Tough Loss for Bruzers in Ete Bowl XXX

After leading four touchdowns to three at the half, the alumnae Bruzers’ offense sputtered in the second half against an aggressive and well-disciplined defense, and the law student Etes came back strong with four consecutive second half TDs. The Bruzers tacked on a TD on its last drive of the game, but it was too little too late, as the Bruzers suffered a 42-30 defeat in Ete Bowl XXX. The Bruzers’ record now stands at 21 wins, 8 losses and 1 tie.

On the first possession, the Bruzers began the scoring with a swing pass from quarterback Jill Nunokawa ’88 to running back Elise Tsugawa Amemiya ’00. After an Ete score, the Bruzers answered with a short pass in the flat to tight end Michelle Puu ’02, who had a defender literally hanging on her back. The Etes struck back with their second score, and the Bruzers countered with an off-tackle score by Amemiya. After another Ete score, the Bruzers called on Amemiya one more time for a TD that took them to a 4-3 TD lead at halftime.

The second half was brutal for (Continued on page 3)
FORMER LABOR BOARD CHAIR
BRIAN NAKAMURA ('80)
PASSES AWAY.

Brian Kazuo Nakamura, 56, of Aiea, passed away on December 27, 2007. Brian received his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Hawaii before attending the Richardson School of Law and receiving his J.D. in 1981.

Brian had a varied career in government, serving on the staffs of the Hawaii State Senate, the Campaign Spending Commission, Hawaii's Lieutenant Governor, and U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye. Most recently, Brian had served as the Chair of the Hawaii Labor Relations Board. According to a Honolulu Advertiser obituary, Brian is survived by his wife, Zilong Nakamura, daughters Brianne Nakamura and Iris Shiroma, son Bradford Shiroma, mother Helen Nakamura, brothers Carl and Mark Nakamura, and sister Debra Oda.

CLASS OF 2005 LOSES KENGI AOKI

Kengi Gary Aoki, 28, of Honolulu, an accountant with the Herman Tanaka CPA firm, died suddenly at home in early December of 2007. Kengi was born in Niigata-Ken, Japan and considered Kealakokua on the Big Island his home. Kengi earned his B.B.A. from the University of Hawaii, and graduated from the Richardson School of Law in 2005. In law school, he received CALI Awards as the top student in Business Planning and in Estate & Gift Taxation. Kengi is survived by his mother, Paulette A. Hamilton; brother, Naomasa C.; stepfather, Paul Hamilton; and grandfather, Charles Tanaka. A service was held on Tuesday, December at Hosoi Garden Mortuary.

Class of 1977 Holds Bang-Up 30th Reunion.

Last September, the Class of 1977 held its 30th class reunion at the beautiful home of classmate Gary Galiher and his wife, Diane Ono ('91). Poke Stop ably catered the event and classmate Stephanie Rezents whipped up some out-of-this-world desserts. Steve Okumura took pictures, did a laptop picture collage of the class' last reunion, and even made class CDs for classmates.

Twenty-five (or so) classmates showed up, including guests. Among the furthest were Prof. Susan Connor from Chicago and Jeff Hermann and his wife, Fran, from Los Angeles. From the Big Island came Jo Kim and Addie Bowman; Lloyd and Diana (Pelletier) Van De Car; Lynn Higashi, and husband, Miles; and Jenny and Mahi ('93) Hiatt. Benni D’Enbeau represented Maui and the Oahu contingent included Brian Sugimoto; Jim Estes and his friend Karon; Rich Lachmann and his wife, Masami; David A. Nakamura; Jackie Earle; Roger Moseley and his wife, Heidi; Carol Yamamoto; Merv Kotake and his wife, Lynette; Susan Ichinoe and her husband, Marty; Elbridge Smith; Alexandra Kaan; Gary and Diane; Stephanie; Steve; and reunion organizer Stu Kaneko.

Thanks to the Class of ’77 golf committee of Jackie Erickson, Barry Kuren, Merv Kotake and Diane Ono who put on a wonderful class mini-tournament on September 28 at the Navy-Marine Golf Course. Mahalo to Roger Moseley, Bank of Hawaii, and First Hawaiian Bank for providing the golfers with some prizes and golf tee sets.

The Class of 1977 is still putting together its Law School Class of 1977 Endowed Scholarship Fund. Checks for this fund can be sent to the attention of Jennifer Hee at the William S. Richardson School of Law, 2515 Dole Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822. The Class hopes to be able to award two scholarships a year.
the Bruzers, with a stiff Ete defense forcing a number of Bruzer turnovers on downs. The Etes scored four straight TDs before the Bruzers scored again on a 15-yard pass from Nunokawa to running back Jenn Young.

As part of this developing program, one of our first offerings last semester was an afternoon of stress relief courtesy of Elements Spa & Salon (www.elementsahawaii.com). The owners of Elements are members of our very own Richardson ’Ohana. Class of 2002 graduates, Bree (Kurihara) Komagome and Jamie (Tanabe) Cheng, graciously gave back to the law school community by providing free massages for our students. Two massage therapists from Elements were on campus the afternoon of October 19, 2007, converting Seminar Room 4 into a relaxing haven. There was an overwhelming student response for the free ten-minute massages, and they are still raving about them. We are grateful to the therapists from Elements Spa & Salon and we hope to arrange more events of this kind in the future.

The Law School is also proud to announce that this semester it will be offering a free yoga class on Monday and Wednesday mornings (7:00 – 8:15 a.m.). Second year law student and certified yoga instructor Evan Silberstein will be teaching these classes, which are designed for people at all proficiency levels. All members of the Richardson ’Ohana are welcome to attend, including faculty, staff, students and ALUMNI. You can email evansilb@hawaii.edu if you have any questions about the class or are interested in attending.

For further information on the exciting developments of the Student Wellness Initiative, to offer services, or sponsor an event in this expanding area of student services, please contact me with your ideas at sheela@hawaii.edu.

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over 15 attendees, including Judge Lloyd and Diana Van De Car from Hilo. The Class of 1987 had the largest class turnout, with a contingent of 20 classmates and guests, including Michele Wallace coming in from Minnesota and Rick Kersenbrock and his wife, Kitty, coming in from California.

We thank the Willows for a great venue and terrific kamaaina buffet and Kevin Chang and Stan Tibayan of Kupa`aina for their mellow Hawaiian stylings. Finally, mahalo to our event committee: Debbie Lee ’02 (emcee), Ming Chi ’05, Jill Hasegawa ’04, Haunani Burns ’80, Greg Lui-Kwan ’02, Linda Martell ’87 and Jim Williston ’78.

If you missed this year’s party, join us for our Fifth Annual All Class Reunion in 2008, when we will be especially recognizing the special anniversary classes of 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, and 2003. The event is currently planned for late September.