



RAYMOND LAU



How many of you remember Raymond Lau? Well, he is an entirely different person from the shy 18-year-old kid that enjoyed working on the Bulldog and Ka Hali'a staff! Ray found Christianity as a source of strength and stability after graduating. Then being footloose, fancy-free and adventurous, he moved to California in 1972 where he worked at Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort in the winter and camped and hiked during the summer. He lived in Costa Mesa and San Diego but decided to leave the city life for the clean country air of the Pacific Northwest in 1977.

Ray worked in accounting, bookkeeping, insurance and banking but became bored and went back to school. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Services. He then went to the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho, where he obtained a master's degree in Special Education in 2001. You would think he had had enough of school but he decided to continue studying at the University of Washington where he obtained a second master's degree in Social Work in 2007.

Besides being a student for seemingly most of his life, Ray has been an educator and counselor for most of his career. He worked for the Moscow School District, the Bellvue School District, and is currently working with students who have severe learning disabilities in Ingraham High School in Seattle.

Ray has met many nice people from Hawaii who now live in Seattle. Still, he misses home and family and would like to move back to Hawaii someday to work as a special needs teacher. He enjoys working with young people and volunteers as a tutor for kids with disabilities at the Habitat for Humanity. He is in the process of obtaining a license to render foster care to abused and neglected children.

Among his interests are piano, classic movies, hiking, camping, bicycling, reading and traveling. He has traveled to 40 states, and to Canada, Mexico and Costa Rica.

With all of the time Ray has spent as a student, teacher, explorer and counselor, he has never had the time, or perhaps the right opportunity, to get married. He never had the opportunity to view raising and teaching kids as an obligation rather than as a challenging career and rewarding volunteer choice. So be on the lookout for him at the Reunion. He will be there.