

Faithful Citizenship



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My family has never been much of a sports family. It's all we can do to keep track of who's playing in the big games—Super Bowl, World Series, etc. But even we were aware of the exciting season the UH football team had. How sad to have it end with all the finger-pointing taking place right now. It made me go through my files to find the following narrative:

Whose Job Is It?

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Some legislators this week toured the UH facilities to see what June Jones was complaining about. I don't know why they were shocked. Colt Brennan's comments last year brought cameras to the same facilities to show the disrepair. Every fall, we are reminded that our dorms are generally shameful. Our researchers have lost years of work when their labs were flooded. Our library has suffered the same fate at least twice.

All season long, June Jones told his players to "believe." Look how far they got! I think it's time that we all "believe" that we can do better and expect better. EVERYBODY needs to step up! The '08 legislative session opens next week. Be involved by sharing your thoughts.

Gotta go boot up my hard drive!

Aloha-Mary B.