



Courts go into community to bring law to life



On November 15, students from **Whitney Grohowski's Hawaiian History Class** and **Alyssa Myers' Journalism/Media Classes** joined other high school students from Kaimuki, Kalani, University Laboratory, McKinley and Kaiser High Schools along with Damien Memorial School, Mid Pacific Institute, and Saint Louis School to hear the oral argument in the case of **State of Hawai'i v. James Weldon**.

This activity was sponsored by the **Hawai'i State Judiciary's Courts in the Community Program**, which is designed to educate students about the Judiciary's role in government and see first-hand how it resolves disputes in our democracy.

The case was a criminal matter involving a man who was arrested and charged with carrying a deadly weapon.

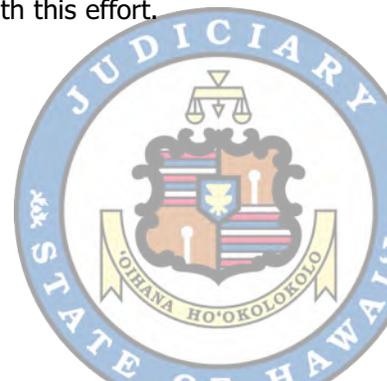
The issue is whether the police had reasonable suspicion to believe

that the man was committing a crime when they initially approached and questioned him.

The hearing was followed by two separate question-and-answer sessions for the students – one with the attorneys and another with the five **Hawai'i Supreme Court justices**, (above) **Associate Justice Richard Pollack**, **Associate Justice Paula Nakayama**, **Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald**, **Associate Justice Sabrina McKenna** and **Associate Justice**

Michael Wilson.

The Academy students were mentored in this Judiciary's Courts in the Community Program by **Bennett Chi** and **Ronette Kawakami**, who are volunteer attorney's with this effort.



From the Head of School

SPREADING CHEER WHILE STUDYING

This weekend, the campus will be abuzz with its regular sports and service activities, but holiday events will compound the energy level further.



The Advent season is a glorious and beautiful time of the year on our campus. The students have multiple opportunities to share their talents with hundreds of people as the semester draws to a close, simultaneously with the arrival of the holidays.

During the holiday season, it is a challenge to make sure that the girls are attentive to their daily affairs as students. Robotics, soccer, basketball and Air Riflery are in season, each carrying a huge commitment of time.

Student performances are numerous at this time of year, and they are very important in the Academy's curricular programs in which your daughters are enrolled.

For students in grades seven to 12, exams are scheduled for December 18 to 20.

Regardless of the various demands on your daughter's time, parents are encouraged to make sure that ample hours are set aside for them to review and study. Study Guides are posted online, and seriously attacking them early should give your daughters an edge on their exams.

Best wishes for a good weekend – and join me in remembering that the best way to avoid stress is "just get the job done!"

Betty White

Holiday

HAPPENINGS

▶ DANCE CONCERT—THE NUTCRACKER

DECEMBER 1
3 AND 6* P.M. | MAMIYA THEATRE

**SHOW TIME SOLD OUT - Tickets still available for 3 p.m. performance beginning at 2 p.m. at theatre box office*

▶ BAND CONCERT

DECEMBER 3
6 P.M. | MAMIYA THEATRE

▶ KAIMUKI CHRISTMAS PARADE

DECEMBER 6
6 P.M. | ROUTE RUNS ALONG WAIALAE AVENUE
BEGINNING AT SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL

▶ CHOIR CONCERT

DECEMBER 7
6 P.M. | ACADEMY CHAPEL

▶ LOWER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHARING

DECEMBER 14
8:30 A.M. (Kindergarten) |
10:30 A.M. (Grades One to Three) |
12:30 P.M. (Grades Four to Six) |
ACADEMY AUDITORIUM

▶ HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND DANCE PROGRAM

DECEMBER 15
6 P.M. |
ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

Team busts boredom and “LEGO”s-out the competition

The Academy’s Lower School **FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Robotics** team truly “busted boredom” and outpaced the 23 other competitors at the **Kalani District Tournament** on November 12.

They scored remarkably well in all four FLL categories – *Project, Robot Design, Robot Performance* and *Core Values*, and in the process, secured a spot in the **State Tournament** on December 1 at the Neal Blaisdell Center!

The team, also known as the **“Boredom Busters,”** is comprised of five students in grades four to six, and this is the first year each has competed in the FLL.

For this year’s challenge, the team, went **“Into Orbit”** to identify and devise solutions to a physical or social problem faced by humans during long durations of space explorations. They shared their ideas before



completing a five-minute presentation for judges at the tournament.

Currently, the Busters, (*above*) **Jaiden Heresa, Khloe Kahaulelio, Bailey Leong, Ashley Lane** and **Riko Sakai**, and their coaches

Jennifer Arthur and **Kana Takahashi** are fine-tuning their project in eager anticipation of the State Meet.



Banding together in spirit

The Academy’s **Marching Band** shared their “spirit” beginning on November 12, when they participated in the 72nd **Wahiawa Lions’ Veterans’ Day Parade**. The group has marched in this event for the past four years, which is staged to honor the nation’s past and present military members, and this year, they won the **“Best Marching Band” Award!**

The musicians, color guard and drum majors took their spirited performance “to the streets” again to kick off the holiday season – this time playing **“Christmas Parade Sequence,”** a medley with varied selections, including **“Joy to the World,”** as they marched down Kalakaua Avenue during the **Waikiki Holiday Parade** on November 23.

Spiriting away a repeat performance to take title

Repeating as **State Champion** is not an easy feat, but the **Lancer cheerleaders** did just that – claiming their second **Varsity Medium Division State Title** on November 17.

The Lancers finished with 513 points in the 16-team field for those with 11 or less squad members.

Under fourth-year **Head Coach Cady Vakauta**, the team members worked hard throughout the summer and fall, dedicating themselves to fine-tuning their performance routine – 2.5 minutes packed with tumbling, cheers, pyramid formations and basket tosses and acrobatics.

With a repeat Title in-hand, the squad continues to practice and improve while focusing on the **National Cheerleading**

Championships on February 23 in Las Vegas.

In addition to the Varsity squad, the **Lancer Intermediate cheerleaders** also earned a berth to com-

pete for a National Title with their victory at the **Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) Championships** last month. Their competition is slated for Anaheim, California, also on February 23.



Students “Enchanted” with reading

“Imagination” was a key component of the year’s **Lower School Book Fair**, with the students delving into the event’s **“Enchanted Forest,”** filled with irresistible books featuring whimsical places and creatures.

While students “climbed” into the forest and let their imaginations flow, the Fair earned over \$3,289, which will be used to purchase about 200 new books for the Lower School Library!

Laurel Oshiro, the Fair’s coordinator, is grateful to the 20 parents, grandparents and aunts who prepped and staffed the event, with a special “mahalo” extended to parent **Jodi Leong** (left) who created the special forest.