Graduation Luau was a Blast
Over 180 Alumni, Students and Guests Attend

Thanks to the hard work of Co-chair Malia Schreck '05 and Co-chair/Emcee Ming Chi '05, the Law School’s Class of 2006 got a big sendoff, as they head toward finals and their May 15th graduation. Over 180 alumni, students, faculty and guests joined in the festivities of the Class’s graduation luau at Bishop Museum’s Atherton Halau.

Lieutenant Governor James “Duke” Aiona congratulated the Class on its achievements and reflected over the 25 years since he graduated from the Law School in 1981. The Lt. Governor reminded the graduates of the importance of maintaining balance in their lives after law school, especially by making and maintaining strong relationships. He also stressed the importance of alumni giving back to their communities, whether through careers

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**Tribute To Prof. Chris Iijima**

Introduction by Shawn L.M. Benton ’05:

We have heard how Chris Iijima fought for social justice while living in New York City and stories of his activism in the anti-war and Asian American movements. We were awed when we saw the video of Chris singing on the “Mike Douglas Show” hosted by John Lennon and Yoko Ono and heard the music he wrote as a member of the music group, Yellow Pearl, or on his own.

We have also witnessed Chris’s accomplishments as a professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law. We were lucky to have him continue the legacy of the illustrious line of Pre-Admission Directors. However, there is something that hides deep within each of Chris’s students that only they know – the lasting impact he had on each of their lives.

Since Chris’s passing, reaching into that part of the soul and telling that story has been difficult for some. A few of Chris’s former students were willing to share reflections on how he affected their lives.

*Please see our website: www2.hawaii.edu/~lawalum/ for these thoughtful and heartfelt reflections.*

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**Join the Party on September 29th**

**3rd Annual All Class Reunion**

**Volunteers Sought for Planning Committee and to Contact Classmates**

Mark your calendars; September 29th is the day for our third annual All Class Reunion to be held beachside at the gracious Sheraton Moana Surfrider Hotel in Waikiki. Although we want all alumni to join us for the gala reunion, we are making a special pitch to alums from the Classes of ’01, ’96, ’91, ’86, ’81 and ’76. Your class can save work and money by including our Reunion as one of your class’s reunion events for 2006.

If you’d be willing to serve on our Reunion Committee or to call or e-mail a few classmates (we can provide contact info.) to encourage participation, please contact us by e-mail at lawalumni@hawaii.edu or contact Della Au Belatti at daubelatti@hawaii.rr.com or (808) 393-0594; Jill Hasegawa at jhasegawa@awlaw.com or (808)539-0805; or Jim Williston at (808)988-0425. Remember: “The more, the merrier.”

**Sally Lent Ho of the Class of 1985 Dies in February**

Sally Lent Ho, 49, died after a long battle with colon cancer on February 18. She worked as the office manager for the Law Offices of Bryan Ho. Sally was born in Tucson, Ariz., and received her B.A. in History from Middlebury College before entering the Richardson School of Law. She is survived by her husband and law school classmate, Bryan Ho; sons Samuel and Alexander; daughter Elizabeth (“Libby”); father Gordon Lent; and sisters Lia, Lori and Stacy Lent and Jane Hinrichs. A celebration of Sally’s life was held at Kakaako Waterfront Park Amphitheater on Saturday, March 18th. Donations in Sally’s name may be made to Hawaii Public Radio. The Association extends its condolences to Bryan and the rest of Sally’s family.

**Carol Anne Amerine of the Class of 1980 passes away.**

Our condolences to the family and friends of Carol Anne Amerine, 59, of Waikiki, who died in Honolulu on April 1st. Carol was born in Los Angeles. She is survived by her son, Jason, and her

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**Send in Your Outstanding Alumni Award Nominees for 2006**

The WSRSLAA seeks nominations for its “2006 Outstanding Alumni Award,” the winner of which will be announced at the September 29, 2006 All-Class Reunion. Simply fill out the enclosed form and send it in by Monday, July 3, 2006. The postmark deadline for nominations is Monday, July 3, 2006, so don’t delay.
Alumni Tidbits
If you have any news you would like to share with fellow alumni, just send the information by mail or by e-mail at lawalum@hawaii.edu

1981, 1985 and 1987 -- Congratulations to Jan K. Apo ‘81 (District Court, Second Circuit), Linda Martell ‘87 (District Family Court, First Circuit) and Alvin Nishimura ‘85 (District Court, First Circuit), who were recently reappointed as per diem judges.

1986 – Kudos to Linda Rose, who was listed among Tennessee’s top 150 lawyers for the second year in a row by Business Tennessee and was selected in a survey of Nashville attorneys as among the “Best of the Bar.” Linda, who practices immigration law in Nashville (the “Athens of the South”), says she is convinced that the solid legal education she received at the WSRSL gave her the foundation for achievement and that she is proud to be the only lawyer in Nashville with a law diploma in the Hawaiian language.

1991 – Our thanks to Devika (Seth) Dubey for a recent update. She is currently serving as a Senior Trial Attorney for the U.S. EEOC in Dallas and as an Adjunct Professor of Management at the University of North Texas. She will be pursuing an LL.M. at Georgetown Univ. Law Center this coming fall, in labor and employment law.

1992 – Best wishes to Richard Sakoda, upon joining Judith Sterling ‘80 and Michelle Tucker ‘81 as a partner in the Law Firm of Sterling and Tucker. Richard is the first new partner in the firm’s 15-year history. Richard has been an associate with the firm since 1996, and has practiced in the areas of estate planning, disability planning and probate and trust law since 1993.

1995 -- Congratulations to Ben Majoe, admitted in February as a Barrister and Solicitor in Western Australia. After leaving Hawaii, where he had practiced family law in Waipahu, Ben had to complete an additional year of legal study at Murdoch University and a period of “articles” before being eligible for admission to the Australian Bar.

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in public service, pro bono work or work with nonprofit organizations.

The Class of 2006’s faculty speaker was Prof. Justin Levinson, who reflected on the strength and cohesiveness of the graduating class, beginning: “When I think about the Class of 2006, I think of a class that didn’t simply come to law school to earn credentials and about a unique and diverse group of individuals that came to law school to influence people’s lives.” He related a number of ways in which the Class of ‘06 has touched him and some of the things he and other faculty members learned from the Class, including that: (1) A great law school is not defined by the institution, or even by its professors, but it is defined and redefined by its students; (2) It is possible for student energy to permeate even the walls of our Law School’s quiet faculty hallway; and (3) Most importantly, the mission of the Richardson Law School is not just something written in a booklet or on a website, it’s living, meaningful, and continues to grow even stronger.

Mahalo to Mark Tarone ’00, who kept the music flowing throughout the event; 3Ls Levi Hookano and Miki Kurokawa for their Class Video; Amy Ono Wiecking ’00 and Jamee Kunichika from the Law School; and all those who donated or bid on silent auction items. Mahalo also to the many law student volunteers who helped the event to run smoothly.

Lawyers’ Slow-Pitch Softball League BEGINS again in May of 2006

The Lawyers’ League Slow-Pitch Softball League is open to all law students, law school graduates, full time employees of law firms or law organizations, and their spouses.

Season: May – September 2006
Games: Saturdays: 1:00 pm, 2:20 pm & 3:40 pm

Join a preexisting team or organize your own team by contacting: Michael Ragsdale @ 780-5426 [michael@davislevin.com], Will Copulos @ 536-0500 [wcopulos@copuloslaw.com], or Donald Fisher @ 536-0050 [donaldfisheraal@msn.com]

Law School Report

Jessup International Law Moot Court team. The memorials (briefs) submitted by this year’s WSRSL Jessup team were ranked best in the United States and second best in the entire world (out of 93 teams)! Congratulations to team members Becky Gardner 3L, Molly Stebbins 3L, Nathan Okubo 3L, Lindsay McAneeley 2L, and Robin Scott 2L and faculty advisor, Jon Van Dyke! The team had won the best memorial award and Molly had been named the third best oralist in regional competition at Chapman Law School in February. This year’s issue related to the impact of the development of oil fields on indigenous peoples.
The William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association is made up of Law School alumni. Our principal source of funds to carry out our programs is the $20 annual dues paid by alumni. We also receive a portion of dues paid by alumni to the UHAA. Unless you joined very recently, current membership status is indicated by a “Y” on your mailing label. You can also check your membership status on our website.

**WSRSLAA 2006 MEMBERSHIP or E-MAIL/ADDRESS UP-DATE**

(SEND TO P.O. BOX 952 HONOLULU, HI 96808)

NAME: ____________________________________________ GRADUATING CLASS: ___________

MAILING ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________ CONTACT PHONE: _______________________

CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS: _______________________________________________________________

BUSINESS NAME & ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM MAILING ADDRESS):

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PLEASE SEND THIS FORM IN WITH YOUR ANNUAL DUES OF $20.00.
Checks can be made out to “WSRSLAA.”
Even if you are unable to join WSRSLAA at this time (or have already joined),
please send in the form if you have a NEW E-mail, mailing address or business address.
FIRST YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP FOR DECEMBER 2005 GRADUATES IS FREE!

**Run for our Board for 2006-2007**

Half of our Association’s elected Board (3 from pre-1990 classes and 3 from later classes) and all of our Officer positions (Pres., V.P., Corresponding and Recording Secretaries 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, fill out the Nomination Form below and send it in or e-mail it to us by Tuesday, May 23rd.

**OFFICER/DIRECTOR NOMINATION FORM**

(MAIL TO WSRSLAA P.O. BOX 952 HONOLULU, HI 96808 BY MAY 23, 2006)

NOMINEE_________________________________________ LAW GRADUATION YR. ___________

(Please Print)

Nominee’s Phone No. or Current E-mail address ________________________________________________

(To allow confirmation of willingness to serve)

NOMINA(TOR)(TRIX) ___________________________________ CLASS OF ________

(Please Print)

OFFICE FOR WHICH THE NOMINEE IS NOMINATED ___________________________________________

(President, Vice President, Recording Sec., Corresponding Sec., Treasurer or Director)
Nomination Form for
William S. Richardson School of Law Alumni Association
2006 Outstanding Alumni Award

RETURN BY MAIL: WSRSLAA
P.O. Box 952
Honolulu, HI 96808

POSTMARK DEADLINE: Monday, July 3, 2006

Nomination forms received after the deadline will not be considered.

Name of nominee: ___________________________  JD Year: ________
Address: ___________________________  Phone: ________

Submitted by: ___________________________  JD Year: ________
Address: ___________________________  Phone: ________

Describe the nominee’s professional qualifications and accomplishments (use additional pages if necessary):

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Describe the nominee’s record of public interest activities and service to the community, including service to the University of Hawaii, the Richardson Law School, the Alumni Association, and other organizations affiliated with the U.H. or Law School (use additional pages if necessary):

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Describe any other reasons that the nominee should receive the Distinguished Alumni Award (use additional pages if necessary):

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