Love is in the air for UH Hilo spring musical

by Ken Hupp

Almost everybody at one time or another has experienced the ups and downs of romance. Whether the relationship was enduring or short-lived, the experience is hard to forget. All those familiar memories come to life in the UH Hilo Spring Musical I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change, which opens a two-week run this month at the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center. Performance dates are Friday and Saturday, April 8, 9, 15, and 16 at 7:30 p.m., with matinee performances at 2 p.m. on April 10 and 17.

The adult-themed musical is based on the book and lyrics by Joe Pietro, music by Jimmy Roberts, and performed by a cast of seven men and women portraying a collection of characters embroiled in the dating game. Together, they sing their tales of woe and dance through every conceivable twist and turn as they roll the proverbial dice on romance, overcome setbacks and contemplate their choices along the way. The production is directed by Professor Jackie Pualani Johnson, who had been searching for just the right musical to showcase.

“It had been some time since we did a concept musical that is UH Hilo Performing Arts senior Hoapili Mossman shares a rascal smile as Angelline Jara, Performing Arts graduate, adores his playful, football-watching character.

Sustainability in higher education

by Chancellor Donald Straney

Last month, a contingent from the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo and Hawai‘i Community College attended the 4th Annual Hawai‘i Sustainability in Higher Education Summit held in Honolulu. The annual event provides a platform for leaders in sustainability across the state to share best practices, network, and engage with the University.

Food waste and recycling, baseline accounting to measure progress, energy reduction, and ways to better engage the campus communities in sustainability efforts were discussed at the statewide summit. There were four working sessions: Campus Sustainability Planning, Curriculum Coordination, Student Leadership, and Strategic Energy Management.

A wide range of experts and students from UH Hilo and Hawai‘i CC attended the various sessions and the takeaways were invaluable to our continued progress with energy savings and sustainability measures.

Ryan Ferroy, assistant professor of geography and chair of the UH Hilo Energy Savings and Sustainability Committee, attended the campus sustainability planning sessions along with UH Hilo economics and finance major Victoria Haili and Associate Professor of Horticulture Norman Arancon, who specializes in sustainable agriculture. They heard reports from the different campuses about varied approaches to hitting the sustainability targets outlined in the UH
driven by a theme and features a handful of strong performers who can act, sing, and dance,” Johnson noted. “This has been on my bucket list for ages and the time was ripe to feature a few students who excel in all three areas.”

UH Hilo Performing Arts majors Sky Flores, Hoapili Mossman, Bernard Benjamin Villa, and Scott Wuscher team up with Performing Arts graduates Alston Albarado, Bria Lani Callaway, Angeline Jara, and Mimi Tincher, performers from other majors, Talisa Caldwell, M. Kadmiel Rey, and Brian Wild, and community actors Alyssa Ishihara, Erin Smith, and Michael Stevens.

The cast takes the audience on a romantic odyssey set to love songs like “A Stud and a Babe,” “Hey, There, Single Guy,” and “Always a Bridesmaid” as they journey through familiar destinations from restaurants to movie theatres leading up to matrimonial bliss and wrapped up in the inevitable funeral parlor. Together, they re-live that unforgettable first date, trudge through those all too familiar scenarios of falling in love, settling into marriage, raising kids, managing a family, and ultimately, senior citizen wooing, sprinkled with a modern take and adult sensibility.

Johnson describes the cast as an exceptionally strong group across the board with no weak links. She added that each person sells their songs and creates characters that are convincing and riveting, making every moment on stage momentous.

“This is ensemble work at its best,” Johnson said. “And it is clear that these folks really like working with each other.”

Assisting Johnson is music director and pianist Mikala Thomas, choreographer Rachel Klein, and vocal coach Amy Horst. Costumer Lee Dombroski is assisted by Margie Lee. The set is designed by Ariana Bassett, with students in charge of building the set, stage management, running and lighting crews, and Rob Abe in charge of sound. The spring 2016 stage makeup class enhances the look of the characters.

Due to the show’s adult nature, the performance is recommended for adult audiences only. Johnson sees that as a plus, not a minus, and an appropriate fit for the subject matter that has something for everyone.

“No instance in the play is so far-fetched that there isn’t someone in the room who won’t chortle at the familiarity,” Johnson said. “The way the characters are portrayed in such singular fashion will make all smile - sometimes quirky, sometimes brittle, sometimes uttery charming smiles. It’s all there.”

Tickets are Reserved seating and priced at $20 General, $15 Discount, $7 UH Hilo / Hawai’i CC students with valid ID and children 17 years & under. All ticket prices are $5 more when purchased at the door. Tickets are available at the PAC Box Office Tuesday- Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., by calling 932-7490, or by ordering online at artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu.

(Ken Hupp is a public information officer.)

Sustainability

Board of Regents sustainability policy.

UH Hilo Professor of Applied Engineering Shihwu Sung attended the curriculum coordination sessions, facilities planner Ted Le Jeune and fiscal specialist Michelle Agbigay attended the strategic energy management sessions, and students Kimo Melcher (environmental science major) and Adrienne Gurbindo (environmental studies major), attended the student leadership sessions.

While a work in progress on each campus, headway on sustainability is being made. UH Hilo is leading the way in some areas, including establishing and using our Energy Reinvestment Project Account, created by Lo-Li Chih, UH Hilo director of facilities planning. The account is designed to take the financial savings from energy efficiency projects and use it to fund additional on-campus energy projects—a model other campuses are considering.

During the summit, UH Hilo Electrician Kevin Hand was awarded the President’s Award for Excellence in Sustainable Facilities Management, which is a Systemwide award.

The award is well deserved for all the hard and innovative work Kevin has been doing on energy saving activities on campus, including the campus-wide LED retrofit project currently underway. Existing light fixtures in classrooms, offices, and hallways throughout campus are being replaced or retrofitted with energy efficient LED lights.

In addition to the LED project, UH Hilo, with its Energy Savings and Sustainability Committee, is also continuing with several sustainability measures, for example:

The Local First program continues to be a big success—UH Hilo is the only UH campus that serves 65 percent locally produced food in the campus dining rooms.

The energy reduction program reduces plug load energy consumption, increases machine and electronic operational efficiency, and reduces peak-hour demand.

The electrical systems of the new Student Services Building are designed to ensure energy efficient operations and earned LEED Silver certification.

Our annual Earth Day Fair is happening April 22 in collaboration with Hawai‘i Community College (Ryan Perroy is co-chair with Claudia Wilcox-Boucher from Hawai‘i CC). The event will bring well over 1,000 local area students to campus and this year will have a number of events designed specifically for undergraduates. This includes a panel on local and sustainable food production and multiple speakers who will discuss sustainability and energy issues.

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Sustainability is an island-wide goal for which all of us should do our part. The classroom, campus and local community comprise an interconnected educational environment to which we all—individually and collectively—can make valuable contributions.

For UH Hilo and Hawai‘i CC’s part, we will continue to work closely with the local community to fully understand how we can best answer community and business needs within the context of sustainability in order to help shape a better future for our island and state.

Aloha,

Donald D. Shaney

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Public tuition schedule presentation on campus Apr 28

The University community is invited to a presentation on the University of Hawai‘i’s proposed tuition schedule and to present testimony (written and/or oral) at an open public meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 28 at 4 pm in UCB 127. Testimony may be sent via email to tuition@hawaii.edu.

The University of Hawai‘i’s current tuition schedule ends in AY 2016-17. A three-year tuition schedule from AY 2017-18 through AY 2019-20 is being proposed. Public meetings will be held at UH campuses through early May 2016 to share information on the proposed schedule and to receive feedback from students, faculty, staff, and the public.

The increases range from 0 to 2 percent per year. The University intends to use the proposed tuition increases to address deferred maintenance at UH Manoa and the UH community colleges and to establish a reserve fund for deferred maintenance at UH Hilo and UH West O‘ahu.

Based on the feedback received at the public meetings, the UH administration may revise its proposal. A final proposal will be presented to the Board of Regents at its June 2016 meeting.

For a list of other public meetings, visit http://hawaii.edu/offices/aa/tuition.html.

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Ostertag to head UH Hilo TCBES

Professor of Biology Rebecca Ostertag will be the new director of UH Hilo’s Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science (TCBES), effective May 23, 2016. Ostertag replaces founding director Don Price. Professor of Biology Patrick Hart will serve as associate director.

The announcement was made last month by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Matthew Platz.

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UH Hilo student leadership award nominations underway

Nominations are currently being accepted for UH Hilo’s Ka Lama Ku Student Leadership Recognition Awards for the 2015-2016 school year.

Both the University and community-at-large are eligible to nominate students with six or more credits and Fall 2015 graduate students with a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA to be recognized for their formal and informal leadership roles. Students individually, in a group, team or organization who have demonstrated strong evidence of future leadership potential can be nominated for the following:

- Alaka`i Award: Leadership
- ‘Ike Pāpālua Award: Gift of vision
- Kuleana Award: Accountable and responsible
- Laulima Award: No task is too big when done by all
- Mālama Award: Taking care of others

Additional criteria and nomination forms are available at the Ka Lama Ku website: http://hilo.hawaii.edu/campucenter/leadership/recognition_awards.php.

Only printed nominations and essays will be accepted, and must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5 to Campus Center Room 309. Winners will be announced at the Student Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday, May 3.

For more information, contact the Student Leadership Development Program at kalamaku@hawaii.edu or Leomi L. Bergknut at 932-7377.
Hats off to...


Charmaine Higa-McMillan, Associate Professor, Psychology, is lead author on “Overlapping and non-overlapping practices in usual and evidence-based care for youth anxiety” (in press), Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research and is co-author of “The Revised Child Anxiety and Depression Scale 25 – parent version: Scale development and validation in a school-based and clinical sample” (in press), Assessment.

Philippe Binder, Professor, Physics, recently served as corresponding author on two papers that were published in The Physics Teacher, the highest circulation physics education journal. “The buoyancy approach to U-tube problems,” (co-authored by freshman Merrill Magowan), appeared in the February 2016 issue, and “A connector between active laboratory probes and computer interfaces of different brands” is in the April 2016 issue. Co-authors were John Coney, Education Specialist, Physics and Astronomy, and Kaleo Hui, Laboratory Instructor, Physics.

Jiren Feng, Assistant Professor, Chinese, has been invited by Okayama University, Japan, to teach “Chinese Architecture: History and Symbolism” this summer while he is doing research there as an international guest researcher.

Faith Mishina, Associate Professor, Spanish, presents “The Free Trade Agreements and Commissions that Led to the ‘Rigged Economic and Political Game’ in Latin America for Fifty Years (1954-2007): The Imposition of Inequality, Neo-Colonial Control, Porous Sovereignty and Indigenous Suppression” at the New Directions for the Humanities conference in Chicago, IL in June.

Jon Goebel, Assistant Professor, Art, was recently awarded the Bradbury Art Museum Sponsorship Award at the 2016 Delta National Small Prints Exhibition. The exhibition at the Arkansas State University Bradbury Art Museum ran Jan 28-Feb 28, 2016.

Todd Belt, Professor, Political Science, was invited to deliver a research paper on “The Fragmenting Democratic Leadership in the State of Hawaii” at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association held last month in San Diego, CA. The paper is co-authored by UH Hilo student Tyler Hoffman.

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CCECS back on campus

It has been five years since the College of Continuing Education and Community Service (CCECS) moved out of College Hall and off campus to Maluhia Place on Ululani Street. Last month, the unit moved back to the main campus.

CCECS staff members are in Portable Building 6 toward the makai end of the campus near Kapi‘olani Street. The move back to campus means that CCECS staff members now have individual phone numbers. See the chart for a list of staff members and phone numbers.

CCECS is now located closer to two other departments of the unit: English Language Institute (ELI) and Senior Net. The ELI is located in PB-2 and Senior Net is located in PB-7. Contact information for those units is also included in the chart.

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CCECS staff from left to right, front row: Chris Nishioka, Scott Kawachi, Chatney Graham, Nicole Moore, Luisa Castro; back row: Chloe Regidor (student assistant), Shaylyn Hara, Michelle Rodriguez, Marisa Miyashiro.
UH Hilo Briefs

April

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   “I” Removal Deadline: Student to Instructor
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14 Active Shooter presentation by Hawai‘i Police Dept, Noon, UCB 127

15 Last Day to Submit Credit-by-Exam Results to Ofc of the Registrar
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29 Vulcan Softball vs. Chaminade University, 1 p.m., Vulcan Field

30 Vulcan Softball vs. Hawai‘i Pacific University, Noon, Vulcan Field
   Vulcan Baseball vs. Hawai‘i Pacific University, 3 p.m., Wong Stadium, Admission

Active shooter presentation for faculty, staff

Faculty and staff are invited to an active shooter presentation by the Hawai‘i Police Department on Thursday, April 14 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in UCB 127. Lieutenant Thomas Shopay III from the Special Response Team will give the presentation with a Q & A to follow.

Call University Relations at 932-7339 with any questions.

“Be a Lifesaver” training is Apr 19

Faculty, staff, students, and the public are invited to the “Be a Lifesaver” training session on the Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) and chest compressions on Tuesday, April 19, beginning at 5 p.m. in Vulcan Gym. The demonstration will be conducted by the Hawai‘i County Fire Department and the Hilo Medical Center Foundation.

Call University Relations at 932-7339 with any questions.