



Upon Kalaepohaku



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Missing: pj (Pat) Silva, and Gerald (“Lanny”) Languit, who reside in Las Vegas and Albuquerque, respectively; and Dennis Lau.

AS WE SPEAK

Welcome back!

As we begin a second full year of publication, “Upon Kalaepohaku” bids farewell to **Chuck Lee**, who launched the “Our Military Men” column, and greets his successor, **Jerry Languit**. With the addition of a second writer from the Mainland, the voice of our Newsletter becomes more representative of the 65+ classmates who no longer call Hawaii home.

This 5th issue signals the start of a separate “second page”. Each “Pulse of ‘62”, as it will be known, will be written by a classmate, and address a single theme, one that will stir imaginations and interactions. **Brian Clarke’s** compelling essay attached, was selected for its timeliness (i.e. tomorrow is Inauguration Day). If you like this novel Newsletter addition, future issues will treat the following age-relevant subjects; *Classmates Living Their Dreams; Physical Fitness for the Mid-60 Year Old; Computer Use in Retirement; Social Security/Medicare-/Etc; Financial Considerations for the Aging; Canonization of Damien DeVeuster; Volunteerism; and Care Giving*. All articles will contain a mixture of classmate comments and concerns.

Let us know what you think.

OVER THE PALI

Donald Yannell attended Star of the Sea, and while working weekends at the Hilton Hawaiian Village as a beachboy,

attended Saint Louis School. A couple of years after graduation, he began working at 1st National Bank and then American Security Bank. Don is presently a 1st Hawaiian Bank Senior VP and an Area Manager at Waikiki.



At home in Kaneohe, he enjoys family time with wife, Margaret, and 11-month old grandson, Joshua. They have two children: Sean 39, who lives in Chicago, and Nicole Ilae 38, who resides in Waimanalo with her husband, John and son.

Don loves golfing at Oahu Country Club, and taking his mother to a weekly dinner.

CRUSADERS ON THE MAINLAND

Many of our classmates are scattered all over the Mainland. The prospect of joining Hawaii classmates in Las Vegas



later this year is a great way to start our process of getting connected.

You should know that **Lloyd Lederer** is currently living in Southern California where he owns an electronic security business.

Ed Perreira lives in Apple Valley, CA with his family. After a successful banking career, he currently runs a family-owned trucking business which services a large area in the western states.

David Young has retired from years of flying for United Airlines. He and his family reside in Las Vegas. Dave lives in a golf community, and puts in some volunteer time as a marshal on his home course.

50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION UPDATE

Las Vegas 2009. Mark your calendars. Our 2009 reunion event will be held in Las Vegas from September 21 to September 25. Scheduled activities include a social mixer (September 22), a dinner banquet (September 23) and breakfast (September 24). Additional planned activities include golf, shopping, a classic car tour and a number of other activities (scenic tours, casino shows, etc.) that can be scheduled on an individual basis.

We have reserved a block of rooms at the California Hotel for those making their own room reservations. Call the hotel’s Reservation Department at (800) 634-6255 and give them Group Code: A9FST62. For a longer vacation, you may want to consider the UH vs. UNLV football game on September 19th.

Class Gift. We’re doing good! As of November 5, we have received 26 pledges totaling \$25,850.

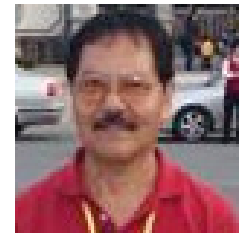
Golf Outing – November 20, 2008.

Congratulations to **Bill Carreira**, our golf day winner, and mahalo to all who participated in this fun event.

OUT WEST

After graduating from SLHS, **Patrick Miyashiro** attended Chaminade College earning a BBA

degree in General Business. A 23-year career as a Retail Manager with J.C. Penney ensued.



Pat married the love of his life, Winona and they have a son and two daughters. He and Winona love to travel, and have been to Okinawa (several times), China, England, and France. They reside in Aiea. In retirement, they enjoy babysitting 2 grandsons and 5 granddaughters; the senior grandchild is 9 years old. Pat and Winona are heavily involved with the Hawaii Taiko Kai, an Okinawan

drumming association. They are looking forward to continuing their connection with classmates at 2009 functions and gatherings.

CLASSMATE PROFILES– WENDELL LEONG

Wendell Leong has an easy 15-minute commute from his house in Aiea to his office in Wahiawa, where he works as a State Farm insurance agent.



“Parking is no problem, the rent is cheap, and my military clients aren’t greatly affected by the economy, so (Wendell laughs) they pay their bills.”

After putting himself through U.H. with his photography, Wendell went into sales for eight years with General Foods. Then he started a Snap-On Tools franchise, working his route of businesses out of a van for 13 years.

Wendell and Paula raised two adopted Korean daughters. These days, he likes playing golf and maintaining his college body weight

His weight-maintenance secret? “Don’t over-eat, and spend 23-30 minutes a day on my Nordic Ski Machine.”

MIKE (LAWRENCE) COLEMAN

Mike Coleman has had a plethora of jobs in Hawaii, American Samoa and the Mainland. But a common life-theme has



been musical entertainment.

“Performing live has always been a high for me,” Coleman says. “Whenever I stopped playing music I felt a void.”

Often there to help fill the void were friends from Kalaepohaku, “Saints on big white stallions,” as Coleman refers to them.

“A Crusader friend, Sam Ahia, got me into Jazz guitar. Retired Federal Judge, Richard Waterman, helped me get my bus driver job, and **Mike Crozier**

recently got me into studying classical voice,” Coleman says.

Asked about retirement, the son of a Samoan high chief said, “I can’t retire from driving buses yet. I have to see which way the economy goes.”

NEWS AND STORIES FROM SLS

The Clarence T. C. Ching Foundation will donate \$5.2 million for a Learning and Technology Center. Since 1962, the



following buildings and facilities have been added to the Saint

Louis School Campus. *Tredtin Hall* (cafeteria shared with Chaminade), *Mamiya Theatre*, *Gerber Field House*, *baseball infield*, *Sgt. Silva Rifle Range*, *K. J. and Beatrice Luke Student Center and Bookstore*, *Middle School Basketball Court*, and *Middle School Pavilion* (donated by the SL Class of 1953). Many classrooms have been renovated. The latest is Bro. Ehrenfeld’s Biology Laboratory, Room 54 (i.e. Dr. and Mrs. Roy K. M. Sam ’58 Chemistry Laboratory).

OUR MILITARY MEN

It’s a small world. In 1967, 4 former SLHS ’62 grads finished the UH AFROTC program. **Jerry (*Lanny*) Languit** earned his Navigator flight wings, then flew F4 jets for 14 years as a Weapons Systems Officer before being assigned to a signals intelligence career and retirement after 27 years.

While in Torrejon AB, Spain in 1977, Jerry ran into **Roy Tamashiro**, then part of a visiting Sembach AB (Germany) football team. Sembach was Roy’s first USAF assignment (civil engineering). He departed the USAF after one tour and gained federal civilian employment at Hickam AFB in the CE directorate.

Like I said, Its a small world: if you stay in the military long enough you run into your past.

NOTE: The other two UHAFROTC grads from our class, **Carlton Luka** and **Alan “Ish” Ishimitsu** will be featured in future issues of this column.

SALTY CLUB

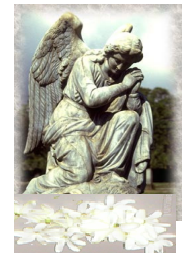
Danny Hinton and **Hugh Lee** are educators and multi-lingual. Danny, however, is his own boss. He designs technical aviation English courses for large airlines and aviation companies, such as China Air and Saudi.



Danny’s career began with 2 years in the Peace Corps, teaching English in South Korea. Then he served as a combat medic and advanced medical specialist, as an Army volunteer. With an M.S. in Applied Linguistics and Chinese from Georgetown, Danny became a U.N. volunteer, in a teacher training program, in Shanghai. In his travels, Danny remained a student of languages, learning Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Arabic, and Turkish.

San Francisco is home to Danny and wife, Sharon. Danny appears in 2008 in Turkey, standing next to an ancient and anonymous Greek statue.

WE REMEMBER our deceased classmates for the brotherly love they shared with us.



“Happy are those who have died in the Lord! Happy indeed the Spirit says. Now they can rest forever after their work. Since their good deeds go with them.” Revelation 14:13



OUR PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please let us know about classmates who need our prayers. “Upon Kalaepohaku” invites our graduate community to collectively focus its healing intentions on these individuals: **Cyril Akashi** and **Mike Chow**.

