

Look Where the Presidents

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WHAT do former Lt. Gov. Nelson Doi, author O.A. Thomas Bushnell, OHA trustee Thomas Kaulukukui, state Sen. Wadsworth Yee, part-time District Court Judge Linda Luke and Dan Ishii, the governor's administrative assistant, have in common? Each was student body president at the University of Hawaii.

And if you examine a list of 66 former presidents of the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii, you will find that if you want to get ahead in this town, it helps to have been ASUH president.

The position of ASUH president—to which one is elected by fellow university students—has been around, according to records, since at least 1920. The student body president that year was Will Nelson Doi, who went on to become director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Hawaii.

The number of student presidents doesn't equal the number of years that have passed since 1920 because a handful of ASUH presidents held office for six months instead of the full one-year term during World War II.

There were only two women presidents before 1968, the year Linda Delaney was elected president. The first woman president was Barbara Bown (1943-44), who so many college-age men were away at war. Barbara Bown Robinson today teaches English at Roosevelt High School.

The second woman president, Patricia Miller Walker, held office for less than three months during the fall of 1944. She had assumed the presidency that September when president-elect John Ohtani transferred to another college. Walker then resigned in November and in a special election, Nelson Doi was elected to the presidency when Doi served until June 1945, when the election of 1945-46 officers was held.

LINDA DELANEY, who today is director of the legislature's House Minority Research, had been vice president during the 1967-68 school year, and won the presidency in the 1968-69. She participated in the resignation of then-university president Thomas Hamilton. When I ran for office, the unofficial ASUH historian (and student affairs advisor) Take Harada told me, "You've got two strikes against you. You're female and vice president have never made it," she recalled. The next year, the ASUH vice president during Delaney's term, Robert Strand, was elected president.

Two generalizations can be made about the ASUH presidents: at least one-third of them became attorneys and a sizable number went into politics, actively or behind-the-scenes.

Among those making the jump from student politics to professional politics were former Lt. Gov. Doi, state Sen. Wadsworth Yee (1946-47), former Big Island Mayor Shunichi Kimura (1952-53), former state Reps. Jann Yuen (1957-58), George Noguchi (1960-61) and Carl T. Takamura (1965-66). Takamura is now a special assistant to Gov. Ariyoshi.

Thomas Kaulukukui (Nov. 1937-1938), who is better known as one of the islands' all-around athletes, was former U.S. Marshall and last year was elected Office of Hawaiian Affairs trustee. The editors of the 1938 university yearbook wrote that Kaulukukui "did not try to dictate politics to the student council. The result was perfect harmony."

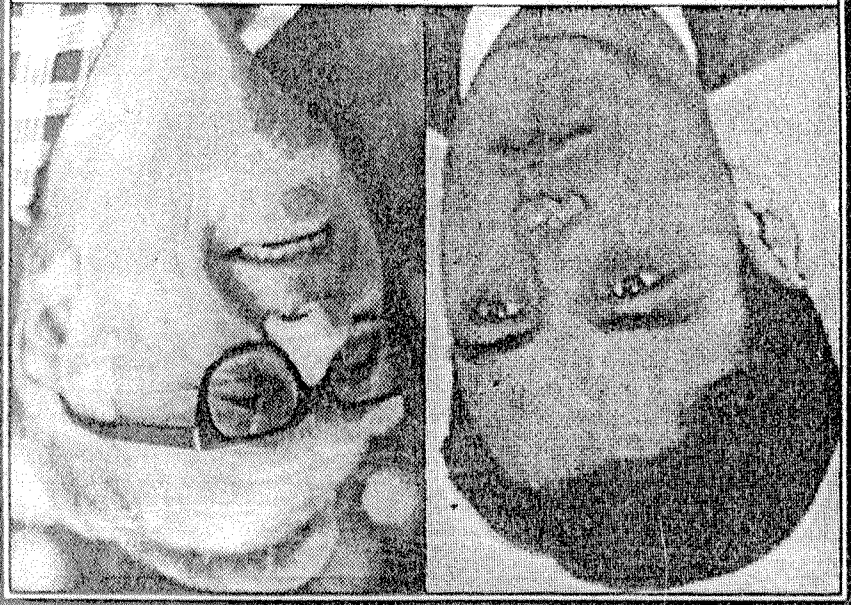
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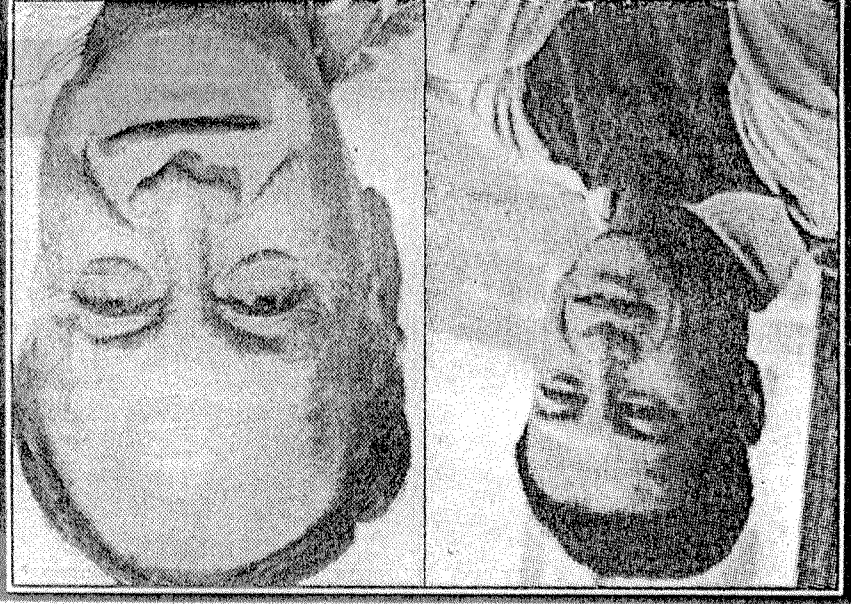
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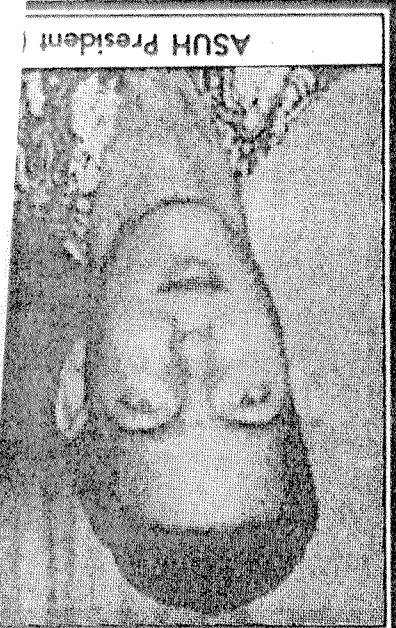
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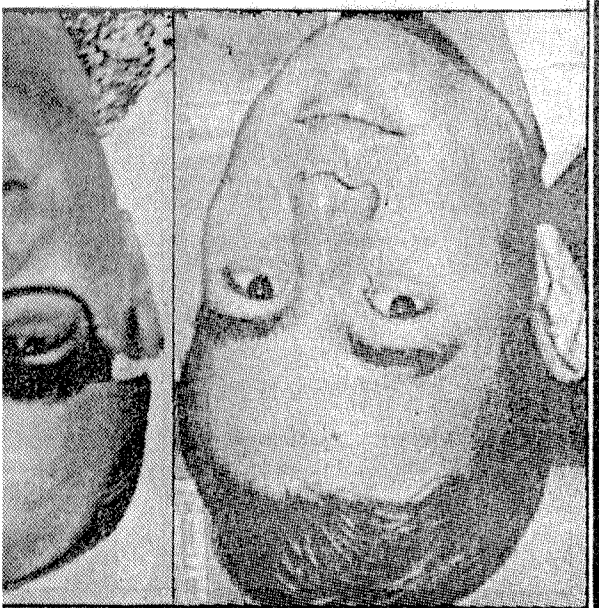
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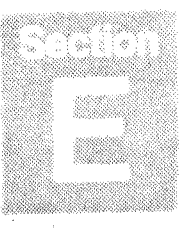
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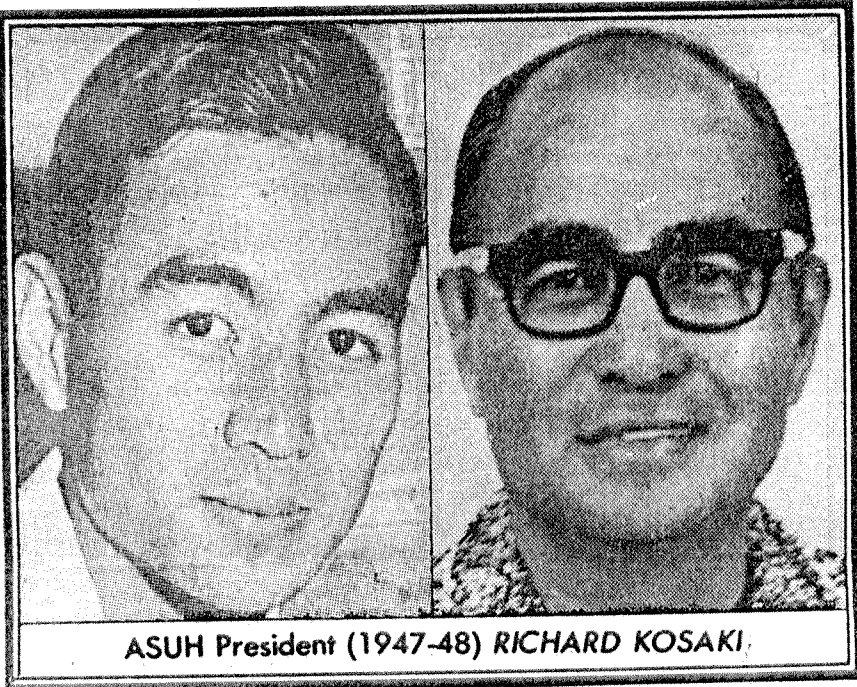
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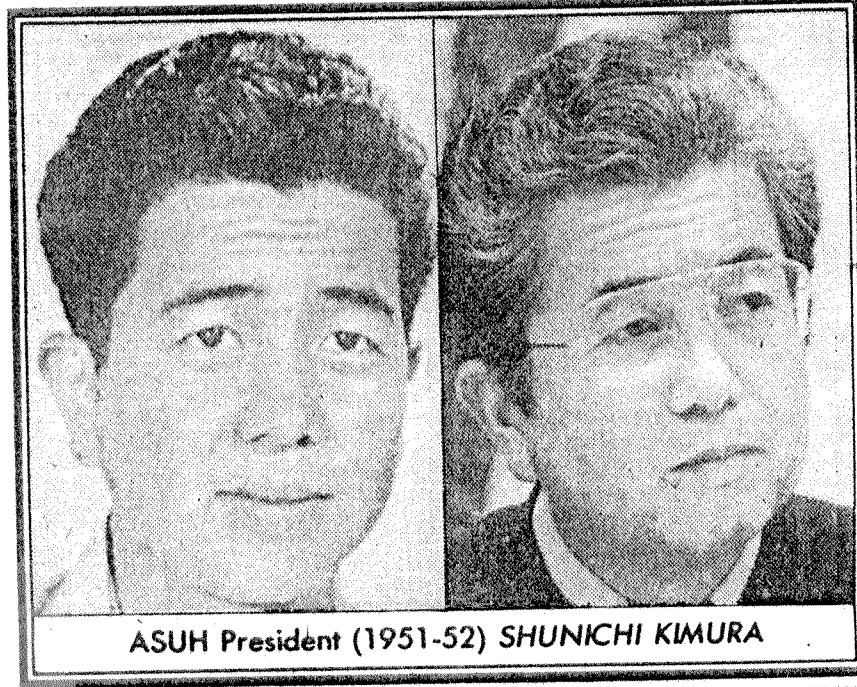
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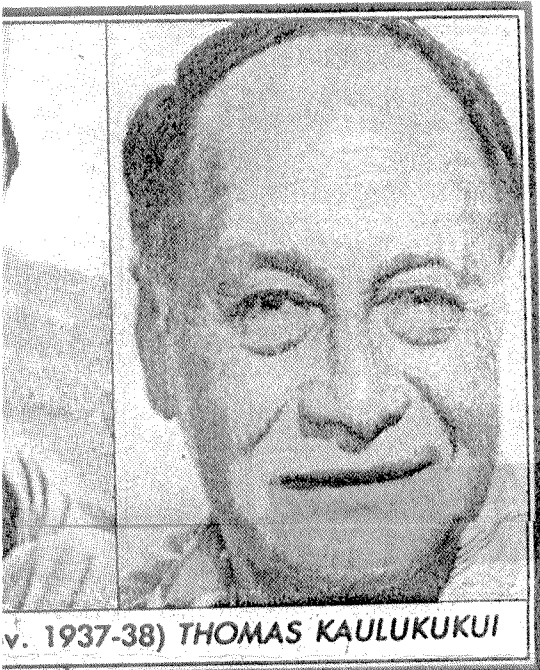
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 There has been one marriage between ASUH presidents: Robert Strand married Linda Luke—after they had served office.

And while it's interesting to figure out what's happened to the ASUH presidents, Delaney suggested it might be more interesting to find out what happened to those who lost the presidency. "Carl (Takamura) beat Simeon Acoba and look where Simeon Acoba is now," she said. Acoba last year was appointed Circuit Court judge. Here's the list of presidents:

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- 1921-22 Earl McTaggart
- 1922-23 Wilson Jacobson
- 1923-24 Merlyn Forbes
- 1924-25 Adna Clarke Jr.
- 1925-26 Theodore Searle
- 1926-27 Daniel Ainoa
- 1927-28 Percy Lydgate
- 1928-29 Edward Towse
- 1929-30 Joseph Gerdes
- 1930-31 Donald Layman
- 1931-32 Mark Westgate
- 1932-33 John Vernon Harry
- 1933-34 Oswald Bushnell
- 1934-35 Curtis Heen
- 1935-36 Arthur Chun
- 1936-37 Edward Hustace
- June-Sept. 1937 John Stone
- Nov. 1937-1938 Thomas Kaulukukui
- 1938-39 James Carey
- 1939-40 Duke Cho Choy
- 1940-41 Walter Chuck
- 1941-42 Harold Wright
- April-June 1942 Frederick Tom
- Sept. 1942-Jan. 1943 Douglas Brier
- Feb.-June 1943 Henry Nakamura
- 1943-44 Barbara Bown
- 1944-45 John Ohtani (elected but did not serve)
- Sept.-Nov. 1944 Patience Miller Walker
- Dec. 1944-June 1945 Nelson Doi
- 1945-46 Calvin Ontai
- 1946-47 Wadsworth Yee
- 1947-48 Richard Kosaki
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- 1964-65 Glenn T. Izutsu
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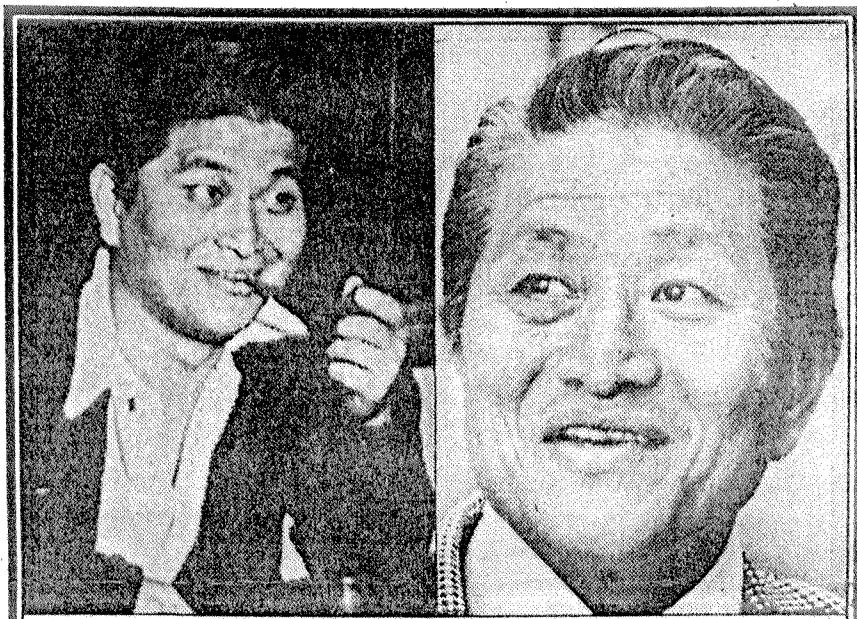
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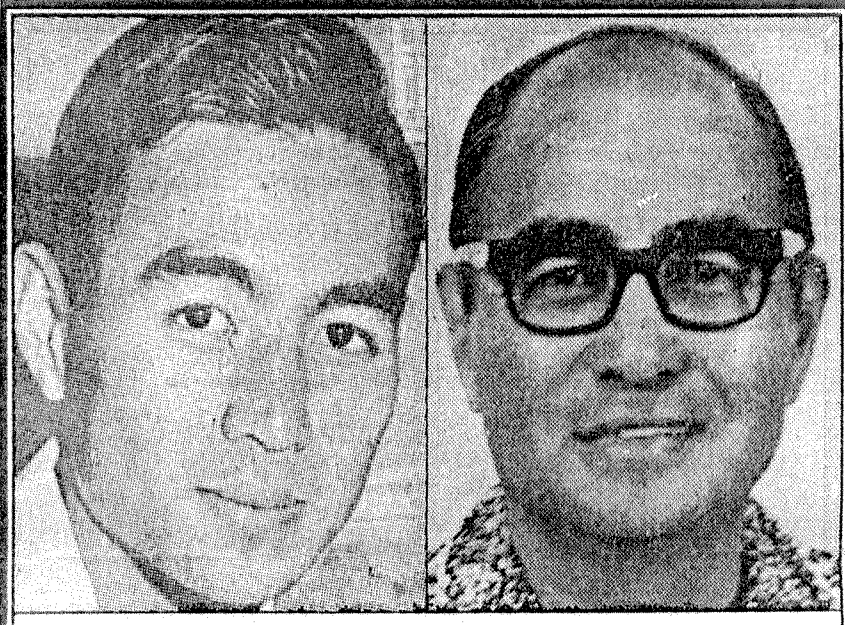
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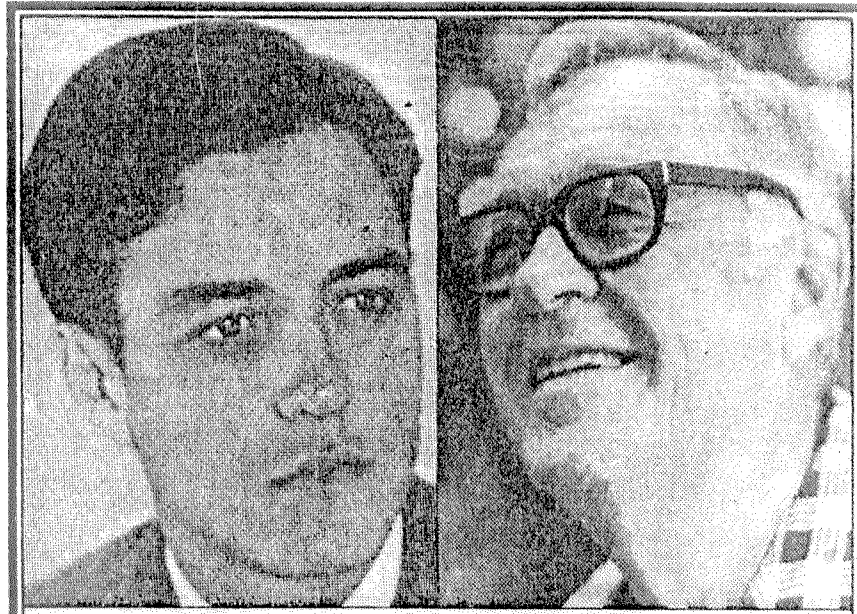
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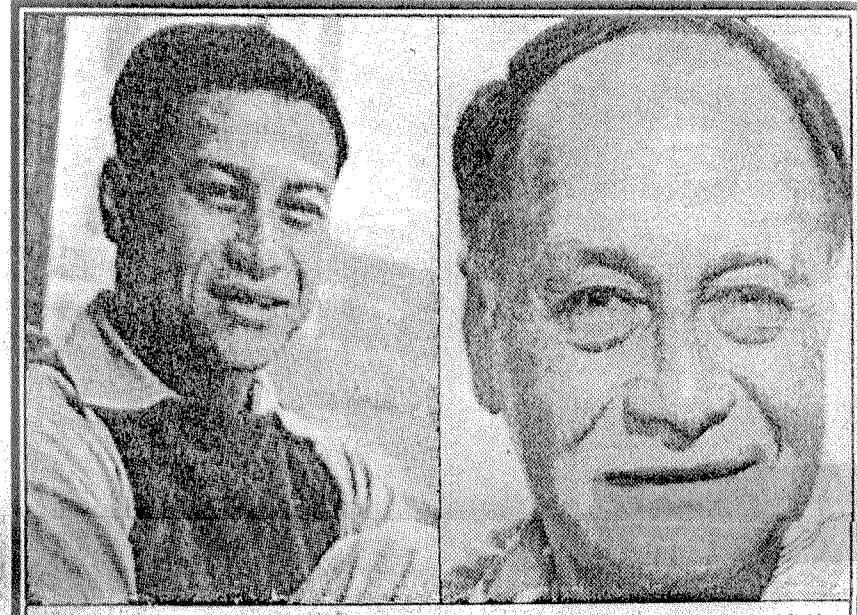
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