

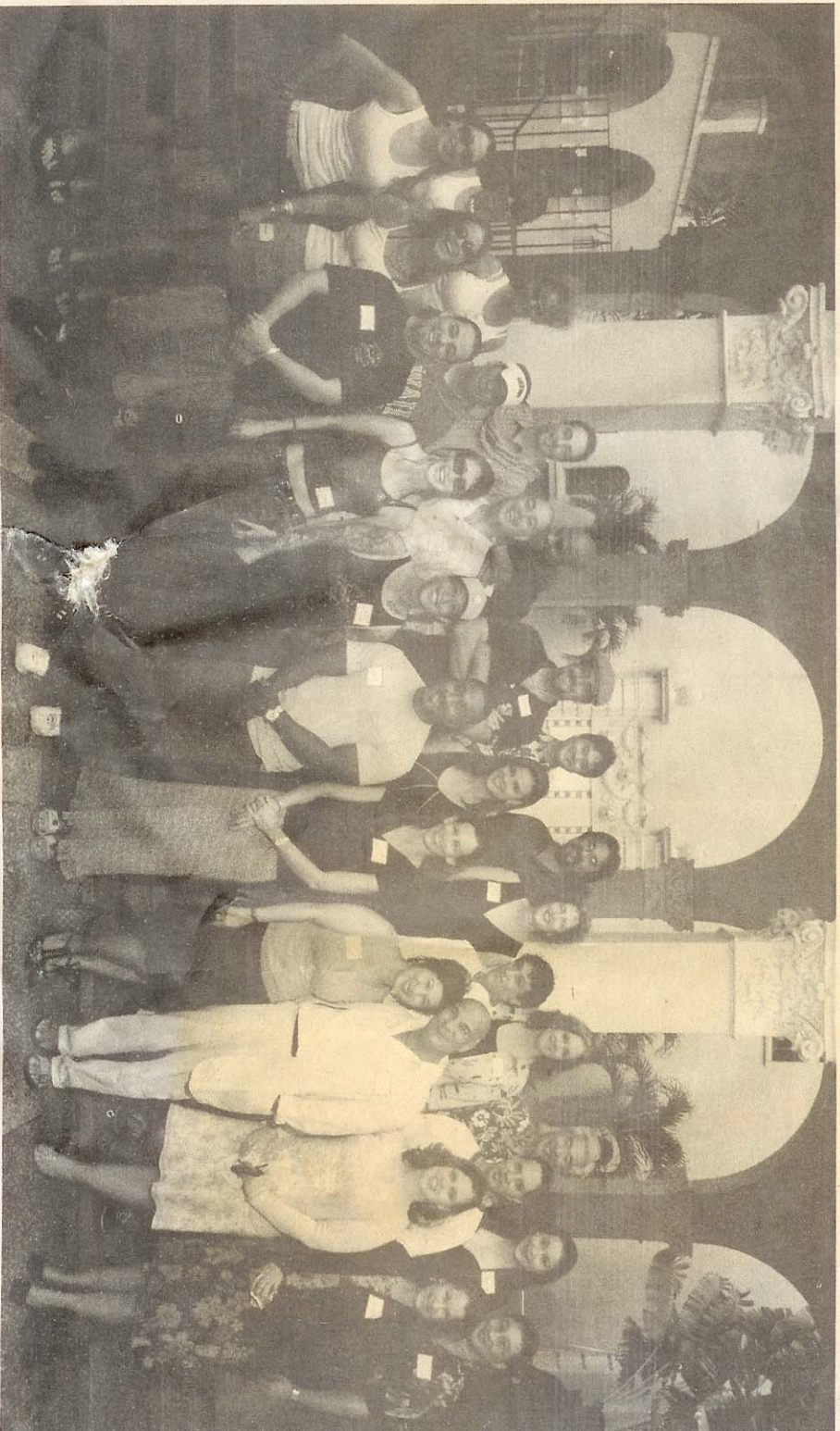
THE SCENE



These are the best!

Last week, the Weekly threw its first ever Best of Honolulu bash. Winners of our annual dissection of local culture joined Weekly friends and family at the Richards Street YWCA. Past and present winning eateries Little Village, Olive Tree Cafe, Oceans, Tamashiro Market and Eastside Grill served their notable food while Kona Brewing Company and Fujioka's poured beer and wine. Best omiyage winner Hawaiian Host sated chocolate cravings, while stylists from this year's Best Hair Salon, Paul Brown offered impromptu eyebrow consultations. Meanwhile, we've already started taking notes for next year.

—Photos by Chris McDonough



YOU KNOW HOW TO PICK 'EM. THE WINNERS ARE....

Front row, left to right: Cat Gaines, the Hideaway; Mel Smith, the Hideaway; Casey Thompson, the Hideaway; Jen Key, the Hideaway; Jonathan Hernandez, the Hideaway; Carl Strouble, the Hideaway; Martha German, Academy Shop; Catherine Acena, Paul Brown; Peter Hartel, Paul Brown; Laura Lyons, UHM English department; Charlene Norris, Lockwood and Associates. Middle row, left to right: Erika Takahashi, the Hideaway; Jennifer Leabo, the Hideaway; Robbie Accola, Eastside Grill; Mattson Davis, Kona Brewing Company; Danielle Postmus, Subway; Savas Motarad, Olive Tree Cafe; G-Spot, Feng Shui Ultralounge; Michael Hirao, Nishodo Candy Store. Back row, left to right: actor Patrick Torres; Jesse Matila, the Hideaway; Ron Savoy, the Hideaway; Cyrus Tamashiro, Tamashiro Market; Guy Tamashiro, Tamashiro Market; Maxine Robson, RE/MAX Honolulu; Helen Roman, Lenscrafters; Keith Sakamoto, Hawaiian Host; actress Cathy Foy.

Smart alecks: Our witty winners of the best responses are (left to right) James Olson, Aaron Acosta, Matt Lipresti and Mark Andaya