

# Hi Ka Lono Hanakahi

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## 30 years of Vulcan Athletics!

by John Burnett

In a small office within the creaking walls of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo's classic barn-like gym on Kapi'olani Street, a long tradition of Vulcan Athletics' success and a proud history was born.

While many contributed along the way, in the beginning, there were three visionaries who made it happen. Two were Hiloans and longtime friends: then Athletic Director Ramon Goya, the program's overall architect, and a coach who would become the Godfather of Hawai'i small college basketball, Jimmy Yagi. The third was an unlikely ally, a scholarly



Jimmy Yagi compiled a 218-87 record and won three NALIA District II titles as Vulcan basketball head coach.

Hawaiian man who favored black suits and horn-rimmed glasses and who sat quietly at Vulcan basketball practices in the *Hoosiers*-like gym without any fanfare. But as it turned out, Goya and Yagi were in luck. UH Hilo Chancellor Edwin Mo'okini was a rock-solid hoops fanatic

and a firm believer in intercollegiate athletics as a way for a university to earn and solidify a position in the community.

Until the early 1970s, the Vulcans were known as "Junior Rainbows." Goya, like any forward-thinking A.D., felt the team should have its own identity separate from the UH Manoa campus. He wanted something that fit its Big Island identity.

Goya came up with an improbable but perfect nickname -- Vulcans.

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## SPOTLIGHT

### Mahi-Gunderson is at home in the world

by John Burnett



Kamaka Mahi-Gunderson

One of the major sources of pride at UH Hilo is the cultural diversity of the campus population. Certainly if one makes friends among the many races and nationalities represented here and learns from those individuals their cultural customs and perhaps even their languages, one could

graduate not only with a college degree, but more importantly with the intellectual and social capital to become "citizens of the world."

Or one could just become friends with Kamaka Mahi-Gunderson. The program manager for the National Science Foundation Keaholoa STEM Program at UH Hilo, her *kuleana* is recruitment, retention and graduation for Native Hawaiians and other under-represented minorities in the STEM disciplines: science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Although she has been at UH Hilo only since January, Mahi-Gunderson is uniquely qualified for both her position and for mentoring those on campus who are sincerely interested in "world citizenship."

A Native Hawaiian who attended Kamehameha Schools, she has spent a great deal of her adult life living and working abroad mostly as an

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Vulcan is the Greek god of fire, and the Big Island is the home of the most active volcano on the face of the earth. While it is unlikely that "Star Trek's" Mr. Spock, the trusty and logical executive officer of the Starship Enterprise who hailed from the planet Vulcan, was a part of Goya's thought process, the sci-fi series character's status as a pop culture icon was a fortunate coincidence that further captured the imagination of the school's student body, supporters in the community -- and as it would turn out, sports fans statewide.

Prior to the 1976-77 academic year, UH Hilo teams picked up games against visiting junior colleges as well as against teams in the local adult recreational leagues. But Goya and Yagi wanted the Vulcans to become a full-fledged intercollegiate athletic program. Goya enlisted the help of a group of local businessmen and professionals that included Harvey Tajiri, Walt Southward and 15 others. This small but dedicated group became the Vulcan Athletic Booster Club.

With the Boosters raising funds, buying uniforms, publicizing games, providing event manpower and concessions, hosting post-game potlucks and taking an active interest in prospects and recruits and selling them on both UH Hilo and the Hilo community, Goya and Mo'okini applied for and received membership in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), a national sanctioning agency for small college intercollegiate athletics. While the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) offered more prestige, the NAIA was a better fit at that time, according to Goya. UH Hilo became a member of NAIA District 2 with programs from Washington and Oregon that were similar in size, enrollment, financing and philosophy.

In the early 1980s, the Vulcans became a part of NAIA District 29, a.k.a. the Hawai'i Conference, which also included Hawai'i Pacific University, Brigham Young University of Hawai'i, Chaminade University and the now-defunct Hawai'i Loa College.

For the original cast of Vulcan coaches, coaching was a full-time endeavor and a labor of love, but their paying jobs were elsewhere. Yagi ran his family's successful meat processing business, Kulana Foods, while Baseball Coach Joey Estrella was a lecturer in Health and Physical Education as was Tennis Coach Eli Kikuchi. Golf Coach Jim DeMello was a counselor and Volleyball Coach Sharon Peterson, a two-time U.S. Olympian, ran a business in Waimea. Goya was the only full-time Athletics employee. In addition to his A.D. duties, he was also an associate professor in HPE.

The Vulcans were an immediate hit. Vulcan basketball

reached the post-season in its first three seasons. Volleyball won seven national championships, including four consecutive titles from 1981-84 and two in 1981. Baseball made 11 post-season appearances, including three in the NAIA World Series. Soon, the University in the middle of the Pacific, which had previously gone under the names "Hilo College" and "University of Hawai'i, Hilo Branch," was on the map nationally.

UH Manoa basketball was dismal at the time, and Yagi's Vulcan cagers found themselves statewide media darlings. KGMB-TV televised Vulcan games to an adoring audience and Vulcan volleyball and basketball were moved earlier in the evening to start at 7:15 p.m. to accommodate the deadline of then *Honolulu Advertiser* Neighbor Island Bureau Chief Hugh Clark. Tip-offs and opening serves are still at 7:15 p.m. today.

Basketball at the Hilo Civic Auditorium was played before sellout crowds of 3,000-plus, and at a time when Rainbow basketball fans took to wearing paper sacks over their heads courtside, some UH Hilo student supporters even showed up sporting pointy rubber ears, a nod to the ever popular



*Although he has been the Vulcan baseball coach since the program started, Joey Estrella has also been an assistant basketball coach as well as the athletic director (1980-89).*

Mr. Spock. The Vulcans often played against much larger schools, including Georgetown and UNLV, the latter a classic 164-111 loss, which was a record for total points in a game at the time. The game ball for that contest is in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. UH Hilo also won encounters against Nebraska and New Mexico, with the latter featuring future L.A. Lakers standout Michael Cooper.

"We were very successful," said Estrella, who served as both A.D. and baseball coach from 1980-89 and who was also an assistant basketball coach in the early days. "We were actually too successful for our own

good because the NAIA offered very little reimbursement for post-season travel. Only basketball and volleyball were partially paid. The other sports basically had to fulfill all of their postseason travel financially.

"The most we ever got back for baseball was \$2,400, and that included going to the District, the Area and the World Series. The money issue when we first started was bearable. (But) by the time we got to the '90s, we couldn't afford to stay in the NAIA."

The Vulcans completed the move to NCAA Division II for its 1994-95 season under then A.D. Bill Trumbo. Volleyball immediately jumped to the forefront with post-season appearances in three of the Vulcans' first four years as members of the NCAA, but hit the skids after the 1998 graduation of superstar Tanya Fuamatu. Basketball, which had enjoyed two decades of winning under Yagi and then Bob Wilson, also hit

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# UH Hilo's Nā Pua No'eau awarded a new federal grant

by John Burnett



The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Nā Pua No'eau, the Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Children at UH Hilo, a new grant in the amount of \$574,844. The award is for the first year of a three-year period.

The grant will help continue the Center's goals to raise the achievements and aspirations of Hawaiian children and their families. Over the last 15 years, Nā Pua No'eau has designed and conducted educational enrichment for Hawaiian children

throughout the State of Hawai'i through its seven sites located at UH Hilo, UH Mānoa, Kaua'i Community College, Maui Community College, the Moloka'i Education Center, Lana'i High and Elementary School and the University of Hawai'i Center in West Hawai'i.

The grant, authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education—Native Hawaiian Education Act, is intended to increase the number of Native Hawaiian students entering

the university system and increase the likelihood of Native Hawaiian students completing their post-secondary education.

In Fall 2004 there were over 500 students enrolled throughout the UH system who had participated in Nā Pua No'eau activities.

"With so many of our students matriculating into higher education, we want to assure their success in reaching their educational and career goals," said Nā Pua No'eau Director Dr. David Sing. "This grant will help us implement some strategies that we believe will help them transition from high school to college. It will also allow our Center to work with other higher education programs to implement strategies to increase their chances of success in college."

Program initiatives will include research seminars that connect high school participants with university faculty and their research projects, counseling support services for high school participants that address the unique challenges faced by Hawaiian high school students and counseling support services for college participants, including social and academic support networks, career advising and continued internship opportunities. ☺

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bottom under Jim Forkum. And baseball became a perennial loser after being asked to do the nearly impossible: compete at the Division I level on a shoestring budget.

As Vulcan Athletics celebrates 30 years of intercollegiate competition, things have taken a turn for the better. Jeff Law, in his seventh season as basketball coach, led the hoopsters to a 25-4 record last year, the team's best mark ever, and a final ranking of No. 8 in the NABC/NCAA Division II poll. The Vuls, who have made two postseason appearances in the last three years, garnered a preseason ranking of 23<sup>rd</sup> in the NCAA D-II Bulletin preseason poll, their first ever NCAA preseason ranking. Men's golf finished No. 5 last year at the National Championship, led by senior All-American Nick Mason who finished as national individual runner-up. Softball made its first appearance in postseason competition since the move to the NCAA. Volleyball started this season with a respectable 12-6 mark. And even the long-suffering Estrella remains hopeful about his baseball team, which has shown some signs of life in the past few years.

Three decades following a leap of faith into intercollegiate athletics spurred by three visionaries, the UH Hilo Vulcans continue to justify the faith shown by Goya and Yagi, who

are both still present at most Vulcan events, and by Mo'okini, who died in 1979. A quiet man who was nonetheless proud of those early Vulcan glory days, those who remember him like to think he is there in spirit, enjoying the current Vulcan Renaissance. ☺

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## UH Hilo partners with Hawai'i Biotech in West Nile Virus vaccine study



Sue Jarvi

UH Hilo Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Susan Jarvi is leading a study to determine if a vaccine to West Nile virus (WNV) can be used to protect the endangered Hawaiian goose, the nene, against this deadly disease. The program targeting this avian species with this vaccine was announced by Hawai'i Biotech Inc. in June.

"The vaccine was initially developed for use in humans, but its application may be more widespread" stated David Watumull, president and CEO of HBI.

Testing of the vaccine is initially being completed in a surrogate species, the domestic goose, to establish the effectiveness and safety of the vaccine in geese before any attempts are made to vaccinate nene. Mortality due to WNV is known to be high in some geese, up to 75%, and in 2003 the Center for Disease Control reported the death of an adult nene housed in a mainland zoo. More than 289 species of birds and at least 30 non-avian vertebrate species are known to be susceptible to the virus, but birds (especially wild birds) are the principal hosts of the virus.

"Introduction of WNV to Hawai'i will likely impact many species, including humans, but our native bird populations will be especially hard hit," Jarvi said. "WNV has not yet been detected in the islands, but based on its rapid spread in North, Central and South America in the past six years, it is likely just a matter of time.

"Successful application of this vaccine in protecting our state bird could be extended to other critically endangered species such as the Hawaiian crow, the *alala*," she added.

This study is a collaborative effort involving personnel from multiple institutions and agencies. It is funded by Hawai'i Biotech, Inc. (Carolyn Weeks-Levy, Mike Lieberman and Teri Wong), and involves scientists from UH Hilo (Jarvi, principal investigator), UH Manoa virologists (Vivek Nerurakar, Bruce Cropp and Duane Gubler), USGS (Erik Hofmeister, NWHC virologist and Dennis LaPointe, PIERC vector ecologist and a member of the West Nile Virus Working Group), the National Park Service, (Darcy Hu, Wildlife Biologist) and local veterinarians Alfred Mina, East Hawai'i Veterinary Clinic and Alan Nagakura, The Pet Hospital.

Jarvi is concurrently running a malaria vaccine study in birds, is a co-principal investigator on an NSF funded project on the Biocomplexity of Introduced Diseases in Hawai'i, is the leader for the NSF-EPSCoR evolutionary genetics research core and supervisor of the core genetics facility at UH Hilo. 📍

## Okazaki Admin Affairs Employee of the Quarter

by John Burnett



Grant Okazaki

Grant Okazaki, an account clerk on temporary assignment to the Cashier I position in the Business Office, has been selected Administrative Affairs Employee of the Quarter for October to December 2005.

Okazaki started his job as an emergency hire on July 1, 2003.

He received a temporary assignment outside of list (TAOL) on June 14, 2004 and a regular appointment May 10, 2005. He started his current temporary assignment on July 1, 2005. Before his hiring at UH Hilo, Okazaki was employed at Kulana Foods where he worked with his uncle, legendary former UH Hilo basketball coach Jimmy Yagi.

Okazaki says he enjoys his job at UH Hilo, especially his co-workers in the Business Office.

"It's an honor to be recognized for what you do, especially when you've been here for just a short time," Okazaki said.

The co-worker who nominated Okazaki for the award praised him as a team player and a quick study with a positive attitude.

"In such a short time, Grant has proven to be a tremendous asset to the Business Office and the Administrative Affairs unit as a whole," the individual wrote. "His willingness and ability to take on new responsibilities have made him a well-rounded employee. Since Grant started working at the Business Office, there have been several vacancies which resulted in the shuffling of responsibilities. Without hesitation, he is always willing to contribute to the overall betterment of the Business Office. Because of his vast knowledge, we rely on Grant for back-up help in a variety of areas."

Okazaki also deals face-to-face with students, the UH Hilo community and public-at-large in his role as Business Office cashier.

"He deals with them, whether on the phone or in person, with tact and courtesy," according to the nominator. "At times, he is a bearer of bad news. Grant will always take the time to explain from A to Z the circumstances of the situation so that the individual can have a better understanding of the situation." 📍

# Hats off to...



Eric Im

**Eric Im**, Professor of Economics, participated as an invited commentator on energy in the 14<sup>th</sup> Northeast Asia Economic Forum meeting, held in Shenyang, China in September. He also presented a paper on "Stationarity Condition for AR Index Model" at Beijing University of Technology. The paper, co-authored with **David Hammes**, UH Hilo professor of economics, was recently accepted for publication in *Econometric Theory*, a Yale University journal.



David Hammes

**Sevki Erdogan**, Associate Professor of Computer Science, had his paper "Integrated Knowledge Base for Environmental Research" accepted for publication at the IEEE International Conference on Autonomic and Autonomous Systems International Conference on Networking and Services last month in Papeete, Tahiti. The paper was co-written with Ted Shaneyfelt, Andrew Honma and Cam Muir. Additionally, "Using FPGA Technology toward the Design of an Adaptive Fault Tolerant Framework" was accepted for publication at the IEEE Systems, Man and Cybernetics 2005 conference held last month at Waikoloa Village. The paper was co-written by Judith Gersting, Ted Shaneyfelt and Eugene Duke.



Sevki Erdogan

**Drew Martin**, Assistant Professor of Marketing, had "Advertising Acculturation in Japan: Examples from Foreign Actors" published in *Asia Pacific Journal of Marketing and Logistics*, Vol. 17, no. 2, and "Cultural Determinants of Japanese Customer Service" published in *International Journal of Business Research*. The latter was co-written with Paul Herbig. Additionally, "Foreign Actor Acculturation in Japanese Television Advertisements" was presented at the Association of Japanese Business Studies, Quebec City, Canada, in July.

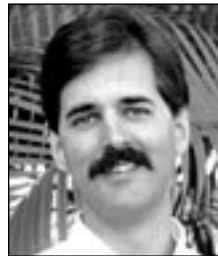


Drew Martin

**Judith Gersting**, Professor of Computer Science, and **Keith Edwards**, Assistant Professor of Computer Sci-



Judith Gersting



Douglas Mikkelson

ence, have received funding from the National Science Foundation to develop a course for beginning computer science students using storyboarding and 3-D graphical models as a way to teach object-oriented programming concepts. The project will use the Alice 3D interactive graphics programming environment developed at Carnegie Mellon University. An experimental course adapted at UH Hilo where student projects will focus on programming stories with a Hawaiian theme will be offered next semester.

**Douglas Mikkelson**, Professor of Religious Studies, had "The Thomistic Pietas: Translations and Comparative Considerations" published in the May 2005 edition of *Universitas*, a journal published by the Centre for Thomistic Studies in Sydney, Australia.

**Todd Belt**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, had his entry on "The Social and Political Impact of Pearl Harbor" accepted for the *Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*.



Todd Belt

**Wayne Miyamoto**, Professor of Art, presented a solo exhibition of his work, *Wayne Miyamoto, Works on Paper, 1995-2005*, at the Ingham Chapman Gallery at the University of New Mexico, Gallup, NM, last month. He presented 24 works in printmaking, drawing and mixed media. During 2005-06, he will serve as an external reviewer for the Department of Art, Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS.



Wayne Miyamoto

**Elizabeth Stacy**, Assistant Professor of Biology, and **Misaki Takabayashi**, Assistant Professor of Marine Science, represented UH Hilo in Phoenix, AZ at the national conference, "Education All of One Nation," sponsored by the American Council on Education. The meetings were focused on assisting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) faculty members to encourage, mentor and assist diverse students in considering STEM majors and professions.

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Keith Miser

**Keith Miser**, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, attended the meeting of representatives from 40 select universities for the College is Possible Project sponsored by the American Council on Education. The national meeting was convened in conjunction with the ACE conference, "Education All of One Nation." ACE represents over 1,600 institutions and is recognized as the organizational leader in advancing institutional diversity.



Walter Dudley

**Walter Dudley**, Professor of Oceanography, was recently appointed the Hawai'i State Civil Defense Disaster Education Advisor. Additionally, PT Pakar Raya Publishing of Indonesia recently purchased Indonesian language rights to *Tsunami!*, Second Edition, by Dudley and Min Lee. The book features true stories of victims and survivors caught up in the tsunamis of 1946 and 1960 which caused terrible destruction and loss of life in Hawai'i.



Cheryl Ramos

**Kerri Inglis**, Assistant Professor of History, will have her article on "Kokua, Mana, and Malama 'Aina: Exploring concepts of health, disease, and medicine in 19<sup>th</sup> C. Hawai'i" published in the journal *Hulili: Multidisciplinary Research on Hawaiian Well-Being*. She was also invited last month to make a presentation at BYU-Hawai'i as part of their Jubilee celebration lecture series.

**Jennifer Richardson**, Assistant Professor of English, had her paper on "Building Community in Creative Writing Pedagogy: The Living Poets Project" accepted for the Conference on College Composition and Communication, to be held in Chicago, IL in March 2006. The CCCC is the only national gathering of college level professionals in the fields of writing, languages, literatures, and rhetoric in the U.S.



John Hamilton

**Cheryl Ramos**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, had her paper "Organizational Change in a Human Service Agency" accepted for publication in the *Consulting Psychology Journal: Research and Practice*. The paper will be published in a 2006 issue of the journal.



Susan Brown

**John Hamilton**, Instructor of Physics and Astronomy, contributed an article on "Astronomical Observatory" to the *McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology*. Included in the entry are references to UH Hilo's new 0.9 meter student telescope and the All-Sky High Resolution Array cosmic ray experiment underway on Mauna Loa.

**Susan Brown**, Professor of Psychology, and two of her students, Judy Spain and Marci Arizumi, have an article in press with *Malacologia* entitled, "A Field Study of the Life History of the Endemic Hawaiian Snail *Succinea newcomiana*."



Thom Curtis

**Thom Curtis**, Associate Professor of Sociology, had abstracts of his research regarding child abuse following natural disasters posted on Web sites of several national organizations: The American Bar Association; the National Foster Care Coalition; the National Children's Advocacy Center; and the National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice and Permanency Planning. Each created special Web pages designed to provide resources for professionals responding to this summer's disasters. ☺

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## Spotlight

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outreach educational administrator for Graceland University in Iowa, a private institution affiliated with the Community of Christ (formerly the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints). A Graceland alumna, she has lived on five continents (North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa) as well as in Hawai'i and Oceania and is functional in six languages: English; French; Spanish; Indonesian; Dutch and Japanese as well as some Portuguese.

"My first experience of living overseas was after my engagement to be married was broken," Mahi-Gunderson recalled. "I applied to several places and was hired at NHK in Japan and at a Japanese High School to teach English and music. So I taught school there for a year, and I hosted a radio program for students studying for the examination into senior high school and at the university level. It was a college radio program every week for the questions of their English, et cetera.

"Learning Japanese was a matter of survival," she added. "I lived with a Japanese family for a year before I had my own place and only the mother spoke English. I was in Japan for two-and-a-half years and loved it. I learned a lot about how people from different cultures solved problems and the methodology."

Upon her return, she married Robert Gunderson, a civil construction engineer who had spent two years in Nepal in the Peace Corps. His job took them to Brazil for about a year where Mahi-Gunderson taught English "in a little Brazilian school." While she was still receiving her cross-cultural education, there was little that could prepare her for what came next.

"After we left Brazil, we moved to the Republic of Congo," she noted. "The country was called Zaire at that time. We lived in Kinshasa. We lived there for three years, eight months and 12 days. It's the only place I know exactly how long I lived because it was rather dramatic, exciting and traumatic at the same time. This was late 1977 to the middle of 1981. Mobutu (a longtime dictator) was in power. Two weeks after we arrived there, his wife (Marie Antoinette Mobutu) died. That was a time that we always felt something was going to ignite. I never, ever felt totally safe there, especially when the Batanganese were coming into the country over from Angola because the work that my husband was doing was on a 1,700 kilometer hydroelectric power line. Two of our children were born while we were there, but I came home to Hawai'i to have them."

She said that in many ways the culture shock of Zaire was the most profound she experienced during her travels.

"My experience there in many ways was parallel to the everyday African," she explained. "I totally interacted with them in a business way, and with the government people, it was more a formality. But I would say I never made any

African friends. The one thing I took upon myself while I was there was to do some prenatal care for the Salvation Army: weigh babies; give them vaccinations; give them vitamins and do general hygiene training. I also substituted a little bit at the American School in Kinshasa."

While she never felt quite at ease in Zaire, it did prepare her for a semi-lengthy return visit to Africa a decade-and-a-half later.

"In 1997, I was asked to go to Kenya, Zambia and Malawi to do some teacher training for a Christian organization. I worked with teachers on how to write Christian education curriculum that is in the culture as opposed to having a Western culture influence in the writing. I was there for about six weeks. I only encountered a coup attempt while I was over there (in Zambia)."

The Gundersons were in Indonesia from 1981 to '87. By that time all three of their children were born.

"We lived on the island of Sumatra, west of the palace of West Sumatra in the city of Padang," she said. "We could drive to the equator in less than three hours."

Mahi-Gunderson served on Graceland's Board of Trustees from 1994-2002 before accepting another overseas assignment.

"I was offered a job as an administrator for professional ministers in Europe," she said. "It was one of those shifts where first it was Bob's job that took us to places and then it was mine. We lived in Rotterdam. My area was from Western France to Southern Siberia so I traveled quite a bit. We had council meetings in either Rotterdam or Germany, depending on the logistics and the ease with which we could get visas for people from Eastern Europe into Western Europe. One of the reasons I was placed over there was because of my language ability. I could speak Spanish, French and Indonesian, and there was a large Indonesian population in that area of the Netherlands. I also learned to speak Dutch while I was over there."

Mahi-Gunderson said she is thrilled to be home in Hawai'i. Her mother lives in Kealahou and she has a sister who teaches at Konawaena Elementary. In addition, she is in a position that fits her administrative skill and cross-cultural awareness as well as an environment that can help her achieve her next educational objective.

"I'd love to learn to speak Hawaiian," she said. "My goal is to enroll in a beginning Hawaiian class next semester."

Although it's unlikely, if she needs *kokua*, she won't have to go far. It just so happens that her brother, former Royal Hawaiian Bandmaster Aaron Mahi, is fluent in the 'olelo. 🎺



Mitzi and Hank on the Great Wall at Badaling Pass outside Beijing.

## Human resources focus of China visit

Dr. Hank Hennessey, chair of Business Administration, and his wife Mitzi, secretary to the dean, College of Business and Economics, visited Shanghai and Beijing in the People's Republic of China last month as part of a delegation sponsored by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). Hennessey is the 2005 chair of the SHRM Foundation, which sponsors independent research in Human Resource Management, and was a senior member of the delegation.

"The primary purpose of this visit was to meet with various government and private organizations to establish liaisons for future cooperative efforts between the U.S.-based society and the Chinese organization," Hennessey said. As part of the group, he met with senior officials from the Ministry of Personnel, the Ministry of Education, the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs, Lenovo Group, the Shanghai Foreign Service Company, the School of Economics at Fudan University, the School of Economics and Management at Tsinghua University, and participated in discussion seminars in Shanghai and Beijing with interested groups of Human Resource executives and scholars.

"The discussions were extremely informative for all parties, and the possibilities for future cooperation seem to be quite extensive," Hennessey explained. "There are no national organizations in China that focus exclusively on the management of human resources, and as the country continues its transition to a market economy, it has many issues to struggle with in that area."

One result of the meetings was the decision by the SHRM Foundation to begin the process of translating some of its more recent research publications on HR issues into Mandarin for distribution in China. 📄

## "Another Heaven" at Theatre this month

The UH Hilo Performing Arts Center presents a historical drama, "Another Heaven," by Eric Anderson as its fall production. The play is based on a true story about a lynching which took place in Honoka'a, Hawai'i in 1889.

The story follows Katsu Goto, owner of a general store, who is an honorable man trying to help the Japanese plantation workers stand up for their rights, including their right to proper medical attention. But he runs up against the plantation's short-tempered luna (foreman), the frustrated plantation owner, and a rival merchant. After Goto is found dead, hanging from a telephone pole, a determined investigator from Honolulu shows up to uncover evidence that the local police would prefer to leave buried. Also involved are the rival merchant's and plantation owner's wives, and a young Hawaiian fisherman who is wiser than the others realize.

A gripping dramatization of a historical event, "Another Heaven" won the Kumu Kahua playwriting prize in Honolulu and will receive its world premiere at UH Hilo. Performances are on November 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and November 13 at 2 p.m.

For further information, call x47310. Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office, which is open instructional days from noon to 6:00 p.m. or online at: <http://uhhtheatre.com>. 📄

## Call for nominations for UH Hilo's '06 Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards

The UH Hilo Alumni and Friends Association is currently seeking nominations for its 2006 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Awards. The deadline is Friday, November 18.

Nominees for the award must be a recipient of a degree from UH Hilo or have completed 50% of his/her educational program at UH Hilo.

The **Distinguished Alumni Award** is granted based on the nominee's professional accomplishments, and/or service to the community, and/or service to the University. The **Distinguished Service Award** is purely based on the nominee's outstanding contributions and/or service to UH Hilo.

"The initial nomination process is simple," said Marketing and Alumni Director Yu Yok Pearring. "Just send names of qualified individuals directly to the Marketing and Alumni Office, c/o University Relations, or email them to [yuyok@hawaii.edu](mailto:yuyok@hawaii.edu). Once the nomination committee makes the selection, respective nominators will be notified for more information.

"The actual date, time and location of this signature event will be announced by November 30<sup>th</sup>," she added.

Past awardees include Wayne Metcalf, Toshio Serizawa, Peter MacDonald, Leonard Decambra, Chiyono Kinoshita, Leila Kanno, David Shapiro, Milton Pavao, Quirino Antonio, Jodi Ferreira, Martin Dickman, Maile Andrade, Toshimasa and Harumi Takahashi, Wayne Miyao, John Coney, Kalani Kahalepau'ole, Dennis Lee, Harvey Tajiri, David Howell, Norman Mizuguchi, Jerry Chang, Laura Figueira, Cheryl Leialoha, Kelly Moran, Sneha Sood, Barry Taniguchi, and the Kanaka'ole-Kanahele Family.

Questions should be directed to Yu Yok Pearring or Michelle Araki at x47501 or x47643. 📄

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# UH Hilo celebrates International Education Week

November 14-18 is International Education Week (IEW) and UH Hilo and Hawai'i Community College collectively mark the occasion with special events and activities.

The U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Education jointly sponsor the week's observance in an effort to promote international understanding and build support for international educational exchange and the development of programs that prepare Americans to live and work in a global environment.

Activities for IEW at UH Hilo:

## **International Flair**

November 15<sup>th</sup>; 10 am to 2 pm; Campus Center Plaza

A festive event with live music entertainment: the Koburo Taiko Drumming, Sisters of the Calabash (Belly Dancers), Shaka Steel (BYU Steel Drum Band), Times Five, UH Hilo Cheerleading Squad. Learn about study, work and volunteer abroad opportunities such as Peace Corps, UNICEF, JET, U.S. Fulbright, CIEE, Global Volunteers, etc. Features student clubs displaying various cultural demonstration activities.

## **Voices of the World** (*Foreign Language Speech Contest and Open Microphone*)

November 16<sup>th</sup>; 8 am to 2 pm; Campus Center Plaza

Students from several foreign language classes will participate in the language speech contest. In the Open Microphone category, students will be given five minutes to share, in any language, a speech, prose, reading or song on a subject of their choice.

## **Foreign Film Schedule:** all movies start at 6:00 pm

- ❖ November 14<sup>th</sup>: "Le fabuleux destin d'Amélie Poulain." (French Film). Directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet and featuring Audrey Tautou; Wentworth Hall 1.
- ❖ November 15<sup>th</sup>: "Ka'ililauokekoa." (First-ever Hawaiian language feature-length film). Winner of the 2001 Kahili Award. UCB 100.
- ❖ November 16<sup>th</sup>: "Goodbye, Lenin!" (German film). Winner of six prestigious European Film Awards, including Best Picture and 2004 Golden Globe nominee for Best Foreign Language Film. Wentworth Hall 1.
- ❖ November 17<sup>th</sup>: "Mononoke Hime (Princess Mononoke)" and "Hotaru no Haka (Grave of the Fireflies)". (Japanese Films). UCB 100.

For more information, please contact the UH Hilo Center for Global Education and Exchange at x38810 or email [uhhglobe@hawaii.edu](mailto:uhhglobe@hawaii.edu). 


## **STEM Program/Biology highlight November *Focus on UH Hilo***

*Focus on UH Hilo* will highlight the University's active involvement in promoting mathematics, science and research by featuring the Keaholoa STEM and Biology programs during its November telecasts. The program is hosted by Chancellor Rose Tseng, and airs Wednesday evenings during the instructional year from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Channel 55.

Dr. Sonia Juvik, co-director of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program, will appear on the November 2<sup>nd</sup> telecast. The Keaholoa STEM program is a five-year, \$2.5 million project funded by the

National Science Foundation designed to increase the number of Native Hawaiian and other minority students to enroll in math, science and tech courses.

The November 16<sup>th</sup> telecast will include Dr. Don Hemmes, professor of biology and Natural Sciences Division Chair, and Dr. Cam Muir, assistant professor of biology. Hemmes and Muir will discuss their research activities and other educational opportunities in Biology.

*Focus on UH Hilo* highlights UH Hilo programs, up and coming developments and the University's partnerships with various community organizations. 



## Campus Events

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| <p>2     <i>The Three Wooden Clogs</i>, 5 p.m., K 272<br/> <i>Focus on UH Hilo</i>, 8 p.m., Channel 55</p> <p>11     Holiday: Veterans' Day<br/> Vulcan volleyball vs. Chaminade University, 7:15 p.m., New Gym, Admission<br/> "Another Heaven," 7:30 p.m., Theatre, Admission</p> <p>12     Vulcan volleyball vs. Chaminade University, 7:15 p.m., New Gym, Admission<br/> "Another Heaven," 7:30 p.m., Theatre, Admission</p> <p>13     "Another Heaven," 2 p.m., Theatre, Admission</p> <p>14     <i>Le fabuleux destin d'Amelie Poulain</i>, 6 p.m., Wentworth Hall 1</p> <p>15     <i>International Flair</i> featuring student clubs, 10 a.m., CC Plaza<br/> <i>Ka'ililauokekoa</i>, 6 p.m., UCB 100</p> <p>16     <i>Voices of the World</i> foreign language speech contest and open mic, 8 a.m., CC Plaza</p> | <p>16     <i>Goodbye, Lenin!</i>, 6 p.m., Wentworth Hall 1<br/> <i>Focus on UH Hilo</i>, 8 p.m., Channel 55</p> <p>17     <i>Mononoke Hime</i> (Princess Mononoke) and <i>Hotaru no Haka</i> (Grave of the Fireflies), 6 p.m., UCB 100</p> <p>18, 19    "Another Heaven," 7:30 p.m., Theatre, Admission</p> <p>21     Last day to submit credit-by-exam results to Registrar's Office</p> <p>24     Holiday: Thanksgiving</p> <p>25     Non-instructional day<br/> Vulcan basketball vs. Western New Mexico, 7:30 p.m., Civic, Admission</p> <p>26     Vulcan basketball vs. Metro State, 7:30 p.m., Civic, Admission</p> <p>27     Vulcan basketball vs. Holy Family, 3:30 p.m., Civic, Admission</p> |
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