Guillen charting a new course for athletic success

by Ken Hupp

During the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo’s early years as a four-year institution, Vulcan Athletics became an effective vehicle for putting the University on the map. The success of men’s basketball and women’s volleyball during the 1970s and into the 1980s attracted widespread print and broadcast coverage. That publicity not only exposed UH Hilo to mainland students and student athletes, but introduced the University to Hawai‘i students who discovered there was another public, in-state option to earn a baccalaureate degree.

To Patrick Guillen, who this month begins his first full calendar year on the job as athletic director, that’s a role he’s well familiar with and one that fits comfortably into his worldview of intercollegiate athletics. Guillen describes athletics as a ‘front porch’ that serves as a focal point in the life of the university and a magnet to attract community involvement.

“We want to welcome and encourage all local residents to attend our events, but at the same time become engaged in our program and the University,” Guillen explained. “It would be my hope that in doing so they will become more aware of the educational programs UH Hilo offers, in addition to the impact the University can have on their life and the lives of their loved ones.”

Guillen strongly believes education is the great equalizer, and cites graduating athletes as Job One. So it should come as no surprise that one of his first initiatives is aimed at achieving greater academic success for his student athletes. The University will submit a two-part supplemental budget request to state lawmakers during the upcoming legislative session to hire a full-time academic advisor.

‘Imiloa Astronomy Center will celebrate 10th Anniversary with new Maunakea exhibit

As we start 2016, I would like to share an exciting new exhibit planned to open this year at ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

‘Imiloa will be celebrating its 10th anniversary in February 2016. Since opening its doors, the Center has impacted hundreds of thousands of kama‘aina and visitors alike. It is the state’s only bi-lingual informal science center showcasing the connections between cultural traditions and state-of-the-art exploration being conducted atop Maunakea.

As we move into the astronomy center’s second decade, we are making a concerted effort to build on the work to date, and expand the reach and impact on our local communities and the state. Most importantly, we will build on the work of honoring Maunakea by inspiring keiki to continue the Hawaiian tradition of exploration and discovery through modern science and technology.

Central to this effort will be a new Maunakea education exhibit that will be a hub of information about the mountain.

In addition to the cultural significance and the science of astronomy of Maunakea, the exhibit will cover the natural resources (recording, conservation, preservation), the legal and political history about the science reserve and its growth and management,
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“We currently have no personnel dedicated to academic advising, tutoring, or other learning support to help our student athletes succeed in the classroom,” he said.

“Our coaches do a great job in identifying strong students who are good athletes, but once they get here, we need to provide them with the support they need to ensure their academic success.”

That philosophy paid dividends during his tenure as athletic director at Cal-State Dominguez Hills, where the overall cumulative team grade point average for the school’s 11 sports programs rose from 2.24 in 2004 to 2.91 in 2013.

But Guillen is also very passionate about winning outside the classroom, and doesn’t believe the two are mutually exclusive. The second part of his request will seek transportation funding to help offset the cost of travel, which is considerable for a school that must board an airplane to play a road game. Those already high costs have doubled over the past five years with the addition of seven new mainland schools in the Pac West Conference.

The high cost of travel is just one of the monetary issues he says must be addressed to achieve budget parity with the average Pac West Conference institution. Others include recruiting budgets, funding for assistant coaches, and athletic facilities.

“Athletic facilities are a major challenge especially when it comes to recruiting,” Guillen said. “But I believe we can partner with the County and the community to address those needs, and I’m hopeful that we can develop appropriate corporate sponsorships to assist in our travels and recruiting.”

He declined to offer specifics of what form those partnerships may take regarding facilities, saying for now he’s satisfied to simply begin the discussion. But he’s fully aware that the relationships built and nurtured both on and off campus along with the trust earned from the community will largely determine the success of those efforts.

Based on his track record, and background in business development, that is a task he appears to be ideally suited for. Under his leadership, the Athletic Department’s endowment at CSU Dominguez Hills rose from $17,000 to $600,000, and Guillen was able to raise $900,000 for major facility enhancements to the school’s gymnasium, baseball and softball fields.

Guillen says as he goes about introducing himself to the various segments of the community and selling the program, he’s encouraged by the institutional support for Vulcan Athletics.

“In 23 years of working in collegiate athletics, I have honestly not worked with a staff that is so deeply committed and dedicated to our students and program,” Guillen said. “At the same time, Chancellor Straney has been very supportive and he fully understands what a strong, quality athletic program can mean to the community.”

Guillen sees a bright future for Vulcan Athletics. But for now, he wants to tap down any discussions about introducing new programs to take advantage of niche opportunities and concentrate on the business at hand.

“I would like us to focus on our existing programs that we have now and strengthen them through proper support and funding,” Guillen said. “Once we have done that, then and only then we might look forward to other sport opportunities.”

And yes, he’s familiar with UH Hilo’s storied past when men’s basketball played before sold out crowds, women’s volleyball claimed a string of national championships and the community turned out in masse to transform the Hilo International Airport into a sea of red and white as the teams left and returned from post-season play. So can that magic ever be re-captured?

“I believe it can be done, given time, along with the support of our community and boosters,” Guillen said. “But we also need to start winning again.”

He notes that the athletic climate differs from that of the 1970s and ‘80s when the Vulcans competed as members of the NAIA and AIAW. They now compete in the NCAA and face what Guillen described as great challenges in what many consider the strongest Division II conference in the country. But he doesn’t consider those challenges to be insurmountable.

“UH Hilo and Vulcan Athletics is an integral part of the Big Island and I want people to know that we are working very hard to bring Vulcan Pride back to this great community,” Guillen said. “I believe with the proper institutional and community support, we can get back on the winning track and re-ignite Vulcan Fever.”

(Ken Hupp is a public information officer.)

Save the Date

The UH Hilo Alumni and Friends Association announces UH Hilo’s 2016 Distinguished Award Recipients:

Distinguished Alumni Awardees:
• Noreen Yamane (‘69-‘71), former Chancellor, Hawai‘i Community College
• Joseph Estrella (‘69-‘71), former Vulcan Baseball Coach and Interim Athletic Director
• The Honorable Barbara Takase (‘75), District Court Judge of the Third Circuit of Hawai‘i

Distinguished Service Awardee:
• the late Dr. Jim Kelly, Emeritus Professor, UH Hilo

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and the role Maunakea plays in ongoing and evolving social movements in the Hawaiian community.

Despite there being a wealth of publically-available information on these and other aspects of the mountain, the sheer amount of information and the fact that it is spread over myriad archives and sources has paradoxically created a vacuum of public awareness. The hope is that this new exhibit at 'Imiloa—the physical space along with virtual and web-based components—will be a means to disseminate research and documented insight to all stakeholders and the general public about the resources and complexities of Maunakea.

We see the exhibit as a growing and evolving timeline of information that includes source data and portals to documents, media, and key agencies that offer further insight and information. The timeline exhibit also will include new educational media pieces—oral histories, for example—but also information on current events and new issues, discoveries and activity.

The exhibit will be phased in over time with the end goal being a totally digital interactive exhibit, including a strong web presence for learners to continue engagement beyond their experience in the physical space at the astronomy center.

‘Imiloa will be launching the initial, two-dimensional display as part of its 10th anniversary celebration this year.

In addition to the physical exhibit and the digital information portal, ‘Imiloa also will be starting the ‘Imiākea Event Series, a monthly program focused on highlighting a particular aspect of Maunakea each month. These events will range from weeknight evening performances and intimate settings with guest speakers and presenters, to demonstrations and hands-on workshops with artists and kumu, to weekend all-day events with activities for keiki and the entire family.

In the spirit of ‘Imiloa—the continual pursuit of knowledge—we embark on 2016 with a sense of excitement for what the future will reveal.

Happy New Year,

Donald C. Stanley

CCECS launches new classes

Coordinators in the College of Continuing Education and Community Service (CCECS) have been busy assessing the personal and professional development wants and needs of the University and general community. This spring, CCECS launches a series of classes that have never before been available as non-credit course offerings through the College.


For more information about these and other CCECS non-credit classes, including details about the course, instructor, schedule and cost, visit http://hilo.hawaii.edu/academics/cecs/, follow CCECS at https://www.facebook.com/CCECS.HILO, or call 974-7664.

The North Hawai‘i Education and Research Center (NHERC), a unit under CCECS, will be offering the following classes for the first time in Honoka‘a: Living Well As Long As Possible, Fundamentals of Writing a Fiction Novel, Aquaponics for Beginners, Solar Photovoltaic Basics, and Vermicomposting for Beginners.

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Hats off to...

Shugeng Cao, Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, was co-author on the following: “Meroterpenoids from the marine Algal-associated Fungus Aspergillus sp.,” J. Nat. Prod; “Actinoramide A stereoisomer identified as potent anti-malarial from titration-based screening of marine natural product extracts,” J. Nat. Prod; and “Small molecule reactivation of mutant p53 to wt-like p53 through the p53-Hsp40 regulatory axis,” Chemistry & Biology. He was also an invited speaker last month at the 2015 Annual Conference on KSP (Korean Society of Pharmacognosy) in Seoul, Korea, where he spoke on “Natural Products from Tropics.”

Dianqing Sun, Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, was invited to present “Natural Product-Inspired New Chemotherapeutic Agents” at the 2015 Chaoyang International Conference of Medicine held in Beijing, China in November. He also gave a poster presentation on “Synthesis and antibacterial evaluation of macrocyclic diarylheptanoid derivatives” at the Pacificchem 2015 conference held last month on O‘ahu. Additionally, he was co-author on the following: “Carbazole Scaffold in Medicinal Chemistry and Natural Products: A Review from 2010-2015,” Current Topics in Medicinal Chemistry; “Hirsutinolide series inhibit Stat3 activity, alter GCN1, MAP1B, Hsp105, G6PD, vimentin, TrxR1, and importin a-2 expression, and induce antitumor effects against human glioma,” Journal of Medicinal Chemistry; and Determination of the Absolute Configuration of Chaetoviridins and Other Bioactive Azaphilones from the Endophytic Fungus Chaetomium globosum,” Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters.

Ghee Tan, Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, was co-author on “The Role of Endophytic Fungi in the Anticancer Activity of Morinda citrifolia Linn. (noni),” accepted for publication in Evidence-based Complementary and Alternative Medicine.


de Pillis to head UH Hilo’s ALEX program

Dr. Emmeline de Pillis is the new director of UH Hilo’s Office of Applied Learning Experiences (ALEX), effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018. She replaces Dr. Tom DeWitt, the founding director of ALEX. de Pillis, professor of management, joined the College of Business and Economics in 1997 and has taught its capstone strategic management course since 2011. Her current research includes unconscious bias in decision making, virtual teams, and higher education.
UH Hilo facilities update

Projects Under Construction:

Water Infrastructure Improvements: Provide a well, pump, transmission lines and related improvements to ensure sufficient water supply for UH Hilo planned development and fire protection needs. The construction is scheduled from July 2012 to March 2016. This is a HSCR (Health, Safety & Code Requirements) project.

Living Learning Community Phase IIB: This State CIP project will add PV panels to the Hale Kanilehua - the Living Learning Community. The construction should be completed by February 2016. This is a State CIP project.

Repairs and Renovate Old Student Services Building: Repair and renovate the old Student Services Building for College of Business and Economics. Construction is rescheduled from December 2014 to February 2016. This is a CRDM (Capital Renewal & Deferred Maintenance) project.

Campus Security Improvements – Phase 1: Provide improvements to campus security cameras, electronic locks, intrusion detection emergency call stations and related infrastructure. The project is under construction. The estimated completion date is February 2016. This is a HSCR (Health, Safety & Code Requirements) project.

Campus Security Improvements – Phase 2: Provide improvements of a campus emergency operation office and related infrastructure. The project is under construction. The estimated completion date is February 2016. This is a HSCR (Health, Safety & Code Requirements) project.

Projects in Bidding or Awarding:

Wentworth Hall Re-roof: Replace the existing roof of Wentworth Hall. This is a CRDM (Capital Renewal & Deferred Maintenance) project.

Hale Kehau Lead Removal: Remove lead containing metal roof and related repairs. This is a HSCR (Health, Safety & Code Requirements) project.

Housing Emergency Shelter: Renovation and addition to Hale Kauanoe to create emergency shelter for student housing. This is a HSCR (Health, Safety & Code Requirements) project.

Panaewa Farm Traffic Safety Improvements: Provide turning lanes at the entrance of Panaewa Farm and related improvements. This is a HSCR (Health, Safety & Code Requirements) project.

Kapiolani & Lanikaula Streets Sidewalk & Crosswalk Improvements: Provide sidewalk on campus-side of Lanikaula Street and improve safety for crossing Lanikaula Street. This is a HSCR (Health, Safety & Code Requirements) project.

Modernization and Repair of UH Telescopes on Mauna Kea: Repair and renovate the UH telescope on Mauna Kea.

OMKM Renovation & Infrastructure Improvements: Planning and design of the Visitor Information Station expansion and construction of the ingress and egress, parking for the Visitor Information Station.

International Flight Training Center: Planning, design and construction of the International Flight Training Center. The construction award is pending on program approval.

Projects in Planning & Design:

Emergency Generator: Provide emergency generators on the University to for back-up electricity to major buildings and functions on campus. The project is in the preliminary design stage. This is a HSCR (Health, Safety & Code Requirements) project.

Chilled Water Plant & College Hall A/C Improvements: Replace the chiller of the chiller water plant and the a/c of College Hall.

Energy Storage & Green Waste to Energy: Design and construction of Energy Storage & Feasibility Study of the Green Waste to Energy. This will enhance UH Hilo’s effort of moving toward energy indecency.

Way-finding & Signage Master Plan and Signage Design Standards: Provide campus signage design standards as well as way-finding and a signage master plan.

Go to http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/uhh/planning/ for more details and location maps.

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Pharmacy’s psychopharmacology program gains APA approval

The Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology (MSCP) program offered through the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) has been granted American Psychological Association (APA) designation. The designation is valid for three years.

DKICP applied for the recognition to APA’s Designation Committee for Postdoctoral Education and Training Programs in Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority, referred to as the RxP Designation Committee. The purpose of designation is to afford public recognition of education and training programs that meet certain minimum standards.

“This classification supplies our MSCP program with substantial credentials to actively compete on a national level with other programs throughout the country,” said Carolyn Ma, DKICP interim dean. “We have already distinguished ourselves as the first MSCP program in the U.S. that is operating entirely within a college of pharmacy. This APA designation shows we know what we’re doing.”

DKICP’s MSCP program is open to eligible candidates who already have earned a doctoral degree in clinical psychology with an active license to practice psychology. This post-doctoral training prepares the student for professional advancement to become a clinical psychopharmacologist, for which Program Coordinator Judi Steinman said pharmacy faculty is uniquely suited to train.

“With the increasing number of patients being prescribed psychotropic drugs, it’s critical for psychologists to have this type of training,” said Steinman, who was responsible for preparing the justification for the program to gain APA designation. “We’re excited to take the lead in attracting this group of professionals to UH Hilo, and look forward to increased interaction with many other departments.”

The APA established this process to designate post-doctoral education and training programs in psychopharmacology as a response to advances that have occurred in psychopharmacology education and training and prescriptive authority legislation in recent years.

The designation sets criteria of standards that must be met in order to be recognized by the APA as approved post-doctoral training. This makes DKICP part of an elite group of institutions to gain this approval, Steinman noted.

Las Cafeteras coming to UH Hilo

The urban folk sound of Las Cafeteras will be coming to UH Hilo’s Performing Arts Center for one night only on Wednesday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m.

“They have been taking the music scene by storm with their infectious live performances and genre-crossing sound,” said PAC Manager Lee Dombroski. “Las Cafeteras seamlessly fuses traditional Afro-Caribbean music with modern rhythms and lyrically-rich storytelling to create a sound that reflects the streets of today’s East Los Angeles.”

“Music makes sense as a way to provoke a dialogue on present social and political issues,” said singer and multi-instrumentalist Denise Carlos. “You don’t always have to talk politics, but if you are singing it in a very fun way, you hear the beat, you dance to it, and the words start meaning something to you.”

Las Cafeteras has shared the stage with diverse acts such as Mexican icons Califanes, Colombian superstar Juanes, Los Angeles legends Ozomatli, indie folk favorite Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros, and most recently with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

Tickets are reserved seating and priced at $25 General, $20 Discount and $12 UH Hilo/Hawai’i CC students (with a valid student ID) and children, up to age 17, pre-sale, and $30 General, $25 Discount and $17 UH Hilo/Hawai’i CC students (with a valid student ID) and children, up to age 17, at the door.

Tickets are available by calling the UH Hilo Box Office at 932-7490 or by ordering online at artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu.
UH Hilo Briefs

January

7-9  Orientation, Advising & Registration
11  First Day of Instruction
14  Women’s Basketball vs. Academy of Art University, 5 p.m., Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium, Admission

Men’s Basketball vs. Academy of Art University, 7:30 p.m., Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium, Admission
18  Holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Women’s Basketball vs. Fresno Pacific University, 5 p.m., Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium, Admission

Men’s Basketball vs. Fresno Pacific University, 7:30 p.m., Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium, Admission
21  Women’s Basketball vs. Dixie State University, 5 p.m., Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium, Admission

Men’s Basketball vs. Dixie State University, 7:30 p.m., Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium, Admission
23  Women’s Basketball vs. Hawai‘i Pacific University, 1 p.m., Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium, Admission

Men’s Basketball vs. Hawai‘i Pacific University, 3 p.m., Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium, Admission
25  Women’s Basketball vs. California Baptist University, 5 p.m., Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium, Admission

Men’s Basketball vs. California Baptist University, 7:30 p.m., Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium, Admission
27  Las Cafeteras, 7:30 p.m., PAC, Admission

UH Hilo Open House is February 13

The UH Hilo Admissions Office hosts a UH Hilo Open House, scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will check in on the Campus Center Plaza beginning at 8:30 a.m. Campus tours will be given, faculty and students will answer questions, and there will be information about the University’s academic programs, residence halls, and student support services. Email uhhadm@hawaii.edu or call 932-7446 with any questions.