A Load Of Laptops Coming Our Way

Punahou has spent the past seven years exploring a laptop program. But don’t worry, it hasn’t been in vain. Starting next year, the 4th to 7th graders will be getting laptops to use at school. Around 288 new laptops will be issued to the sixth graders and 368 for the seventh graders.

Students are getting laptops because Punahou feels that we’re in a world which centers around technology, Hence, they feel it is their duty to prepare us for the “world outside.”

Not to mention the fact that it enhances all kinds of learning, according to recent studies. It also makes taking notes and expressing your ideas easier.

Mr. Walker provided us with a quote, “Instruction and learning are fundamentally enhanced by making this technology available.”

Although the grades getting laptops so far are 4th to 7th graders, there are plans to make laptops available for 8th graders as well.

For you 8th graders who feel like you’re being left out, don’t worry. Eighth graders will be getting laptops probably in their junior year.

The decision to get Mac iBooks took a lot of time. They began a pilot program which was testing a variety of laptops including brands like, Toshiba, IBM, PCs, and Apple. Students tested for a third of the year for each kind of laptop. The school will provide the laptops for the fourth and fifth graders to use.

The sixth and seventh graders will have to pay a tech fee of $550 per year for a laptop for three years. Even though students will have to pay for using the laptops the price will still be below market value.

For those wondering what will happen to the computer labs, you don’t have to worry because they will be used as stations for the new laptop technicians.

For those of you who are happy with the new laptops and those of you who don’t like this idea you might want to know some of the Junior School committee members: Mrs. Tyau, Mrs. Byrne, Mr. Agena, Mrs. Beaver, Mrs. Ching, and several Academy persons.

The expected effect of these laptops should be students who are more aware of their technological surroundings and more prepared for the outside world.

The laptop program is also expected to enhance all kinds of learning and might eventually bring down the cost of books. One possible side effect of the laptops might be increased student isolation. Also, teachers will need to learn how to incorporate laptops into their curriculum.

What’s Up With Bishop Hall?

Now that we’ve made the move to Case, Bishop Hall is never filled up with students and classes anymore. So what will become of Bishop now?

According to Steve Piper, the Director of Physical Plant, most things are still in the planning stage. However, one thing that will happen for sure according to Mr. Piper is that the third floor, which is currently being renovated, will be used for Academy Art.

Already the brown roof trimming is being repainted green and the tan-colored walls are being painted a shade of white color to better match Case Middle School’s color.

Even the lockers have an upgrade in store.

Mr. Piper said, “The entire building is getting a new look and a new coat of paint. The lockers are a part of the wall system and if we are painting the walls, why would we not want to paint the lockers as well? We are trying to upgrade the appearance of Bishop as it relates to the new Case Middle School.”

One of the workers redoing the lockers commented, “...we removed the metal handles of the lockers and we will be replacing them after we re-paint it.”

One of the other changes is that the Foreign Language department will consolidate their classrooms on the second floor. Currently, all the languages except for French have classrooms on the first floor...continued on page 5
My face is now wet with frustrated tears; You see me crying and come over to give me a hug. My body is stiff and unforgiving, but I slowly melt into your embrace.

As Sara Robinow sat in her room writing this poem on September 29, 2004 all she thought about was finishing the poem and hoping that this poem, as well as others, would let her achieve an A. Little did Sara know that by the end of April, National Poetry Month, she would find out that she had won first place for eighth grade for her Family Poem "Dad" in the Sixth Annual Star Poets Contest.

The contest is sponsored by Starbucks and Windward Community College. But it all didn’t start with Sara just deciding to write a poem for the fun of it. Mr. Tsujimoto, eighth grade English teacher, required his students, in the first trimester, to write poems based on topics he had given them.

"I had a fight with my dad the night before it was due and I just wrote about it," Sara said. It wasn’t until January, when Sara received a copy of the Star Poets entry form, that she would enter her poem and follow her destiny. "Mr. Tsuj passed out copies of the form and I just figured ‘Might as well...’". Sara replied.

Sara, whose poem was tucked onto the board in Mr. Tsuj’s class when it was written, didn’t think she would’ve won on her first try out of the 2,800 entries that were received.

In fact she had even forgotten about it. "I totally forgot about the Contest until Mr. Tsuj said: ‘Oh, and Sara Robinow, you won the Star Poets Contest,’ I was like, ‘What’s that?’". With winnings of $50 toward herself and $250 toward Punahou, Sara is thankful for Mr. Tsuj forcing her to write the paper and handing out the entry forms for the contest, which has been growing strong since starting in 1999 with just 300 entries.

Some advice that Sara Robinow gives us is that, "You should enter any contest. I mean, you’ve got nothing to lose."
**Farewell, Mr. O**

By Ian Rowe & Bou-An Fujieki

Everyone knows Mr. Otagaki—Mr. O., the seventh grade science teacher. He is funny, energetic, and just downright silly. But next fall he will be leaving seventh grade teaching and moving to teach at Gates Science Center over at the Academy. Mr. O will be demonstrating science concepts to kindergarten through sixth grade. The kids will be doing hands-on experiments with Mr. O. Mr. O volunteered for the job. He said that he had taught every grade except K-6 and he wanted to try something new.

"The little guys need a science cheerleader and I am it. I want to put the sparkle and pizazz in science," he said.

Mr. O was the third of three Junior School teachers who have held that position. Mr. Steven Link (coming into sixth grade) and Mr. Dave White (now in seventh) have held that position.

"He is a kid magnet and an amazing personality," said Mr. Woody, the seventh grade supervisor. "He loves kids and the kids pick up on that, and love him back. He is ideal for the job."

The Gates job isn't permanent. Just as Mr. O is replacing Mr. Link, someone is going to replace him after a certain amount of time working at the Center.

**Mrs. Kennedy Retiring This Year**

By Alexandra Murdoch-Haig, Micaela Demapan & Megan Ohtani

Mrs. Kennedy, a 6th grade math and science teacher, will be leaving Punahou after attending Punahou for 13 years and teaching fifth and sixth grade for 35 years.

Mrs. Kennedy enjoyed her years of teaching but will be moving to the Big Island so she can enjoy the rest of her life farming and gardening at Hawaii-Kohala with her husband and her poodle.

While she is on the Big Island she plans to maintain her stocks, become an eBay seller, and be a tutor. Her new home has lots of trees with a plentiful amount of fruits (that’s her up in her orange tree at left).

Mrs. Kennedy said that she is glad to have been able to teach in Case for at least one year. She also said she is sad she couldn’t stay longer, but she is happy that she was able to enjoy the sixth grade camp Timberline where she was able to hike, camp, and have lots of fun with her students.

Since she does love the Punahou campus, she will be returning next year for summer school to teach students.

She has lots of plans for her new chapter in her life and feels up for the challenge. She hopes that she has made a difference in all of her students’ lives and will never forget her years at Punahou.

**Bringing Us Together But Keeping Us Apart**

By Jessyca Mitchell & Sara Robinow

Hey, who’s that teacher over there? Is she new? Let’s fill you in.

If she has blonde hair, that’s Mrs. Shimabuku, the 8th grade science teacher who was new this year.

Mrs. Shimabuku previously worked at Kamehameha School.

If not so tall and with dark hair, that is Ms. Ishihara, who replaced Mrs. Kohn for 7th grade Latin this year. (Ms. Ishihara is now on maternity leave.)

If the mystery person is a tall, dark-haired man, that’s Mr. Gaudiano, the 7th grade science teacher.

However, when we asked a few old-timer teachers who the new teachers were this year, we got some long pauses.

"This is the first year where I don’t know all of the middle school teachers," remarked one teacher.

In the past, Bishop Hall teachers could interact with each other, but since moving into Case, teachers have found it harder to get meet their peers.

The new teachers, though, have adjusted well.

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Let The Music Flow

By Christian de Quevedo & Stephen Alterado

At 8:00 a.m. in the Team W team space everyone gathered together for their morning bulletin.

Mr. Higgins read the usual stuff like lost and found items. Then at the bottom of the bulletin was a note that would bring many peoples music worlds crashing down.

Music speakers or anything that would amplify music from CD players or ipods were now officially banned from campus.

We decided to get the inside scoop from Mrs. Tyau and Mr. Woody on the new speaker ban.

Stephen: Why were the speakers banned in the first place?

Mr. Woody: There were concerns from the teachers that the music was getting too loud for the students in the classes.

Mrs. Tyau: The music was played before and after school. Some students would sometimes be taking tests or after school work.

Also sometimes the songs contained lyrics with profanity and suggestiveness.

Christian: Is the speaker ban a permanent ban?

Mr. Woody: For the meantime, the ban is permanent but if anyone would like to have the speakers back then they could bring it up with me or Mrs. Tyau for reconsideration.

Mrs. Tyau: I don’t really know. They have brought back some things in the past that were at first banned but then the school reconsidered it.

For all those music loving people out there, if they want to get their speakers back on campus, they can go talk to Mr. Woody or Mrs. Tyau.

What’s In Your Back Yard?

By Amber Jabs

Two friends made big news all around the world when they said they had found buried treasure in a Massachusetts backyard. The money they found is valued at more than $100,000.

The two men were later arrested for receiving stolen property.

The two friends, Barry Bilcliff and Tim Crebase said they had found a crate full of old United States bills while digging in Crebase's backyard.

The face value of the money is just at $7,000, but they date from 1891-1928.

They got a coin expert and he said it was worth about $100,000.

It sounded way too good to be true, and it turns out that it was. Police noticed that every time they made a television appearance, the details about the backyard treasure would change.

Police chief Soloman said that Mr. Crebase confessed that their story was just a hoax.

Soloman said that the two men found the money in the gutter of a barn that they were hired to repair as roof repairers and they kept the money.

He says the backyard treasure story was all made up so they could just keep the money.

Water Boys

Eighth graders Justin Luney and Chris Medeiros take a break from the pool race event during Case Middle School’s first ever Field Day.

Photo by Mrs. Nelson.
Doodads For The Dads That Do

By Elise Timtim & Andrea Shimizu

This year, Father’s Day falls on Sunday, June 19. Remember, whatever you decide to give your dad this Father’s Day, it’s the thought, not the cost, that counts. Contrary to popular belief, Father’s Day hasn’t always been around, and it wasn’t invented by Hallmark Greeting Cards.

Father’s Day was invented by Sonora Dodd in 1909. As an adult, Dodd wanted to honor her father for his courage as a single parent of six children. In appreciation, the Dodds celebrated the first Father’s Day observed on June 19, 1910. The idea caught fire over the years and in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson proclaimed that the 3rd Sunday of June, would be Father’s Day. Six years later, President Nixon signed the holiday into law.

There are several alternatives to the generic Father’s Day presents like a gift card or tie. Here are some unique ideas to thank your dads for all they’ve done this year:

1. There’s always the idea of creating a monogrammed gift. Companies like Land’s End, <www.landsend.com>, specialize in personalizing bags, mugs, etc. You could also buy a generic item and then personalize it yourself.
2. You could also make a homemade gift. Some cute ideas are scrapbooking with memories you shared together and making collages by framing pictures of his favorite hobbies.
3. Ask your mother, aunts, uncles, or grandparents. What was your father interested in when he was growing up? What are some of his hidden skills that he gave up when you were born? Surprise him with his past.
4. Guys, you could always take your Dad out to a sporting event or go golfing or fishing: something that your mom wouldn’t necessarily enjoy. Give the family man some time to enjoy the hobbies he loves.

Time is one gift you can never replace, so this Father’s Day, give Dad the gift he deserves.

The Tofu Monster??

By Sam Silverberg & Becca Roberts

It’s safe to say that as children we have all seen Sesame Street at some point or another. Now that we’re older, we probably don’t watch quite as much as we used to. (Well, most of us, anyway.)

But deep down, we still have a soft spot for Big Bird, Elmo, and Oscar the Grouch, and of course, none other than and don’t we? the only, Cookie Monster.

Unfortunately, your favorite blue, hairy monster that scarfs cookies like they’re going out of style is under attack. Some of the more paranoid mothers in our communities and others, have taken it upon themselves to purge daytime television of the evils of sweets up to and including The Cookie.

Our beloved Cookie Monster, rather than shouting, "ME WANT COOKIES!!" is beginning to learn that cookies are a "sometimes food." Because of America’s obesity problem, PBS is beginning its 35th season of one of the most popular children’s shows ever with a new, healthy theme.

Instead of singing his old theme song, "C is for Cookie, That's Good Enough for Me," Cookie Monster has learned a new song called "A Cookie is a Sometimes Food."

Needless to say, many people are upset by Cookie Monster’s new diet. There are actually people rallying to have him return to his favorite snack, and down with this "healthy food" nonsense.

On the show, celebrities, such as Alicia Keys will also be appearing to talk about the importance of eating healthy. But why all of a sudden? Why was it okay, a few years ago, for our furry friend to scarf all the cookies he wanted, but it’s not okay now? Part of the answer lies in last month’s CMS Courier article on the perils of fast food.

Now, instead of eating cookies all the time, Cookie Monster will be scarfing fruits and vegetables with another one of the show’s characters, Hoots the Owl.

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China Is Getting Madder At Japan

Tens of thousands have recently taken to China’s streets over Japanese actions that many feel belittle the horrors of WWII. South Korea and other East Asian countries have also become irate over many of the same actions. They claim that new textbooks “whitewash” the huge amounts of death from biological warfare attacks during that period, including the black plaque and small pox. In addition, there were widespread sexual assaults of women, including “comfort women” who were used as prostitutes for the Japanese Imperial Army, and massacres such as the one in Nanjing.

In another affront to mainland Asia sensibilities, the Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and other members of parliament visited the Yasukuni Shrine, which honors Japanese war heroes including those who were found guilty by an international war tribunal of war crimes during WWII. Complicating matters is that Japan asked China to apologize for the demonstrations.

When asked about China’s refusal to apologize over the actions of the demonstrators, which included destruction of Japanese business and consulates, Japan’s Prime Minister said “It’s not bad for us (if China does not apologize). It’s bad for them. It’s in the interest of both sides, not just our side.”

According to a source in China who wishes to remain unnamed, many Chinese citizens would have been very angry with their government if China did apologize. This could not happen at a worse time for Japan since it is currently lobbying for a permanent seat in the U.N. Security Council.

Some, like the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies’ Dr. Elizabeth Van Wie Davis, believe that although Japan’s actions are not desirable, China is making it a public issue because it does not want Japan to join the U.N. Security Council. Japan’s actions have become a rallying point with many countries in the Asia Pacific region, including Indonesia and Malaysia, finding that they agree with China about the actions of Japan during WWII.

According to the East-West Center’s Dr. Christopher McNally, there is serious competition between the two global giants for power in East Asia.

Japan is not just ignoring the Asian response led by China. Japanese Prime Minister Koizumi arrived in Luxembourg ahead of talks with European leaders in which he reiterated Japan’s opposition to proposals to lift the bloc’s arms embargo on China.

To further fuel the volatile situation, Japan is drilling for oil in areas involving disputed islands in disputed maritime territory.

Both China and Japan have a lot at stake since they became each other’s major trading partners in the past two years.

Japan’s imports and exports with China now exceed the U.S. by trading $211 billion dollars annually and climbing.

What might be the simple solution of cooling the oil drilling, looking over that controversial textbook, and limiting the shrine visits does not look like it is going to happen.

However with the U.S. and Japan being the to largest donors to the U.N. it is still possible for Japan to take the new position of permanent member in the U.N. Security Council if China hesitates to use its veto.

“I love Punahou!” said Mrs. Shimabuku. “I love the students, I love my team, my department, I love everything.”

Unlike most teachers, she hadn’t always wanted to be a teacher. She was going to school to be a marine scientist but the job was not steady enough.

She said, “…so I looked at my options, and I was blessed to find the teaching profession. But now I can’t see myself doing anything else.”

Ms. Ishihara is the new 7th grade science, replacing Mr. O Vaughan who takes over seventh grade Latin teacher, will be taking place next year in Case.

I was blessed to find the teaching profession. But now I can’t see myself doing anything else.

—Mrs. Shimabuku
Gran Turismo 4 One Of The Best

Gran Turismo 4 is one of the best sellers for the PlayStation 2 games this year. Considering that Gran Turismo 3 was a big hit for PlayStation 2, it gave Gran Turismo 4 an extra boost in sales. This PlayStation 2 game gives you the real life driving experience. It offers over 650 cars, from antiques to new 2006 models.

Gran Turismo 4 also has more than 100 race courses. Some of them are real life cities and some are fantasy courses. One real life course is the New York City course. Gran Turismo 4 also has 10 driving modes giving the most freedom in racing.

In the franchise mode of Gran Turismo 4, you buy your own cars and race to see who’s the best. You can customize your car, adding nitro or changing your engine. To improve the looks of your car you could give different rims or add a fin. In this mode you race to your hearts desire.

The graphics of this hot game are excellent, giving the most fun in racing. The detailing of the cars shows off the excellent graphics in the program and the cars themselves come from manufacturers both popular and not so popular to the real world of automobiles. The game currently offers cars from Italy, Japan, Korea, the U.S., and many more.

When you’re racing your car, there are many real life factors in the race. For example your tires could burn out or you could even run out of gas during the race.

Another obstacle is sometimes you might have to change your oil. After a hard race, you can even give your car a nice wash to shine it up.

In the Arcade mode of Gran Turismo 4, you can use almost any car you can think of like a Toyota Minivan to a Ford GT as featured on the Gran Turismo 4 trailer. You also could choose terrains like the city or in the snow to race in. Overall it gives you the freedom of racing.

The web site www.gamespot.com gave this game a 9/10 in its review. Others had very biased reviews. The lowest review was a three star out of five, which is a 60 percent. The highest review was a five out of five, which is a 100 percent.

Some of those reviews were bad. One person said that it was a let down, like the other three games that came out.

The Game Informer magazine gave this game a three out of five stars but awarded this game the best sequenced release game so far.

But like every game there is room for improvement. Fans say that with a little fixing up this game will beat out all competition for the award.

“If you thought that the third game was that bad, then you need to play the fourth game. This game will blow out any competition for the best game award for sure,” said one of the reviewers.

Right now this game looks like it will not have any trouble in achieving its goal for the award.

Monday Night Football Moved

Monday Night Football was moved from ABC to ESPN on April 19, 2005. This marks the last season which Monday Night Football is aired on ABC. Monday Night Football ran on ABC from 1969 for 36 years and was the second longest-running prime time show.

ESPN made the deal by purchasing Monday Night Football for eight years. It costs about $137.5 million a year for a total of $1.1 billion for all eight years. ESPN is also dropping a show, Sunday Night Football and selling it to NBC.

Monday Night Football started in 1969. Roone Arledge, the executive producer, created Monday Night Football and it was to be held during prime time. Nobody knew what to expect from this show, but it soon became a tradition.

It changed football on a Monday night to a prime time show. It added a variety of new things to football including over eight cameras and three commentators, not just a single commentator.

An important part of Monday Night Football was the commentators, a team that included Frank Gifford, Howard Cosell and “Dandy Don” Meredith in the early years. Their task was by no means easy, and was to make Monday Night Football entertaining to watch.

More recent commentators include John Madden and Al Michaels, who arrived in 2002. John Madden is well known for both his phobia of flying in airplanes. Because of this he travels in his private bus. He is also known for his video game series, put out by EA Sports.

Al Michaels is most known for commenting in the 1980 Olympics. ESPN has not yet decided if Michaels and Madden will be joining the crew for ESPN.

The President of ABC and ESPN George Bodenheimer said that retaining the show on ABC “did not make sense.” Last season’s ratings were the lowest ever, with 16.4 million watchers — an average of only 11 percent of Americans with televisions.

Oddly enough, both ABC and ESPN are owned by the same com-
Varsity Baseball Team Become State Champs

By Kathy Chun & Noelle Grace

In the beginning of the season the Varsity baseball team showed true potential, at least according to head coach Eric Kadooka. They followed through winning the ILH championships with a 18-2-1 record (18 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie).

Last Saturday, the team won the state championship against Kailua, 3-1. Senior Jared Pate pitched an almost perfect game with only one hit.

The honors don’t stop there. As listed in USA Today, the Punahou Varsity baseball team took 15th in the nation and the team was placed as 5th in the western conference. According to Baseball America they were placed 43 in the nation.

Eric Kusanoki, head coach of the intermediate blue team, tells us that the baseball program here at Punahou is based on a system that starts in 7th grade and continues up into the Academy.

In this system the coaches meet together to make sure that they are teaching the players the same techniques. This helps the players to improve on the things that they previously learned, instead of learning different ways of doing things as they progress through the different levels.

Eric Kadooka, head coach for the Varsity baseball team, told us that he is very proud of his team and that he is very happy about the awareness for Hawaii sports that this baseball team has created.

We also interviewed Punahou senior Kasey Ko, who told us, “I’m very happy about being ILH champions, I’m proud of the team, and hard work pays off.”

Kasey was a main force on the team and his encouragement helped the team succeed.

Punahou beat out Kamehameha to be the ILH champions. Kamehameha ended up coming in second.

Athletics is very important to Punahou and it showed when Punahou Athletics was ranked 4th in the nation for best athletic program.

Congratulations to the Punahou Varsity baseball team and the coaches hope that the tradition of Punahou Athletics continues. They also encourage 7th and 8th graders to try out for the intermediate teams.

The ‘05 Class In The NFL Draft.

By Sean Hansen

The NFL Draft was held on April 23, 2005. It was one of the more strange drafts that have happened. Let me give you the scoops.

To begin with, it was unknown if the first pick was going to be Alex Smith of Arkansas or Aaron Rogers of California. Both quarterbacks have their specialties. Smith has his scrambling skills, which will come in handy, but he has a mediocre arm.

Aaron Rogers, on the other hand, has a magnificent arm but no scrambling skills.

He was so accurate with his passes that some writers from ESPN said he could be the next Troy Aikman.

Finally, the pick had come in. The first pick was Alex Smith from Arkansas. He was the first pick for the San Francisco 49ers.

Some people thought, “O.K. Smith is first, so Aaron Rogers will probably be picked second or third.”

Then the bomb dropped — it wasn’t until seven hours later that Aaron Rogers from California was selected 24th overall by the Green Bay Packers.

It was shocking how late he was picked.

What everyone from Hawaii was waiting for was if one of their players was going to get picked.

Sure enough, in the sixth round, Chad Owens was selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars. Owens was the only Hawaii player selected in the draft.

But, don’t worry about Timmy Chang or Abe Elimimian.

Even though they didn’t make the initial draft cut, they both got signed anyway.

Timmy Chang went with the Arizona Cardinals and Abe Elimimian got signed with the San Diego Chargers.

The draft was one of the most exciting. Who knows who the next superstar is going to be.