that MySpace is for people who want to "chat Online, families who want to keep in touch, business associates interested in networking, classmates and study partners, and anyone looking for long lost friends."

"Well, I have MySpace because all of my friends have it and I figured that I should have one too," remarked eighth grader Lauren Wong. Another good thing about the new weblogging program is that it's all free. If you go to the www.myspace.com, you will find out MySpace is "solely based on advertising," which is why you'll always see the banners on the top of the page.

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I find that the students at Punahou are more respectful that the kids in New York.... Students at Punahou are quick and smart learners," said Ms. Lewis.

Although Ms. Lewis is far from her family, who currently reside in California, she plans to stay here.

She doesn't miss her family too much because she's been away for so long, but regardless she still visits them a lot.

On the weekends, Ms. Lewis enjoys going to the beach — sometimes para-sailing.

She also enjoys playing on the worship team for New Hope Christian Fellowship church.

Ms. Lewis
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Dominique and Marcela will be singing "I Believe" at this year's Pops Assembly, coming up on March 16th and 17th.

Photo by Christian de Quevedo
I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream For...

**Ice Cream, Ice Cream, Ice Cream**

I like ice cream. So much, in fact, that I decided to taste some ice cream just for an article. Here is what I did: ice cream tasting is always done best with vanilla. It has very little flavoring, so it is easier to feel the texture and taste the richness.

My choices were Dave’s, Bubbies, and Roselani. All are from Hawaii, and are supposedly good. I decided to find out for myself.

The least expensive, and the largest, was Roselani, from Scoops Ice Cream. The ice cream was very rich and flavorful, but it did not have very much vanilla in it. It was pretty creamy, and it had some custard taste in it.

Next was Bubbies, the most expensive, but the portions were pretty big and the ice cream was good. It had real vanilla beans, and it was not too rich. This was my favorite ice cream of the three.

The third one was Dave’s. It cost between the other two, about $1.75, but had the least ice cream. When I tasted it, it had very little cream or vanilla in it. It was even a little fruity. It wasn’t very good.

Maybe my judgment of Dave’s wasn’t very fair, but I do think that Bubbies and Roselani were much better. So if you want a lot of good ice cream for not a lot of money, look to Bubbies or Scoops.

By Mark Ogata

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**Cell Phones: Good Or Evil?**

The sound of a personalized ring tone goes off, "Cool, that’s an awesome ring tone." That’s one reason kids like cell phones — we like them for their ring tones, plus games, internet text messaging, camera and many other features.

Adults like them for the convenience of being able to call someone on the go.

Even so, questions come up about whether cell phones are being used or abused.

With all their latest features, phones can be used for bad things, and phone companies now aim their products at kids.

For instance, some people prank call their friend sitting right next to them. If that person keeps doing that, the friend will get high airtime and a large bill.

Some people have even called the police and made bomb threats as a prank. This is a prank that can result in a long jail sentence.

The camera can also cause problems. On the news there have been reports about people using the cameras to take pictures of tests and then send them on to friends who haven’t taken the test yet.

However, they can also be used for a good purpose. If you are lost, you can call your parents for help. If you are even in a bad situation, you can call the police.

Or you just can roam around the mall and call your parents to find a place to meet with them or to tell them when you want to get picked up from school.

We asked 11 people at random if they had phones.

Ten out of 11 people said yes.

"I use my phone mainly to talk to my friends, and call my parents when I want them to pick me up, and stuff," said one seventh grader. "It’s really handy to have around."

By Matt Duarte & Alex Onapa

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**Moto’s RAZR V3 Is The Phone Of The Future**

Have you ever dreamed about a phone that is thin, rich in colors, has ring tones that sounds like the singers, a digital camera plus a sound speaker?

Well, you should stop dreaming and go to the nearest mobile phone store and buy the new Motorola RAZR V3 phone.

The new Moto RAZR V3 phone has many features that even a scientist can’t imagine. Its aluminum cover case, Bluetooth wireless technology, metal keypads, MPEG4 video playback, speaker phone, and digital camera makes this phone a real sensation to actually win a real award.

Bluetooth technology makes this phone the phone of the future. It makes phone calls can be connected without even using wires. The MPEG4 video playback makes this phone able to download sports videos and music clips, all from the amazingly displayed "2.2" color screen. The built-in speakerphone keeps the conversation flowing by being hands-free.

Creating memorable images and capturing fine pictures is also easy in the digital camera mode with 4x zooming and exposure controls. The metal keypad makes your fingers have a break with its easy touch dials.

You can also have accessories put in the phone to make features even better.

Accessories include a hands-free headset, car and home phone charger, phone tools, and more to enhance your crave for technology. A phone like this is a must have and worth every penny. But with a cost of $400 to $600, this phone maybe too much for some people who wants to save money. The many features and accessories make this phone the phone of the future.

By Masaru Kawaharada

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JROTC
Coming Through

By Vivian Eng & Hellen Edwards

It was a sunny Thursday afternoon, we were on a mission and time was running out. Our mission was to find out about a certain high school course... JROTC. The information we would receive would decide the fate of many eighth graders. Dun, dun dun!!! We ran across middle field, tired and worn out from the scorching sun. Finally we reached the office of LTC. Bob Takao, the head of Punahou’s JROTC. We needed information and we needed it fast.

We sat down ready to take notes with our notepads and pink Mr. Sketch pens. Our first question was what every eighth grader wanted to know. “How would JROTC benefit us self-centered people?” LTC. Takao gave us four answers. First, there was the PE credit — 1/2 credit for every two years that you take JROTC. Good news for non-athletic people. Secondly, JROTC cadets are given many chances to earn community service. Good news for people who are trying for Honor Society. Thirdly, if you are a devoted cadet you could receive a full college scholarship including room and board. Good news for all of us! (Seeing as how the tuition at Punahou has made us all poor.) Lastly, you learn valuable lessons, like becoming a better citizen to your society. You also learn a variety of things ranging from financial planning to map reading.

Good news for Boy Scouts. Our second question was, “What do you get to do in JROTC?” LTC. Takao listed many different extracurricular activities involved in JROTC, starting with Color Guard (the people who carry out the flags on our first day of school). Join their mighty ranks! Then there is the Ranger Team (the more physical part of JROTC). Become buff! There is also the Honor Guard (the people who participate in formal ceremonies). Learn etiquette, you lazy bums! Lastly, there is the drill team (people who wave sticks around). Sticks are cool.

LTC. Takao also gave us extra information on the first ever JROTC summer course (which only costs 45 dollars for everything). During the summer course there is a camp that cadets will be going to for five days, with all costs included in the 45 dollars. We looked to the clock behind us and we had less than five minutes to get the information back to The CMS Courier. Jumping up, we thanked LTC. Takao for his time, gathered up our notes, and ran out of the office. We reached Kelley Lab with one minute to spare. Our mission was complete. We hope, after all our hard work, you take our information and consider the many perks of the JROTC program.

Dear Edwina
Opens Next Month

By George Tang & Tiffany McTernan

The newest Punahou Middle School production is the musical Dear Edwina, opening April 15th and 16th. Ticket purchasing will be available in early April at the Dillingham box office. For teachers, ePunahou will be available.

The students of 6th through 8th grade will be able to see the play for free: Mon., Apr. 18 for 7th grade; Tue., Apr. 19 for 8th; and Wed., Apr. 20 for 6th. It is about a girl named Edwina Spoonapple, played by 6th grader Nicole Chaffin. Edwina and her friends are trying to impress a talent scout who is searching for an act.

They put on a show in her garage, where she receives letters asking for her advise. She usually replies with a story in the form of a song that can solve the person’s problem. The setting of Dear Edwina is the backyard of a suburban home and the cast wears regular clothes such as jeans, T-shirts, etc. Some of the kids wear costumes that fit the character’s personality, like they may wear capes for a song that’s scary.

Directed by Mrs. Robles, with choreography by Mrs. Ka’ulukukui and music by Mrs. Patton, this play is meant for audiences of all ages.
Red Faces On The Red Carpet

By Katherine Clifton & Nicole Sato

Every year at the end of February, the time comes to acknowledge the efforts of both the backstage crew and on-set cast. This event is known as the Academy Awards. The Academy Awards have been present for 77 years. The first ceremony was held in 1929 and was sponsored by a non-profit organization called Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science. The announcer today still declares the champion with “the envelope please” which was always the saying used in the past.

Sometimes, these stars are named “best dressed,” but others just make a fool out of themselves. In 2001, an example of the ugly duckling was Icelandic pop singer, Bjork who wore a Swan Lake tutu complete with a swan head wrapped around her neck. The nominees this year are (winners are bolded):

DIRECTOR
• Million Dollar Baby
• Ray
• The Aviator
• Vera Drake
• Sideways

BEST LEADING ACTOR
• Don Cheadle- Hotel Rwanda
• Johnny Depp- Finding Neverland
• Leonardo DiCaprio- Aviator

BEST LEADING ACTRESS
• Annette Bening- Being Julia
• Imelda Staunton- Vera Drake
• Hilary Swank- Million Dollar Baby

ANIMATED FEATURED FILM
• Shrek 2
• The Incredibles
• Shrek

COSTUME DESIGN
• The Aviator
• Finding Neverland

MUSIC SCORE
• The Passion of the Christ

BEST PICTURE
• The Aviator

VISUAL EFFECTS
• Million Dollar Baby

Million Dollar Baby was the champion and won four major awards. They won for best leading actress (Hilary Swank), best supporting actor (Morgan Freeman), best direction (Clint Eastwood), and best picture. Morgan Freeman even got a standing ovation by the audience after winning his first out of five nominations.

There were no extremely strange fashions, only people calling for attention. The Academy Awards are always an exhilarating and entertaining show to watch. Look out for next year’s awards on Sunday, March 5, 2006!

The GRAMMYs: Big Winners And A Lot Of Oldies

By Nina Pearce & Sydney Meheula

The big winners at the 2005 GRAMMYs were Ray Charles and Norah Jones. They both won 4 GRAMMYs each. Although Ray Charles is no longer living he won awards for Best Pop Vocal, Record of the Year and Album of the Year.

A winner that students might be more familiar with is Maroon 5 for Best New Artist. Also well known are Kanye West who won Best Rap Album and Best Rap Song with “Jesus Walks.” And finally Alicia Keys walked away with three GRAMMYs.

Older artists won many awards too. Some of the winners included Brian Wilson from the Beach Boys, Rod Stewart, Bruce Springsteen, U2, and Prince. Some of these artists had their first hits in the 60’s and 70’s.

Unusual song titles didn’t prevent an award. Hit songs included “Toxic,” “Mrs. O’Leary’s Cow,” “99 Problems,” “11th Commandment,” “Kish Kash” and “Vertigo.”

During the award show there were many live performances by famous artists such as Gwen Stefani, The Black Eyed Peas and Maroon 5. This really added to the entertainment value of the show.

The GRAMMYs are a great way to honor the artists who have worked hard. This award show rewards all kinds of popular music.
Movie Review: Million Dollar Baby

By Zak Barry & Dylan Hudson

C lint Eastwood, Hillary Swank, and Morgan Freeman took the most important awards of the Oscars: Morgan Freeman won Best Supporting Actor, Hillary Swank took Best Actress, Clint Eastwood earned Best Director, and all of them together took best film.

We think that this film definitely deserved all these awards because it was a phenomenal film.

This film was a boxing film about a woman, Maggie (Hillary Swank) who was willing to put her body and heart in line of being the best.

Maggie was a poor woman who lived in a trashed out hovel who earned Best Actor, Clint Eastwood, a troubled manager that couldn’t make the commitments, to have his best fighter Big Willie Little (Mike Colter) go to the heavy weight championships.

Frankie never believed in lady boxers, but there was something different about Maggie.

Frankie didn’t want to train her, but somehow Eddie ”Scrap-Iron” Dupris talked Frankie into training her.

She started training, and she started off very well. In her first matches she would knock out all of her opponents in the first round. She was looking unbreakable.

You may not believe it but this amazing movie was made in only 37 days. Hillary Swank put in a lot of hard work into her training and gained 19 pounds of muscle during the movie.

All of this hard work definitely paid off for them. We think that you should definitely make an effort to see this movie.

Four Out Of Five Star Movie: The Wedding Date

By Lauren Chun & Michelle Marshall

I n this movie, Kat is invited back to her parents’ London home for her younger sister’s wedding.

When she finds out that the best man will be her ex-fiancé who dumped her two years before, she wants to face him with dignity.

So Kat hires Nick, who is a professional male escort, to pose as her boyfriend and be an escort to the wedding.

Over the weekend, Kat finds out more and more about Nick and pretty soon her pretend relationship turns into Kat’s second chance at love.

The Wedding Date was a four out of five star movie. It was very funny and caught almost everyone’s attention.

The only problem was that it also had some of the most unbelievable predicaments. We encourage people to see it because even though it wasn’t the best, it was a very good movie.

In The Wedding Date the main actress is Debra Messing. She plays the character named Kat.

Debra Messing was born in Brooklyn, New York on August 15, 1968. She grew up outside of Providence, Rhode Island with her brother.

She made her first movie debut in 1995 in the movie A Walk in the Clouds. After that movie she then starred in many other films and is best known for her role in “Will & Grace” on TV. A list of all of the movies that she has ever been in are listed below.

The Wedding Date (2005)
Garfield (2004) (voice)
Along Came Polly (2004)
The Mothman Prophecies (2002)
Celebrity (1998)
Pray (1997)
McHale’s Navy (1997)
A Walk in the Clouds (1995)
Debra now lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Daniel Zelman. She also has a son named Roman, who was born last year in April.

Dermot Mulroney plays the part of Nick in this movie.

He was born in Alexandria, Virginia on October 31, 1963. He grew up with his three brothers and one sister.

He has starred in many movies. Here is a complete list of all of the movies he has ever been in.

Must Love Dogs (2005)
The Wedding Date (2005)
Undertow (2004)
About Schmidt (2002)
Lovely & Amazing (2002)
Investigating Sex (2001)
The Safety of Objects (2001)
Trixie (2000)
Where the Money Is (2000)
Goodbye Lover (1999)
Trixie (1999)
My Best Friend’s Wedding (1997)
Bastard Out of Carolina (1996)
Box of Moonlight (1996)
The Trigger Effect (1996)
Kansas City (1996)
Copycat (1995)
How to Make an American Quilt (1995)
Living in Oblivion (1995)
Angels in the Outfield (1994)
Bad Girls (1994)
Point of No Return (1993)
Silent Tongue (1993)
There Goes My Baby (1993)
The Thing Called Love (1993)
Halfway House (1992)
Where the Day Takes You (1992)
Bright Angel (1991)
Career Opportunities (1991)
Samantha (1991)
Longtime Companion (1990)
Staying Together (1989)
Survival Quest (1989)
Sunset (1988)
Young Guns (1988)
He spends his free time playing the cello, mandolin, and dobro with his brother Kieran.

Both actors did a really good job in the movie.
Superbowl Ads ‘Reach New Low’

By Susan Hirai

It cost 2.4 million dollars this year for a company to have a thirty-second ad during the Superbowl. There were roughly 32 companies that paid for ad spots. Unfortunately, not all the ads were shown, including one ad that was censored and then played. The five companies that had ads that weren’t shown were the Wynn Las Vegas, the uncensored GoDaddy.com ad, one each for Budweiser, Lincoln, and Airborne. The Federal Communications Commission, or the FCC, also received complaints about some of the ads that were shown.

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This is better than what they were asking during December. Similar to last year’s halftime show, a “wardrobe malfunction” became the most watched moment during the game. According to a poll reported on by the National Business Review, the Fedex/Kinkos ad with Burt Reynolds was tied for the most popular.

The ad featured its own “top 10” list of everything a successful Superbowl ad should include like a famous actor or a dancing animal. The other ad sharing the “best ad” spot was the “Honoring Our Troops” ad. Sponsored by Anheuser Busch, the ad showed American troops in airports returning home and being applauded.

According to another poll, this ad is number ten (see sidebar), but it still made many lists.

Even with all the top ten lists, 2.4 million dollars for the thirty-second spot might seem a little expensive. That price tag means that advertisers are paying $80,000 per second.

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'American Idol' Isn’t Idle

By Alexandra Murdoch-Haig

Despite Gail Berman’s (Fox entertainment president) statement that there would be a drop in viewership for “American Idol” the popular show stormed back into prime time Tuesday with near-record numbers. “American Idol” not only beat its previous viewership but it also beat out the competition. It averaged 26.1 million viewers which was more than double its second place rival ABC’s “Alias” (which had 10.5 million viewers.)

Not only did “American Idol” beat out all of the other prime time shows but surprisingly even won the vote over President Bush’s State of the Union speech. This dominating ratings performance from “American Idol” took Fox to where it hadn’t been since last season’s May 24 finale of the show.

All around “American Idol” is very popular but it seems that the auditions and the finals are the most popular parts. People just like watching other people make complete fools of themselves. American Idol is not only fun to watch but it also starts careers for new singers. Idol stars like Clay Aiken, 2003 runner-up, and Fantasia Barrino, 2004 winner. Almost all of the people who end up in the finals also get record deals.

In 2004 there was a summer tour of the top eight American Idol finalists. American Idol is not only a cool show but a huge opportunity for record deals and tours. It seems that “American Idol” is still one of our favorite shows and despite controversy, everyone is watching.
The Heat Is Hot—
The Lakers, Not

By Dylan Hudson & Zak Barry

We asked 40 students (32 from 7th, three from 8th, five from 6th) to name their favorite and least favorite NBA teams:

NBA’s Top Ten Favorite Teams
1. Heat 9 votes
2. Rockets 7 votes
3. Suns 7 votes
4. Mavericks 6 votes
5. Sonics 6 votes
6. Cavaliers 3 votes
7. Pistons 1 vote
8. Spurs 1 vote
9. Nuggets 1 vote
10. 76ers 1 vote

NBA’s Least Favorite Teams
1. Lakers 8 votes
2. Pacers 7 votes
3. Knicks 6 votes
4. Bobcats 4 votes
5. Hornets 4 votes
6. Celtics 4 votes
7. Heat 3 votes
8. Grizzlies 2 votes
9. Bucks 1 vote
10. Hawks 1 vote

America is one of the only countries that has football as a major sport, or even as a sport at all. No, we’re not talking about soccer, we mean tackling, throwing, and you-know-you’re-gonna-get-bruised-up football. Football is a part of the American culture and especially is a big part of the culture that we have here in Hawaii.

During football season, every night on local news stations, there seems to be a story about the UH Warrior football team. Even during the off-season there are quite a few stories that are aired. You might not even notice it because you’re so used to hearing about them. Have you ever thought about how all this football affects you?

If you’re a big football fan and the Warriors lose, you could be so cranky and fussy that your temper would be easily ignited. You could lose your concentration easily during class and one of two science exams; getting only two out of one hundred points. However, on the other hand, the Warriors could win, giving your mood a huge Warrior fan and they lost. The next week you would be grumpy and snappy. But say they won. The next week their teacher might be so happy that postpone that 10 page exam of yours to the next cycle.

Football is such a big deal in Hawaii that being a coach or star player can make you a super-star. Take June Jones and his all-star player can make you a super-star. Take June Jones and his all-star performance can make you a super-star. Take June Jones and his all-star performance can make you a super-star. Take June Jones and his all-star performance can make you a super-star.

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Sharpshooters Of Basketball

By Devon Wong & James Dowsett

The NBA All Star weekend took place in February. Here are some of the events that took place that weekend.

The sharpshooters of the NBA visited Denver for one of the most exciting events, the 3 Point Shoot-out sponsored by Foot Locker.

The players that took part in this event were Kyle Korver, Quentin Richardson, Joe Johnson, Vladimir Radmanovic, Ray Allen and defending champion Voshon Lenard.

Quentin Richardson took over throughout however by winning this year’s competition. He narrowly beat Kyle Korver by hitting his last nine three point attempts to accomplish a score of 19 out of a possible 30.

The Rookie Challenge is a game where the top players of the rookie class face on the top sophomores of the NBA. Luol Deng, Ben Gordon, Andre Iguodala, Devon Harris, Dwight Howard, Tony Allen, Al Jefferson, Emeka Okafor, Josh Smith and Beno Udrih represented the Rookie team.

The sophomore team consisted of Lebron James, Dwayne Wade, Carmelo Anthony, Kyle Korver, Chris Bosh, Kirk Hinrich, Luke Ridnour, Josh Howard, and Amare Stoudemire. The Sophomores easily defeated the Freshman class 133-106.

Carmelo Anthony received the MVP award with 31 points. Chris Bosh added 26 points, Lebron James also scored 20 points, and Kyle Korver scored 21 including 7 three pointers!

Tony Allen and Al Jefferson scored 17 points apiece to lead the Rookies.

The Skills Challenge is a test to see some of the best point guards in the league. Steve Nash, Earl Boykins, Luke Ridnour and Gilbert Arenas were the four participants. It is an obstacle course that tests each players abilities to dribble, pass and shoot.

Steve Nash and Earl Boykins had great scores to move into the final round. Steve Nash then set a course-record with a time of 28.7 seconds! Earl Boykins couldn’t match that, making Nash the champion!

Everyone now is talking about the crazy dunks of Josh Smith and how he brought back old memories of Dominique Wilkins, by putting on his jersey and performing the dunk.

Even though Amare Stoudemire came in second, his second dunk in the 1st round was also crazy, with the help of Steve Nash. Stoudemire threw the ball off the backboard and Nash headed the ball to Stoudemire in the air and he slammed it down for a perfect score.

The crazy dunk of Smith’s that had everyone talking about came in the same round of Stoudemire’s. He also recieved a perfect score with the help of Denver Nuggets forward Kenyon Martin. He sat on a chair in the middle of the key and held the ball up for Smith. As Smith came running down the court and jumped he picked up the ball from Kenyon Martin’s hands and slammed it down. How about Chris Andersen, to quote one of the announcers, “We’re going to need a Snickers bar because its going to be a long time until this dude is done with his first dunk.”

Andersen had 9 tries until he finally got his dunk down, and of course the judges had the same idea as the announcer and gave him a 41 out of 50.

At the end of the first round they had to eliminate two players from the contest and that was J.R. Smith and Chris Anderson. So all that was left was the great Josh Smith and Amare Stoudemire.

The first dunk of Smith was amazing as he put on the great Dominique Wilkins jersey on and brought back many good memories. As former Dunk Contest Champion Dominique Wilkins watched from the side.

Josh Smith did one of Wilkins old dunks, which put a smile on Wilkins’ face and a 50 on the scoreboard. As the contest ended Smith did a dunk that came out of the books — he did a 360 reverse on his final attempt.

Smith won the Dunk contest, no questions asked, and received the trophy and congratulations from Dominique Wilkins himself.

The All Star game was quite exciting with Vince Carter’s off the backboard dunk and all of the alley-oops. East won the game 125-115 and Iverson got the All Star game MVP, with 15 points, 10 assists and 5 rebounds.

The game came close towards the end of the game, but the West couldn’t hit any 3’s in the last 3 minutes of the game.

The West had won it for the past 6 years, until this year, maybe because Shaq got traded to the Heat which ment that he went over the east.

Maybe it was because Shaq since he left the West — they lost inside power, while Shaq was overpowering Yao on the offensive side Yao was not effective on the inside as well.
Brady, McNabb
Head-To-Head In The Super Bowl

By Adi Reddy & Austen Lau

The quarterbacks of the Super Bowl were two time Super Bowl QB, Tom Brady with the New England Patriots, and the underdog Philadelphia Eagles QB Donovan McNabb were head to head in the Super Bowl.

Tom Brady surely was starting off sluggish, but came back with his best performance yet. This gave McNabb a challenge to face with all his skill. Brady showed that McNabb was no match for him by winning the Super Bowl. McNabb, showing fatigue, tried to get as much out of himself as he could.

Brady showing his true skill with a record of 23 of 33 completed passes. Passing 236 yards, throwing two touchdowns, and earning a QB rating of 110.2. Brady was surely the one above the pack.

“We have a great deal of respect for the Eagles, their football team, their program and how competitive they’ve been in the last few years and particularly this year. We’re excited for the opportunity to face them, and we expect this to be our toughest game of the year. We hope to have a good week of practice down here and finish up our preparations so we can be ready to go on Sunday night,” said Patriot’s head coach Bill Belichick, and this is just what they got.

In the Super Bowl, two of the most recognized quarterbacks went head to head to claim the title of champs for their team. Both had a lot of pressure on them.

Both Brady and McNabb had a lot going through their minds, both had their moments and breakdowns, both had their teammates counting on them. But one did most of these correctly, and as you may know already that the Patriots won the Super Bowl this will lead you to the answer.

Tom Brady is best quarterback you could possibly be or get. Brady and Branch were the Batman and Robin of the Patriots.

This duo went head to head with McNabb, Owens, Pinkston, and Shepperd.

Don’t get the idea that this was just a one-man-show — both teams had a good defense to back them up and they had a good offense to complement the defense. With only one touchdown for each they had to start playing the bluff call.

You might not have noticed it but the Eagles had a great defense plan and just kept it up till the second quarter.

That’s when Tom Brady started to play the bluff. Instead of saying “hike,” he said, “but hut HUT!” Just by saying that the Eagles basically told the Patriots what they were going to do in that play.

Patriots sensing this gave more protection for Brady so he could pass it to any receiver.

A Dynasty Is Born

Super Bowl kickoff was February 6, 2005. It was sure to be a good one with two of the best quarterbacks playing. Donovan McNabb was playing in his first Super Bowl and was expected to have a good game.

Tom Brady on the other hand was playing in his third Super Bowl in four years. He was expected to have a greater game. Well, it didn’t go that way. We’ll tell you other peoples’ opinions about the game later.

Great weather for a Super Bowl, though. No rain, no snow, just perfect for two excellent quarterbacks to due it out for the ultimate prize in football, the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

Every team wants it, just to hold it in their hands for a few seconds and feel they deserve it. Now, two teams knew they have a chance to bring it home and have bragging rights for one full year.

The Eagles have a very talented team with their two new stars, Jevon Kearse and Terrel Owens. Everyone thought they might have a chance. But against the Patriots defense, it turned out to be hard to work on offense against them.

Adi Reddy, a 7th grader at Punahou, said that he thought the game was boring because it was all defense. “I thought the game was back-to-back with the ball and that it was not that fun because of the defense,” he said.

Another Punahou 7th grader, Chris Buto, said, “Tom Brady did o.k. but Donovan McNabb had a bad game. He had the potential to be an All-Star in that game but he didn’t play like one at all.”

We think, however, that Terrel Owens did a remarkable job catching and running on a sprained ankle. He was surely a factor for the Eagles on their offense.

Most of the students we asked said they were rooting for the Eagles. Not too many students are happy with the outcome, then. One thing is for sure, we will definately see the Eagles again in the playoffs or Super Bowl soon.

So, the Patriots won again for the third time in four years. This is a remarkable feat. A lot of people are saying they should be called a “dynasty.” They did something amazing and for that, they are a good team. They proved that the Steelers in the 70’s and 49ers in the 80’s. For the 00’s, we think the Patriots are a new dynasty.