Ete Bowl XXXI Luau a Big Hit
Sonja McCullen and Lea Hong Named to Hall of Fame
Galen Arakawa and Linda Chow Join Hall of Honor

Although Ete Bowl XXXI had to be postponed due to a deluge (see related story), what had been planned as a Post-Game, but which became a Pre-Game, Luau was held as planned on the evening of Saturday, November 22nd at the University High School Cafeterium. Despite the inclement weather, about 200 alumni, students, faculty and friends attended the Luau and enjoyed the delicious Hawaiian fare.

Highlights of the evening included music by Lyle Hosoda ('85) and his band, a dramatic fire dance by J.P.K. Ahuna, III, and a ceremony in which retired Bruzers gave leis to current Bruzers and Etes to demonstrate the sisterhood among all players. The celebration also featured an action video of Ete Bowls past prepared by Bruzer Becca Dayhuff ('07); a special commemorative printed program prepared by the Law School, working with Bruzer Quarterback Jill Nunokawa ('88) and other alumni; and a panel discussion of Ete Bowl history among Bruzer greats Dani Ho ('79), Emma Matsunaga ('80), Sharon Nishi ('87) and Sonja McCullen ('02) moderated by Hon. Riki Amano ('79).

During the program it was announced that Sonja McCullen and Lea Hong ('91) have been enshrined in the Ete Bowl Hall of Fame, and that Linda Chow ('88) and Galen Arakawa have been named to the Ete Bowl Hall of Honor, which recognizes non-players for their contributions to the game.

Galen Arakawa, son of Coach David Arakawa ('81) and a receiver on Punahou's varsity squad, has helped the Bruzers practice since he was first able to run and...
Check the Law School’s Alumni Page: http://www.hawaii.edu/law/site-content/alumni/past-events/ete-bowl/index.html to see whether any of your classmates played in this year’s Ete Bowl.

After months of preparation, both the Etes and Bruzers were ready to play football on the afternoon of Saturday, November 22nd. Mother Nature, however, had other plans. After a hard Manoa rain on the night of November 21st and a steady and increasing drizzle on the 22nd, the University said “no go” to football on the U.H. football team’s practice field. Efforts to find a safe and available alternate field failed, so, for the first time in the Ete Bowl’s 31-year history, the game had to be postponed.

When Ete Bowl XXXI was finally played, it turned out to be worth the wait. A classic battle in the first half, and a defensive struggle in the second, this Ete Bowl was one for the ages, ending in a hard-fought 24-24 tie. The Bruzers would like to thank their coaches David Arakawa (‘81), Galen Arakawa, James Hoapili, Mark Hakoda, Seth Harris (‘01), Aaron Karlen (‘07), Steve Teves (‘90) and Jim Williston (‘78) for their help in preparing for and during the game.

They would also like to thank their managers (Haunani Burns ‘80, Linda Chow ‘88, Rosemary McShane ‘81, Colette Gomoto ‘86, Julie Padron and Hope & Leah Barkai) for their help during the game.

Deans Visit with Alumni in Southern California.

Law School Dean Avi Soifer and Associate Dean Hazel Beh met with a group of Richardson Law School Alumni in San Diego on January 10th. Mahalo to Jennifer Hee and Stephanie McGee (’01) for coordinating details of the event.

Can we Quote You on That?

The Law School Admissions Office is working on the 2010-11 Admissions Catalog and they’d like to be able to use quotes from students and alumni regarding their Law School experience in the catalog. If you would like to share your answer to the question, “How would you describe your experience at the Law School and the impact it has had on you,” please e-mail your quote of 100 words or less with your name and class year to esteele@hawaii.edu by April 1 for consideration. Mahalo!
The Alumni Association will be holding its 6th Annual All Class Reunion at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki on the evening of Friday, September 25. Special reunion classes include the Classes of 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004. All alumni and friends are welcome, but if you are a WSRSL graduate from any of those years, we especially encourage you to join us for a fun evening with great food and good company (your classmates). If you would like to help plan the event or serve as a coordinator for your special reunion class, please send an e-mail to lawalum@hawaii.edu.

At the reunion dinner we will be announcing our 2009 Outstanding Alum of the Year, whom we will nominate for the UHAA Distinguished Alumni Award for 2010. If you would like to nominate a worthy fellow Richardson Law alum this year, please fill out and send in the attached nomination form.

The University of Hawaii Alumni Association (UHAA) has selected our Association’s 2009 Nominee, Hon. Sabrina S. McKenna (UH Manoa ‘78 & WSRSL ’82), Judge of the First Circuit Court, as one of its five Distinguished Alumni for 2009. Judge McKenna and the other 2009 Distinguished Alumni will be honored at a dinner to be held at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel on the evening of Thursday, May 7, 2009. If you would like to attend the dinner with other Richardson Law School alumni, please contact us by April 20th at lawalum@hawaii.edu. Tickets are $110 for 2009 UHAA members and $160 for nonmembers ($50 UHAA membership is included in the fee), $45 of which may be eligible for the charitable contribution deduction (depending on your personal tax situation). Other UHAA Distinguished Alumni honorees for 2009 include Dr. Chiyome Fukino (M.D. ’79), State Health Director; Drs. Lois & James Horton (M.A.’s ’69), both Professors of American Studies at UH Manoa, and Deejay Mailer (B.S. ’75 & M.B.A. ’85), CEO of Kamehameha Schools; and Lifetime Achievement Award winner Daniel Lau (B.A. ’41), co-founder and Chairman of the Board of Finance Factors.
Alumni Tidbits

1976 – Abelia (“Abby”) Madrid Shaw was recently appointed to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals for Honolulu. She joins fellow alumni David Minkin (’84) and Ronald Ogomori (’92) on the Board. Abby had served as the Chief of Staff for former Mayor Jeremy Harris.

1980 – The Richardson Law School welcomes back Professor Mari Matsuda, an internationally recognized scholar in the fields of constitutional law, civil rights and social justice, and legal history. Professor Matsuda returns to the Law School after serving on the tenured faculty of both the UCLA and Georgetown law schools. Her husband, Charles R. Lawrence, III, is serving as the inaugural UH Manoa Centennial Professor, teaching at the College of Education and in the Political Science Dept., and at the Law School.

1982 – After 14 years as a Deputy Kauai County Prosecutor (11 as Chief Deputy), and 12+ years in private practice, Alfred Castillo, Jr., was appointed to serve as Kauai County Attorney.

1984 – Our best to Kirk Caldwell, who was recently confirmed as the Managing Director for the City and County of Honolulu. Kirk had previously served as the Majority Leader for the Hawaii State House of Representatives and as a managing partner with Ashford & Wriston.

1987 – Rom Trader was recently confirmed by the State Senate to serve as a Circuit Judge of the First Circuit. Rom had served for many years in the Honolulu Prosecutor’s Office. He will be sworn in on March 27th.

Benjamin Acob has been named to serve as the Prosecuting Attorney for Maui County. He had served as a Deputy and Chief Deputy in the Maui Prosecutor’s Office for many years.

1988 – Congratulations to Lily O.C. Ling (Lam), who was recently named Executive Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board.

1990 – David Tanoue has been confirmed by the Honolulu City Council to serve as the Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting. David had served as the Department’s Deputy Director during Mayor Hannemann’s first mayoral term.

1993 – Alicia M. Leonard has been appointed Assistant U.S. (Bankruptcy) Trustee for the Eastern District of New York.

1995 – Hats off to Damien Horigan who recently earned an LL.M. degree from the National University of Singapore. His thesis was entitled: “Facilitating Inter-Korean Reconciliation and Korean Reunification through Constitutional Law: An Irish Model for the Two Koreas.”

Our belated congratulations to Katherine Puana Kealoha, who has been named to serve as the Director of the State’s Office of Environmental Quality Control (“OEQC”). Prior to her appointment in February of 2008, Katherine had served in the Honolulu Prosecutor's Office, primarily prosecuting environmental crimes and career criminals.

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1997 & 98 – Edmund Haitsuka (’97), with Carlsmith Ball’s Kailua-Kona Office, and Jamee Kawauchi (’98), former President of the Hawaii County Bar Assn., have been named to the Hawaii County Charter Commission, joining Prof. Casey Jarman.

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Richardson School of Law
A ‘Gathering Place’ for LL.M. Students

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program at Richardson School of Law is now in its sixth year, with 13 students from 10 different countries. The Program attracts students from around the globe to study in Hawaii and experience the American legal system. They also engage in a series of academic and social activities outside the classroom that help them to fully integrate into our Law School community. Here is just a snapshot of our current LL.M. students.

Mosaid Altamimi comes from Saudi Arabia, having most recently clerked at a firm called Dar Almuhamat in Riyadh. He was awarded a scholarship from the Saudi Ministry of Higher Education to study law in the U.S.

Malin Chin comes to us from Cambodia, where he is both an official with the Office of the Council of Ministers of Cambodia and a full-time professor of Law and Politics at Pannasastra Univ. of Cambodia. Chin is one of two recipients of the Freeman Foundation Fellowship, which enables students from Cambodia, China, Indonesia or Vietnam to earn their LL.M. at WSRSL. The other Fellowship recipient is Jay Rasjidgandha, from Indonesia. Rasjidgandha has worked for several multinational corporations and law firms in mining, takeovers, licensing and environmental law.

Sandra Deheza is a Bolivian attorney who has worked in international development and international affairs. She is interested in pursuing a career in the State Dept. or at USAID.

Christian Eichenberger is a practicing attorney from Zug, Switzerland. At the law firm of Nick & Eichen, his litigation and transactional practice includes real estate law. Eichenberger is currently working toward a J.D. at the Univ. of Berne. His doctoral thesis focuses on real estate and notarial law.

Kayo Loveless and Yukiko Tetsumura are both from Japan. Loveless most recently worked for Honolulu-based alumna Carmen DiAmore-Siah, focusing on immigration law. Tetsumura was working for a real estate company in Tokyo providing rental and relocation services for foreign firms in Japan. After the LL.M. Program, Loveless intends to continue working in immigration law, while Tetsumura plans to work in the real estate industry.

Phatchara Udomsin most recently worked for the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is interested in international commercial law and plans to continue his legal education in the U.S. after earning his LL.M.

Christina Michaelidis is a citizen of both the U.S. and Cyprus. Having earned her bachelor’s degree from Kingston Univ. in London, she is interested in criminal law and hopes to practice in the U.S.

Aijo Wu most recently worked as a legal assistant to Tao Yuan County Rights Assn., which serves to preserve aboriginal reservation areas and defend the human rights of the aboriginal people of Taiwan. As an aboriginal Taiwanese herself, she is interested in native Hawaiian rights, which she hopes to adapt to the legal environment in Taiwan.

Remi Bye, Kjetil Kiran, and Jan Rong are all from the University of Bergen, Norway, where they are finishing their last year of a five-year Master’s degree. Remi Bye is interested in Ocean Law and Environmental Law. Kjetil Kiran plans to earn a two-year Master’s degree in auditing and accounting after the LL.M. Program. Jan Rong recently finished a traineeship at Pricewaterhouse-coopers in Norway, and is interested in corporate finance, international business transactions, environmental law and real property law.

New Position for Professor with Korean Law Focus
Mahalo to SBS Media Holdings, Inc. and SBS Foundation

Hawaii’s Michelle Wie may have come in second in the SBS Open golf tournament held recently at the Turtle Bay Resort, but the Richardson School of Law was the big winner when SBS Media Holdings, Inc., and the SBS Foundation recently made a $200,000 gift to the Law School to establish a Korean Law Faculty Fund. With the help of this generous gift, the Law School hopes to add a distinguished tenure track faculty member whose focus will be on Korean Law in his or her teaching and scholarship.

Honolulu Zoo Service Project

On Saturday, January 31, 2009, approximately 20 alumni and friends of the William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association gathered at the Honolulu Zoo for our Semi-Annual WSRSLAA Service Project. Mahalo to: Calvin Young, Tom Wong (and his family), Carole Richelieu, Brandon Kimura, Sandeep Nagra, Carole Richelieu, Brandon Kimura, and Sarah Toohey, Elisabeth Steele, Alexa Fujise, Avi Soifer, Jennifer Hee, Ming Chi, Dona Hanaike, Jeff Kent, Cindi John, and Jill Hasegawa for participating in this project.

Volunteers helped beautify the zoo, and in a unique twist of fate, continued our support of Rusti (and Violet), the Zoo’s orangutans. For those of you who are familiar with the story, members of our WSRSL family banded together in 2003-2004 to fight for Rusti’s rights, eventually culminating in a new “home” for Rusti. Following in those individuals’ footsteps, our alumni helped beautify Rusti and Violet’s home by weeding and clearing (inside and outside their enclosure).

Volunteers also helped to clean the playground equipment which provide some of the most popular zoo activities for children. Following their volunteer work, participants were treated to a special behind-the-scenes encounter with the elephants and were invited to enjoy the multitude of exhibits in the park.

We hope that you will consider joining us for our next project, in summer 2009!