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The Honolulu Quarterback Club, celebrating 62 Years, is pleased to announce the following Guest Speakers for their weekly luncheon, Monday, August 18th., at the Pagoda Hotel, International Ballroom beginning at 11:30 AM with a program starting at 12 Noon:

Jim Donovan - Director of Athletics - University of Hawai'i - Just about six months ago, a new era began at the University of Hawai'i as Manoa Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw announced Jim Donovan as the new Director of Athletics. Donovan received his contract at the end of June which provides a annual salary of \$240,000 per year for 5 years. Donovan is responsible for 20 teams with 500 athletes in Division I. There are around 150 full-time employees under his administration and he is responsible for a \$25-\$26 million dollar budget. He inherited an accumulated deficit of around \$4.9 million. According to Donovan, projections were difficult to make with a sagging economy, increases in airfare, and overall expenses not anticipated before his arrival as Athletic Director. His first step was to rebuild relationships with the Legislature. He was the first AD since Hugh Yoshida to go to the Capitol without being ordered to do so. The next challenge Jim had was to understand the concerns of the coaches and improve communications within the department, resolve the assistant coach shortages and provide contracts for several coaches that had expired. Donovan's vision is to have the University as a designation of choice for student athletes and that the athletic department provide entertainment value for the fans. He provided value by reducing ticket prices and the creation of family packs. He has taken over the concessions on lower campus and anticipates a 25% reduction in food prices. Also, Donovan provided a 50% reduction in pay-per-view rates for season ticket holders. He has negotiated new Television and Radio Contracts which will provide more revenue for the University and Koa Anuenue enrollment has increased providing more monies and received a \$5 million gift, plus he received \$7.5 million for repairs and maintenance from the Legislature. Come to the luncheon and find out what's next on Jim Donovan's agenda. Jim will be available for questions.

Carmyn R. James - Head Coach - Track & Field/Cross Country - University of Hawaii - Coach Carmyn resurrected the women's track & field program during 2000 at the University. Coach, over the past 8 years has overseen a \$1.9 million dollar resurfacing project for Cook Field, the establishment of an indoor track and field program and an outdoor squad which barely fielded a team at the Western Athletic

Conference Championships in her first year to a 6th place finish at last year's competition. This year Coach and her team missed winning the WAC by 1 point. Because of her coaching and administrative abilities, Coach Carmyn had been voted as the Female Sports person of the Month of June. She will receive her award Monday at the Quarterback Luncheon. Coach is bringing 3 of her exceptional athletes with her, **Annett Wichmann**, 2 time All-American in the Pentathlon/Heptathlon in 2008, a former Female Sports person of the Month last year who placed 4th at the NCAA Indoor Championships with a personal best and school record of 4,177 points and placed 6th at the NCAA Outdoor Championships with another personal best and school record of 5,670 points; **Emily Sheppard**, All-American in the High Jump in 2008 and placed 6th at the NCAA Outdoor Championship and was the WAC Indoor Champion this season and **Amber Kaufman**, All American in the High Jump in 2008, placed 5th at the NCAA Outdoor Championship, was selected the WAC Outdoor Champion for 2008 and made the final and placed 12th at the USA Olympic Trials. This was the first time that UH sent 3 athletes to the NCAA Outdoor Championships where all 3 earned All American status. Together, they scored a total of 10 points and placed the team 25th in the country (out of 293 schools in Division I). Their efforts was the best ever result in the history of the program.