Pau Hana Annual Meeting - Friday, June 17th at Murphy’s Downtown

Calling all alums! Come to the Alumni Association’s 2005 annual meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 17th, 2005 at Murphy’s Bar & Grill, 2 Merchant St. in Downtown Honolulu. Early birds (4:30-5:30) can nab some pau hana refreshment and catch up on Law School happenings with old friends and Law School representatives. Pupus will be served; no host bar available. All alumni are invited and encouraged to attend. If you’d like to add an item to the agenda, contact any WSRSLAA Officer, or e-mail us at lawalum@hawaii.edu.

The 2005 Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of 2004 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. President’s Report
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Dean’s Report
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Election Results
9. Adjournment

Don’t be Bored, Join da Board
Help us Improve our Activities and Services

Half of our Association’s elected Directorships (3 from pre-1990 classes and 3 from later classes) and all of our Officer positions (Pres., V.P., Sec. and Treas.) are up for grabs. So, if you’d like to join the board or nominate another alum (with his or her ok) to serve, simply fill out the Nomination Form below and send it to the Association by Tuesday, May 23rd or e-mail the nomination to lawalum@hawaii.edu. We encourage any alum with energy and a little time to join the Association’s Board.

Take a Break: Enjoy Golf & Grinds at the Hawaii Prince on Thursday May 19th
Come Play or be a Tournament Sponsor—Entry Form Enclosed

Our 19th Annual UH Law Benefit Golf Tournament for alumni and law school friends is coming up on the afternoon of May 19th at the beautiful and sunny Hawaii Prince Golf Club in Ewa. Help us raise money for scholarships for UH law students committed to public service and for the UH Elder Law Program (UHELP). Join us for camaraderie and fun, while supporting a good cause. Enjoy a lunch sandwich & drink, golf & cart, the Hawaii Prince’s famous buffet dinner (prime rib, two other entrees, ono pupus, starch, veggies, salads and desserts), and a chance at some great prizes, all for $150 (includes 2 flanigans—they’re better than muligans—and contest hold entry).

Get together a threesome—or better yet—a sixsome (two threesomes tee off together as a group)—or just sign yourself up. Call a few classmates, friends, relatives, or clients to play. Even if you can’t play on the 19th, please kokua with a prize donation or sponsorship. All sponsor and donor firms and businesses receive promotional consideration in our newsletter and tournament program. Be a tee sponsor and have a large tee sign with your firm’s or business’s name displayed on a tee at the tournament.

Tournament golfer and sponsorship info and a list of Class Coordinators are on the enclosed Tournament Flyer. Extra flyers (including entry forms) are on our website at www2.hawaii.edu/~lawalum/. Click “Events,” then “Golf Brochure2005.pdf.” Non-golfers are welcome to gorge on the Prince’s onolicious post-tournament banquet (approx. 5:30 p.m.) (banquet only $35). Questions? E-mail the Association at lawalum@hawaii.edu or call tourney co-chair Colin Kurata (524-2900) or Alumni Relations Director Jamee Kunichika (956-5516).
If You Haven’t Done So Already, Please Join Our Association

Please remember that the William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Assn. is an association made up of Law School alumni. Our principal source of revenue is the $20 annual dues. We also receive a portion of dues paid by alumni to the UHAA. If you aren’t already a 2005 member, please send in your dues and the Membership and Information Update Form below.

"Mahalo" to the 164 current members of the WSRSLAA. How is your graduating class doing in the Association’s friendly annual interclass dues-paid membership competition? So far into 2005, the Class of 2000 is in the lead (thank you President Egan for your efforts in spurring your class) with 12 members; the Class of 1987 is in second place with 11 members, the Class of 1979 is in third place with 9 members, and the Class of 1977 is in fourth place with 8 members. Help your class move up in the rankings.

To see if you’re a current member, check your newsletter mailing label—if there’s a “Y” by your name, you’re a 2005 member; if there’s an "N" there, you weren’t a member when the labels were printed (usually 1-2 weeks before mailing). Check our Website (updated roughly every two weeks) for a current list of members, listed by class.

Law School Community Celebrates 30th Anniversary of Pre-Admission Program

By Shirley N. Garcia ’04

On a beautiful April 2nd, the Williams S. Richardson School of Law celebrated the 30th Anniversary of its Pre-Admission Program, kicking off what Dean Avi Soifer has called “the year of the Pre-Admission Program.”

In 1974 (one year after the law school opened its doors) the Pre-Admission Program was established in recognition of the Law School’s unique position in Hawai’i, both geographically and philosophically. George M. Johnson, a distinguished educator, former Dean of the Howard University School of Law, and a civil rights advocate/attorney who participated in the cases that culminated in the historic 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision, helped to establish and was the first director (from 1974-1975) of the Program. In recognition of the unique social and cultural history of Hawai’i, the Pre-Admission Program was established to increase the diversity of the Law School’s student body so that the School and the Hawai’i bar would better reflect the diversity of Hawai’i’s population. More importantly, the Program’s intent was to ensure that individuals with connections to Hawai’i’s underserved communities were given an opportunity to attend law school and to address the issues and serve communities that generally are not part of the mainstream practice of law.

The 30th Anniversary Celebration honored past directors of the Pre-Admission Program, in particular Prof. Johnson, and its two most recent directors, Prof. Chris Iijima and the late Prof. Judy Weightman. Prof. Iijima, Director of the Program since 1998, embraced the vision, heart and legacy of Judy Weightman, a vision to cultivate not only knowledgeable and skilled attorneys, but also compassionate ones, attorneys who will give a voice to those not heard clearly by the powerful and decision-makers.

“Generosity of spirit, the unabashed pleasure of being openly caring, and the willingness to give for the larger good without expectation of reward or recognition” is how Professor Iijima once described the UH Law School community, qualities he views as essential to the study and practice of law. Generosity of spirit and unabashed pleasure were abundant on Saturday, April 2, 2005, as over 125 current and former pre-ad students, their families and friends, and other supporters of the Pre-Ad Program enjoyed a day at Kailua’s Kalama Beach Club, celebrating the Program’s 30th Anniversary, as well as the individual and collective achievements of Pre-Ad students past and present. Music, good food, and fond memories of the Pre-Admission Program’s history were shared among all those in attendance.

MEMBERSHIP AND ALUMNI INFORMATION UP-DATE FORM

(SEND TO WSRSLAA P.O. BOX 952 HONOLULU, HI 96808)
(IF ENCLOSED $20 DUES CHECK, MAKE PAYABLE TO "WSRSLAA")

NAME: ____________________________________________ CLASS OF: ________________

CONTACT ADDRESS

PHONE/FAX: __________________ E-MAIL ADDRESS ____________________________________________

FIRM/AGENCY/COMPANY ____________________________________________

BUSINESS ADDRESS: ____________________________________________
(IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE) ____________________________________________
Law School Happenings

The inaugural lecture in the Galiher Ono Public Lecture Series featured Paul Brest (whose Constitutional Law text was used by many alumni), President of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, who spoke on “The Critique of Pure Reason: The Role of Intuition in Judgment and Decisionmaking.” This year’s lecture was held at the Law School on the evening of Thursday, March 10th. Thanks to alumni Gary Galiher ('77) and Diane Ono ('91) for establishing this series.

Our sad farewell to Yvonne Kobashigawa, who served as the Secretary to the Law School’s many deans from the inception of the Law School in 1974, through 2005. Yvonne, who has earned her retirement after 31 years at the Law School, will be sorely missed. The Alumni Association often relied on Yvonne for her historic knowledge and will miss her good cheer and support. Best wishes to Yvonne for a happy and healthy retirement.

Dean Soifer’s new secretary will be Kristi Shiraki, who returns to the Law School after serving a stint at Kapiolani Community College. Before joining KCC, Kristi had been Associate Dean Carol Mon Lee’s secretary. Welcome back Kristi.

Farewell also to Robert Daguio, the Law School’s fiscal officer for the past 18 years. Bob has accepted a promotion within the UH system to the UH Student Housing Office. Mahalo, Bob, for your many years of professional service to the Law School.

Congratulations to Dean Emeritus Larry Foster ('81), officially installed on February 24th as President of the East-West Center Associates, the international alumni association of the East-West Center. The Association is currently organizing a fall 2005 conference in New Delhi and a fall 2006 conference in Vietnam.

Alumni Tidbits

If you have any news you would like to share with fellow alumni, just send the information on the reverse of your membership form or by e-mail.

'79 — Welcome home to Susan K.Y. Park, who has returned to Hawaii from several years in New York and California to join Case Bigelow & Lombardi, concentrating in bankruptcy law and commercial litigation.

'82 — Kathleen N.A. Watanabe was confirmed on March 21st as Circuit Court Judge for the Fifth Circuit. Kathy had previously served as a Deputy County Attorney and County Attorney for Kauai County, as a per diem judge for four years, as Supervising Deputy Attorney General for the Individual Claims and Employment Law Divisions of the A.G.’s office, and most recently as the State Director of Human Resources Development. Our kudos to Kathy.

'83 and '99 — What are the odds? Parade Magazine (Sun. March 13, 2005) recently presented its annual special report on “What People Earn.” The only two persons from Hawaii featured in the article (out of about 130 persons listed) were both Richardson Law alumnae: Linda K. Rosehill ('83), listed as “Owner, consulting firm;” and Jen Kunishima ('99), listed as “pet boutique owner.” Unfortunately neither was in the $19 million earning category of professional cyclist Lance Armstrong. Maybe next year.

'86 — Richard T. Bissen, Jr., was confirmed on February 15th as Circuit Court Judge for the Second Circuit. Ricky had previously served 15 combined years as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Prosecuting Attorney for Maui County. He then served as First Deputy Attorney General, then most recently as interim Director of the Department of Public Safety. Congratulations Ricky.

'92 — Congratulations to Ronnie Ogomori of Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda, who was recently named to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City & County of Honolulu.

'96 — Our best wishes to Spencer Kimura and his wife, Lani, on the birth of their daughter, Jamie Allora Kimura, who joins older brother, Matthew, in the household. Spencer is assisting Prof. Alison Connor with the Law School’s Pacific and Asian Legal Studies Program.

'99 — Our apologies to Patrick and Kathleen Kelly. In our last issue we misspelled their new son, Kian’s first name.

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NOMINATION FORM

(MAIL TO WSRSLAA P.O. BOX 952 HONOLULU, HI 96808 BY MAY 23, 2005)

NOMINEE ____________________________________________________________ CLASS OF ______________________
(Please Print)

Nominee’s Phone No. or Current E-mail address ______________________________________
(To allow confirmation of willingness to serve)

NOMINATOR __________________________________________________________ CLASS OF ______________________
(Please Print)

OFFICE FOR WHICH THE NOMINEE IS NOMINATED ______________________________________
(President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Director)