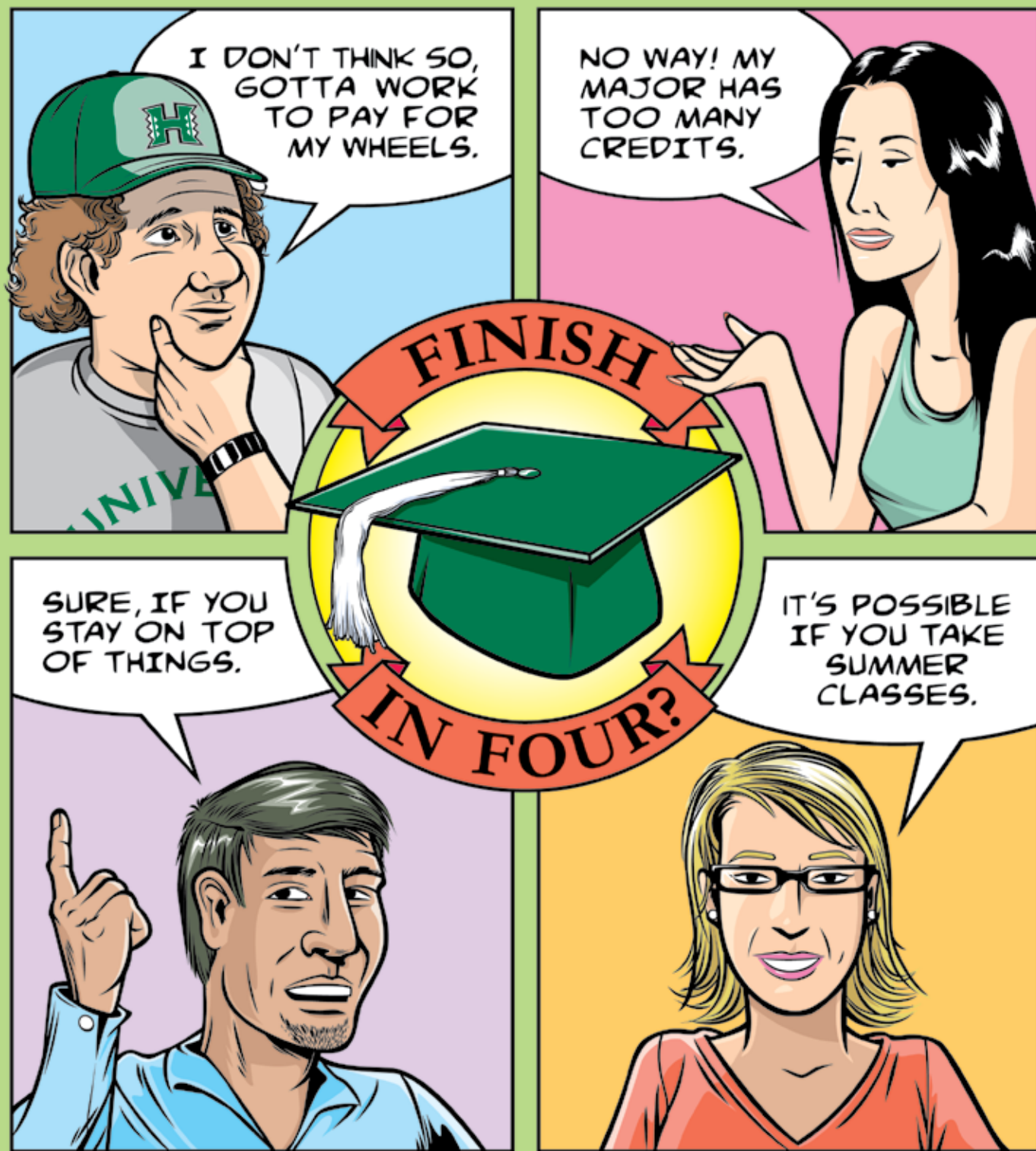


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Entering our Second Century: UH's Performance Imperative

In the centennial year just concluded, faculty, staff and students across the 10 campuses revisited our Second Century Strategic Plan in an extensive grassroots process. We affirmed the values that animate our plan and its strategic goals—improving student success; investing in our people and facilities; dis-



covering and disseminating new knowledge; being good stewards of state resources; and operating as a model university. We also better aligned our goals with Hawai'i's needs for higher education—building the state's educational capital, developing a globally competitive workforce, sustaining and diversifying the economy and improving educational opportunities for underserved regions (e.g., West O'ahu and West Hawai'i) and under-represented populations, particularly Native Hawaiians.

We're using what the business community calls a "dashboard" of 10 clear indicators to monitor our progress toward outcomes consistent with these goals and needs. Today in Hawai'i, 40 year olds have more education than 25 year olds, not an encouraging statistic for sustaining a vibrant democracy and sound economic future. Thus we have a gauge for degrees and certificates produced—we intend an increase of 3–6 percent per year to 10,500 by 2015. Among Native Hawaiians, we intend to increase degree attainment by 6–9 percent per year. We'll work to increase the number of Hawai'i high school graduates enrolling in a UH campus from 35 to 43 percent and the disbursement of federal need-based Pell Grants by 5 percent per year.

We will monitor the amount of extramural research and training funds received and increase the number of disclosures, patents and licenses issued to turn UH inventions into local industry. We will track our effort to award more degrees in STEM fields—science, technology, engineering and math—by 3 percent per year and prepare more workers in shortage areas—teaching, nursing, social work, computing and hospitality—by 5 percent per year.

Because none of this will happen without the availability and effective management of resources, we will chart our progress in cutting UH's \$351 million deferred maintenance backlog by more than half. We'll continue increasing non-state revenue (including federal dollars, tuition funds and private giving), already up from \$481 million in 2003 to \$681 million in 2007.

We have set an ambitious agenda. Nothing less will address the international competitive realities of the 21st century and enable us to fulfill our core mission of improving the quality of life for the people of Hawai'i.

With best wishes and aloha,

David McClain

David McClain

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Campus News

UH sisters establish scholarships

Tsutomu Yamasaki and Fumie Yoshimori Yamasaki could attend school only until the eighth grade. They worked hard to ensure their daughters would have greater opportunity. Now the daughters—all educators with UH ties that span three decades—are extending the favor with a scholarship fund in their parents’ memory. The fund will benefit students with financial need at Kaua’i Community College, where Peggy Cha served as chancellor from 1998 until her retirement this year. Cha’s sisters have been Mānoa faculty members—Jean Yamasaki Toyama is a professor of French and interim associate dean of the College of Languages, Linguistics and Literature and Bette Yamasaki Uyeda retired as a financial aids and student academic advisor and works as fund development administrator for Pālāma Settlement.

“We’re all UH alumni,” notes Cha. “Two of our husbands are UH alumni and also worked for UH. The university has truly been an important part of our family.”



Sister donors Cha, Uyeda, Toyama



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Mānoa opens new dorm

This fall Mānoa welcomed students to the campus’s first new residence hall since the last Hale Aloha towers were completed in 1973. Frear Hall features single and multiple bedroom units, recreational areas, conference room and study lounges, closed circuit TV and air conditioning in 12-story twin towers. The \$71 million project developed by Texas-based American Campus Communities incorporates sustainable technologies to conserve water and energy. Like the 1952 144-bed women’s dorm it replaced along Dole Street, it is named for Mary Dillingham Frear, territorial first lady and UH regent (1920–43). In other housing developments, Gateway Cafeteria has been renovated with expanded seating and room for activities, and modernization projects are slated for Hales Aloha, Noelani and Wainani. Also, residential learning programs group students to floors based on similar majors or interests, from business to outdoor recreation. Information at www.housing.hawaii.edu.



2008 Regents’ Medals awarded

Among the awards presented during the UH System convocation Sept. 9 were the following:

Excellence in Teaching

Sean Calder, assistant professor of biology, Maui

Monique Chyba, associate professor of mathematics, Mānoa

Kamil Ud Deen, associate professor of linguistics, Mānoa

Karen Y. Fujishima-Lee, professor of mathematics and natural sciences, Leeward

Malia Lau Kong, instructor in history, Windward

Frank Leake, professor of food services, Kapi’olani

Cherie Mooy, instructor in nursing, Kaua’i

John M. Norris, associate professor of second language studies, Mānoa

Mark Panek, assistant professor of English, Hilo

Jill Ramsfield, professor of law, Mānoa

Kerry Laiana Wong, assistant professor of Hawaiian, Mānoa

Sheila Yoder, associate professor, of mathematics, Honolulu

Excellence in Research

Benjamin Brooks, associate researcher, Hawai’i Institute of Geophysics and Planetology, Mānoa

Terry Hunt, professor of anthropology, Mānoa

R. Brent Tully, astronomer, Mānoa



Restaurateur Wong with grower Lorie Obra
Rave new brew is Kā'u

Kā'u is the new specialty coffee on the menu at Alan Wong's Restaurant, among the upscale foods at Kapi'olani Farmers Market and sold online. The new name in gourmet beans grew out of a College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources program to assist Filipino immigrants who once worked in the sugar mill at Pāhala. Thirty-two members of the Kā'u Coffee Growers Cooperative farm on land leased from the Big Island's Kā'u Farm and Ranch and roast their own beans, using information gleaned from workshops and visiting experts. Two had their beans ranked in the top 10 at the 2007 Specialty Coffee Association of America's international cupping competition, and one placed 11th (topping 12th-place Kona coffee) this year.

Adornment exhibit wins honors for website, catalog



Mānoa's University of Hawai'i Art Gallery won an American Association of Museums bronze MUSE Award for its first educational website, created in conjunction with last year's *Excelling the Work of Heaven: Personal Adornment from China* exhibition. A team drawing on faculty, alumni and student talent developed interactive activities and downloadable art projects that teach history, language and traditions of late Imperial China. See www.hawaii.edu/artgallery/programs/heaven. The exhibition catalog received an honorable mention.

In memory of a president and UH faculty

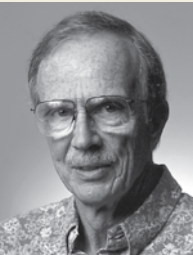
A United Nations relief minister, Marshall Plan supervisor and assistant secretary of state, **Harlan Cleveland** surprised Washington by becoming the University of Hawai'i's eighth president in 1969. Cleveland, who later served as the president of the World Academy of Art and Science, died May 30 in Virginia at age 90. During his UH tenure, 1969–74, Cleveland appointed the first chancellors for Mānoa and Hilo and oversaw establishment of Mānoa's law and medical schools. Two of his contemporaries in creation of the John A. Burns School of Medicine also passed away this summer—inaugural Dean **Terence Rogers**, who extended physician training to underrepresented groups and underserved Pacific Island communities, on July 16 and former Associate Dean of Professional Affairs **Robert Noyes**, who helped design the Biomedical Sciences Building and establish a strong research focus in reproductive biology, on June 1.



Harlan Cleveland

Mānoa also lost several influential emeritus professors. (See Class Notes for obituaries on alumni faculty E. Alison Kay and Roger Long.)

Richard E. Moore, a 36-year member of Mānoa's chemistry faculty, died Dec. 11 at age 74. His identification of the deadly toxin in a Maui seaweed spurred development of natural products chemistry and led to his work identifying novel chemicals in blue-green algae that are potent anti-tumor agents.



Richard E. Moore

Ryoji Namba, 86, died Mar. 31. He was a veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and a long-time Mānoa entomologist. Namba did extensive research on the insect vectors of plant diseases, becoming an expert on the role of aphids in the transmission of plant pathogenic viruses.

Fred W. Riggs died Feb. 9 at age 90. The political scientist was born in China to agricultural missionary parents, began college at Nanking University and earned a PhD from Columbia. He helped develop public administration in several Asian nations, receiving the Order of the White Elephant from the King of Thailand in 1983. He continued scholarly work long after retiring in 1987 and service through the Faculty Retirees Association.

Russell Taussig, emeritus professor of finance, died June 7 at age 87. An expert on audit sampling and merger and acquisition models, he lectured globally and served as a consultant to New York Stock Exchange companies.

Allen Roy Trubitt, 76, died May 25 in Honolulu. The music professor known for his signature green jacket received UH's 1988 Presidential Citation for Excellence in Teaching. As a composer, he earned honors for "An American Letter," a choral piece commemorating the American Bicentennial. He published "Nine Studies for Trumpet" in 2006, a decade after retiring and nearly 20 years after being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

Enjoy jazz under the stars in the amphitheatre

Remember the outdoor performances in Mānoa's Andrews Outdoor Theatre? Outreach College Director of Community Services Tim Slaughter does. "Friends still rave about Peter Moon Kanakapila concerts of the 1970s and '80s," he says. He hopes to revive the experience with the first Mānoa Jazz Festival Sept. 26 in the amphitheatre.

The evening opens with Hawai'i favorites Noel Okimoto 'Ohana and the Honolulu Jazz Quartet. (Percussionist Okimoto received his BMus from UH and two members of the quartet have ties to Mānoa instrumental groups.) The main event features saxophonist Devin Phillips and New Orleans Straight Ahead. New Orleans tour and recording artist Phillips reformed the group with other musician evacuees after Hurricane Katrina disbanded the original group. They mix up intricate and rhythmically innovative sounds with an old-school bebop aesthetic.



Honolulu Jazz Quartet

Gates open at 6 p.m.; coolers and low-back chairs are allowed, but no alcoholic beverages. Tickets are available at UH ticket outlets and www.etickethawaii.com or by calling the Aloha Stadium box office at 808 483-7123 weekdays. For more, call 808 956-8246.

Hilo revives ROTC program after 16 years

With faculty flown in from Honolulu and military science courses offered under interdisciplinary studies, UH Hilo resumed its Reserve Officer Training Corps program this fall. Suspended in 1992, the program was revived in response to high JROTC enrollment in Big Island high schools and interest from local and mainland undergraduates. Its future direction hinges on response from UHH students. For more information, contact the Hilo admissions office, 808 974-7414 or uhhadm@hawaii.edu.

Arctic fox and Vietnamese bar girl take UH stages this fall

Mānoa puppetry expert Tamara Montgomery continues her children's theatrical journey of the Pacific Rim (*Mālamalama* Sept. 2007) with *The Little Snow Fox and Other Tales of the North Pacific* Oct. 3–5 at Kennedy Theatre. The season continues with a post-modern, multicultural take on *Macbeth*, the Japanese *noh* drama *Sumida River* and *Dance: Roots and Offshoots*—information at www.hawaii.edu/kennedy. Windward's Palikū Theatre opens the year with *Miss Saigon* Oct. 3; see www.wcc.hawaii.edu/paliku. Also watch these sites for 2008–09 campus theatrical performances: Leeward, <http://lcctheatre.hawaii.edu>; Kaua'i, <http://kauai.hawaii.edu/pacevents.htm>; and UH Hilo, <http://artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu>.



Windward Ho'olaule'a set

Enjoy family activities, entertainment by Na Hōkū Hanohano award winners, island crafts, local foods and more at the eighth annual Windward Ho'olaule'a 9 a.m.–9 p.m. Sept. 27 at Windward Community College. The silent auction is back, with a wide range of gift certificates, family passes and selected art; proceeds will help establish the college's first general scholarship endowment for Windward CC students. Information at www.windward.hawaii.edu/hoolaulea.

West O'ahu opens Kapolei office

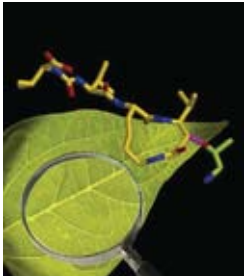
To better serve students attending UH West O'ahu classes at Island Pacific Academy in Kapolei, UHWO has opened an office at Campbell Square Kapolei Building Suite 229. The office provides academic advising, student success seminars and workshops, financial aid and career information and features six computer stations, a study area and lounge. Hours are Monday–Thursday noon–6:30 p.m.; call 808 692-8522.

Alum's text tests sports trivia

Name the first UH Rainbow Wahine to play in the WNBA. If you know that answer, you're either Lance Tominaga or a candidate to buy his new book. The Mānoa graduate and ESPN 1420 web and magazine editor cut his teeth as an armchair statistician documenting goals, fouls and free throws by UH's Fabulous Five basketball team. He penned his lifetime passion in *The Hawai'i Sports Trivia Challenge: 1,000 Questions to Test Your Sports IQ!* (Watermark Publishing). Besides UH athletics, the 200-page book tests knowledge of Hawai'i Winter Baseball, golf, local Little League, high school sports and even fishing. That pioneer basketball player? All-American forward Judy Mosley, for the Sacramento Monarchs.

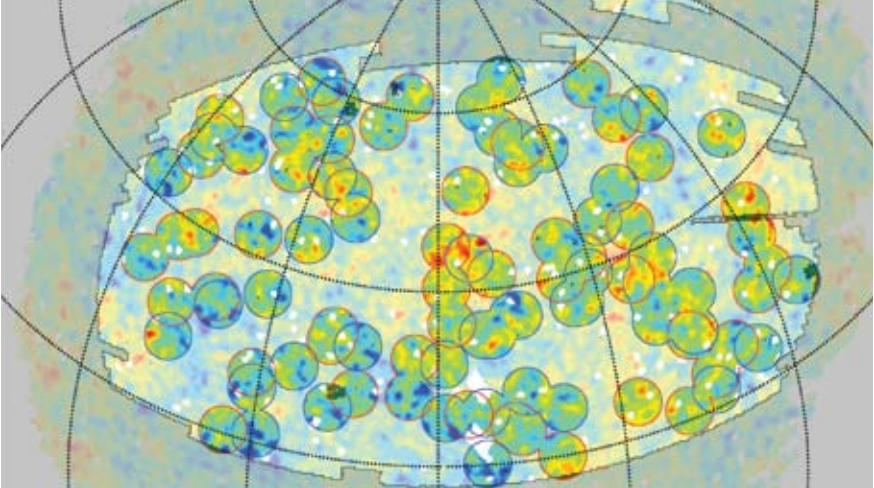
Bacterium yields potential anti-cancer agent

A molecule produced by a plant bacterium may hold the clue to safer, more effective cancer treatment. Working with an international team of researchers, André S. Bachmann, assistant professor at Mānoa’s Cancer Research Center of Hawai’i, demonstrated that the molecule, called Syringolin A (SylA in short), inhibits proteasome, a cellular “machine” involved in regulation of cell growth, in the test tube. By targeting more rapidly dividing cancer cells, proteasome inhibitors limit damage to normal cells, according to their paper, published in the April 10 issue of *Nature*. Bachmann’s research received funding from the Friends of the Cancer Research Center of Hawai’i, Mānoa’s Cell and Molecular Biology Graduate Program and a private donor.



Frustration defines complexity in new theory

What do computers, the stock market, weather and the immune system have in common? The crucial common feature is the simultaneous existence of opposing trends that cannot defeat each other, Hilo Professor of Physics and Astronomy Philippe M. Binder argues in the April 18 issue of *Science*. Binder’s concept of “dynamical frustration,” a property that can show geometrical, computational or multiple-scale facets, is a departure from commonly accepted theories, which hold that complex systems with the ability to evolve or adapt are driven by cooperating behavior among components.



Researchers shed light on dark energy and dark matter

Superclusters and supervoids are vast regions of space with unusually high or low concentrations of galaxies, respectively. Comparing the regions with a map of cosmic microwave background radiation, an Institute for Astronomy team discovered that microwaves are stronger passing through superclusters (in red circles, above) and weaken passing through supervoids (blue circles). The results provides evidence that dark energy exists, says team leader Istvan Szapudi. In related work, IfA researcher Adam Bolton analyzed gravitational lenses, mirage-like phenomena in which a galaxy’s gravitational field distorts the image of a more distant galaxy into arcs or Einstein rings. Knowing the precise distance to the galaxies allows astronomers to calculate the galaxies’ mass; what isn’t visible stars is evidence of dark matter. Papers on the projects, which both used Sloan Digital Sky Survey data from a New Mexico telescope, were accepted for publication in *Astrophysical Journal*.

Papaya research: color matters and genome success

A rose by any name might smell as sweet, but a papaya of any color doesn’t carry the same nutritional punch. Yellow papaya has more vitamin A, according to research by Andrea Blas, a doctoral candidate in molecular biology. Work on the molecular-genetic basis of color in papaya may help people in the developing world combat nutritional deficiencies, says Blas, who received an award of merit at last spring’s College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources student research symposium. Such genetic work will be easier, at least in SunUp papaya and hybrids, now that researchers have decoded SunUp’s genome. An international consortium led by Mānoa’s Center for Advanced Studies in Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics sequenced 90 percent of the disease-resistant fruit’s genetic code. The information answers questions that have kept transgenic papaya out of the Japanese market and advances research on the evolution of flowering plants. The work was featured as the April 24 *Nature* cover story. Co-lead authors are Mānoa microbiologist Shaobin Hou and PhD alumnus Ray Ming, University of Illinois.



UH gets \$26 million Navy contract

The Department of Defense has awarded a \$26 million Navy contract to the university’s Applied Research Laboratory covering 232,200 staff hours of research and development and engineering services in ocean environmental effects, astronomical research, advanced electro-optical systems, laser and remote sensing detection systems and other areas. When the contract establishing the laboratory was issued a year ago, UH officials estimated that it could bring \$50 million in federal funds to Hawai’i over five years.

Mission statements read masculine

Some engineering schools exude a culture of masculinity and hierarchy in their mission statements, an article in the inaugural issue of *Journal of Diversity in Higher Education* concludes. Sisters and co-authors Emmeline de Pillis, a Hilo professor of management, and Lisette de Pillis from Harvey Mudd College asked business students to describe successful students based on mission statements from 20 engineering and liberal arts schools. The hypothetical engineering students were assumed to be more forceful and less likeable than liberal arts students. By and large, participants’ personality traits and academic performance weren’t a factor. However, the more authoritarian male participants were, the more likely they were to identify a successful engineering student as someone like themselves. The strong association highlights the dual challenge of changing engineering school culture and recruiting a more diverse student body, the report concludes.

Updated collider produces promising particle results in Beijing

Faster, stronger, better. The cheers had nothing to do with the Olympics as UH physicists and their Chinese partners celebrated the successful operation and first events produced by a new particle collider and detector at the Institute of High Energy Physics in Beijing July 19. The accelerator, 100 times more powerful than its predecessor, sends electrons head-on into anti-electrons within a vacuum tube threaded through a ring of powerful electro-magnets at the Beijing Electron Positron Collider. The occasional collision—now a hundred-times more frequent—produces a charmed quark and its anti-matter counterpart. The detector, called the Beijing Electron Spectrometer, identifies the quickly decaying quarks by measuring the energy and velocity of more conventional resulting particles. UH physicists contributed a laser and fiber optic calibration system built in Hawai’i for the latest spectrometer experiment, BES III.



“These developments greatly increase our capabilities at a time when this type of research at most U.S. facilities has been shut down,” says Fred Harris, experiment co-spokesman. “When fully operational this fall, generating six or seven charmed-particle pairs per second, this will be the world’s premier facility for studying properties of the charmed quark.” Collaborating scientists from around the world anticipate a 10-year program of intensive research that could revise conventional understanding of the fundamental building blocks of matter.

Size shouldn’t matter in contraceptive counseling

Although some studies suggest overweight and obese women have a higher risk of unintended pregnancy, it’s probably not due to any difference in their behavior. Bliss Kaneshiro, a John A. Burns School of Medicine professor, found no correlation between body mass index and sexual behavior in an award-winning study conducted with former colleagues from the Oregon Health and Science University. Because contraceptive use and efficacy are also risk factors for unplanned pregnancy, overweight women should be counseled as carefully as their slimmer sisters, Kaneshiro told the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists’ annual clinical meeting in May.



Same-sex pairing is for the birds

What’s a gal to do when all the good men are taken? If she’s a Laysan albatross, she might get herself impregnated and raise the chick with the help of a female friend. Albatross mate for life and share in raising offspring. On O’ahu, where female albatross outnumber the males, 31 percent of nests have female-female pairs who share the parenting role. The unrelated females stay together for multiple years, allowing both to have turns as the biological mother. This relatively rare occurrence in the animal kingdom, known as reciprocity, may help explain why Laysan albatross are successfully re-colonizing islands, Mānoa zoology doctoral candidate Lindsay Young and colleagues write in the Aug. 23 issue of *Biology Letters*. “These results demonstrate how changes in the sex ratio of a population can shift the social structure and cause cooperative behavior to arise in a monogamous species.”

Bioenergy strategy paper wins national recognition

A College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources paper was one of 13 awarded a U.S. Department of Agriculture Bioenergy Awareness Days Grand Challenge Award in June. The paper on a systems approach for moving America to fiber-based energy was co-authored by Mānoa’s Goro Uehara, Brian Turano and Richard Ogoshi. A national approach is essential to reduce duplicative research and accelerate the transition from fossil-based energy, they say. Bioenergy Awareness Days sponsor National 25x’25 Alliance seeks to provide 25 percent of U.S. energy through non-fossil sources by 2025 without sacrificing food, feed and fiber supplies.

Discovery channel follows innovative UH research cruise

What if tiny ocean organisms could whisk away excess greenhouse gases? It's a big idea to deal with a big problem, which is why Discovery Channel included a Hawai'i research cruise in the inaugural lineup of its new series, *Discovery Project Earth*. UH Mānoa oceanographer David Karl and Oregon State University colleague Ricardo Letelier (PhD '94 Mānoa) proposed the notion of using ocean pumps to bring nutrient-rich deep seawater to the surface to induce algal blooms. The microorganisms would suck up atmospheric carbon dioxide, and then sink back into the depths, the researchers hypothesize.

The idea grew out of 20 years of Hawai'i Ocean Time Series data that

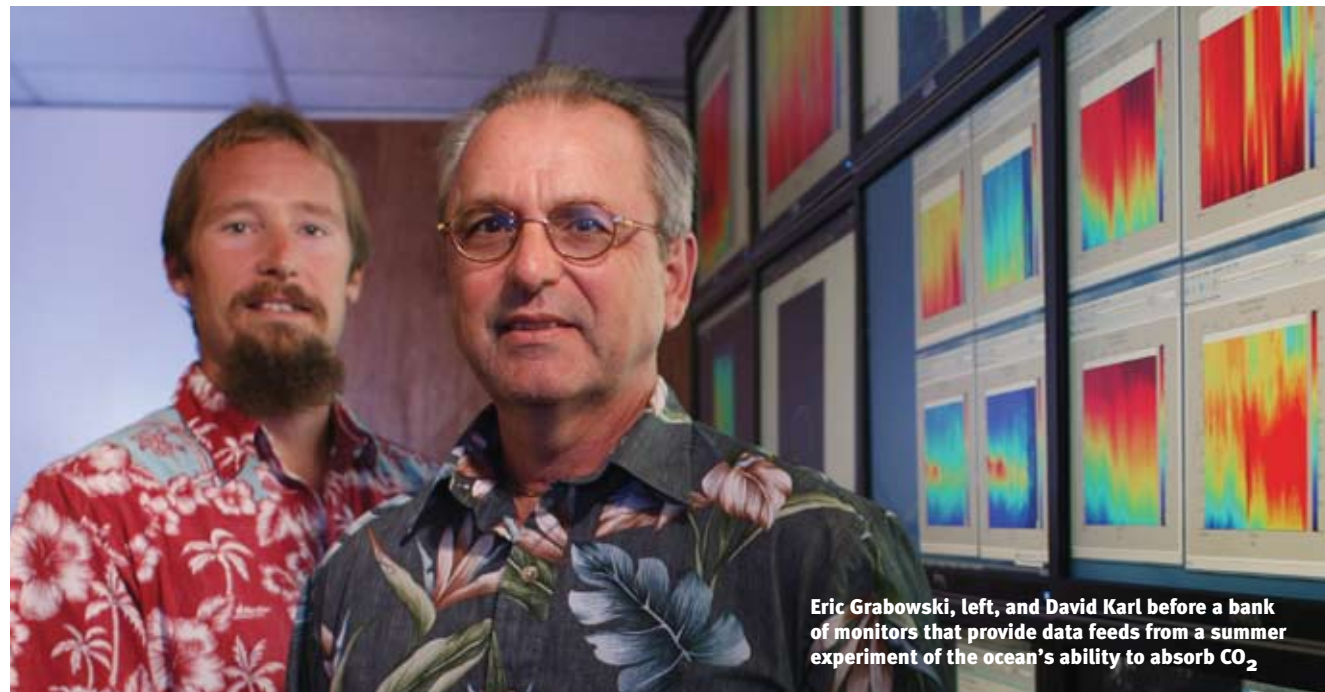
reveal cycles of natural upwelling at Station ALOHA north of O'ahu. Testing it was just the kind of "science in the making" Discovery had in mind for its new show, so a film crew of 12 tagged along on UH's R/V *Kilo Moana* as scientists deployed three experimental pumps, temperature sensors and a remotely controlled data collecting Seaglider. The pumps were essentially 300-meter flexible tubes suspended from a buoy; the rise-and-fall action of passing waves operated a one-way valve at the bottom to pump water up the tube.

Did it work? Viewers got a taste for the oft times frustrating trial-and-refinement process that is science. Researchers were disappointed in the performance of the pumps, but encouraged by some promising scientific results.

Working with a film crew created its own challenges, says Chief Scientist Eric Grabowski—like condensing a year's worth of planning into three months and staging re-enactments to meet filming requirements. But he and Karl agree it was worth the effort to demonstrate the importance of ocean science to billions of viewers worldwide and possibly help secure funding for future Ocean Productivity Perturbation Experiments.

The Hungry Oceans episode of *Discovery Project Earth* premiered on Sept. 5. Karl and Letelier's scientific discussion is reported in *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, vol. 364. Funding for the research was provided by the National Science Foundation and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. ☺

—Cheryl Ernst



Eric Grabowski, left, and David Karl before a bank of monitors that provide data feeds from a summer experiment of the ocean's ability to absorb CO₂

Photo by Cory Lum

Margaret Mead said 'A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.' Students, alumni and faculty across the UH system are giving it a try.

The Urge to Do Good

Student service is nothing new, of course. At Mānoa, Mortar Board and Golden Key International Honour Society have a long history of service to campus and community. In 2007, both received national recognition for their efforts—the Hui Po'okela chapter of Mortar Board for its coin drive to purchase Christmas gifts for children on the Salvation Army Angel Tree and Golden Key for activities including peer mentoring, beach cleanups, weed eradication efforts and charitable donation drives. Ka Mea Kolo entomology club helps with educational outreach, such as interacting with 500 grade school students who attended the spring Agriculture Awareness Day at the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources' Urban Garden Center. Service learning has even linked such activities to the educational program, sometimes for credit.

From Peace Corps service to individual efforts, here are some examples of the ways people with UH ties are doing their best to make the world a better place.

Students engineer solutions at home and abroad

On the Mānoa campus, a group of engineering students is acting both locally and globally. "In just one year, our organization has grown to 25 active members and we have been granted approval for our first international assignment," reports Engineers Without Borders' Chapter President Jacob Tyler. Nationally 271 chapters partner with international aid organizations on 350 projects in 45 countries, assisting disadvantaged communities improve quality of life through sustainable, environmental and economically sound engineering efforts.

The Mānoa chapter worked this summer with the Sustainable Saunders group (see *Mālamalama* May 2008) on a water catchment system that collects storm water runoff for irrigating the first floor planter area. "This project not



Exploring potential projects abroad, UH students Jacob Taylor and Claudia Portocarrero, at right, visit with a local mayor and other volunteers in Peru

only prevents erosion and reduces water usage, the recycled barrels will be painted and used as tables and chairs. It is our hope that this will provide a sustainable gathering area where students will be encouraged to take action toward sustainability in their day-to-day lives," Tyler says.

Now the group is focusing on La Pita, a small town in Nicaragua, that needs a new bridge, cooking stoves and improved water resources. The town is separated by a large ravine, and the only bridge is extremely dilapidated. The student engineers will design and construct a new bridge as part of a broader mission. "Our critical goal is to teach support to the communities we work with," Tyler says. "By educating the local workforce we are giving them the tools necessary to build and sustain the community once we leave."

Future projects include workshops to help engineering and architecture students achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accreditation. Eventually, they'd like to tackle large scale projects, such as construction of a bio-diesel reactor to convert waste oils from campus restaurants into fuel for university vehicles like the one built by the chapter at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Meanwhile, students gain hands-on experience in design and construction while learning cultural and ethical awareness. ☺

—Crystal Ware (MA '08 Mānoa)

Peace Corps part of UH experience

by Albert Lanier

Music is an international language, please teach us “Love Position #9”

The year was 1966 and Peace Corps volunteer English teacher Edward Shultz entered a South Korea high school classroom to find the heartfelt plea scrawled on the board. “I laughed, erased the board, told them they would never know what they had requested, and then taught them Love *Potion*,” reminisces Shultz, now interim dean of UH’s School of Pacific and Asian Studies.

The same year in India, Clyde Sakamoto convinced farmers in Deccan Plain to buy hybrid wheat, sorghum and rice seed, only to watch their planting parched by drought then washed away in a three-day downpour.

“Fortunately, we found a Food for Work project and built 200 wells while paying the farmers and workers with soybean oil and wheat. Whew!” Sakamoto recalls.

Peace Corps assignments are wide-ranging. More than a third of volunteers are involved in education, but one in five addresses health issues, including AIDS, and others work in business, environmental, youth or agricultural projects. Since it was established in

1961, the Peace Corps has sent 190,000 volunteers to 139 countries. More than 500 of them have been UH alumni, including 24 from UH Hilo and 2 from West O’ahu. Current Hawai’i volunteers include Kapi’olani and Maui Community College graduates serving in Botswana. Other UH alumni—17 of 21 current volunteers from Hawai’i—are assigned to Central America (Belize and Panama), the Pacific (Kiribati and Vanuatu), Europe (Macedonia and Romania) and Africa (Malawi, Senegal, Togo and Uganda).

The typical volunteer is female, single, age 25–27 and holds a bachelor’s degree. “The Peace Corps provides a continuation of students’ activities to learn and explore the world,” says Rosemary Casey, UH Peace Corps representative in Mānoa’s Office of International and Exchange Programs. “It is an attractive alternative for those who have

traveled abroad and wish to return to a country for a more in-depth experience that enables them to learn language and culture in very concrete and intensive ways.”

A former volunteer herself, Casey is university liaison for the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Hawai’i group.

“Volunteers got far more than they ever gave,” says Shultz, one of the more than 60 returned volunteers working in the UH System. For Sakamoto, now chancellor of Maui Community College, the experience spurred continuing interest in filling the gaps between theory and practice. Two Kapi’olani professors have turned Peace Corps volunteerism into ongoing commitments—James Metz spending the past five summers in South Africa with Teachers Without Borders and Frank Noji helping train teachers and develop curriculum in Vietnam.

The positive experiences of returned volunteers on faculty encourage students to choose Peace Corps service. Casey plays a more active role, spending the past two years establishing a Peace Corps presence throughout UH. She is negotiating with officials in public health, nursing, social work, education and agriculture programs to re-establish a Peace Corps Fellows program along the lines of one that operated in Mānoa’s School of Public Health during the 1990s.

“The Peace Corps allows you to exchange skills and ideas with a community greatly different from your own,” says Hale Sargent, a former volunteer who serves as a Peace Corps public affairs specialist based in San Francisco. Peace Corps volunteers receive training before heading out to fulfill the organization’s three basic goals: improving the image of the United States abroad and that of foreign countries at home and working to improve people’s lives by training members of the local populace in various subject areas. “The Peace Corps brings people together,” rather than focusing on governments,” Shultz says.

Linda Fujikawa, a Kapi’olani Community College assistant professor of Japanese, volunteered in South Korea in the 1970s. Among other things, she taught English at a girls’ middle school



in Chungju. It was a life changing experience, she says. “I learned how to function on my own in a totally new environment and gained lifelong friendships, skills and trust in myself and others.” Fujikawa was one of 11 Peace Corps alumni nationwide presented with a 2008 Franklin H. Williams Award for continuing the organization’s mission at home. In 1998 she created the International Café, a place where local and international Kapi’olani students can meet, share their cultures and participate in service projects. Participation grew from 10 the first year to 150 last spring, and participants live the spirit of service here and abroad. Five-year café veteran Rui Apaka heads

a team doing art projects with Lē’ahi Hospital residents. During their summer break, Myung Ki Kang helped build a school in Cambodia and Caitlin Molina worked with children at a Japanese preschool. Back at her home university in Italy, Giulia Bonacalza spent her summer in Ukraine working with children with cancer. Sri Lankan Premnath Vijayakumar, who has led café activities at Next Step

Homeless Transition Center in Honolulu, plans to start an International Café at Kansai University while studying in Japan this year.

“Peace Corps taught me that it’s not just about what you give—it’s a two-way street,” Fujikawa says. “It’s the same with this café. By giving, you get so much more. It’s about making a life rather than just going to school and getting by.” Peace remains a vital goal, she adds, quoting the moving words shared during the June awards ceremony: “Let us cross the walls of self to build upon the heart of humanity.”

Knowledge of pop tunes not required. ☺

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Far left: Edward Schultz with South Korean students. Top: Clyde Sakamoto revisits friends in India. Left: Linda Fujikawa at awards ceremony between fellow volunteer and U.S. diplomat Kathleen Stevens and Chancellor Leon Richards. Above: International Café volunteers at Ma’o Organic Farms

Playing Santa

While teaching English at the University of Cuenca as WorldTeach volunteers last year, recent Mānoa graduates Chris and Karina Phipps began working with a women’s shelter in the Ecuadoran town. A pen-pal project with a school in hometown Enumclaw, Wash., soon turned into an all-out Christmas celebration for the families in the shelter. Donations through their Change for Change fundraiser provided a party, presents for the mothers and children and a play set for the shelter.



Promoting political awareness

At Maui Community College, students strive for social justice through the Peace Club and Human Rights Club. The Peace Club, www2.hawaii.edu/~mccpeace sponsors speakers, films and discussions; participates in community activities and teaches non-violent communication skills. The Human Rights Club educates members about various issues.

Creating relationships

Working with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, students in the John A. Burns School of Medicine are serving as mentors to fourth and fifth grade students from Nānākuli Intermediate School. The college students meet at least monthly with their counterparts, introducing possible careers along with some fun learning. The program is co-sponsored by Kamehameha Schools and Honolulu Academy of Arts. The project extends the medical students’ tradition of service in a new direction while the health clinics they staff for homeless citizens have expanded to four O’ahu shelters.

Learning from each other

Maui Assistant Professor of Spanish Molli Fleming has proof that homework makes a difference. Assisted by two former students and working with community representatives, she arranged get-togethers where her students can practice their Spanish and Hispanic immigrants can improve their English. Fleming invites area professionals as well. For her efforts, Fleming received the Enlace Hispano organization’s Cesar Chavez Award and a congratulatory resolution from the Maui County Council.

Student turns adversity into a medical mission

by Tina Shelton

Service on medical missions, international recognition for research, a promising medical career... it's not what one would expect from a once frightened child who watched her mother die, lived out of a car, was separated from siblings and forced to fend for herself. But determined third-year UH medical student Gloria Tumbaga considers herself lucky. She shares her story not as a bid for sympathy, but to argue that there is hope and that every foster kid deserves a chance.

She found her chance in UH Mānoa's School of Nursing and John A. Burns School of Medicine. "I was asked to leave my foster family when I turned 18," Tumbaga says. "I wasn't even graduated yet from high school, but their legal commitment to me was completed." A very good student at Hawai'i Baptist Academy, she did graduate and found her way to Mānoa. Living on her own, working a minimum wage job, she struggled academically for the first time in her life. "My first semester at UH, I had a 2.8 grade point average or something. That was devastating, because I always had high grades." So she worked harder. She attended school year-round, including summer sessions at Kapi'olani, Honolulu and Leeward Community Colleges.

Accepted into Mānoa's nursing program, Tumbaga earned the Spirit of Nursing Award and graduated with distinction, becoming a registered nurse in 2000. Her interest in health-

care grew out of lingering confusion and pain over her mother's death. "It's all kind of confusing, because I was only 8," she recalls. "But I remember when my mother died. She was just laying there on the floor. I still remember how she looked, all pale and her lips were blue and she was covered in sheets. My brother called the neighbors, and the ambulance came. A few days later I remember my grandfather telling all of us, 'go in the room and say goodbye to your mother, you are not going to see her ever again.' And I never saw her again." She and her four siblings had nowhere to turn. "I think we were just the pity kids no one wanted to take. Our neighbors would take us for a time. We lived in a shelter for a time." In between, they would live out of a car. Eventually, they were separated and placed in foster homes.

In high school, Tumbaga began to act on the questions that gnawed at her. "Why did my mother die? I did research on my own. I went to the Department of Health and got her death certificate. It says she died of pneumonia. Antibiotics were available at that time. So why did she die?" She started reading about disease. She volunteered at the Aloha Medical Mission and learned many people lack access to medical care.

She had decided to become a physician when another family tragedy struck. Tumbaga's sister, Tina Kobuke, was stabbed in the neck by the landlord's son, a young man high on crystal methamphetamine. "She had a hole in

her neck, was on a ventilator, and the doctor said it was very close, that she was very lucky to survive." Overnight, Tumbaga became a parent to her 3-year-old niece while her sister was in the hospital. "It was very life-changing. I was still in school, things were very stressful. But I became calm. I thought of what really matters. I thought, if this is what I want, then I'm going to do it."

She was accepted into the medical school's Imi Ho'ola Program, a one year, post-graduate boot camp that prepares disadvantaged or minority students for the rigors of medical school. "That was the best thing I could have done for myself. It laid the foundation for me—study skills, time management and basic sciences. I'm not going to say medical school is easy, but it made it a lot more manageable."

Tumbaga traveled as a nurse volunteer on medical missions to Laos, Papua New Guinea, Bangladesh and the Philippines. In Satowan, a remote island in Chuuk, she joined two physicians and Micronesian health officials in investigating a skin ailment known locally as "Spam disease" for the chronic disfiguring rash resembling the luncheon meat. The team won recognition from the American College of Physicians for demonstrating that the bacterial infection is associated with exposure to water in taro fields and

Gloria Tumbaga's journey from homeless child to medical student included nursing missions to Laos, top, and Bangladesh



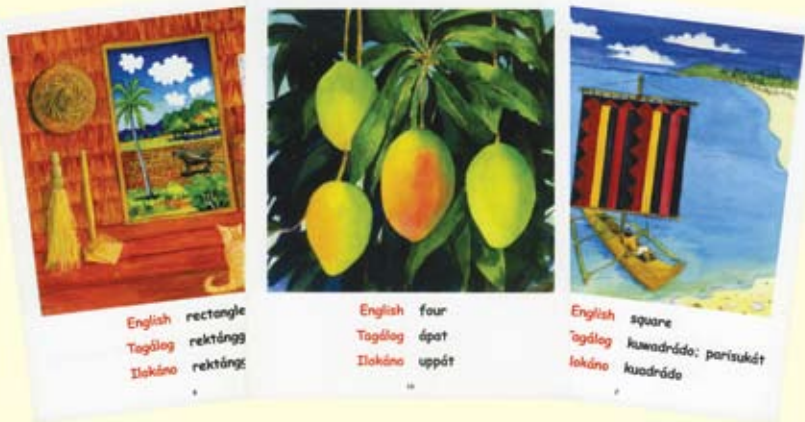
World War II bomb craters. Tumbaga earned a 2008 Achievement Rewards for College Scientists award and the opportunity to present the findings in the Netherlands last July.

New medical missions are on hold while she completes intensive hospital-based training. "I'm doing outpatient first. Obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, internal and family medicine and psychiatry. Plus I have surgery two times a month," she enthuses. She likes seeing what each specialty entails, but there's a problem. "So far, I like everything. I'm going to have a hard time choosing. I know for sure I want to do humanitarian medicine and international health. But whether it's surgery or primary care, I have no idea."

She does share a long-term goal with sister Kobuke, recovered and recently graduated from Hawai'i Pacific University with a master's in social work. "I want to get a grant, so I work with the nonprofit organization called Foster Family Programs of Hawai'i. I would like to start some sort of transitioning workshop or program to help foster children who are aging out of the system," Tumbaga explains. She'd like to write a book for foster kids and find a publisher to print it pro bono so the money raised from sales could benefit the program.

She believes people will help, because she's been helped by people like her organic chemistry professor, Jan Smith. "Every time I needed something I went to see her. She can make the student succeed if the student is willing. She has been a mentor and a lifelong friend," Tumbaga says. "I'm very, very lucky. Because I think half of it is me, and half of it is what's out there and how willing am I to go for it." ☺

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Library student finds the words to help

Robin Fancy calls it the "idea that would not let me sleep." When the K-12 librarian at Lāna'i High and Elementary School couldn't find books for young Filipino children learning English as a second language, her Mānoa library studies professor challenged her to get a grant and create one herself. The result is *My Filipino Word Book*, a richly illustrated primer in English, Tagalog and Ilokano. "The primary goal was to teach English numbers, colors, shapes and animals to Tagalog and Ilokano speakers," explains Fancy. "In an area where 56 percent of the school population is Filipino and English is their second language, the project was a necessity."

Fancy wrote the book with ESL teacher Vala Jean Welch and enlisted friend Ronny Lynn as illustrator. Imelda Gasmen, a Mānoa instructor of Filipino and Philippine literature, served as editor and Bess Press published the book. Through grants and fundraising, more than 2,000 copies have been distributed throughout the islands, and Fancy hopes to see it expand to the U.S. mainland and the Philippines. Intended as a primer for preschool children covering basic Board of Education requirements, it has become an ESL tool for all ages and a trigger for family discussions about Filipino culture and values.

"Allowing children the opportunities to experience their own culture through books and education is a dream come true," Fancy says. "Having an identity and taking pride in their culture helps them see who they really are and what they can be." If she can associate a rise in test scores to use of the primer, more grant money will become available. In the meantime, she relies on donations to keep donating books to preschools throughout the islands. For information, contact Early Childhood Literacy Project at Coalition for a Drug-Free Lāna'i, cdfl@wave.hicv.net.

—Crystal Ware (MA '08 Mānoa)



Robin Fancy



Culinary Rehab

Kapi'olani offers recipe for hope to women inmates in Hawai'i

by Kristen Bonilla

Cooking can provide stress relief—slicing, dicing, sautéing, braising...a catharsis of sorts, a rehabilitation of mind and body. It's rehabilitation of a different kind for a group of inmates at the Women's Community Correctional Center in Kailua. Getting involved with the wrong people and bad situations landed them here. Now a partnership between the Hawai'i State Department of Public Safety and Kapi'olani Community College's Culinary Arts Program offers hope that a good life could be within reach.

This past spring, seven women made up the inaugural cohort of a pilot training program funded by the Legislature and taught on site by Kapi'olani chef instructors. The women attended classes, listened to lectures and took exams, just like culinary students on campus, and they can continue at any UH community college once released.

"This class is the best thing that's happened to me," says Cherie Hoewaa-Hubin, who's been incarcerated for the past three years. "I got pregnant and married at 17 and never thought I'd go to college. It's inspired me to go on to get a degree and make a change in my life."

"We've gotten so many requests to bring culinary training to our facilities, especially the women's facility," says Maureen Tito, education program manager for the Department of Public Safety. "I really wanted it to be

a degree-seeking program that allowed inmates to earn credits. I wanted the women to understand that having a high school diploma or a college degree is their ticket out." WCCC inmates have access to courses from practical (such as parenting, computers and landscaping) to creative ('ukulele, creative writing) to preparation for the General Educational Development exam. In the new culinary training program, however, women actually earn college credit.

Fundamentals of Cookery, one of first two courses, was held three days a week, six hours a day. The women learned culinary terms, ingredients, cooking methods and proper use of recipes, tools and equipment, with special emphasis on knife handling skills. They came to class in white chef's jackets and hats, uniforms obtained for them by the facility's staff, who have gone out of their way to help provide this program, Tito says.

The learning laboratory is the correctional facility kitchen—not exactly the kitchen stadium of Iron Chef fame, much less a cooking school or commercial catering kitchen. The women don't seem to notice. As they practice hands-on skills, slicing eggplant and dicing shallots, it's easy to miss the metal cords that anchor knives to the work counters and the watchful security guard at the desk next to the door.

"Every day is a challenge," says Instructor Yolan Garrett Chan, formerly an executive chef for Continental Airlines and Gros Bonnet Culinary Academy instructor. "You forget that the rules are different here." Used to shouting or patting students on the back for a job well done, Chan had to change his approach. "You have to treat each one of them differently and be sensitive to their situations and their personalities."

"We love him," says student Tawny Okemura, who plans to return home to the Big Island upon her release, continue classes at Hawai'i Community College and eventually open her own restaurant. "When you're in here, you really need someone to believe in you. He cares about us, and the feeling is indescribable. He really makes you feel like you can accomplish something."

Student Dana Hasegawa is thinking of becoming a nutritionist. "My in-laws run a care home and I could help them know what would be best for the patients. What we're learning applies to everyday life and really makes you want to put your heart into it," she says. "Participating in this



Chef Instructor Yolan Garrett Chan with students, from left, Jennifer Kong-Guillermo, Dana Hasegawa, Jorelyn Pacariem, Cherie Hoewaa-Hubin, Michel'le Canon, Carol Ann Nakamura and Tawny Okemura. Photos by Michael O'Hara

class makes us feel like we're not in prison," adds Jennifer Kong-Guillermo.

For their final project, an end-of-semester celebration, students created and served a three-course lunch to more than 30 VIP guests, including prison employees and officials from public safety and Kapi'olani. The menu: apple bacon spinach salad with raspberry walnut vinaigrette, stuffed chicken breast Florentine with apricot sauce and risotto inforanto con le melanzane (that's rice baked with layered eggplant) and crème brûlée for dessert. Not your normal prison food.

"There's really nothing like it," says Okemura. "We're really hoping that this program continues, and maybe even opens up other programs." While the women waited eagerly to begin an intermediate course this fall, Department of Public Safety officials were so impressed, they funded another introductory course over the summer.

"Our goal is to offer a wide variety of classes, taught by both volunteers and contracted instructors, to assist with the rehabilitation process of inmates and to provide them with a foundation for transitioning back into society," says McNeil Kamai, education supervisor for the women's facility. In a National Council on Crime and Delinquency survey, American voters favored rehabilitative services for prisoners by an almost 8–1 margin over a punishment-only system, and 82 percent consider lack of job training a very significant barrier to avoiding subsequent offenses.

"Culinary is one of the best career tracks for ex-offenders, especially in Hawai'i where there will always be a demand for workers," says Tito. "You have to like it, you have to be creative, and I think the industry really recognizes them for what they can do and what they are capable of."

"We're all good people, we just made some wrong choices," says student Michel'le Canon, who plans to pursue a degree at Kapi'olani upon release this fall. "One day, you'll see us cooking in a restaurant. If you believe in yourself, anything is possible," she says.

"Everyone should have a second chance," says Chan. Isn't that what rehabilitation is all about? 🍷

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Maui academy dishes up boot camp

A successful culinary boot camp for Maui Community Correctional Center inmates in June has Maui Community College exploring a new training partnership. The weeklong boot camp brought 11 inmates and 2 former inmates to the college's Pa'ina culinary facility on the Kahului campus—the first such program outside of prison walls.

"The student inmates were ecstatic with the state-of-the-art kitchen facilities," says Maui Culinary Academy Chef Dean Louie. The crash course covered all things cooking. Inmates created and served quality restaurant lunches for a weekly Rotary Club of Maui meeting and a graduation event at the academy's Leis Family Class Act Restaurant. The menu included escargot in shallot butter in a potato shell, bay shrimp canapé with goat cheese, poached mahimahi with Dijon mustard sauce and carved roast strip loin with mushroom sauce and horseradish cream. Not bad for three short days of kitchen training, says Louie.

The program was sponsored by Maui Economic Opportunity's BEST (Being Empowered and Safe Together) reintegration program. Academy officials hope to develop an ongoing presence, helping reduce recidivism through vocational programs that develop confidence. "The tremendous feeling of pride, self-confidence and achievement was poignant on the last day," says Louie. Students were eager to learn, attentive and made good decisions, if permitted, he adds. "My greatest hope would be to see my students apply their knowledge, share their skills and continue their education in every capacity."



Photo by Cory Lum

Athletic Comeback

Former student-athlete and administrator returns to Mānoa

Jim Donovan was named athletics director for UH Mānoa in March; he recently took time out to talk to *Mālamalama*

You’re a native of Anaheim, Calif. What brought you to Hawai’i?

I came to Hawai’i in December 1980 because I was offered a scholarship to play football. I decided to stay because of the people. The aloha spirit won me over...not to mention, I married local girl Tracy Orillo-Donovan!

You earned all-WAC honorable mention for your senior season as a UH offensive lineman in 1982 and served two years as a graduate assistant to Football Coach Dick Tomey.

My most memorable moment had to be my first game in Aloha Stadium. Before the game, Coach Tomey had us gather around him in the locker room and take a knee. He told us when we run out that tunnel onto the field we aren’t just playing for ourselves, but for an entire state. He said that was an awesome honor, but also a big responsibility—how we conducted ourselves, how we played (and by winning) we could bring pride to an entire state, and that not many other players in intercol-

legiate football could say that. I was so pumped up when I ran out onto the field and they were playing *Hawai’i 5-o*, I thought I could hurdle the goalpost!

Your undergraduate degree in geography is handy in the far-flung WAC league, and your MBA is apropos your current role.

The faculty I had for both programs was outstanding! I had the opportunity to be taught by faculty at the University of Southern California and the University of North Carolina through a professional development program, and I can tell you our UH faculty is just as good or better. Geography is the study of people, environment, economics, culture, etc.—a great way to learn about so many things. My Shidler College of Business executive MBA, covering management, marketing, economics, organizational behavior, etc., has been invaluable regarding the day-to-day business of running an intercollegiate athletics program.

What role did your hānai family play?

John and Dede Awana, my hānai parents, taught me about the aloha spirit and re-enforced many of the family aspects my parents taught me growing up. They are very humble. They helped

about half a dozen other young men besides me, which shows how selfless they are. I keep in close touch with my hānai mom (unfortunately my hānai dad passed away last October); about every other month, we sneak out for a Friday lunch with her sister.

What are your immediate goals and long-range vision for UH Mānoa athletics?

We are in the business of both education and entertainment. We want to be student-athletes’ destination of choice and see them graduate. We must also get a handle on the budget, instill a corporate culture that emphasizes customer service and improve morale. The long-range vision, besides making sure the new corporate culture is well entrenched, would be to have our sports programs regularly win conference championships, participate in the NCAA post-season events and achieve great graduation rates. We want to change the budget deficit to a surplus, and I’d like to see us continue to grow our athletic endowments and bring all our facilities to first-class status.

Are recurring murmurs about UH joining the Pac-10 a pipe dream or realistic goal?

Without question, UH Mānoa is a quality research institution that would fit well educationally in the Pac-10. The athletic side is more complex. To be attractive to a Bowl Championship Series conference, our athletic programs would regularly have to be among the nation’s best. Besides competitive improvement, we would have to appeal to fans outside of Hawai’i, maybe in Asia, so that it would make economic sense to add us. The smartest thing we can do is to increase the competitive success of our athletic program, broaden our public appeal and position ourselves as best as possible for any future conference re-alignments.

The budget presents a major challenge, and the economic forecast isn’t encouraging.

In good or bad economic times, people always look for value. It can be in the form of lower prices—we have lowered prices in some seating sections for all our sports this year—or it can be in value-added items such as promotions and/or additional entertainment value. (The late UH Athletic Director) Stan Sheriff taught me the bottom line is people vote with their wallets—if they perceive the value to be worth it, they will come. Our job is to make that perception a reality. Every time has its challenges, and great programs rise to the challenge.

Describe your ticket pricing strategy.

Some of our ticket prices became too high over the years compared to the perceived value of the seat locations—for example, the end zones for football and upper levels of Stan Sheriff Center and Les Murakami Stadium. Often, businesses keep raising prices, thinking they will make more money, but they don’t sell as much, so under financial duress they raise prices again. We were headed down that path, but I think we’ve now made sure, by lowering prices in certain sections, that we are still affordable to all the people of Hawai’i, which represents our whole fan base.

Will we see a closer relationship between the alumni organization and athletics?

I served on the UH Alumni Association Board of Directors for

six years, and I’m very proud of the organization’s growth and accomplishments. The goals of UHAA are to keep all alumni connected, increase support for all campuses and provide scholarships to deserving students. UH athletics and UHAA are building a partnership where both entities can benefit—we provide ticket discounts and exposure; UHAA provides new avenues to communicate with our fans and alumni.

Who is your mentor or hero?

I’ve been very fortunate to have many mentors in my life—Coach Tomey; UH’s Rockne Freitas, Stan Sheriff and Hugh Yoshida; ESPN executive Pete Derzis and now Mānoa Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw. These individuals and many others helped me become a better person and leader. That said, my best mentors and heroes are my mom and dad. They laid the groundwork for me to be who I am today through life-lessons, education and unconditional love. I only hope Tracy and I can do as good a job!

As president and CEO of m2c, Inc., you provided strategic direction in event management to clients including ESPN Regional Television, Panda Travel and Sodexo Food Services. What’s your top event management tip?

Sweat the details! All it takes is one, just one, thing to go wrong and your customer can have a bad experience. The best customer service organizations in the world understand this and work overtime to make sure nothing can go wrong. If you are successful, you’ll have a satisfied customer and, important for UH athletics, you’ll likely have a repeat customer, maybe even a season ticket holder.

Athletes are notoriously superstitious. Did you have a good-luck practice as a player? How about as athletic director?

I kept my same routine every game—what I watched on TV, how I got dressed, how I stretched. Did it help? I don’t know. The important thing is if you don’t do the same things, it irritates you, and then you’re thinking about something else and not concentrating on your performance. As athletic director, I try to not *bachi* a coach or player by paying a compliment during a game or series. If necessary I’ll wait to the end of the season, but the first chance I get, I let them know they did a great job!

How do you unwind?

I workout/walk everyday. It helps keep me healthy and lowers stress levels. Other forms of stress relief include spending time with my family (often watching my daughter or son play a game), reading or playing a computer strategy game.

Your wife was a UH athlete and athletics staffer before moving to an upper campus job. Are your children following in the family sports tradition?

Tracy is the true athlete in our family. Born slightly too soon to enjoy all the benefits Title IX has brought women, she just missed being a softball player for UH. At Waialua High School she played basketball, volleyball, softball and ran track and field. In my best year I played two sports, football and either baseball or shot put. Both of our children are doing well in sports—Jackie in volleyball, basketball and judo and Josh in football and baseball. We really enjoy their academic and athletic successes! 🍍

Whatever happened to the 4-year degree?

Like their mainland peers, the majority of UH undergraduates take longer to graduate

Illustrations by Kip Aoki



Jon Oshiro
(graduated in 7
years with math
degree)

It's no accident that the U.S. Department of Education tracks and reports graduation rates based on a six-year cycle. Across the nation, "four-year" schools are finding that the majority of students spend six years on average earning a bachelor's degree. University of Hawai'i campuses, like their sister institutions, are working to speed up the process. The new STAR degree audit system, for example, allows UH students to go online anytime through their MyUH portal to track their own progress and find out the impact that choices like changing majors will have on degree requirements and time to graduation.

Other issues affecting time-to-degree range from societal conditions to university policies and facilities. "Some factors every institution struggles with, some are unique to Hawai'i," says Mānoa Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Francisco Hernandez. Nationally, six-year graduation rates for first-time, full-time freshmen range from 36 percent for the least selective baccalaureate campuses to 75 percent for selective doctoral institutions, averaging 57 percent overall, according to a 2006 National Center for Educational Statistics report that analyzed data from 1,301 public and private institutions grouped by their Carnegie classification. (Mānoa graduates 54 percent of undergraduates within six years; UH Hilo, 31 percent. Figures aren't available for UH West O'ahu since it only recently admitted first-year students.)

Such studies have shortcomings. The statistics don't consider transfers—more than half of Hilo's new students—or degrees completed at another college. They don't flag students

who enter a college planning to transfer (as 15 percent of Mānoa and 18 percent of Hilo students do) as completing their educational objective. Nor do they indicate whether students dropped out, stopped out (planning to return) or remain enrolled, notes Hernandez. If you add the number of entering freshmen still enrolled, Mānoa's six-year rate jumps by 12 percentage points (to 67 percent). Benchmark and peer universities gain only 2–3 percent (to 76 and 71 percent, respectively).

Improving time-to-degree as well as graduation rates requires examining some common assumptions.

Number of credits: Mānoa requires 124 credits to graduate; Hilo, 120. At 15 credits per semester, a student accumulates only 120 credits without taking summer school. Full-time Mānoa students average 13.7; Hilo, 14.3. Extensive core education requirements, once blamed for extending time to graduation, have been simplified and reduced to 35 credits at Mānoa. Hilo requires 40; completion of an associate degree fulfills the core, simplifying graduation requirements for transfer students, notes Hilo Director of Student Development James Mellon. Still, a late decision or change in choice of majors can leave students with additional credits to complete. "The earlier a student decides on a major, and sticks to it, the more likely they are to get and stay on track to completing degree requirements," Mellon says. Hilo expanded its advising center staff from one to four in spring 2007 to help students select a major early and progress efficiently.

Still even with a heavy class load, students' progress can be delayed if they can't get into the required courses in the prescribed order, so campus officials are examining when and how often courses are offered.

Need to work: Nearly 70 percent of Mānoa and more than 80 percent of Hilo undergraduates work, far more than the 49



Chris Holland
(graduated in
3-years with
kinesiology
degree)

percent of counterparts at comparable institutions, according to Mānoa's February 2008 report, Student Academic Success: Highlights of Retention Data and Surveys. Nearly 6 out of 10 students say they work for personal rather than educational or family expenses (though 43 percent say they must work part-time to remain in school), and 70 percent admit that jobs take time from their schoolwork. The percentage of students who work has been dropping, with the report speculating a possible link to the slight rise in the six-year graduation rate.

Hilo advisors recommend that students work on-campus, where employment is limited to 20 hours a week during academic terms and students feel more involved. Increasing financial aid also helps ease the financial burden for those who must work. About half of first-time undergraduates at Mānoa and more than seven in ten at Hilo received financial aid in 2004–05. Passage of proposed federal legislation allowing Pell Grants to pay for summer coursework would help, Mellon says.



Karen Shinkawa
(graduated in 4 years
with history degree)

Demographic factors: Transfer students are more likely to leave before completing a degree, as are part-time students, and UH outnumbers its peers on both counts. Some institutions don't allow part-time study; in its commitment to student access, UH hasn't gone that route, says system Vice President for Academic Planning and Policy Linda Johnsrud. The national graduation rate report also found an inverse, though not absolute, relationship between higher graduation rates and lower proportion of low-income students.

Past National Center for Education Statistics studies found that students who are the first generation in their families to pursue higher education are less prepared for college work and twice as likely to leave college before their second year (*Mālamalama* Sept. 2002). One in 3 Mānoa students is first generation, compared to 1 in 5 nationally, but the percent has been



Chris Lynch
(working on
master's in
Asian studies)

dropping steadily from 51 percent in 1990. Graduation and success rates also vary by ethnicity. At Mānoa, the six-year success rate has consistently ranged from 80 percent for Chinese students to 46 percent for Caucasian, with Japanese, Filipino and Hawaiian falling in between.

Mānoa and Hilo offer both general and targeted support programs to help students stay on track. Hilo's Kīpuka Native Hawaiian Student Center, Student Support Services Program and the Minority Access and Achievement Program closely monitor participating students to ensure they are on track, Mellon says. Mānoa's Student Academic Success Initiative outlines an ambitious plan for increasing advising and other academic support services, including online tutoring and peer-mentoring. The plan proposes a summer academy to prepare incoming students with the basic skills to tackle college coursework and directs more grant aid to first-year students. Hilo is expanding new student orientation to offer activities throughout students' first year.

Engagement: In Mānoa studies, students who left campus shy of a degree cited quality of physical facilities and sense of safety as factors in their decision. How students experience a campus also includes a less tangible factor that educators call "engagement." A 2007 national survey suggests that Mānoa's first-year students are less engaged than comparison groups as measured by the level of academic challenge, amount of active and collaborative learning, degree of student-faculty interaction and involvement in co-curricular activities. "Students want to be more engaged with faculty," says Hernandez. "They want to spend more time on learning related to their career choices."

In response the administration is focusing on more honors offerings, undergraduate research fellowships and service and student life opportunities along with improvements to the physical campus. It's not just students who benefit, Johnsrud says. "By implementing strategies to retain students, decrease time-to-degree and graduate more degrees and certificate holders, UH advances the educational attainment of Hawai'i's citizens, which is critical to the long-term wellbeing of our state." 🙏

Bamboo Ridge

Giving voice
to local writers
for 30 years

by Jeela Ongley

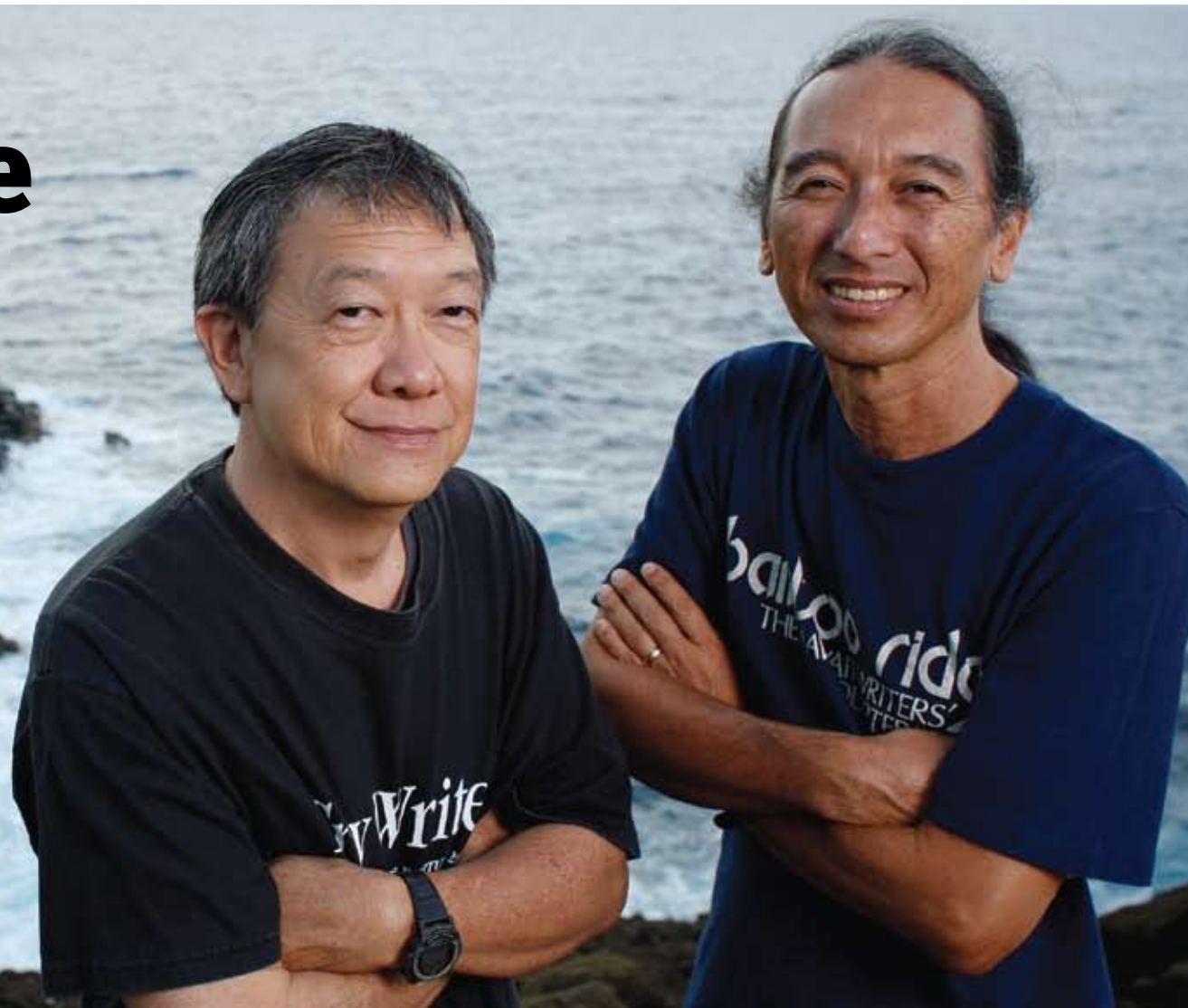


Photo by Cory Lum

There is no bamboo at Bamboo Ridge. The rocky fishing spot is so called because of the bamboo poles that used to be lined up there by fishermen. Darrell Lum (left) and Eric Chock revisit the O‘ahu site that lent the press its name.

“We were scolded and we were questioned and we were sort of warned—you know, you really shouldn’t be doing this kind of thing. If you want tenure, you should be working on your scholarship.”

Building on the theme Our Voices in Literature and Song, the conference pulled about 150 literary types—poets, authors, editors, journalists—together with Hawaiian and pidgin language professionals, scholars from other disciplines, playwrights and directors, songwriters and performers. Panels convened around ethnicity, language, theater, Hawaiian chant, oral history and education—all conversations that continue today in myriad ways. Another enduring aspect is live performance, including readings, screenings, musical performances and plays.

Among the participants was a large contingent of Asian American writers, mostly from the west coast of the United States. “It was sort of an awakening for us, we were similar but different,” says Lum. Some in the visiting contingent, characterized by a more militant, overtly political style, were critical of Hawai‘i writers for not being political enough in their work. But Lum counters, “If you read local literature and you understand local culture, you realize that the politics is always there in the writing. Might not be as obvious, there are some subtleties perhaps, but it’s there. Just the fact of using pidgin is a political statement.”

Embracing pidgin

Local writers embraced pidgin in spite of the disapproval of many traditional educators. The conference proceedings anthologized the works of many participating writers. Hiura and Sumida produced a bibliography of literature not typically considered when discussing Hawai‘i writing, including early work in pidgin, plantation stories and the like. “A lot of local literature that we were interested in was written using pidgin as dialect and even some, a very few pieces, entirely in pidgin with the voice of the pidgin narrator,” explains Hara, “but that didn’t really happen in a sophisticated way til much later.”

“I was told in grad school not to use pidgin,” recalls Chock. “They said you could use it for comedy or in certain kinds of contexts, but it wasn’t for poetry in this academic kind of setting. So even though I was having kids write it as part of the Poets in the Schools program, and I read it in Darrell’s writing, it wasn’t til Talk Story that I started using it.”

More than 850 writers, poets and visual artists have found a home in the pages of an award-winning local literary journal called *Bamboo Ridge*. They represent a literary cross-section of local culture—people with diverse backgrounds, interests and perspectives who share a sense of place grounded in Hawai‘i, writers published through a non-profit labor of love reliant on a small army of highly dedicated volunteers.

Founded in 1978 by editors Darrell Lum (BA ’72, MEd ’76, EdD ’97 Mānoa) and Eric Chock (MA ’77 Mānoa), *Bamboo Ridge, Journal of Hawai‘i Literature and Arts* has from its inception existed in a sort of symbiosis with the University of Hawai‘i. In the late ’70s the university was in the curious position of primarily teaching traditional “dead white guys” of the literary canon (to the exclusion of minorities and women) while at the same time training local cre-

ative writers to write authentically, to write what they know, to write about Hawai‘i.

“That was a hard lesson for me to learn,” Lum says, reflecting on his first “awful” attempts at short stories, modeled on things he’d read but never experienced. Long-time English department Professor Phil Damon (now retired) told Lum to write about the people, places and things that he knew, and Lum took it to heart. Around the same time, Lum’s childhood friend and poet Chock was finishing his master’s degree in creative writing. “He was writing and I was writing,” recalls Lum. “And we recognized that in our writing classes there were a lot of really good people, really talented folks, but they weren’t getting published. We thought, wouldn’t it be great if we could publish everyone that we liked, everyone that we knew.”

“And get them to subscribe,” adds Chock. The paid subscriptions didn’t materialize. Nevertheless, there was an

abundance of inspiration, talent and, perhaps most important, funding opportunities through the Hawai‘i Literary Arts Council and the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, to get *Bamboo Ridge* started. Excited by what *Hawai‘i Review* and other small local magazines had accomplished, they used the 1978 Talk Story conference “to get interest and attention to what we were going to do.”

Talk Story

The Talk Story ethnic American writers conference—a seminal, grass-roots gathering organized by Mānoa English department lecturers Marie Hara (BA ’65, MA ’70 Mānoa), Arnold Hiura (BA ’73 Mānoa) and Stephen Sumida—was a key turning point in the local literature movement, or as Hara puts it, a seed from which many shoots have grown. “The three of us were the rebels in the empire,” she recalls.

Following the trail they blazed, a whole cadre of writers use pidgin in their writing today. Many of these writers have UH ties as alumni, educators or both. Former Kapiʻolani Community College Instructor Lee Tonouchi (BA ’95, MA ’97 Mānoa), author of several award-winning works in and about pidgin, says his career began with Chock’s pidgin poem “Tutu on da Curb.” “For me, dat wuz my first exposure to pidgin lit,” he writes via email. “I wuz blown away by dat poem. I wuz like ho, get guys writing in pidgin. And we studying ’em in college. Das means you gotta be smart for study pidgin.” Tonouchi has won several awards and been published nationally. “I wen publish dozens of pidgin poems on top da continent. And every time I send ’em out my cover lettah stay all in pidgin too. I even had one pidgin essay das about pidgin and written all in pidgin, publish insai da National Council of Teachers of English journal of composition and rhetoric, *College English*. How’s dat?!”

The most well-known and successful *Bamboo Ridge* writers are probably Lois Ann Yamanaka (BED ’83 Mānoa) and Nora Okja Keller, nationally published authors several times over. Keller taught for many years at Mānoa; former public school teacher Yamanaka now runs a private writing school called Naʻau. Other UH educators who have been published by *Bamboo Ridge* include Mavis Hara (BED ’71 Mānoa) and Lisa Linn Kanae (AAT ’94 Kapiʻolani, BA ’96, MA ’00 Mānoa) at Kapiʻolani, Juliet Kono Lee (MA ’90 Mānoa) at Leeward, Brenda Kwon at Honolulu and Marie Hara, Ian MacMillan and Rodney Morales (BA ’74, MA ’85 Mānoa) at Mānoa, to name but a few.

In the classroom

One of the best-selling *Bamboo Ridge* issues is *Growing Up Local*. The anthology of established, emerging and student writers was put together with Mānoa’s Curriculum Research and Development Group. University Lab School English teacher Bill Teter wrote the teacher’s guide. “I really believe that kids in school have a better chance of becoming writers if they can hear and see in what they read something that strikes a familiar chord,” he says. “It engages students to want to read more, at the same time it kind of validates their experiences.” The guide’s original materials and questions generate discussion and personal writing, he says, and students respond very positively.

The reaction of Tonouchi’s community college students to reading *Bamboo Ridge* materials is mixed. “Get some local students who get all thrilled for see demselfs represent in literature (like how I wuz back when I wuz one student).

I try for expose students to one broad range of literatures for get ’em for question their old school notions of da literary canon

—Lee Tonouchi

of da literary canon. For lotta dem it’s one eye-opening experience.”

Bamboo Ridge may have started as a reaction against what was being taught and what wasn’t being published, but these days, *Bamboo Ridge* publications are listed on course syllabi, discussed in dissertations and used as high school and college textbooks. Woman- and minority-focused literature classes are de rigueur across the university system and *Bamboo Ridge* is featured weekly on the Hawaiʻi Public Radio production *Aloha Shorts*.

“Some of the criticism is that now we’ve become the canon, which is sort of bizarre to me because it went from being an outsider, which is a bad thing to be, to being a canon, which is still a bad thing,” say Lum with a sly smile. “Somehow we missed out on the middle, you know, where you build careers, sell thousands of books and get rich.”

What *Bamboo Ridge* may not have earned in monetary rewards, it’s certainly earned in influence and longevity. The press closes its yearlong celebration of 30 years of publishing with a huge birthday bash on the launch date of their first issue, Dec. 6, at the Hale Koa Hotel. Call 808 626-1481 for information. 📞

Where are they now: Still editors, **Lum** retired after 33 years in Student Support Services at Mānoa and **Chock** teaches English at West Oʻahu. **Hiura** has been very active in the local book and newspaper publishing community. **Sumida** is a professor of American ethnic studies at the University of Washington; one of his courses is Hawaiʻi’s literatures. **Hara**, who fought for and taught the first Asian American literature classes at Mānoa, is back in the department nurturing a new generation of writers.

Read Bamboo Ridge books: www.bambooridge.com

Jeela Ongley (BA ’97 Mānoa) is web content coordinator in External Affairs and University Relations and a master’s candidate in English at UH Mānoa

But den, get some local students who wondah how come we learning dis for and not studying ‘real’ literature. But da reality is da whole world get all kine literatures. For my creative writing classes dat I teach, I try for expose students to one broad range of literatures for get ’em for question their old school notions

Athlete turned banker sets ambitious agenda as UHAA president

UH Alumni Association’s new president has a head for business, a heart for sports and a soft spot for his family. Mitchell Kaʻaialiʻi assumes leadership after three years on the UHAA board, but his involvement goes back to 2001, when he joined the College of Business Administration Alumni and Friends Board of Directors.

“We are so lucky to have Mitch leading the charge,” says Janet Yoshida Bullard, UHAA’s new executive director and associate vice



Mitchell Kaʻaialiʻi

president for the UH Foundation Office of Alumni Relations. “As a former lineman, he has a way of ‘influencing’ alumni to reconnect with UH and give back to their alma mater.” Kaʻaialiʻi played football under Mānoa Coach Bob Wagner from 1987 to 1991. After a free agent stint with the San Diego Chargers in 1992, he returned to Hawaiʻi, completing a BA in communication and MBA from Mānoa.

“I am both humbled and honored by the opportunity to serve as president of

UHAA,” he says. “I look forward to giving more back to a school that has given me so much. I was lucky enough to attend UH on an athletic scholarship, and the education and opportunity afforded me here were priceless.” Kaʻaialiʻi began his business career in consumer finance in 1993. He joined First Hawaiian Bank in 2000 and is now assistant vice president and business banking officer at the Main Banking Center. He is treasurer for the UH Letterwinners Club and serves on the boards of community organizations including the Hawaiʻi Children’s Cancer Foundation, Hawaiʻi Literacy and the Mākaha Sons Foundation.

Kaʻaialiʻi enjoys spending time with wife Barbara and 9-year-old daughter Lauren, going to the movies and trying to stay in shape. He takes delight in cars, both old and new. “Mitch has a great sense of humor, intelligence and contagious enthusiasm,” says Bullard. “His vision is clear. There is no doubt he will achieve great things for UHAA.”

Kaʻaialiʻi has big plans: “In the coming year, UHAA is launching an affinity campaign to increase our membership to 25,000 over the next five years, which will bring us in line with our peer universities. To accomplish this, we plan to work more closely with our system partners, the

university administration, UH Foundation, athletics and the campuses.”

A recent change to the UHAA board structure allows the addition of four new board members to represent UH Mānoa, UH Hilo, UH West Oʻahu and the community colleges. These volunteers will be appointed by the campus chancellors and vice president for community colleges and will serve as liaisons between UHAA and the campuses.

Joining Kaʻaialiʻi on the 2008–09 board are:

Officers

Douglas Inouye (BA ’85, MBA ’03 Mānoa), 1st vice-president
Patrick Oki (BBA ’92 Mānoa), 2nd vice-president and treasurer
Sharene Urakami (BA ’93 Mānoa), secretary

New Directors

Bernadette Baraquio (AA ’94 Leeward, BA ’96 Mānoa)
Carl Caliboso (BBA ’84, JD ’91 Mānoa)
Jill Hasegawa (JD ’04 Mānoa)
Thomas Joaquin (AA ’78 Maui, BA ’87 West Oʻahu)
Kapena Lum (BBA ’02 Hilo)
Wayne Tanna (AA, AS ’83 Kapiʻolani, BA ’85 West Oʻahu)
Vernon Wong (BBA ’81 Mānoa)
Complete board at www.uhalumni.hawaii.edu.

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Emcee Jim Donovan, left, recognized some of the dozens of distinguished alumni honored during a special Centennial Celebration recognition in May. UH Alumni Association presented President David McClain with \$35,000 to launch the UHAA Endowed Scholarship Fund before the enthusiastic crowd of 400 alumni and friends enjoyed slack key masters George Kuo, Aaron Mahi and Martin Pahinui and music by Cecilio and Kapono.

New director named

Janet Yoshida Bullard joined UH Foundation’s Office of Alumni Relations as associate vice president and executive director of the UH Alumni Association in July. She spent the past 10 years with Hawaiian Airlines, most recently as director of marketing and promotions, and previously worked with visitor and convention bureaus for Hawai’i and San Diego. Read her letter to the UHAA membership and other alumni at right.



Janet Yoshida Bullard

Save the Dates:

- Oct. 4 Tailgate at Fresno State
- Oct. 8 UHAA Golf Tournament
- Oct. 11 Homecoming Tailgate
- Nov. 19 Golden Scholars Celebration

See www.alumniconnections.com/hawaii

Aloha!

I am thrilled to be here on a full-time basis working with alumni, faculty, staff, students and our UH leadership to move our alumni mission forward. Since 1988, I have served in a number of voluntary roles for UHAA and the UH system. I have a great love for my alma mater and am so proud of the education I received at UH. During my lunch breaks, my favorite activity is to take a stroll around campus. I see the young faces whose lives will be so profoundly impacted during their time here, and I think of the experiences and lessons learned that will impact them as they move into their careers. It is a wonderful feeling.

In the coming year, the board and I look forward to working closely with Mānoa Athletics Director Jim Donovan and the entire department to get more alumni out to support our student-athletes. We will work to heighten awareness of our organization and support all of our campuses in their efforts to better communicate with their alumni. Our online community and membership numbers continue to grow at a rapid pace, and we constantly look at ways to improve our services to alumni. We have active chapters throughout the world, as well as alumni who want to organize and are looking for ways to give back to their alma mater. Our job will be to ensure they have the tools to do just that.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the University of Hawai’i. It is the start of our second century. It is the perfect time to reconnect. Please join me as we move forward.

Janet Yoshida Bullard ’82
Associate Vice President of Alumni Relations
Executive Director, UH Alumni Association



Retired colonel looks after UH alumni, Iraqi people

As a leader, look after your people

—Bill Olds

William “Bill” Olds’ motto suits an Army colonel, to be sure, but those who know him well realize how far his concern extends. As a UH professor of military science, he campaigned to lift a 14-year state moratorium, extending JROTC opportunities to 14 Hawai’i high schools, and partnered with Football Coach Dick Tomey to build discipline on the football team. (It wasn’t all selfless—he recruited student athletes including Jesse Sapoulo for ROTC class; Doug Nomura was one who chose a military career.) In Egypt, Olds raised funds to send that country’s team to the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. In Las Vegas, he started one of the UH Alumni Association’s most active chapters. Now he’s helping rebuild Iraq.

A member of Kailua High School’s first graduating class, Olds attended UH Hilo, then a two-year program, and enrolled at Mānoa in 1960. While working as a Honolulu police officer, he earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology and designation as a Distinguished Military Graduate. Army assignments included airborne, infantry and special operations units serving in Korea, Okinawa and Vietnam. He picked up a master’s degree in international relations from the University of Missouri, Kansas City and Arabic language at the Defense Language Institute. He held senior military positions with U.S. Embassies in Egypt and the United Arab Emirates and led Egyptian Special Forces in the capture of Libyan hijackers in Malta in 1986. After a break to study at the San Diego Golf

Academy and manage several golf clubs, Olds was again called abroad. He went to Afghanistan and then Iraq, where he ran a compound in the Red Zone, managed 7,000 Iraqi linguists embedded with U.S. military and state department teams and evacuated hundreds of Americans to Kuwait during the 2004 insurgency uprising.

Olds willingness to serve infused his family. Son Lt. Col. Duke Olds is part of the Army Reserve and two nephews are in Hawai’i’s 29th Infantry Brigade (National Guard). All served in Iraq with Olds in 2006.

“UH offered a blend of culture and ethnic groups, model instructors and the best mentors for leadership in the Army ROTC department,” Olds reflects. “The net result is that I had 30 great years in the Army, a second career as a golf professional, and I am now giving back by helping a war-torn country with reconstruction.” As senior U.S. advisor for an Agency for International Development Provincial Reconstruction, Development and Humanitarian Team in Sadr City, he administers programs related to rebuilding infrastructure and local governance. Responsibilities include daily life support (electricity, water, security), as well as schools, hospitals and orphanages. His formal commitment ends in February, but he may stay on. “The Iraqis are good people who appreciate all that we are doing,” he says. “As long as I get professional and personal satisfaction from helping these good people, I will consider staying.”

By Kelli Shiroma, External Affairs and University Relations summer intern. (Fellow alumnus Ed Gayagas contributed to this story. The longtime friends talk weekly, however far apart. Says Gayagas: “When Bill was born, the mold was broken; he is truly one of a kind. His true colors are red, white and blue.”)

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- CTAHR Alumni Association
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- School of Public Health Alumni Association
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- UHAA—Pacific Northwest
- UHAA—San Diego
- UHAA—San Francisco/Bay Area
- UHAA/EWCA—Florida

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Brandon Kop

Golf distributor

UH degree: BA in business/marketing '82 Mānoa

High school: Kalani High School, Honolulu

Career: Business entrepreneur

Family: Wife Gail

Recent honor: Induction into the Hawai'i Golf Hall of Fame

Inspiration: Grandfather and former golf professional Guinea Kop

Teeing off since age 10, Brandon Kop attended UH Mānoa on a golf scholarship. He won the 1981 WAC golf championship, was named to the All-WAC Golf Team twice and has become bit of a philosopher: “Golf mimics life. You can learn life lessons from golf—never give up, learn things from bad days and learn from your mistakes.”

Kop’s grandfather pushed the value of a college degree. “That’s one thing they can never take away from you,” he used to tell me. That was the best information he could have given me.” In UH classrooms, Kop learned the skills to start Kop Distributors, a Pearl City golf equipment, accessories and sports apparel (including licensed UH logo wear) business, in 1983. “The class that helped me the most was a salesman-ship course because it was the most practical. I learned basic salesmanship and marketing, which correspond directly to my job,” he says.

Kop balances work with time on the green. “Someday, I want my workers to take over and run my business successfully,” he confides. “I got 10 employees, and I want to make sure my business can keep going.”

—Kelli Shiroma

Class Notes

Campuses: UH Mānoa, Hilo and West O’ahu; Hawai’i, Honolulu, Kapi’olani, Kaua’i, Leeward, Maui and Windward Community Colleges

1950s

Robert Katayama (BA '50 Mānoa) received a diploma from Farrington High School 65 years after he was to have graduated. He and three other men honored Feb. 24 were among 18 Japanese American students who cut their education short to volunteer in World War II. He served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and studied law at Yale University.

Wally Nakamoto (BA '57 Mānoa), 38-year owner of Wally’s Garden Supply in Mo’ili’ili, is the diving coach at Punahou School.

Seiji Naya (BBA '58 Mānoa) received an honorary doctorate from Kwansei Gekuin University in Japan. He is an emeritus professor of economics and a distinguished visiting senior fellow at the East-West Center.

1960s

Belinda S. Aquino (MA '65 Mānoa) director of Mānoa’s Center for Philippine Studies, received the university’s 2008 Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Foundation Award for faculty service to the community.

Dennis Higa (BS '69 Mānoa) is storm water program manager for engineering consulting firm M&E Pacific. He is responsible for a major storm water program management contract with Honolulu’s Department of Environmental Services.

Frances Okazaki (BEd '68 Mānoa), CB Richard Ellis Hawai’i executive vice president, was named Commercial Broker of the Year by the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties Hawai’i Chapter.

Esther Onaga (BEd '69, MEd '70 Mānoa), associate professor of family and child ecology at Michigan State University, received MSU’s 2008 Excellence in Diversity award. She brings Michigan students to Hawai’i each summer for interaction with UH Hilo and Mānoa.

1970s

Johnson Choi (AA Leeward, BBA '77 Mānoa) received the Small Business Association’s National Small Business Champion of the Year award in April for his work with minority businesses. He is president of the Hong Kong–China–Hawai’i Chamber of Commerce.

Richard Dinges (MEd '70 Mānoa), school counselor and test coordinator at Waiakea Waena School in Hilo, is listed in *Who’s Who in America*.

Jonathan Gillentine (BS '77, MEd '81, PhD '05 Mānoa) received the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators’ Outstanding Early Childhood Practitioner Award. A special education teacher for 26 years, he teaches at Benjamin Parker School.

Cedric Goo (BA '79 Mānoa), a housing code enforcement official for the City of Norwalk, Conn., is president of the Connecticut Association of Housing Code Enforcement Officials and member of the International Code Council.

Terry Johnson (BA '77 Mānoa) joined BEI Hawai’i, the state’s largest distributor of agricultural and industrial chemicals, as director of human resources.

Mary (Olsen) Kelly (BA '76, MFA '78 Mānoa) was one of 25 people nationwide to receive the Yoplait Champion 2008 award for breast cancer education and advocacy. A seven-year cancer survivor, Mary has written two books—*Chicken Soup for the Breast Cancer Survivor’s Soul* and *#1 Best Tools and Tips from the Trenches of Breast Cancer*. She also wrote *Path of the Pearl* about transforming adversity into pearls of strength, healing and beauty.

Brian K. Minaai (BBA '78 Mānoa) joined the UH System as associate vice president for capital improvements.

Diane T. Oglesby (MED '73 Mānoa) completed her doctorate in special education from George Washington University in March. She works for the National Association of State Directors of Special Education in Alexandria, Va., and lives in Woodbridge, Va., with her husband and three toy poodles.

J. Russell Roy (BA '74 Mānoa) of Paso Robles, Calif., accounting firm Roy & O’Connor, was elected president of the Central Coast Chapter of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Anthony P. Takitani (BA '79 Mānoa) chairs the Board of Directors of Hawaiian Host. He is the nephew of the founders. Anthony will continue as senior law partner at Takitani & Agaran in



Wailuku and Lahaina, Maui.

Mahealani Uchiyama (BA '79, MA '87 Mānoa), Oakland Bay area recording artist, received the Hawai’i Music Award in World Music for her CD, “A Walk by the Sea.”

Charles Williams (MPH '78 Mānoa) reflects on growing up amid poverty, hunger and abuse in West Virginia and how he overcame physical and emotional difficulties in his autobiography, *Paths of Darkness* (PublishAmerica).

Gordon Williams (BA '73 Mānoa) performed his one-man drama, “Acts of Pilate” in Katy, Texas. His one-act play, “No Greater Man” was published in the spring 2008 issue of *Christianity and Theatre* magazine.

Roberta Wong Leung (BBA '70, BA '71 Mānoa), dean of Shunde Polytechnic Department of Hotel, Tourism and Cuisine Management, was the first woman to receive the Foshan Government Friendship Award for contributing to development of the Guangdong, China city.

1980s

Anthony K. Bartholomew (JD '83 Mānoa) is judge of District Family Court of the Third Circuit on the Big Island.

Socrates D. Bratakos (BBA '82 Mānoa) is battalion fire chief of the Honolulu Fire Department, assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Ian Chu (BBA '80 Mānoa) was elected to the University of Hong Kong’s convocation standing committee, a statutory body dedicated to the networking of graduates to bring the university and the community closer together.

Norris Gonsalves (AS '82 Hawai’i), pipefitter for the Department of Water Supply, was named 2007 County of Hawai’i Employee of the Year.

Moses Kalei Nahonoapiilani Haia III (AS '87 Kapi’olani; BA '89, JD '94 Mānoa) is staff attorney for the Native Hawaiian Legal Corp. He was named one of “10 who made a difference” in 2007 by the *Honolulu Star Bulletin*.

Keith Inouye (BBA '84 Mānoa) is senior vice president and chief operating officer at Hoike Technology, a software developer.

Holden Lim (BBA '89 Mānoa) is senior director at Cushman & Wakefield Sonnenblick Goldman investment banking firm.

Vincent D. Malasig (AS '87 Leeward), a civilian Honolulu Fire Department employee was promoted in May.

Quince Mento (BS '80 Mānoa), Big Island fire chief, was named civil defense administrator for the county.



Barry Muranaka (AA, AS '85 Honolulu; BS '90 Mānoa) is senior project manager at M&E Pacific, one of Hawai’i’s largest consulting engineering firms. He oversees various large- and small-scale projects.

Keane Muranaka (BA '87 Mānoa) is assistant vice president, claims supervisor–field unit, for Island Insurance Company.

Michael F. Nauyokas (JD '89 Mānoa), a Hawai’i attorney specializing in mediation, arbitration and employment and labor law will be on Key Professional Media’s 2008 Super Lawyers list.

Anthony Pennings (MA '86, PhD '93 Mānoa) received the Award for Teaching Excellence at New York University.

Sally Perreault Darney (PhD '80 Mānoa), acting national program director for human health at the Environmental Protection Agency, was inducted into the Johns Hopkins University Society of Scholars and honored at May commencement.

Shirley S. Raguindin (BS '86 Mānoa), a lieutenant colonel and state diversity coordinator for the Arizona National Guard, was awarded the 2007 Diversity Officer Leadership Award by Diversity Best Practices. Shirley also was selected as one of the 100 Most Influential Filipinas in the U.S. by the Filipina Women’s Network.

Tayne S. Y. Sekimura (BBA '84 Mānoa) was promoted to senior vice president for finance and administration at Hawaiian Electric Company. Tayne oversees financial, human resources, legal and corporate administration areas.

Judith Lee Sterling (JD '80 Mānoa), attorney at Sterling & Tucker, has been appointed to the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys National Board of Governors.



Ken Niumatalolo

Naval Academy football coach

UH degree: BA in communications '90 Mānoa

Family: Wife Barbara, three children (Alexcia is a scholarship lacrosse player for University of Maryland)

Hometown: Lā’ie, O’ahu

Early job: Selling programs at Rainbows home football games at age 10 or 11, netting 5 cents for each

Service: Two-year mission with the Mormon Church

First game as head coach: Navy 3-point loss to Utah in the Poinsettia Bowl Dec. 20, 2007

About UH: “The university is pretty much multi-cultural. You deal with people from all over. I think it helped me become a real people person.”

Ken Niumatalolo is believed to be the first Polynesian head coach in NCAA Division IA history and the first Samoan collegiate head coach on any level—a fact that didn’t register until he got email from the governor of Hawai’i and a phone call from the congressman from American Samoa. “Polynesians are pretty positive people. That is just the way you are brought up,” the Radford High School graduate says. “I am just trying to do what is right for the program.”

As assistant coach, Niumatalolo proved to be “a consummate professional and unquestioned role model,” says Athletic Director Chet Gladchuk. Navy lead the nation in rushing the past three seasons.

A three-year Rainbow quarterback, Niumatalolo guided UH to its first post-season bowl game in 1989. He joined Navy in 1995, returning after a three-season stint as University of Nevada–Las Vegas assistant coach.

—David Driver



John W. Kephart

Improving health abroad

UH degree: BA in biology '00 Hilo
Career: Environmental health scientist
Birthplace: Salina, Kan.
Current home: A boat in the San Francisco Bay area named *Kansas*
Hobbies: Yachting, scuba diving, skiing, photography
About UH: “I thank my professors for giving me the knowledge, courage and understanding to reach out to other cultures and to help address the health needs of those less fortunate than us”

Working through Occupational Knowledge International, John Kephart strives to improve public health by reducing exposure to industrial pollutants. He partners with organizations in developing countries to build their capacity to identify, monitor and mitigate environmental and occupational exposures. He has traveled to India every other month to educate workers and their families about lead exposure. A study conducted in conjunction with OK International’s lead battery plant certification program is finding significantly elevated levels of lead in the blood of children who live within 2 kilometers of a lead battery plant.

Kephart plans to talk with government officials and battery manufacturers about lead regulations and implement health education programs. He’d like to do the same in China, and he’s working on issues facing Indian stone crusher workers. Workers exposed to silica dust have a 16-times higher incidence of tuberculosis than the average Indian. “We’ve done some research to show that simple water spray systems help reduce silica dust exposure by up to 80 percent,” Kephart says.

—Kelli Shiroma

Mary Vail (BS '82 Mānoa) has photos featured in *Picture Perfect Pools* and the upcoming *Fireplaces and Outdoor Kitchen* (Schiffer Publishing). Both books showcase work created by her client, Paragon Pools of Las Vegas.

Xiang “Bo” Wang (MA '87, PhD '92 Mānoa) is vice president of computer-based testing at the college entrance exam firm ACT.

Ramona L. Wong (MD '80 Mānoa), a Hawai’i nephrologist, received the 2007 Volunteer Service Award of the National Kidney Foundation for leadership in addressing chronic kidney disease.

Michael G. Wright (BBA '83 Mānoa) was promoted to executive vice president of Honolulu based Alexander & Baldwin Properties.

Eric K. Yeaman (BBA '89 Mānoa) is senior executive vice president and chief operating officer of Hawaiian Electric Co. He oversees day-to-day operations, energy solutions, public affairs and financial/administrative process.

Lori Yoshioka (BA '89 Mānoa) is director of the Employee Stock Ownership Plan of Roberts Hawai’i, the largest such plan in the state of Hawai’i.

Earl Zablackis (MS '86 Mānoa) is director, analytical methods validation-U.S., for pharmaceutical manufacturer Sanofi Pasteur, with responsibility for U.S. and Canadian sites.

1990s

Claudio Bolla (BBA '96 Mānoa) and Ornella Caccia announce the birth of Carlo Bolla, born on Jan. 10 in Belgium.

Dee Buckingham (MLIS '90 Mānoa) has published her fifth book, *Delicious Tidbits: Recipes and Secrets of Sackets Harbor* (Sydney Press)—a community/oral history cookbook of Sackets Harbor, a village in New York.

Donalyn Dela Cruz (BA '97 Mānoa) is government affairs and community relations manager at the Bishop Museum.

Paul Effler (MPH '90 Mānoa) oversees immunization and outbreak programs for the Communicable Disease Control Directorate in Perth, Australia. He was Hawai’i state epidemiologist for the past 13 years.

Jason Elam (BA '92 Mānoa), Denver Broncos kicker, released the novel *Monday Night Jihad* (Tyndale). The book describes an international effort to prevent a terrorist attack against the backdrop of professional football.

Lea Hong (JD '91 Mānoa) was named one of “10 who made a difference” in 2007 by the

Honolulu Star Bulletin for her work as director of the Trust for Public Land’s Hawaiian Islands program.

Scott Ishikawa (BA '91 Mānoa) is vice president at Bright Light Marketing. He will assist clients and help create a strategic growth plan for the Honolulu agency.

Dawn Kanno (BA '93 Hilo) is division manager for the Heide & Cook subsidiary AirReps Hawai’i. Dawn oversees a product line that includes air conditioning units and sterilizing systems, water coolers and related equipment.

Grant Kubota (BBA '99, MBA '05 Mānoa) is second vice president—wealth management at Citi Smith Barney in Honolulu.

Allen McDermid (BA '90, MA '97 Mānoa) moved to Tokyo as human resources director of Monolith Communications, a Japan-based video production and media support company.

Lani (Kwon) Meilgaard (BA '91 Mānoa) owns Creating Co-Powerment Workshops, offering workshops and one-on-one consultations in Michigan, California, Hawai’i and around the world. See www.creatingcopowerment.com.

Victorialei “Nohea” Naka’ahiki (AS '93 Kapi’olani), senior litigation paralegal at Carlsmith Ball in Kailua-Kona, is listed as in *Lessons from the Top Paralegals Experts: The 15 Most Successful Paralegals and What You Can Learn from Them*.

Bonnie Oppermann (JD '95 Mānoa) is senior vice president at Grubb & Ellis/CBI, specializing in industrial and investment properties a Hawai’i-based commercial and residential real estate firm.

Neysa Park (BBA '96, MBA '01 Mānoa) is assistant controller for Hawai’i tour and transportation company Roberts Hawai’i. She oversees accounting and financial reporting functions.



Ann Cober Reed (MLIS '95 Mānoa) is reference librarian at University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, located in Princess Anne. She retired from Caroline County Maryland Public Schools in 2005 after 29 years as a teacher librarian.

Greg Sakaguchi (MBA '96, MEd '97 Mānoa) is senior vice president and chief operating officer of HT&T Hawai’i.

Aireen M. Sugitan (BBA '96, MBA '02 Mānoa) became a partner at the Los Angeles law firm Bandari Beach Lim & Cleland in 2006.

Steven Thompson (BA '90 Mānoa) is a construction coordinator with Hunt Builders.

Robert W. Thurston (AS '98 Kapi’olani) was promoted to fire captain in the Honolulu Fire Department.

Irene Ueda (BEEd '99, MEd '06 Mānoa) received the Stevens Middle Level Educator of the Year award at the Hawai’i Association of Middle Schools annual conference in October 2007.

Tony Young (BA '92 Mānoa) is producer/director of *Naked in the 21st Century*, a documentary about the nudist movement with ties to Hawai’i. The film is based on the 1980s North Shore Nativist Park. It made the top 100 downloads at Vudu.com, he reports.

2000s

Leilani (Rivera) Banks (BA '05 Mānoa) is lab administrator at the University of Southern California GIS Research Laboratory, doing office management and building a new website. She writes: “The greatest challenge is forgetting to not sign my emails ‘Mahalo Nui Loa’ and not missing being so close to the beach.”

Micah Chinen ('00-'05 Kapi’olani) is product marketing and sales manager, transportation at Roberts Hawai’i. He will develop and implement an annual marketing plan to increase transportation sales.

Roland Davis (BA '04, BMus '04 Mānoa) won a fourth National Music Competition DownBeat Award. He begins work on his PhD at NYU this fall.

Dacheng Dong (MURP '04 Mānoa) was promoted to associate at PBR Hawai’i. He specializes in master plan design, site planning, land and resource analysis and GIS mapping at the planning and landscape firm.



Katherine Katsuda (BBA '07 Mānoa) is a human resources assistant for Hawaiian Host chocolate manufacturer. She provides administrative support to the human resources director and handles risk management materials.



John Madinger (MA '07 Mānoa) published the murder mystery *Death on Diamond Head* (Watermark Publishing). A criminal investigator with the U.S. Treasury Department, he spent most of his 30-year law enforcement career in the Islands.

Dan Parsons (AAT '01 Leeward; BEEd '03 Mānoa) is education director for the Battleship Missouri Memorial. He retired from the Navy as a senior chief after 22 years of service.

Laurie Ann K. Sato (BBA '04 Mānoa) has been promoted to director of client services and marketing for Avalon Development Company, a Honolulu-based property development and consulting company.

Cheryl Smith (BA '02 Mānoa) placed 33rd in 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for the women’s marathon in Boston after setting a course record in qualifying trials at the Orange County Marathon.



Second generation alum: Harrisburg, Pa., resident Link Martin (MSW '79) returned to Mānoa with wife Rose in May to celebrate the graduation of their daughter Sarah Martin (MEd '08). Born on Maui, Sarah lived on the mainland most of her life. She returned to Hawai’i in 2006 to teach at Wai’anae Intermediate School as part of Teach for America. She now works as a recruiter in the corps’ New York office.



Wehnona Stabler

Community healer

UH degree: MPH '87 Mānoa

Family: Son Red Wing, daughter Maya, granddaughter Mimate’

Career: Omaha tribal health director and CEO of the Carl T. Curtis Health Education Center

Hobbies: Traveling the U.S. to participate in Native American events, dancing at Pow-wows with her daughter

Tribe affiliation: Omaha Tribe Buffalo clan

Wehnona Stabler works to keep her community healthy, literally. In Macy, Neb., she provides a wide spectrum of services including traditional medical care, diabetes and dialysis programs, community health nursing and a nursing home.

Stabler, who has been working to improve the health of her people since 1981, was one of seven Native American students recruited from different reservations to train at Manoa’s School of Public Health. In October 2007, Stabler was honored with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Community Health Leaders Award for changing the healthcare paradigm from disease treatment to disease prevention and for expanding healthcare services. She contributed the \$125,000 award toward clinic projects, including a shift toward electronic health record keeping and moving the pharmacy to a newly renovated space.

“The health center will continue to meet the needs of the Omaha people we serve,” says Stabler. “It is so important to remember who we are and where we come from in our path back to wellness. It has been, and it will be our Omaha culture that sustains us.”

—Heidi Sakuma



Jay Hubert

Exploring Asia

UH degree: MA in Asian studies (China focus) '07 Mānoa

Career: Production assistant, director, occasional translator

Unusual legacy: Spent so much time overseas as an undergraduate, Rice University named a study abroad scholarship after him

Hobbies: Photography, soccer, ultimate, snowboarding, guitar

Travel tip: Learn as much of the language as possible; talk to people—they make new places interesting

Kind of film he wants to make: *Babel*, with its strong narrative and deep meaning

Jay Hubert traces his love of Asia to third grade. “I can’t say exactly what sparked it, I suppose it boils down to the idea that there was a place out there very different from Humble, Texas.” He studied at eight universities in five countries, landing in Mānoa’s Asian studies program and discovering the fledgling Academy for Creative Media. “I jumped on the opportunity to take the first production class. I give ACM all the credit for helping me develop into someone willing to describe himself as a filmmaker.” His thesis film, *Dao*, is a study of crossing and conflicting cultures. It won a Special Jury Award at the Honolulu International Film Festival and has been screened in California, Texas, Oregon, Cambodia and Shanghai.

Hubert shot two short films in Korea, assisted on a Beijing Olympics commercial and is working on a Chinese feature film. He foresees strengthening relations between China and Hawai’i. “Both places are very dear to my heart, and I hope that I can help build the bridge that will span the two.”

—Jason Morgan

In Memory

1930s

Hubert Everly (BEd ’34, MEd ’39 Mānoa), died May 16 at the age of 93. During 23 years as dean of the UH College of Education, he expanded enrollment, added new degrees and buildings,

increased research activity and created the Curriculum Research & Development Group. After retiring in 1979, Everly served as president of the UH Founders Alumni Association and director on the UH Alumni Association board.

Frank Ward Hustace Jr. (BA ’36 Mānoa), commissioner of public lands under two territorial governors, died March 26 in Honolulu at age 93. Active in a private law practice to the end, Hustace served as director and board secretary of Victoria Ward Ltd. until it was sold in 2002.

1950s

John Griffin (BA ’52, BA ’73 Mānoa), former editorial page editor for *The Advertiser*, died Dec. 16, 2007, at age 80. Griffin was a columnist and editor of *Ka Leo* during post-war Hawai’i. Service in the Navy Air Corps, Associated Press and Peace Corps contributed to his longstanding interest in Asia and Pacific affairs.

E. Alison Kay (PhD ’57 Mānoa) died June 9 at age 79. A Mānoa professor of zoology, she helped shape state regulations protecting ‘opihī from over-harvesting and chaired the Diamond Head Citizen’s Advisory Committee. At UH, she also served as dean of graduate students, department chair and member of the Faculty Senate. A memorial fund has been established at UH Foundation to support students interested in the natural history of the Hawaiian islands.

Charles E. St. John (BA ’50 Mānoa), son of the UH professor for whom Harold St. John Laboratory was named, died Dec. 12 at age 82. He retired from DeLaval Turbine Co. in 1995 as a mechanical engineer. An avid reader and patron of Princeton, N.J. Public Library, he was fond of biking, skiing and antique cars.

1960s

Frank Atherton Hua Peng Chong (BA ’66, MSW ’68 Mānoa) died Mar. 9 at age 63. He was government and community relations manager for AlohaCare and a United Church of Christ minister. He previously served as executive director of Waikiki Health Center.

Wayne Miyahira (BBA ’67 Mānoa) of Kāne’ohe died Apr. 15 at age 63. He was an Army veteran and a sales manager for paper companies Unisource and Xpedx. President and execu-



tive director of the Hawai’i United Okinawa Association, he was named a goodwill ambassador by the Okinawa Prefectural Government.

1970s

Homer Samuel Adams III (BA ’73, MA ’76, MEd ’80 Mānoa) died Oct. 1, 2007. He was a clinical social worker and clinical psychologist in private practice in Portland, Ore.

Kevin S. Haraki (BS ’70 Mānoa) died Jan. 24 in Valhalla, N.Y. After received his PhD in analytical chemistry from Cornell University, he spent 26 years with Lederle Laboratories, pioneering implementation of a large online interactive chemical structure database.

June Kam Hu Chun Hsia (BA ’71, MA ’74 Mānoa) died Mar. 25 at age 60. She was known for her school, Musical Moments with June Chun, where she taught piano and voice.

Ken Kuhns (BBA ’71 Mānoa), a Realtor in Spokane, Wash., died Jan. 14 at age 60. Excerpts from a note titled “I’m a Lucky Guy,” found in his desk, read: “Danced on *American Bandstand*; San Diego Little League All Star; played competitive softball into my 40s; been to 47 states; dated models, singers and beauty queens; had breakfast with the Speaker of the House; stood at the podium of the White House Press Room; raced cars; raised 5 step kids; chased gators in a Louisiana swamp boat; dragged an unconscious owner out of his burning home; top 10 out of 2,200 Realtors; guest on radio and TV programs.”

Roger Alan Long (PhD ’79 Mānoa) died Apr. 30, 2007, in ‘Ewa Beach at age 68. He retired from Mānoa in 2005, after serving as professor and chair of theatre and dance and associate dean of arts and humanities. A Southeast Asian theatre specialist, he directed and performed in many productions at UH’s Kennedy Theatre and the Mānoa Valley Theatre.

Larry Shinshiro (BS ’73, MS ’81 Mānoa), of Kamuela, died May 10, 2007. He was the state agronomist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service and retired after 36 years of federal service.

1980s

Franklin Pao (BA ’85 Mānoa) died Oct. 12, 2007, at age 72. He brought Hawaiian spirituality to the Marianist brotherhood. He joined the order in 1954 and served as registrar of Saint Louis School for 21 years. A member of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Pao was named kahuna nui in 1988. In May he was recognized by the four Hawaiian royal societies with a Kalani Ali’i award for advancing Hawaiian culture.



Sports



University of Hawai’i photo by Jay Metzger

Back on Track

Wahine satisfy seven-year itch with top-25 finish

The year is 2001. UH Mānoa reactivates women’s track and field after a 16-year hiatus and recruits University of British Columbia Head Coach Carmyn James (above). Fast forward seven years. UH heptathlete Annett Wichmann places fourth in the nation at NCAA indoor track and field championships. “Awesome,” exclaims James. “It’s really hard just to qualify, let alone finish in the top eight and score points.” The Rainbow Wahine fare even better at the outdoor championships. Three athletes qualify—Wichmann in heptathlon, Amber Kaufman and Emily Sheppard in high jump. All finish in the top six. “We sent one of the smallest squads and still placed 25th in the country, beating big schools such as UCLA, Alabama and Nebraska. To be at such a high level brought national and international recognition to our program.”

Team members train up to 20 hours a week at Cooke Field. This fall, the old black-rubber infield sprouts new artificial turf, with future renovations transforming the whole complex into a first class facility, thanks to a \$5-million gift from the Clarence T. C. Ching Foundation. “It will look so much more professional,” enthuses James, eager for new hammer and discus practice areas. The track will stay. “We have the only rainbow colored track in the world, and I made it happen!” she adds. “It’s the same surface used at Olympic games and world championships, with cushiony air pockets that return energy so you can run fast times and train safely.”

Cross-country runners often practice off campus—Paradise Park in Mānoa Valley, Magic Island, the hilly slopes of Diamond

Head. Their September Big Wave Invitational is on the fairways of the Marine Corps’ Kāne’ohe Clipper Course. “The start line is by the ninth hole,” says James. “By the time golfers get there, we’re finished.”

Most of her student-athletes come from Hawai’i and the western U.S.; some apply from Canada, Germany, Australia and elsewhere in hopes of qualifying for one of 18 scholarships. “We have a top high jumper and a discus thrower coming from New Zealand, and all three NCAA finalists from last season are returning,” says James. When recruiting, she looks at past performance, future potential and GPA. For the last three years the team has achieved All-Academic status; this year two athletes qualified for Olympic trials.

James has set records too. She was the first woman named head coach of a Canadian National Senior team—competing at the 1995 world championships in Sweden. She headed the Canadian University Coaches Association and was on Athletics Canada’s Board of Directors. Her formula for success: “Follow your heart. Be willing to try something new. And always be the best you can be no matter what the challenge.” Even if it means overcoming fear of sharks to learn how to surf. 🐠

By Jennifer Crites (AA ’90 Windward, BA ’92 UHWO), a freelance writer/photographer in Honolulu

For a quick primer on track and field and cross country, select the sports report at www.hawaii.edu/malamalama



Dong Man's Ensemble
Xindi style

From the exhibition *Writing with Thread: Traditional Textiles of Southwest Chinese Minorities* at Mānoa's University of Hawai'i Art Gallery, Sept. 21–Nov. 30

Photo by Wang Lin-Sheng, courtesy of the Evergrand Museum, Taoyuan, Taiwan

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Cheer some more when the **Rainbow Wahine take on New Mexico State in volleyball at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12** in Stan Sheriff Center (UHAA members receive a 50% discount on game tickets during homecoming weekend)

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