Going green is saving green

by Ken Hupp

The UH Hilo Office of Facilities Planning and Construction has teamed up with Auxiliary Services on a project that began a couple of years ago by replacing light bulbs with energy-efficient LED lights that has since evolved into a campuswide retrofit to include existing fixtures.

“We initially converted a few office and exterior fixtures in 2014 as a test,” explained Auxiliary Services Director Kolin Kettleson. “Based on those results, we began a major classroom conversion last year.”

Thus far, crews have replaced over 300 light bulbs, retrofitted more than 400 fixtures and swapped out over 100 fixtures with bi-level LED fixtures at a cost of about $120,000. The work has been concentrated on the first floor classrooms, exterior lights and stairs at Edith Kanaka’ole Hall (EKH), the stairways of the Science and Technology Building, along with the stairwells and exterior corridor lighting of the University Classroom Building (UCB).

They now plan to move on to EKH second floor offices, halls and laboratories. Plans are also being drawn for an additional 500 LED retrofits, including the conversion of light fixtures in Vulcan Gym to dimmable LEDs and replacement of all auxiliary lighting.

Fulfilling UH’s responsibilities to Native Hawaiians

by Chancellor Don Straney

A key mission shared by the 10 campuses of the University of Hawai‘i System is to embrace our responsibilities to the Native Hawaiian people and to Hawai‘i’s indigenous language and culture. At UH Hilo, we have long been cultivating a diverse, multicultural university that is rooted in the indigenous history of Hawai‘i.

A UH Systemwide initiative called “Hawai‘i Papa O Ke Ao,” which translates to “Hawai‘i Foundations of Enlightenment/Knowledge,” has the goal of making UH the model for using Native Hawaiian knowledge and viewpoints as the foundation for educational programs. In 2012, each UH campus was tasked with developing its own individual campus plan to help fulfill the initiative—but UH Hilo and Hawai‘i Community College are working collaboratively to jointly integrate Hawaiian knowledge into our programs and curricula.

To help us achieve our goals, Hawai‘i CC Interim Chancellor Joni Onishi and I recently announced Taupōuri Tangarō, PhD, has been named director of Hawaiian culture and protocols engagement for our two campuses. The appointment of Dr. Tangarō to this important collaborative position shows the joint commitment of UH Hilo and Hawai‘i CC to Hawai‘i Papa O Ke Ao. Taupōuri served on the UH System taskforce that developed the plan in 2012 and
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roadway and parking lights from Low Pressure Sodium to bi-level LED fixtures.

Kettleson estimates about 95 percent of the campus light fixtures will be impacted when all is said and done as less efficient lighting like fluorescent, sodium and metal halite, which were once considered energy savers, are replaced.

The conversion is expected to take four to six years and will be done entirely in-house and around existing class schedules to minimize disruptions. That strategy has lengthened the duration of the project, but it will also limit the upfront cost to between $3 and $4 million, or about half of what the price tag would be if done by a private contractor.

Savings from the conversions to date total $20,000, and future cost reductions will vary. The completed product is expected to reduce electricity consumed for lighting on campus by an average of 60 percent, or 60,000 / KWH resulting in annual savings of $18,000. But that figure is based on the current cost of roughly $0.30 / KWH, which is well below the rate of $0.43 / KWH seen in recent years. So the savings could grow substantially if the price of oil returns to its previous high levels.

Cost reductions also vary greatly depending on the area. For example, little-used stairwells, which require 24-7 lighting for safety reasons, have yielded a windfall of savings.

“The standard LED conversion reduces consumption by 60 percent,” said Facilities Planning Director Lo-Li Chih. “But we’ve gone a step further by installing bi-level LED fixtures with motion sensors that dim the lights to 20 percent when no one is around, which is most of the time, yet still satisfies our safety needs. That, in many cases, can achieve energy savings of up to 95 percent.”

At the same time, savings are tougher to come by in utility rooms, where lights are off most of the time and in areas where LED conversion is not appropriate due to specialized lighting needs.

Beyond the bottom line benefits, the LEDs have a longer life span, which means personnel will be spending less time replacing ballasts going forward. The project also reduces carbon emissions and advances the University of Hawai‘i System goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050. The effort is one of several initiatives currently underway designed to enhance operations and efficiency, safety, and lay the groundwork for future projects.

As the campuswide retrofit proceeds, work is underway on another green initiative in the form of a $154,000 project to make the Living Learning Community at Hale Kanilehua the latest building to be fitted with PV panels.

Crews are installing a 19 kw array of 90 solar panels and three inverters that will generate an estimated 29,260 kw hours of electricity a year. The panels are expected to result in an annual savings of nearly $8,200 based on the current cost of electricity when completed later this year.

Meanwhile, renovations to the old Student Services Building and a pair of campus security improvement projects are nearing completion and could be wrapped up by summer. Crews have completed installation of an expanded security camera network, infrared camera illuminators and replacement of emergency call stations. The $5.1 million Campus Security Improvement Project Phase I also includes transitioning to a larger and faster data network, which is expected to be completed in the next 30 to 60 days.

The $5.9 Phase II initiative will create an Emergency Operations Center in a 2,000 square-foot addition on the Hawai‘i Community College Welding Shop-side of the University Classroom Building, where the Campus Security and Safety Offices will be housed along with two renovated computer classrooms. Key features include standalone air conditioning and power systems with backup UPS and generator capacity along with upgraded data cabling and distribution to 26 structures throughout campus to accommodate Gigabit Ethernet and completion of the VOIP telephone migration. The last of the equipment is currently being installed and final testing is being scheduled to accommodate occupying the facility in the next 30 to 60 days.

The College of Business and Economics will soon be moving into its new home with the completion of renovations to the old Student Services Building. The $2.3 million facelift includes complete new interior finishes, air conditioning, energy efficient lighting and controls, plus new data and fire alarm systems and card-based access controls. The final finishes, door hardware and storefront systems are currently being installed, which could ready the building for occupancy within 60 days.

Water plays a crucial role in any initiative, and the University will soon have a sufficient supply for future developments as well as for its fire protection needs. The $3.5 million Water Infrastructure Improvement Project includes installation of a pump, transmission lines and related developments that will generate approximately 1,800 gallons per minute from a well above Komohana Street in the University Park. Work began in 2012 and could be completed as early as next month.

(Ken Hupp is a public information officer.)
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currently serves as a member of the Systemwide Hawai‘i Papa O Ke Ao Committee.

Taupōuri, a cultural practitioner and a professor of Hawaiian studies at Hawai‘i CC, has been at the helm of several collaborative initiatives between UH Hilo and Hawai‘i CC.

He is founder and director of several highly effective programs for Native Hawaiian academic success, cultural leadership through hula, protocols, increasing transfer students, and introducing K-12 grades to Hawai‘i CC and UH Hilo. He also has co-founded indigenous exchange programs—for example, last year a delegation of faculty and staff from UH Hilo and Hawai‘i CC traveled to Yap and Palau to meet with educators, community leaders, cultural practitioners, and UH Hilo alumni to strengthen connections between UH and the Asia-Pacific region.

Collectively, these programs are incredibly important to the integration of Hawaiian knowledge into the academic and cultural foundations of our campuses and in meeting the needs of our Native Hawaiian students.

A related development is the integration of the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage into our curriculum. Sailing from Hawai‘i to South Africa and multiple ports and countries in between, UH students, faculty, and staff have been an integral part of the voyaging canoe Hōkūle‘a’s worldwide voyage, also known as Mālama Honua, or “to care for our Earth.” UH is the higher education partner in the voyage, with over 50 people from all 10 campuses directly involved.

Some of these participants are gathering at UH Hilo on Feb. 12 to work together moving forward. Meeting participants include Chad Kālepa Baybayan, a master navigator on the voyage, navigator-in-residence at UH Hilo’s ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center, and a member of the faculty at Ka Haka ʻUla O Keʻelikōlani College of Hawaiian Language. He says that although UH is probably the lead institution of the voyage, most heavily engaged in providing active participation, actually providing the manpower and resources to execute the voyage, a lot of people don’t know the extent of UH’s involvement in Mālama Honua.

Our hope through the upcoming meeting is to acknowledge the importance of the UH System’s understanding and respect for ‘ike Hawai‘i (Hawaiian knowledge) in teaching, research, and service, and to make the connection between the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage and UH initiatives to strengthen our work in STEM, sustainability, and Native Hawaiian language and culture.

It is through this type of collaborative work, learning from each other, that we can fulfill our responsibilities to the people of Hawai‘i.

Aloha,

Donald P. Shockey

‘Imiākea – Discovering Maunakea

The ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i announces an exciting new monthly program series entitled ‘Imiākea: Discovering Maunakea, a series aimed at expanding understanding of all the dimensions represented by Maunakea.

“Since opening our doors in February 2006, ‘Imiloa has had an impact on several hundred thousand kama‘aina and visitors alike,” stated ‘Imiloa Executive Director Ka‘iu Kimura. “As we enter our second decade, we are making a concerted effort to build on this work and expand our reach as we continue to honor Maunakea by inspiring new generations to carry on the Hawaiian traditions of exploration and discovery through modern science and technology.”

The ‘Imiākea series will consist of monthly events hosted at ‘Imiloa, ranging from performances and hands-on workshops with practitioners to interactive panel discussions with experts in various fields and community experiences.

The series begins on Wednesday, February 3, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm, with an evening of mele and hula with two of Hilo’s kumu hula, husband and wife, Kekoa and Pele Harman. As graduates and faculty of ‘Imiloa’s consortium partner Ka Haka ‘Ula O Keʻelikōlani College of Hawaiian Language, the Harmans are intimately involved in the Hawaiian language movement and community.

Cost is $10 for Members, $15 for Non-members. Pre-purchase tickets are available at the ‘Imiloa Front Desk or by calling 932-8901.

For more information, visit www.imiloahawaii.org or call 932-8901.
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Kurt Dela Cruz, Senior Advisor, Advising Center, provides the keynote address at the 2016 College of the Northern Marianas Counselor Conference this month in Saipan, MP. He will also present his nationally acclaimed Four Fishes training, which was recently recognized as Best in Region at the National Academic Advising Association regional conference.

Chris Frueh, Professor, Psychology, co-authored “Interpersonal trauma, attachment insecurity and anxiety in an inpatient psychiatric population,” *Journal of Anxiety Disorders* 2015; 35:82-87.

Zheng An, Assistant Professor, Communication, authored “Social support for first-time Chinese mothers in contexts of provider-recipient relationships,” *Health Communication*. Published online first: 10.1080/10410236.2014.973556. She was also co-author on “Propagation of information about preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention through Twitter,” *Health Communication*. Published online first, doi: 10.1080/10410236.2015.1027033.

Bryan Kim, Professor, Psychology, co-authored “Counseling attitudes and stigma among Polynesian Americans,” published in the January 2016 issue of *The Counseling Psychologist*.

Jon Goebel, Assistant Professor, Art, was recently awarded the Graphic Chemical & Ink Purchase Prize at the Boston Printmakers 2015 North American Print Biennial. He also recently concluded his solo show, entitled “Impressions,” at the Sherman Smith Family Gallery in Tulsa, OK, last month.

Armando Garcia, Assistant Professor, Aquaculture, recently served as a reviewer in two virtual panels for the 2016 Graduate Research Fellowships Program of the National Science Foundation.

UH Hilo Open House is Feb. 13

The UH Hilo Admissions Office hosts its Open House on Saturday, February 13, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. on the Campus Center Plaza. The Admissions Office will offer campus tours, the chance to meet faculty and students, and provide information about the University’s academic programs, residence halls and student support services. RSVP online at hilo.hawaii.edu/rsvp. For any questions, emailuhhadm@hawaii.edu or call (808) 932-7446.
UH Hilo celebrates Black History Month

The UH Hilo Black History Month (BHM) Committee, comprised of faculty, staff, students, and community members, has planned several events to celebrate Black History Month. All events are free of charge. Co-sponsors include the UH Hilo Diversity Committee, Art Dept., Student Health and Wellness Program, Minority Access and Achievement Program, the Performing Arts Center and Student Activities Council.

February 5, Friday; 5-7 p.m.
University Classroom Building, Room 100

Straight Outta Compton: This 2015 feature film is about the rise and fall of the hip hop group N.W.A., formed by Dr. Dre, Eazy-E, Ice Cube, MC Ren, DJ Yella in the mid-1980s and how they revolutionized music and pop culture. Popcorn, hotdogs and snacks will be provided (while supplies last).

February 9, Tuesday; 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Opposing Forces: Contemporary performance, directed and choreographed by Amy O’Neal using breakdancing, live beats, hip hop and gender roles as a lens to explore feminine perceptions in our culture. A cast of five world-class B Boys examine the value system of race and gender.

February 18, Thursday; 2-4 p.m.
Student Services Building, Room 201

Dr. John Turner, the first neurosurgeon to serve at Hilo Medical Center, will discuss his journey from practicing neurosurgery for over 40 years in Hilo to his current approach to medicine that utilizes a combination of biomedical and metaphysical healing techniques.

February 26, Friday; 5-7 p.m.
Student Services Building, Room 201

Soul Food for Thought Café: Performance and open mic invitation to poets, spoken word artists, and musicians to share their talents. This is an opportunity to showcase the unique abilities and creative skills of UH Hilo students, faculty, staff and community members. Those who are interested in participating can email Yolisa at hduley@hawaii.edu. We also welcome those who would like to contribute their favorite soul food dish. This is a time to indulge in soul food for the mind and the belly.

For more information, contact MAAP at 932-7461. For disability accommodations, call 932-9461.

UH Hilo International Nights 2016 is Feb. 19 & 20

The UH Hilo International Student Association presents International Nights 2016 on Friday, February 19 and Saturday, February 20, at 7:30 pm in the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center. This annual event features performances from around the world that remains a favorite among students, the community, and visitors.

This year’s shows feature 18 different performances spanning Asia, the Pacific, Europe and the Americas. Crowd favorites Tupu-laga O Samoa Mo a Taeao representing Samoa, and Taishoji taiko drumming representing Japan, are back. Other performances will showcase the unique cultures of the Philippines, Burma, France, Micronesia, Ireland, Kiribati, Okinawa, Palau, the Marshall Islands, the USA, and Israel, Germany and Romania. This year’s show will also feature a unique “Tour de France” performance giving audiences a tour of France.

Tickets are $12 for general admission and $5 for students, children, and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased with cash or checks in-person at the UH Hilo Box Office from 9 am – 1 pm, Tuesdays through Fridays, or at the door if tickets are still available the night of the shows. Advance ticket purchase is recommended as tickets typically sell out.

For ticket information, contact the UH Hilo Box Office at 932-7490.

For more information, visit http://hilo.hawaii.edu/international/IN.php.
Morita joins Vulcan Athletics as NCAA compliance coordinator

Monica Morita has been named NCAA compliance coordinator and senior woman administrator with Vulcan Athletics, effective February 1.

“Monica has a strong background in student services, including oversight of financial aid, athletic scholarships and student-athlete academic success,” noted Athletic Director Patrick Guillen. “She is originally from Hilo with deep-rooted ties to the community and is a great addition and fit to our administrative staff.

“I am excited to have her join the Vulcans Team.”

Morita was the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa’s football staff executive assistant for the past two years. Prior to moving back to Hawai‘i, she completed a 20 plus-year career at the University of Southern California where she was the 2013 Athletics Staff Member of the Year as selected by the student-athletes. For her final 12 years with USC, she held the title of assistant athletic director/director of student services.

Morita began her career at USC in 1988 as a graduate and admissions advisor in the Leventhal School of Accounting. In 1998, she began a three-year stint as assistant to the head coach of football under Paul Hackett before assuming the role of director of student services in 2002. She also volunteered with the Swim with Mike organization as the director of recipient services.

Morita earned three degrees from USC, including a bachelor’s degree in journalism in 1984, a master’s degree in public administration in 1997, and an Ed.D. in higher education in 2013. She also received a Sports Management Institute certificate through a Pac10 initiative.

She is a 1980 graduate of Waiakea High School in Hilo.

“Your Summer, Your Future!” Summer Session applications available

by Scott Kawachi

Applications are currently being accepted for this year’s Summer Session. Session One is scheduled from May 23–June 17, and Session Two from June 20–July 29. Registration begins on April 1 at 8 am. A full list of classes is viewable at the UH Hilo Class Availability website. Of the 186 credit courses, 84 will be offered online. Several non-credit courses and workshops will also be available through CCECS.

In designing their curriculum, summer planners have focused efforts on maximizing options for students to enroll in the high demand courses students need to meet their degree requirements. At the same time, planners have supplemented the summer education menu with various classes and programs that are not typically offered during the regular academic year.

New special topics and experimental courses offered this summer include: Archaeological Field School (ANTH 298), Business of Books (BUS 398), Gender Issues in Science & Technology (ENG 394), Advancing Renewable Energy (ENGR 494), Japanese Culture & Language (JPN 494), Scanning Electron Microscopy (MARE 294), Energy and the Environment (NRES 294), Human Dimensions of Sustainability (NRES 394), Global Sociology (SOC 398), Queer Studies & Contemporary Society (SOC 398), and American Women: Visual Histories (WS 394).

Thematic courses are also a new initiative being piloted this summer. The goal of thematic courses is to have students enroll concurrently in two classes that share a common element, thereby enhancing the learning experience. The first set of thematic courses includes MARE 201L (Oceanography Lab) and MARE 298 (E Hana I Ka Wa‘a: Wa‘a is the vehicle). Students in these classes will study and learn about the ocean from the perspective of traditional Polynesian voyagers while simultaneously learning contemporary techniques in oceanography, including hands-on experience with a double-hulled sailing canoe as well as experience on board UH Hilo Marine Science’s 38’ twin diesel research vessel, R/V Makani ‘aha.

The second set of thematic courses will be offered online and includes MGT 425 (Business Planning for New Ventures) and TOUR 350 (Introduction to Sustainable Tourism). These classes will collectively impart concepts of planning a new venture in the tourism-related industry pertinent to the Hawaiian (and similar) environment, where the environment offers viable eco-tourism opportunities.

Back again by popular demand is QUEST (Quantitative Underwater Ecological Surveying Techniques), the intensive marine science field course conducted each year in West Hawai‘i. The two-week course trains undergraduates in underwater ecological surveying methodologies, including

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design, implementation and analysis of a research project, and incorporates instruction in identifying the common seaweeds, corals, invertebrates and fishes of Hawaiian reefs.

The Art Department is continuing its annual Summer Art Institute for the fourth year. SummerAI is an intensive six-week studio art program that offers participants many opportunities to interact with world-class visiting artists and faculty, view special exhibits, attend artist lectures, and participate in art workshops.

The Astronomy Department has announced its second annual Software Systems for Astronomy (SSFA). This is a two-week intensive class offered by Professor Albert Conrad, which focuses on telescope and instrument control systems, observation planning tools, and data analysis software. Students will implement their software designs and apply the software systems they have created to real-life problems in astronomy.

Returning for its fourth year is the Akamai Internship Program, administered by the Akamai Workforce Initiative and Institute for Astronomy. The program provides interns with a unique educational experience combining coursework, a project in high tech, and communication building with mentoring provided by an engineer or scientist. Students reside on campus and participate in an intensive one-week preparatory course before spending the following seven weeks interning at various sites around the State and in California. This year’s dates are June 12-August 5.

Also returning is a six-week, credit-bearing residential program funded by and in partnership with Kamehameha Schools (KS) to boost representation of Native Hawaiian and local students in natural resource management and STEM fields. The Kupa ‘Āina Summer Bridge Program targets two groups of students entering UH Hilo in Fall 2016: college bound students from Kea’au, Pāhoa and Hawai‘i Island Hawaiian-focused public charter schools who enroll in college math and English courses needed to succeed in their first year of college, and transfer students from Hawai‘i Community College and Kapi‘olani Community College majoring in STEM fields who will enroll in two IS 394 special topic courses: Applied Research and Indigenous Research Ethics. The program also incorporates ‘āina-based learning activities at various KS learning sites around the island where students will learn about their historical, cultural, and geographical significance, as well as interact with cultural practitioners.

Summer 2016 tuition rates are still being finalized by the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents and will be posted online once they are available.

For this summer’s course listing and/or basic information, visit http://hilo.hawaii.edu/depts/summer/ or https://www.facebook.com/UHHiloSummer, or email ccecs@hawaii.edu. Students who have not registered for a UH Hilo credit course within the last six months can apply for summer admission at http://hilo.hawaii.edu/studentaffairs/admissions/Apply.php. There is no application fee for Summer Session. International students will need to submit additional forms.

(Scott Kawachi is program coordinator, CCECS).

### CCECS Open House

CCECS held its Open House on January 16 at the Prince Kuhio Plaza. In addition to information booths, various demonstrations such as aikido and pain management were presented to show community members some of the classes offered by CCECS.
Brown appointed interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

The University of Hawai’i Board of Regents approved the appointment of Susan G. Brown, Ph.D., as interim dean of the UH Hilo College of Arts and Sciences. The Board met January 28 on the UH Manoa campus. Brown replaces CAS Dean Randy Hirokawa, who stepped down earlier this month to return to the classroom.

Brown joined the UH Hilo Psychology Department in fall 1985. Along with her students, she conducted research on unisexual (only females) and bisexual (both males and females) geckos, endemic land snails, and women’s menstrual cycles. Recently, she and her students published “Health Selection Theory: an explanation for the paradox between male well-being and mortality,” published in the Quarterly Review of Biology, a prestigious theoretical biology journal. In 2012, Brown moved to the CAS Dean’s Office to take on the position of interim associate dean.

“UH Hilo is delighted that Dr. Brown will serve as Interim Dean of CAS,” said Matt Platz, vice chancellor for academic affairs. “She has decades of experience and the respect of the faculty and staff for being a student-centered administrator.”

Brown graduated from Tulane University in 1983. She continues her theoretical research.

UH Hilo names interim associate dean of College of Pharmacy

After a positive vote from the University of Hawai’i Board of Regents on January 28, Supakit Wongwiwatthanukit will serve as interim associate dean for the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) while the University conducts a nationwide search to fill the vacant position. Former Associate Dean Edward Fisher announced his departure from UH Hilo in December.

Wongwiwatthanukit, who is known as Dr. Supakit by the students, has been on faculty in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at DKICP since 2008, first as assistant professor, then as associate professor in 2011. A patient-oriented researcher who is a licensed pharmacist in Hawai’i, Illinois and Thailand, he has been active in mentoring student leaders in pharmacy and is the advisor for the College’s Rho Chi Society, the academic honor society in pharmacy. He also has taken the lead in establishing agreements with four universities in his native Thailand, and initiated and coordinated the membership of DKICP into the US-Thai Consortium.

“The College will be undergoing constant scrutiny by the national accreditation board so it’s key that the leadership maintains the level of excellence already established,” said Matthew Platz, vice chancellor for academic affairs. “Dr. Wongwiwatthanukit is admired and respected by students and faculty alike because of his personable style and work ethic, but he also has the academic background to help lead in this curriculum-based position during this key time.”

He earned his bachelor’s degree in pharmacy from Prince of Songkhla University, Songkhla, Thailand. He went on to receive his Pharm.D. summa cum laude at the University of Illinois at Chicago, as well as his master’s degree in science and his Ph.D. from Purdue University. He is certified in Tobacco Intervention Skills by the Hawai’i State Health Department and in Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery for a Faculty Trainer by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA).

“Dr. Wongwiwatthanukit possesses a strong and demonstrated commitment to a high quality professional and graduate education, student success and retention, and faculty recruitment and development,” said Interim Dean Carolyn Ma. “He has facilitated and coordinated department program guidelines and reviews, worked on diversity initiatives and staff recruitment and retention, professional development, and faculty mentoring for DKICP. He is most definitely a leader in our College.”
The UH Hilo Jazz Orchestra performs at the Honoka’a People’s Theater Feb. 27

The UH Hilo Jazz Orchestra will take its popular Frank Zappa show on the road for a one night only performance at the Honoka’a Peoples Theater on Saturday February 27, at 7pm.

Musical Director Trever Veilleux said, “last year we were invited to perform at the Honoka’a Peoples Theater for the first time. We had a great time playing the show and the Honoka’a audience gave us an incredible welcome. We are beyond thrilled to have been invited back this year.”

The setlist focuses on Zappa’s bestselling albums from the 1970s, such as Joe’s Garage, Apostrophe’ and One Size Fits All, and features Zappa’s trademark humor and virtuosic musicianship.

“Zappa’s music can be very difficult to play and students in the band rise to the challenge, putting in countless practice hours in order to play this stuff correctly,” Veilleux said. “I think someone coming to see one of our concerts for the first time will notice that we put a lot of effort into putting on a fun and entertaining show. What you will see is more akin to a rock concert than a typical university jazz band recital.”

This is an open seating event. Admission is $15 General. Tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, contact the Honoka’a Peoples Theater at 775-0000, email hpt@honokaapeople.com, or email Veilleux at Trever@hawaii.edu.