

JEFFREY LAU *a service life*

When you come from a family that prides itself on its patriotism and have a father who was decorated for bravery during WWII, it's almost a given you will serve in the military in some capacity, especially when the country is in the midst of a war.

Indeed, Jeffrey Lau, *SBM '73*, joined the ROTC in high school at the height of the Vietnam War. He stayed in the program while attending Lehigh University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business and economics. Then came reality; after graduation, Lau had to decide between going to war or going to graduate school.

"I wanted to serve my country, but I felt that I could do that better by getting my MBA first," said Lau. He went on to earn that degree in 1973, after proving to the military brass at Fort Benning that he actually was enrolled in Temple's Fox School of Business.

Born in Honolulu, Lau has fond memories of his time in Philadelphia. "I'm indebted to Temple for giving me the opportunity to acquire my MBA and the time to figure out how best to serve my country," he said. Lau spent his summers off from Temple in Washington, D.C. as an intern and then a legislative assistant for Hawaiian Senator Hiram I. Fong, the first Asian American to serve in the Senate.

After graduating from Temple, Lau entered basic training. On completion, 1st Lt. Lau, as a Race Relations/Equal Opportunity Officer, was assigned to the MIA/KIA program, where he regularly faced bereft families. Eventually he was transferred to the Defense Race Relations Institute, where he managed the initial training program in human relations for

all personnel in Washington, in all branches of the military.

When his service was up in 1978, Lau went to work in his first law firm. He joined his current firm, Oliver, Lau, Lawhn, Ogawa & Nakamura, in 1985 as a partner specializing in real estate, banking and civil litigation.

Today he is a busy man with diverse interests. Not only is he a partner in his law firm and a director in his family's business, he also arbitrates personal injury cases for the Hawaiian Circuit Court.

Lau gives back to his community too. He is a director with the Hawaii Youth Soccer Association, honorary counsel for Belgium and a strong supporter within the Chinese community, where he works as general counsel for the United Chinese Society and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu.

He also travels regularly to China, where he is increasingly involved in business promotion. "It is awesome to go there and see how hard they're struggling to no longer be a third-world country. The students all want to get the best education they can."

In his limited free time, Lau enjoys photography, raising tropical fish and spending time with his wife, Susan, a senior executive for American Savings Bank, and son, Daniel, who is completing his undergraduate degree in communications at Oregon State University. —*Brenda Lange*



SAMANHA R. PORTER, CLA '04, received a J. William Fulbright student teaching assistantship for 2007-2008. She will use local American newspapers and periodicals to instruct high school students in Tubingen, Germany in the areas of intercultural communications and exchange. A former Lady Owls/Atlantic Ten track and field standout, she will also coordinate girls' track clubs/teams throughout the city during her stay.

JANINE MACK, SCT '05, is a production assistant at WWOR, My 9 News in Secaucus, N.J. She was previously a desk assistant/producer intern at NJN News.

LAUREN NICOLE BOLINGER, CLA '06, a former project manager at Global Arena in Philadelphia where she managed and coordinated language and intercultural training programs for corporate clients was accepted into the Peace Corps. She began pre-service training in November as a health education Peace Corps volunteer in Namibia where she will serve for two years developing HIV/AIDS awareness and education.

REBECCA SAYLOR SACK, TYL '05, exhibited her paintings, which suggest chaotic landscapes, in "The Fluid Field: Abstraction and Reference," at Temple's Tyler School of Art in Elkins Park, Pa., celebrating the art of some of the strongest woman painters working in the U.S., all of whom are Tyler graduates.

CARLEEN A. ZEBUHR, MED '05, will complete her pediatrics residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital in the summer of 2008 and has accepted a fellowship in pediatric intensive care at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia which will begin in August.

TROY WRAGG, SBM '06, is founder, chairman and CEO of Mantria Corporation, a diversified company focused on green community and sustainable

KOMAIRA FERDOUS, CST '04, CHP '07, has entered her first year of studies at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, W.Va.

THERESA B. HUANG, SBM '04, was named security analyst in the growth equity investing team covering the healthcare sector at Turner Investment Partners in Berwyn, Pa.

RANDI J. RABINOWITZ, LAW '05, is an associate in the banking and

financial services and real estate practice areas at the Philadelphia-based law firm Spector Gadon & Rosen. She is also a volunteer attorney for the Support Center for Child Advocates.

KEVIN HUCKEL, SCT '04, THM '06, is the assistant athletic director for daily operations at Holy Family University in Philadelphia. He was previously operations supervisor at George Washington University.