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UH Hilo astronomy professor awarded time on Subaru Telescope; students assist with research

by Susan Collins



Michael West

Michael West, associate professor of astronomy at UH Hilo, was recently granted time on the brand new, world-class Subaru Telescope atop Mauna Kea.

This is no small feat. Since Subaru came on line in 2000, the amount of requests for observing time has been six times the available nights. Subaru, along with all telescopes atop Mauna Kea, is required to give 15 percent of observing time to UH astronomers, and this time is won through a competitive selection process.

For West to be awarded time indicates his research proposal ranked as one of the top projects submitted, worthy of the estimated \$3 per second cost of a 12-hour observing run.

But one would never know the personal significance of this achievement when talking to the astronomer. For West, one of the best things about this award is being able to share it with his students.

“I enjoy bringing UH Hilo astronomy majors with me on my observing runs,” said West. “They can get involved with astronomy research from the collection of the first photon, and then assist later with analyzing the data. Students are tremendously excited with this opportunity; this hands-on experience with the very best telescopes in the world is rarely offered to undergraduates. It gives our UH Hilo astronomy students a great advantage when applying for graduate school or for astronomy-related jobs.”

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SPOTLIGHT

#1 priority for new Director of Institutional Research: WASC accreditation report

by Susan Collins



Lynne Stamoulis

Lynne Stamoulis has arrived at her new job none too soon as Director of Institutional Research for UH Hilo. The University's self-study report for Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation is due this summer, and Stamoulis' expertise in

quantitative and qualitative research techniques, educational marketing research, and data analysis makes her an invaluable resource for the Self-Study Steering Committee.

“My first priority is the accreditation report coming up in July,” said Stamoulis. “I’ll be working on several surveys: the entering freshmen survey; the graduating student survey; and the alumni survey where I’ll be looking at alumni who graduated from Spring '95 to Spring 2000. I’ll be working with the marketing department to collect data on student outcome, a movement that WASC is emphasizing for every school in the division.”

In addition to gathering new data, Stamoulis will also be working to track information that is already in place, such as in the areas of retention and marketing. Specifically, she will be looking

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Accompanying West on the night of February 28 were Astronomy majors Tamaka Miyake and Alexandre Bouquin. These two lucky students were the first UH Hilo undergraduates to be part of an observing run at Subaru. Miyake is a transfer student from Japan, and Bouquin holds dual citizenship with Japan and France. Both came to UH Hilo because of the University's astronomy program.

"I really want to get an astronomy Ph.D., so I wanted to transfer to a school that had a good undergraduate astronomy program to prepare me," said Miyake. "This trip to Subaru was a good experience for me, to see and learn what an astronomer does."

Generally speaking, West's astronomical research focuses on galaxy formation and the large-scale structure of the universe. His work is presently supported by three grants: one in the amount of \$58,578 from the National Science Foundation (NSF), and two grants totaling \$37,002 funded through NASA for time that West and collaborators have been awarded on the Hubble Space Telescope (HST).

One of the main goals of West's current research is to find star clusters in an area where no one has ever looked before. All known star clusters are found near galaxies, but West and his colleagues think that some may exist far away from galaxies in the emptiness of intergalactic space.

Through using both the HST and Subaru Telescope, more comprehensive data can be collected: HST gives the clearest, sharpest images because there are no distortions caused by looking through Earth's atmosphere, and Subaru Telescope gives a much wider field of view. The combination of these two telescopes gives West a better chance of finding the objects he is seeking.



The cosmic explorers pose for a picture on the summit of Mauna Kea before beginning their night of observations with the Subaru Telescope. From left to right: Michael West, UH Hilo astronomy major Tamaka Miyake, Rutgers University astronomy graduate student Andres Jordan, and UH Hilo astronomy major Alexandre Bouquin.



Tamaka Miyake at the controls of the \$300 million Subaru Telescope. Astronomers no longer look through telescopes with their eyes to study stars and galaxies, but instead sit in control rooms adjacent to the telescope like the one shown here and view the images on computer displays. West looks on as Miyake prepares Subaru's camera to take a picture of the Virgo cluster, an enormous system of thousands of galaxies located 15 million light years from Earth. Subaru support astronomer Yutaka Komiyama assists.



West and Bouquin examine one of the many images of galaxies that they took with the Subaru Telescope. The images are recorded digitally by the telescope's extremely sensitive camera and then sent to a computer in the control room where they can be given a preliminary examination to monitor image quality. A more thorough processing and analysis of these images will take weeks or months back at UH Hilo.

Photos by Susan Collins

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"The HST and Subaru observations are a multi-telescope attack on the intriguing question of whether or not intergalactic star clusters really exist," explained West. "We're looking in the Virgo cluster, which is the nearest large galaxy cluster to Earth—about 50 million light years away."

Joining West and his students on the trip was Andres Jordan, a graduate student from Rutgers University who hails from Santiago, Chile. Jordan is a student of Dr. Patrick Cote, a Canadian who is co-investigator of the project along with West, as well as thesis advisor for Jordan.

This run was an international collaboration, and to the professional astronomers West and Cote, these students, both undergraduate and graduate, are an integral part of the research process. Miyake, Bouquin and Jordan all took turns controlling the \$300 million telescope, snapping astronomical images that will be used for the project.

"Tamaka, Alex and Andres did a great job," said West. "I'm very proud of them."

Now that the data has been collected, analysis will take many months. West will be including his students every step of the way, and Miyake and Bouquin will be encouraged to use the data for their own senior thesis projects. This means these students will have an experience at UH Hilo that is rare among undergraduates: the opportunity to be there at the inception of the research using some of the newest and best telescopes in the world, then the chance to assist with the project through analysis and into eventual publication in one of the leading astronomical journals.

"I learned so many things," said Bouquin. "I consider this trip part of my education. Now my goal is clearer. I didn't really know about observing with big telescopes. Now I know, and I am much more motivated to be an astronomer."

For West, helping students to find this inspiration and to experience the excitement of scientific discovery is just as important as anything his research will reveal. He already plans to bring two other UH Hilo astronomy students on his next trip, to use the Keck Telescope in April.

(Editor's note: Susan Collins is a public information officer.)

Symposium inspires budding journalists

The Board of Student Publications of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and Hawai'i Community College presented "Behind and Beyond the Student Newspaper," a symposium on student journalism, on February 23-24, 2001. Close to 70 high school and college students from around the state attended. Keynote speakers were former United Press/United Press international reporter Robert Miller, and former managing editor of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and UH Hilo alumnus David Shapiro. Students attended two workshop sessions each with professional newspaper editors, photographers, media consultants, advertisers, and journalists. Lunch was held as a series of roundtable discussions with local reporters, editors and other media professionals. Several awards were presented to individual students and student papers for outstanding achievements of the past academic year. The event was such a success that organizers Susan Yugawa, UH Hilo Board of Student Publications representative, and Ellen Kusano, Campus Center coordinator, plan on making it an annual affair.



Students and staff organizers of the student newspaper symposium. L-R: Karlen Suga, Lori Kawamura, Nic Los Banos, Susan Yugawa, Gabriel Luci, Courtney Albin, Koyu Wenty, Ellen Kusano and Nathan Albin.

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UH system President-Designate Evan Dobbelle opens the lines of communication with a gracious visit

by Susan Collins

Newly selected president of the University of Hawai'i system, Dr. Evan Dobbelle, visited UH Hilo on March 14 as part of a statewide tour to the neighbor island campuses. Dobbelle, with wife Kit and 13-year-old son Harry, were greeted with oli and lei, and then escorted by Chancellor Rose Tseng to the Campus Center Dining Room where a crowd of faculty, staff, and local community leaders were gathered for the occasion.

Dobbelle, relaxed and amiable, gave a short talk that touched all the bases. He spoke of his background in politics—his two terms as mayor of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, his home town, while still in his 20s, and his roles in the Carter Administration and the Democratic Party in the 1970s. He spoke of his experience in college governance as president of City College in San Francisco, then as president of Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, prior to coming to UH.

Dobbelle also expressed his wishes to nurture UH staff and faculty; his awareness of the unique Hawaiian culture and his feelings of obligation to help that culture thrive; his wish to travel frequently to the neighbor island UH campuses to foster communication; and his discomfort at receiving such a high salary at a time of contract negotiations between the state administration and UH faculty.

Illustrating that he means what he says—"I never leave the office at night with a (message) slip left on my desk unanswered"—Dobbelle mingled with the crowd after his talk, attentively listening to each person's greetings and concerns. In this spirit of open communication, the following are some thoughts and messages from a few members of the UH Hilo 'Ohana:

- Dr. Dobbelle is a leading advocate for the liberal arts, a staunch supporter of research and technology, and a passionate advocate of public-private partnerships. I'm so glad this resonates with what UH Hilo is striving for.

-Chancellor Rose Tseng, in her welcome address to Dr. Dobbelle

- Dr. Dobbelle's background shows tremendous support of academics and research, and this really impressed me. I really like his enthusiasm and I enjoyed talking with him very much. He said he would like to come see our College facilities in the near future and visit with me on our plans for growth and establishing areas of excellence within our Col-



Dr. Dobbelle greets faculty and community guests upon his arrival on campus. Photo by Moses Gonsalves.

lege. I'm looking forward to his visit.

-Dr. Michael Collier, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource Management

- Here is an individual who has been to a high quality liberal arts institution (Trinity) and can appreciate the value of training in arts and sciences. He can appreciate UH Hilo's mission. He can appreciate and value quality in teaching and research, and not focus solely on quantity. Also, I was struck by his involvement in local communities. I would look to him to applaud the mission of UH Hilo as a community resource and having community ties.

-Dr. Stephen Worchel, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

- I was interested to note Dr. Dobbelle's experience with a rather wide variety of people from various social and educational backgrounds. I do hope he remembers that the promotion of Hawaiian language and culture is mandated by Hawai'i's State Constitution and that, systemwide, UH Hawaiian language and studies programs need considerably more support than they are now receiving.

-Dr. Kalena Silva, Professor of Hawaiian/Hawaiian Studies and Director of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani College of Hawaiian Language

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• Dr. Dobelle's talk to the UH Hilo community was very impressive. It will be his decisions, though, that really count. One way to show his support for East Hawai'i in general and UH Hilo in particular would be to approve the proposed Counseling Psychology M.A. for UH Hilo. The community needs trained mental health professionals and many people who would love to acquire the skills and credentials necessary to meet those needs can't leave the Big Island for family and other reasons. UH Hilo is positioned to offer the program. All we need is system support.


-Dr. Kenith Simmons, Professor of English and Chair of the Humanities Division

• There are two messages from the UH Hilo Athletic Department that I would like to share with Dr. Dobelle. The first message is defined by a mandated federal law that UH Hilo must meet Title IX requirements now. The second message is about appropriate funding. Athletics by its mere existence

has an obligation to recruit quality students, travel extensively to meet NCAA requirements for minimum competition, and we must seek to hire quality teachers/coaches. All this costs money—much more than we have had in the past.

-Ms. Kathleen McNally, Director of Athletics

• In order for the UH Hilo astronomy program to grow and to become what everyone expects it to be, we need a presence on the summit of Mauna Kea, i.e., a UH Hilo telescope devoted to education as well as research. Not only will this become a major resource for our undergraduate curriculum, K-12 outreach, and summer programs, but it will also make us a bona fide member of the research community. I hope Dr. Dobelle will do everything in his power as president of UH to help us achieve this goal.

-Dr. Richard Crowe, Professor of Physics and Astronomy 

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for high-risk groups and what may affect retention. Stamoulis said this study will also look for students that are a good fit at UH Hilo, and discover how the University can recruit the type of students who are happy and do well here.

"I'll also be looking (to conduct) an economic impact study for UH Hilo," she said. "There's a report on the economic impact of the UH system, and we need to make one for this island."

Also high on Stamoulis' list of priorities, so that she can do her job quickly and effectively, is the task of learning the computer query program of the data warehouse at UH Manoa, as well as the student information system here at UH Hilo.

"I look at my job as one to facilitate any effort or initiative that's related to the advancement of UH Hilo," she explained. "My work helps the University serve the students better, helps secure foundation money, and helps to increase enrollment."


Stamoulis has a doctorate in Higher Education Policy, Governance and Administration from the University of Washington (1988). The emphasis of her doctorate was applied research, and her dissertation was the development of a complex marketing segmentation model for education, which she later utilized in entering freshmen studies as an admissions researcher at the University of Puget Sound.

Stamoulis has 12 years experience in marketing, public

opinion and educational research. She has extensive background in statistics as well as knowledge of current educational issues. Prior to joining UH Hilo, she served as the Director of Institutional Research for the Pierce College District in Washington State. The Pierce District has two colleges and a large extended learning arm that includes contract programs at two major armed forces bases and multiple other sites. Her work there focused on retention, faculty-mix, student success and enrollment planning, as well as a wide repertoire of multivariate data analytic techniques.

"I'm very interested in all sorts of research," she said. "UH Hilo is a very stimulating place. There's a lot you can learn here."

Stamoulis holds a B.A. in Russian (1971), a M.A. in Russian Literature (1973), and a B.A. in Editorial Communications (1975), all from the University of Washington. She has studied at L'Alliance Francaise, Paris (1968); the University of Leningrad, USSR (1973); and the Institute for Balkan Studies, Thessaloniki, Greece (1975). She speaks Russian, Modern Greek, and French, and looks forward to studying Hawaiian language here at UH Hilo.

Stamoulis has three children: a 14-year-old daughter who currently resides with her, and two sons who will join her later to enroll in UH Hilo next fall. 

Hats off to...



Rose Tseng

Chancellor Rose Tseng last month was honored on the House Floor by the 21st Hawai'i State Legislature. March was Women's History Month and Tseng was recognized for her accomplishments and dedication as chancellor of UH Hilo.

Michael West, Associate Professor of Astronomy, has been invited to give a review talk on the formation of galaxies and the large-scale structure of the universe at a special session of the June 2001 meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Pasadena, CA. The meeting is the largest of its kind in North America and draws roughly 2,000 attendees.



Michael West

Kauanoe Kamana, Associate Professor of Hawaiian/Hawaiian Studies, and Pila Wilson, Professor of Hawaiian/Hawaiian Studies, provided the keynote address at the Administration for Native Americans Grantee Conference in Las Vegas in February. The conference provided assistance to tribal groups that have received federal funding to document, teach, or use their traditional languages. Both also gave a presentation at the University of Washington on a similar topic with Darrell Kipp, director of the Piegan Institute, a Montana Blackfeet non-profit that has established a Blackfeet language medium school based on the model of the laboratory school program of Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani College of Hawaiian Language.



Pila Wilson



Christian Weisser

Christian Weisser, Assistant Professor of English, had his article on "Toward Ecomposition: An Overview and Some Critique" accepted for publication in the journal *College English*. The article explores intersections between discourse and ecological theories in an attempt to map the emerging field of ecomposition. Additionally, Weisser recently received copies of his new book, *Ecomposition: Theoretical and Pedagogical Approaches*.

Judith Gersting, Professor of Computer Science, served as program co-



Judith Gersting



Jennifer Wheat

chair for the recent Thirty-Second Technical Symposium in Computer Science Education in Charlotte, NC. This major international meeting on computer science education drew over 1,000 participants. While there, she also participated in a panel discussion, "Programming Early Considered Harmful."

Jennifer Wheat, Assistant Professor of English, had her proposal for a panel on "Visions and Realities: Tactics for Promoting Student Involvement In and Beyond the Classroom" accepted for the June meetings at the Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment in Flagstaff, AZ. In addition to chairing the panel, she will give a presentation on the uses of debate in the environmental literature classroom.

Manu Aluli Meyer, Assistant Professor of Education, gave a talk on "Our Epistemic Possibilities: Hawaiian Research Potential" at the University of California, Santa Cruz in February. The conference, "Decolonizing Methodology and Beyond: Constructing Indigenous Methodologies in Research," was attended by over 120 indigenous scholars worldwide. Additionally, Meyer visited the University of Michigan in March to discuss Hawaiian educational ideas, philosophies and pedagogy with education students and faculty.



Manu Aluli Meyer



Kelly Burke

Kelly Burke, Assistant Professor, Management Information Systems, and Eric Jeschke, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, conducted an electronic commerce workshop sponsored by the UH Hilo School of Business and the State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism on February 24 and March 3 on campus. Topics included electronic commerce strategies and models, infrastructure needs, server and software options, site design, security, marketing and other implementation alternatives.

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Bob Watson



Ginger Hamilton



Gail Makuakane-Lundin



John Kusinski

Bob Watson, Associate Professor of Political Science, served as project director and editor of the first-ever "Report to the First Lady." Sponsored by the National First Ladies' Library, it was presented to Laura Bush and her staff. Watson also completed his textbook, Public Administration: Cases in Managerial Role-Playing, due out in late summer, and also recently completed editing the first comprehensive encyclopedia on the first ladies, American First Ladies. Finally, he was invited to submit his article, "The White Glove Pulpit: A History of Policy Influence by First Ladies," to be published in the Organization of American Historians' Magazine of History.

Cornelia Anguay, Director of Upward Bound, **Ginger Hamilton**, Director of Minority Access & Achievement Program, and **Gail Makuakane-Lundin**, Director of Hawaiian Leadership Development Program and Health Careers Opportunity Program were selected among applicants nationwide to be readers for the Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program in San Francisco, held last month. The GMS Program is funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to provide African Americans, American Indians/Alaska natives, Asian Pacific Americans, and Hispanic Americans with an opportunity to complete a college education, particularly those intending to study mathematics, science, engineering, education or library science.

John Kusinski, Professor of Music, conducted the Big Island High School Select Band in January and February at the invitation of local music educators. The band included instrumentalists representing six Big Island school and UH Hilo. This month, he travels to Flagstaff, AZ for a three-day festival to conduct the 2001 Arizona All-State Band. This annual event is sponsored by the Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association and this year features over 100 auditioned players from Arizona.



Miyoko Sugano



Wayne Miyamoto



Andrew Grabar




Thom Curtis

Miyoko Sugano, Associate Professor of English, had her article, "Hawai'i's Local Literature," and her poem, "Training," published in the inaugural issue of Meridians: Feminism, Race, Transnationalism, an interdisciplinary journal of Smith College and Wesleyan University.

Wayne Miyamoto, Professor of Art, last month participated in a national juried exhibition entitled, "Works on Paper, Krishna Reddy's Selections," at the SOHO-20 Gallery, New York, and in the Honolulu Printmakers 73rd Annual Exhibition, Academy Art Center, Honolulu. He also participated in the 3rd International Graphic Triennial Bitola 2000 - Macedonia, Ministry of Culture and Institute for Preservation of Cultural Monuments, Natural Rarities, Museum and Gallery, Bitola, Republic of Macedonia last fall.

Andrew Grabar, Assistant Professor of Art, is participating in the 75th Annual International Competition, The Print Center, Philadelphia, PA, and the Honolulu Printmakers 73rd Annual Exhibition, Academy Art Center, Honolulu. He was also in Curious Journey, National Juried Exhibition, Gallery 214, Montclair, NJ, and is publishing an article on "Gypsum, Alabaster, and Egyptian Alabaster," to be included in the Encyclopedia of Sculpture.

Thom Curtis, Assistant Professor of Sociology, had his article on "Television Violence and Aggression" published in the March issue of National Conference on Family Relations Review. The study involved more than 1,100 subjects and found that there is no correlation between television viewing habits and later acts of aggression against people or property. However, the study found a strong correlation between children who witnessed or experienced acts of family violence while growing up and subsequent violent behavior as adults. 

A treat for the ear: series of vocal master classes held at UH Hilo

by Susan Collins

The UH Hilo Performing Arts Department recently sponsored a series of master classes in the area of operatic singing, with visiting professionals giving individualized instruction to both music faculty and students.

The first workshop was held in February with world-renowned baritone Stephen Salters, movement expert Eileen Kinsella, and pianist Linda Osborn-Blaschke. Co-sponsors of the event were UH Hilo's Performing Arts Department, the College of Arts and Sciences Humanities Division, and the Hawai'i Concert Society, with support in the form of a generous gift from the Maney Fund.

Salters is the first American ever to win the Grand Prix of one of the most important vocal competitions in the world: the 1996 Queen Elizabeth International Voice Competition. In 1999 he captured America's most prestigious vocal award at the Walter W. Naumburg Competition. Salters has traveled the world performing in both opera houses and concert halls.

Following his UH Hilo performance, Salters, along with Kinsella and Osborn-Blaschke, spent two afternoons with 16 workshop participants, which included UH Hilo music faculty and students. An advocate of community participation, Salters conducts master classes for young singers and takes part in community- and school-based outreach programs throughout his travels.

The event was co-organized by UH Hilo music faculty Amy Yamasaki, Melanie Robinson and Verna Post. "It was a blast, I didn't want it to end," said Yamasaki, who was also a workshop participant. All three instructors provided and prepared students for the master class instruction.

The concluding event of the workshop was a Student Singers' Recital at UH Hilo Theatre. "It was a knock-your-socks-off performance," said Kenith Simmons, UH Hilo College of Arts and Sciences humanities division chair, who helped facilitate the master class series.

Richard Harrell, director of the San Francisco Opera Center—the training arm of the S. F. Opera, the largest training program for opera singers in the world—conducted




Amy Yamasaki, UH Hilo music instructor, is tutored by Richard Harrell, director of the San Francisco Opera Center, at a vocal master class held on campus February 16. Photo by Susan Collins.

the second master class of the series on March 16. Harrell was in Hilo with the resident artists of the San Francisco Opera, who gave a public performance at the UH Hilo Theatre the same evening.

Four music students and Yamasaki each received individual instruction from Harrell during the master class. Through a series of techniques involving the imagination and body movements, Harrell tailored the instruction to suit each participant's voice and abilities. Gloria Mendoza-Watson, piano teacher and performer in the Hilo community, provided accompaniment.

The final master class in the series was held on March 19 by soprano Catherine Gayer of the Berlin Opera. Six University music faculty and students participated. The workshop also included counseling from Gayer in the auditioning process. Pianist Glenn Jacobsen, a classical performer and teacher in the Hilo community, accompanied the instruction.

"This plethora of master classes in the area of operatic singing is just wonderful," said Simmons. "UH Hilo vocal students and faculty have enjoyed these professionals from around the world, and we are very grateful for the community support that has made these classes possible." 

New athletic director/ coaches highlight April Focus on UH Hilo



Kathleen McNally

Kathleen McNally, the new director of intercollegiate athletics, will be among the featured guests appearing on the April 4th telecast of Focus on UH Hilo. The program, hosted by Chancellor Rose Tseng, airs 8-8:30 p.m. on Chan-

nel 4. McNally will be joined by Vulcan Head Basketball Coach Jeff Law and Head Volleyball Coach Sharon Peterson.

The guest line-up for the April 18th program is currently being finalized.

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

Love Makes a Family photo exhibit on display

The nationally acclaimed photo exhibit, *Love Makes a Family*, will be on display in the Campus Center Dining Room April 24-26. Photographs by Gigi Kaeser are accompanied by text and portray the existence, the love, and the power of gay and lesbian families.

A reception will be held on Wednesday, April 25 from 4-6 p.m. in the Campus Center Dining Room. A performance will be given by Halau O Kahiwhiwa, led by Kumu Hula Auli'i Mitchell, and a talk by Dr. Doug Mikkelson, UH Hilo associate professor of religious studies.

The exhibit is sponsored by the University of Hawai'i's Systemwide Task Force on Sexual Orientation, the UH Hilo Women's Center, Student Activities Council, and the UH Hilo Gay and Lesbian Ohana.

For additional information, please call the Women's Center at x47306. ☺



John Kusinski, professor of music, counts the beat for drummer Fred La Chance during a performance on the Library Lanai in celebration of March's Spirit Week. Members of both the Vulcan Band and the Jazz Ensemble joined together to produce an hour of outstanding music. Photo by Susan Collins.

Two literary readings this month

The UH Hilo English Department presents readings in April by two recipients of the Hawai'i Award for Literature, an award given for outstanding literary achievements with relevance to Hawai'i and Hawai'i's people.

The first is a reading of fiction by Ian MacMillan, winner of the 1992 award and professor of creative writing at UH Manoa, on Thursday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the UH Hilo Library Third Floor Staff Lounge.

A reading of scenes from various plays by Victoria Nalani Kneubuhl, winner of the 1995 award and presently a freelance writer and consultant, will be held on Friday, April 20 at 8 p.m. on the UH Hilo Theatre Lanai.

The event is sponsored by the Hawai'i Literary Arts Council, the Hawai'i Island Writers Association, and the UH Hilo Library.

For additional information, please call Miyoko Sugano at x47463. ☺

Final catalog proof due April 27

The deadline for the final proof of galleys for the 2001-2002 Catalog is Friday, April 27, 2001. Deans and Directors will be receiving their respective sections around April 11.

The publication is scheduled to arrive for distribution by July 3.

Please contact Alyson Kakugawa-Leong at x47642 or email alyson@hawaii.edu with any questions. ☺

Everyone a winner at St. Paddles Day Regatta

The University Canoe Club put a new twist to the usual celebrations on this year's March 17 by holding their St. Paddles Day Regatta at Hilo Bayfront.

Twenty-two crews of UH Hilo/HawCC faculty, staff and students, along with University Park personnel participated in friendly – but sometimes fierce – competition.

The University Canoe Club, founded in 1996, has provided opportunities for over 200 participants this academic year to learn and enjoy Hawaiian outrigger paddling on Hilo Bay. The mission of the UCC has been to provide the University community with recreational paddling especially geared toward students meeting and interacting with faculty/staff/University Park staff as well as invited community members.

A University Canoe Program Advisory Board has been appointed by Dr. Keith Miser, vice chancellor for student affairs, to oversee details of equipment and facilities for the canoe program year-round. Gail Makuakane-Lundin serves as convener.

This year, the UCP has added two new outrigger canoes to its inventory as well as paddles, buggie and a storage enclosure donated by Keiichi and Uta Kodaira. The Kodairas remain honorary members of the UCC and plan to participate in Club activities upon their return to the islands.



The "Hilo Honeys" captured a hardworking 3rd place in the Women's Novice division. The happy crew are (L-R) Olivia Rivera, Stacey Simmons, Glorianna Gusman, Rose Tseng and Alane Fieldson. Photo by Susan Yugawa.

The UCC practice schedule for Spring 2001 (until April 28) is Mondays and Thursdays at 4:30 pm and Saturdays at 9:00 am. Faculty and staff are invited to join the Club any time throughout the year. For more information, contact Susan Yugawa at x47571 or e-mail yugawa@hawaii.edu. ☺

Nominations for Chancellor's Recognition Ceremony due April 16

The 2001 Chancellor's Celebration and Recognition Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 3 at 3 p.m. in the Campus Center Dining Room and this year will recognize four individuals for their outstanding achievements. Nominations must be received by Barbara Heintz, Office of Student Affairs, no later than Monday, April 16, 4:30 p.m.

"Over the years, a number of awards have been created to recognize achievements attained by University personnel," said Kevin Roddy, committee member. "To streamline the award process, the awards have been placed on rotation."

This year's awards include:

* Outstanding University Support Employee Award: presented to a University support service employee who has made significant contributions to the University;

* Professional Staff Award: presented to a faculty/professional staff member who has made major professional

contributions to his/her unit and to the University as a whole, and a positive impact on the welfare of students and colleagues;

* Outstanding Advisor/Mentor Award: presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding academic advising and/or mentoring of students; and

* Award for Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activities: presented to a member of the tenure track faculty or a full-time BOR-classified professional staff member for outstanding achievement in scholarly and/or creative endeavors, including publication of well-reviewed books, publication in refereed journals, or performances or exhibitions at the state or national levels.

Nomination forms are available from the Web site: <http://library.uhh.hawaii.edu/awards> or by contacting Kevin Roddy at x47343 or email kroddy@hawaii.edu. ☺

Grants Update

by Kawika Lovell

The following PIs were awarded grants totaling just over \$322,000:

Rose Tseng/ Harold Masumoto: Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research	EPSCoR	\$173,698
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David Sing: Hilo ED 2000	QLCC	\$10,000
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Dan Brown: Nitric Oxide	HCF	\$22,000
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Randy Senock: Impact of Timber Harvesting (2 separate awards)	USDA/COH	\$16,835
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Timothy Kane: Service Learning (3 separate awards)	HI Campus Compact	\$9,600
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Tanya Johnson: Home Safety Monitoring	HCF	\$25,000
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Stephen McLean: UH Hilo - University Park	COH	\$50,000
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Don Hemmes: Study of Saprophytic Fungi	HARC	\$10,632
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Sheldon Furutani: Development of a Second Generation Solar Pasteurizer	COH	\$5,000
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Congratulations to all of you!

Want in on the Action?

If you have a good idea for a research or training project, please do not hesitate to contact the great team at RCUH: 933-0898, grants@uhh.hawaii.edu, or visit them at their new offices in the Institute for Astronomy building at University Park, Room 105.

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Campus Events

April

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| 2 | Last Day to Apply for Credit-by-Exam for Spring
"I" Removal Deadline: Student to Instructor
Vulcan softball vs. Pima College (exhibition), 2 p.m.,
UH Hilo Field | 13 | Holiday: Good Friday |
| 4 | Focus on UH Hilo, 8 p.m., Channel 4 | 14 | Vulcan baseball vs. Fresno State University, 11 a.m.,
Wong Stadium, Admission |
| 5 | Ian MacMillan reading, 7:30 p.m., Library Third Floor
Staff Lounge | 14, 15 | Vulcan softball vs. Hawai'i Pacific University, Noon,
UH Hilo Field |
| 6 | Vulcan baseball vs. Univ. of Washington, 6 p.m.,
Wong Stadium, Admission | 16 | Nomination deadline for Chancellor's Celebration
and Recognition Ceremony |
| 7, 8 | Vulcan softball vs. Chaminade University, Noon,
UH Hilo Field
Vulcan baseball vs. Univ. of Washington, 1 p.m.,
Wong Stadium, Admission | 18 | Focus on UH Hilo, 8 p.m., Channel 4 |
| 9 | "I" Removal Deadline: Instructor to Records Office | 20 | Victoria Nalani Kneubuhl reading, 8 p.m.,
Theatre Lanai |
| 12 | Last Day to Submit Credit-by-Exam Results to
Records Office | 22 | Vulcan baseball vs. Hawai'i Pacific University,
Noon, Wong Stadium, Admission |
| 12, 13 | Vulcan baseball vs. Fresno State University,
6 p.m., Wong Stadium, Admission | 24-26 | Love Makes a Family photo exhibit, CC Dining Room |
| | | 25 | Love Makes a Family reception, 4-6 p.m.,
CC Dining Room |

