Legislative package emphasizes quality over quantity

by Ken Hupp

UH Hilo’s legislative package will be smaller than it has been in past years. But if good things really do come in small packages, the 2009 session could turn out to be a big success.

Two major capital improvements highlight the University’s Wish List, reflecting both critical needs and an acknowledgement of the current economic climate. At first glance, the state of the economy would appear to make either initiative a long shot, at best. But supporters are hopeful that they can use that as a selling point.

“The economic meltdown’s implications have forced the entire State to look at cuts and reductions that save money, but do nothing to generate economic activity,” said Senator Dwight Takamine. “That actually makes this a good time to appropriate money for capital improvements, which puts people to work and creates a ripple effect that will spread across economic sectors.”

With limited taxpayer dollars, it will be more important than ever for lawmakers to get the most “bang for the buck.” House Higher Education Committee Chair Jerry Chang, a UH Hilo graduate himself, believes money invested in the University will pay both present and future dividends.

“UH Hilo is a strong engine for our local economy,” Chang said. “It is also vital to providing the educated and trained individuals required to sustain our future workforce.”

Topping the UH Hilo Wish List is a $20 million request to fund construction of a Hawaiian Language Building. Ka Haka ‘Ula O’ Ke‘elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language has grown in both size and popularity in recent years, despite having no permanent home to house its programs in one location. The College is presently spread out over three different locations on campus, with multiple faculty having to share single office space.

Bookstore may move to Campus Center

It’s still in the talking phases, but a new bookstore is moving its way up UH Hilo’s Wish List. And while it won’t be opening in time for post-holiday door buster sales, the hope is that the Governor and Legislature can expedite design funds.

“The project is still contingent on funding approval,” said Randy Tanaka, UH director of bookstores.

The new bookstore would be part of a planned expansion of the Campus Center toward Kawili Street, and according to the Manoa-based Tanaka, would be almost considerably larger than the present store.

“The existing store is about 5,000 square-feet with 3,800 square-feet of sales floor,” he said. The total gross area of the new store would be about 8,600 square-feet with 5,700 square-feet of sales floor.”

The new store would offer customers more variety as well as increased stock of individual items. Figuring prominently in the expansion, according to Tanaka, would be computers and accessories, as well as UH Hilo logo merchandise. It would also provide more on-campus employment opportunity for both full-time employees and student workers. A focus on service would include extended operating hours.

Tanaka said that the price tag for the proposed facility would be about $5 million. Dr. Bill Chen, the previous vice chancellor for administrative affairs, and former Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Keith Miser, had approached the Bookstore about being involved with the construction of an addition to the Campus Center. The initial scope of the project was supposed to incorporate changes to the dining facility, add meeting rooms and offices.
UH Hilo faculty member awarded prestigious scientific fellowship

by Ken Hupp

Dr. Daniel E. Brown, UH Hilo professor of anthropology, has been selected as a Fellow of the American Association for Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Brown is one of 486 AAAS members to be awarded the honor this year. The award is bestowed upon members by their peers, based upon their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications.

“I was quite surprised to learn of my election as a Fellow, and confess I was initially unsure of what this was all about when first contacted,” Brown said. “I am honored and humbled to have been chosen by my peers to receive this distinction.”

As part of the Section on Anthropology, Brown was recognized for his distinguished research on effects of cultural factors on human health, and for institutional development and service at UH Hilo. In addition to his faculty assignment, Brown serves as coordinator for Research & Graduate Studies and director of the Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) program.

Brown will be presented with an original certificate and a gold and blue (representing science and engineering, respectively) rosette pin on Saturday, February 14, 2009 at the AAAS Fellows Forum during the 2009 AAAS Annual Meeting in Chicago.

“This is a well deserved honor,” said Chancellor Rose Tseng. “Dan is not only a top-notch researcher, but has been a leader in our effort to encourage research at UH Hilo. I’m very pleased to see that his efforts have been recognized by such a prestigious organization.”

AAAS is the world’s largest general scientific society, and publisher of the journal, *Science*. The organization was founded in 1848, and includes some 262 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10 million individuals. *Science* has the largest paid circulation of any peer-reviewed general science journal in the world, with an estimated total readership of 1 million.

The non-profit AAAS (www.aaas.org) is open to all and fulfills its mission to “advance science and serve society” through initiatives in science policy; international programs; science education; and more.

For the latest research news, log onto EurekaAlert!, www.eurekalert.org, the premier science-news Web site, a service of AAAS.
for the Campus Center, and provide space for a new bookstore, but current budgetary limitations caused a scale back of the project’s proposal.

Regardless of the project’s size or scope, a bookstore in the Campus Center will naturally attract more incidental foot traffic than the current location in the lower level of Building 346 behind the Old Gym.

“We’re hoping that funding will be approved,” Tanaka concluded. “A new bookstore will enhance and complement the Campus Center’s operations and provide students and visitors with a retail venue that the campus deserves.”

**Student Life Center faculty/staff membership!**

Beginning January 12, UH Hilo and HawCC faculty and staff have the opportunity to purchase membership to the Student Life Center. For information on the facility, membership rates, membership criteria, and hours of operation, go to [http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/studentlife/center/](http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/studentlife/center/).

A free trial period is currently being offered until January 9, 2009 to all faculty and staff with valid identification. Tours of the facility are also available upon request at the front desk. Winter Break hours are Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun, noon-5 p.m. The café is also open from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. during the week.

During the free trial period, ‘Ohana Weekend is offered Sat & Sun, January 5 & 6, where faculty, staff and students can bring their children to the Center to swim. ‘Ohana Weekend hours are available throughout the year for SLC members. For ‘Ohana policies, go to [http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/studentlife/center/guestoptions.php](http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/studentlife/center/guestoptions.php).

For faculty and staff interested in yoga, a preview of the spring faculty/staff yoga classes is on Tuesday, January 6 from noon-1 p.m.

Please call the Student Life Center at x37627 with any questions or for additional information.

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**UH Hilo traffic light construction to begin next month**

Construction of a traffic light at the main entrance of the UH Hilo campus will start January 19, 2009. Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weather permitting. Motorists are advised to expect temporary traffic pattern changes and closures to the main entrance until the completion of the project, expected September 22, 2009.

Improvements at the Kawili Street entrance site include a traffic light, left turn, right turn, acceleration and merge lanes, pedestrian crossings and relocation of the drainage ditch. Temporary striping off Kawili Street was done last month. Motorists should expect delays while this work is in progress.

“Kawili Street is a busy street on a curve,” said UH Hilo Chancellor Rose Tseng, “Vehicles on the street have limited sight distance. Students who cross the street often have to run and dodge vehicles, some traveling over 40 mph. This is a safety concern for our students, and the traffic light has become critical for their protection.

“We appreciate the patience and understanding of the public during the construction of this vital project.”

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**Bookstore**

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**UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT HILO RECREATION**

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Hats off to...

Todd Belt, Associate Professor, Political Science, had his paper, “Social Engagement and Political Ideologies of the Homeless,” accepted for presentation at the 2009 Western Political Science Association conference in March in Vancouver, B.C. The paper was co-authored with UH Hilo student Colin Morrison.

Ron Amundson, Professor, Philosophy, was invited to write a contribution to the Charles Darwin commemorative issue of the French magazine, La Recherche, a popular magazine similar to Scientific American. The article appeared in the November 2008 issue, and is on the new biological fusion of developmental and evolutionary biology called evo-devo.

John Pezzuto, Dean, College of Pharmacy, published a 130-page review entitled “Resveratrol as an Inhibitor of Carcinogenesis” in Pharmaceutical Biology, and a synopsis entitled “Grapes and human health: A perspective” in the Journal of Agricultural Food Chemistry.

Christopher Reichl, Professor, Anthropology, had his article, “Storied Pictures: on the Possibility of an Incipient Level of Pictographic Writing in Pre-contact Hawai‘i,” published in the October 2008 Rapa Nui Journal, 22(2):117-26. Additionally, he served as proofreader for the local publication of As I Recall: Recollections of Hilo, written by Steamy Chow.

Robert Fox, Professor, Physics, presented “Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES): Enabling space exploration with a research infrastructure in a Moon/Mars analog environment,” at the 6th Canadian Space Exploration Workshop last month at Saint-Hubert, Quebec. It was co-authored with Kim Binsted, UH Manoa. Additionally, Fox and Nina Buchanan, Professor, Education, had “Educational Consequences of Fundamental Constitutional Differences: The United States and the Republic of Ireland” accepted for presentation at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association in San Diego, CA in April.

Misaki Takabayashi, Assistant Professor, Marine Science, recently had two articles accepted for publication in international peer-reviewed journals. “Exposure to sediment enhances primary acquisition of Symbiodinium by asymbiotic coral larvae” was accepted in Marine Ecology Progress Series. It was first-authored by Takabayashi’s TCBES student Lisa Adams and co-authored by Ph.D. student Vivian Cumbo, James Cook University, Australia. “Diversity and abundance of diazotrophic symbionts in Hawaiian Montipora corals” will be published in Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology. First author is Takabayashi’s undergraduate student Nathan Olson in collaboration with Ruth Gates, Hawai‘i Institute of Marine Biology, and Tracy Ainsworth, University of Queensland, Australia.

Jean Ippolito, Assistant Professor, Art, will have “The Search for New Media: Early Avant-garde Momentum for the Digital Art Pioneers of Japan” published in the annual yearbook of Art Inquiry on Virtual Art/Virtual Domains of Art,
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Wayne Miyamoto

an English language anthology of articles concerning art and technology, published through the University of Lodz, Poland. Additionally, her proposal, “Globalization and Teaching the Contemporary in Art: The Importance of Including the Most Recent International Currents When Introducing the History of Asian Art to College Students in the U.S.,” has been accepted for presentation at the 7th International Conference for New Directions in the Humanities, to be held in June 2009 in Beijing, China.

Wayne Miyamoto, Professor, Art, received the Irwin Rosenhouse Award in the Society of American Graphic Artists National Print Exhibition at the Memorial Art Museum in Ormond Beach, FL. He also participated in Compact Prints 2008 at Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts in Townsville, North Queensland, Australia, last fall. The exhibition featured 130 Australian and international artists.

Harald Barkhoff

Science Inter-Congress – Pacific Countries and their Ocean: Facing Local and Global Changes – in Tahiti, French Polynesia in March. It was co-authored by Taupouri Tangaro, HawCC.

Jing Yin

Jing Yin, Assistant Professor, Communication, organized a panel, “Unconventional Approaches to Culture and Communication: Intellectual Trajectories and Alternative Visions,” and presented a paper, “Toward a Non-Western Feminist Communication,” at the 94th Annual Convention of the National Communication Association held last fall in San Diego, CA.

Kerri Inglis

Kerri Inglis, Assistant Professor, History, presented her paper, “Patients or Prisoners?: the medical/criminalizing of leprosy in Hawai‘i, 1865-1969,” at the 18th Biennial Conference of the Pacific History Association held last month at the University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji. She also received a Diversity and Equity Initiative Grant to support the development of a new public history course, to be offered in Fall 2009, which will feature service learning in the context of preserving local history.

Happy New Year!
Stephen Fuller, *Buckets & Tap Shoes* headline January’s Performing Arts Center events

The UH Hilo Performing Arts Center presents former faculty member Stephen Fuller in a piano recital entitled “East Meets West” on Thursday, January 15 at 7 p.m., and *Buckets & Tap Shoes* on Wednesday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Fuller’s recital will feature compositions by Eastern and Western composers, including music by Domenico Scarlatti, J.S. Bach, and Mozart. He will perform an American premiere of Hajime Okumura’s First Piano Sonata, published in 1970, as well as a contemporary Chinese Prelude called *Flowing Waters* by Chu Chin Ye, which will be paired with Poulenc’s *Melancolie*. The program ends with Poulenc’s *Humoresque*.

Tickets are priced at $5 general, $3 seniors, faculty and staff, and free for UH students and children.

*Buckets & Tap Shoes*, conceived and developed in the streets of downtown Minneapolis, is a “unique troupe of musicians, percussionists and rhythm tap dancers, founded by brothers Rick and Andy Ausland,” said PAC Manager Lee Dombroski. “It has astounded audiences worldwide by creating intense, driving rhythms with five-gallon buckets, metal cans, found objects and tap shoes as well as mixing it up and jamming with traditional instruments, including electric guitar, bass, keyboards and drums.

“ Their show is electric and creates an atmosphere full of surprises that invites everyone to join in,” she added.

Tickets are reserved seating and priced at $35 general, $30 discount, and $15 UH students and children.

Tickets to both performances can be purchased at the PAC Box Office, Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on school days, by calling x47310, or by ordering online at http://artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu.
Congratulations!

Roughly 184 students were candidates for various degrees or certificates at last month’s fall commencement, which included 14 students receiving master’s degrees, and the awarding of UH Hilo’s first Ph.D. Hawai‘i Congressman Neil Abercrombie delivered the keynote address, and Tara Anderson served as student speaker.

Community outreach kicks-off spring
Focus on UH Hilo

Focus on UH Hilo launches its spring semester schedule of programs with a look at community outreach. The show is hosted by Chancellor Rose Tseng and airs Wednesday evening during the instructional year from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Channel 55.

Baseball Coach Joey Estrella and Resident Life Programmer Tommy Hamilton will appear on the January 21st program. Estrella and Hamilton will discuss UH Hilo’s involvement in and commitment to various community initiatives, with particular focus on the Blood Bank of Hawai‘i’s blood drive held annually on campus.

Focus on UH Hilo highlights UH Hilo programs, up and coming developments and the University’s partnerships with various community organizations. Anyone interested in participating in the program should contact UH Hilo’s marketing and alumni office at x47501 or x47643.

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