New zoning proposal would benefit University expansion

by Ken Hupp

UH Hilo and Hawai‘i Community College would gain greater flexibility in expanding their campuses under a measure to be considered by the Hawai‘i County Council. Chairman Stacy Higa has introduced a bill to amend the County code by creating “university zoning districts.” The concept is similar to an “improvement” or “facilities district,” which allows residents to expedite initiatives to upgrade their community by designating up-front what activities are allowed.

“Think of it as a broad brush, which allows these institutions, the County and area residents to develop an overall general plan for their campuses and the surrounding area,” Higa said. “What this bill essentially does is recognize that universities and college campuses often have a variety of land uses, and should be treated differently.”

The proposed “University zoning district” will permit a variety of uses and structures, such as student and faculty housing, recreational and amusement amenities, and student-related commercial facilities in addition to essential educational and support facilities.

Buildings would likely be no higher than 45 feet, consistent with the University’s current limits, yet lower than the 10 stories the County currently allows. Perhaps the biggest benefit is the often costly and time-consuming step it eliminates in the development process.

“As permitted uses, such facilities could be established without having to go through a rezoning process that may take from 12 to 18 months, depending on the amount of up-front studies that may be necessary, “ said Ben Tsukazaki, an attorney with Tsukazaki, Yeh and Moore, which assists the University in various matters. “Just as important, a planned UH Hilo or Hawai‘i Community College will not be subjected to the significant costs of rezoning and the potential risks of being denied or unreasonably delayed in the process.”

University Relations Director Gerald De Mello says even though University lands are State parcels, some have multiple designations that

SPOTLIGHT

Frueh to head psych masters program

When UH Hilo was searching for a director for its new Masters in Counseling Psychology program, one of the qualifications it sought was for someone with experience as a frontline clinical psychologist.

Dr. Bartley C. “Chris” Frueh (pronounced “Free”) more than fits the bill. He comes to Hilo from Charleston, South Carolina, where he was a professor at the Medical University of South Carolina and a clinician for the Veterans Administration.

“I had a dual appointment right from the very beginning with both,” he explained. “My primary duties, where all my funding came from, were clinical services provision, and I slowly started to do some research on my own time and started publishing and started getting grants funded. Then I phased out with less clinical work and more MUSC, but until June this year, I was a part-time V.A. employee. I was the director of the PTSD clinic there and I was an active clinician and an advisor and teacher there.”

Frueh is an active researcher with extensive publications, including pioneering work in tele-psychology for the V.A., dealing with combat veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

“We were doing therapy by videoconferencing,” he said. “It was real-time, live and interactive. And it was group therapy. A group of patients
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can complicate development plans. One such example is a 55-acre site the University wants to develop flanked by Mohouli and Lanikaula Streets.

“These lands are zoned as urban by the State,” De Mello said. “Yet the County has designated them RS-10 or residential, so we would need to have them rezoned before we could proceed with any plans to develop them.”

Higa’s bill would initially impact Hawai‘i Community College and the 700 acres of land beginning with the 115 acres that comprise the main UH Hilo campus. Other parcels expected to be covered include the University Park above and below Komohana Street, the UH Hilo Panawea Farm, the Lanikaula/Mohouli property and the Kawili Street site selected for the China-US Center. De Mello said Higa’s proposal is especially timely as the University contemplates some major expansion plans.

“We are currently looking at a variety of initiatives, including affordable faculty housing, retiree housing, and a campus related commercial center, all of which would require rezoning,” De Mello said.

Chancellor Rose Tseng says university zoning designations are very common on the mainland. But Higa and De Mello say this initiative appears to be the first of its kind in Hawai‘i. Higa says it is important to recognize the University’s special role in the overall planning and development of the community.

“I think UH Hilo has been a great economic engine for Hilo,” Higa said. “A lot of people have viewed the University as an enhancement to what growth in our community is like. So this gives them the ability to plan accordingly with the County to create the appropriate sprawl, and forces us to do a better job of planning for the entire Hilo area.”

Higa’s bill has been referred to County Planning Director Chris Yuen and the Planning Commission for comment. Upon completion, it will be go before the appropriate committee for discussion and possible amendments.

(Editor’s note: Ken Hupp is a public information officer.)

UH Hilo receives National Science Foundation award to lead the Islands of Opportunity Alliance

by Carmen Perez-Frayne

Beginning next month, UH Hilo serves as the lead institution for the National Science Foundation’s newly awarded Islands of Opportunity Alliance as part of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program. The Islands of Opportunity Alliance’s key leadership will be Chancellor Rose Tseng as Principal Investigator (PI), Dr. Dan Brown as Program Director, and Carmen Perez-Frayne as Program Manager.

UH Hilo will work collaboratively with 17 institutions throughout Hawai‘i and the Pacific to increase the overall number of underrepresented students receiving bachelor degrees in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Alliance member institutions are: UH Hilo; UH Manoa; Chaminade University; the University of Guam; Hawai‘i Pacific University; the community colleges of the UH System; American Samoa Community College; Guam Community College; College of the Marshall Islands; Northern Marianas College; and Palau Community College.

Launched in 1991, the main goal of LSAMP is to encourage and facilitate access to careers in STEM fields for underrepresented populations. More specifically, NSF hopes to encourage these students to enroll in and complete baccalaureate programs in STEM fields, as well as to continue on to graduate studies in these fields. The LSAMP program began with grants to six multi-institution collaborative efforts, called alliances. Today, there are 34 alliances with more than 450 participating institutions throughout the country, with the Islands of Opportunity Alliance being the newest addition.

The Islands of Opportunity Alliance plans to build upon the successes of past and current LSAMP programs throughout the country, utilizing practices that have been shown to best accomplish the primary goal of increasing graduation rates of underrepresented students in STEM fields. The Alliance has adapted these best practices to the unique cultural and geographic setting of the Pacific region, utilizing the extensive scholarship on cross-cultural communication and on learning styles of islander peoples, and administrative structures that have succeeded in spanning the vast distances between islands.

(Editor’s note: Carmen Perez-Frayne is education program coordinator, PACRC.)
OMKM launches new e-newsletter

UH Hilo’s Office of Mauna Kea Management recently launched a new electronic newsletter, Malama Mauna Kea (Caring for Mauna Kea).

“Many people today prefer receiving their information via electronic means,” stated OMKM Director Bill Stormont. “The e-newsletter is quick, efficient and resource friendly. It represents our newest endeavor to share, locally and globally, efforts we are making to ensure that Mauna Kea’s precious resources and attributes are adequately and properly protected and cared for.”

OMKM will continue to publish its printed newsletter, although probably less frequently, Stormont explained, as the new e-newsletter will now allow OMKM to update information regarding Mauna Kea on a more timely basis.

OMKM is the entity within the University of Hawai‘i charged with overseeing the summit lands atop Mauna Kea. It is responsible for oversight of day-to-day activities within the Mauna Kea Science Reserve and to ensure compliance with the 2000 UH Mauna Kea Master Plan. “An important part of our mission involves sharing what we do, how we do it, and why we do it with as many people as possible. This new email newsletter will help tremendously in that regard,” Stormont concluded.

To view OMKM’s e-newsletter, go to: http://www.malamamaunakea.org/enewsletter/newsletter_0906.html. A subscription link is provided.

Hawai‘i students propel UH Hilo enrollment to another new high

by Ken Hupp

Enrollment at UH Hilo surpassed another milestone this fall, thanks largely to an increase in students from Hawai‘i.

Preliminary figures reveal Fall 2006 enrollment grew by 2.5 percent or 86 students to 3,517, surpassing last fall’s all-time high of 3,431. The fall numbers also extended a period of growth dating back to 1997 totaling some 33 percent.

“We’re very pleased with our continued growth in enrollment,” said Chancellor Rose Tseng. “We view this development as a validation that more and more students are recognizing UH Hilo as a quality, comprehensive, residential university.

“Our beautiful campus and excellent faculty and staff and ‘student-centered environment’ are well recognized by students,” she added.

The University’s long-standing commitment to attracting more students from throughout the State continues to pay dividends. UH Hilo was the “university of choice” this fall for 2,167 students from Hawai‘i, an increase of 131 from Fall 2005. In-State residents now make up nearly 62 percent of UH Hilo’s student body, compared to 60.3 percent a year ago. The Hawai‘i freshmen class showed a gain of over 7.5 percent for this fall.

“It’s been very exciting to develop and implement various initiatives over the past several years to attract more resident students to UH Hilo,” said Dr. Keith Miser, vice chancellor for student affairs. “Those efforts are now paying off, and as a result, we’re very optimistic about the future.”

Those efforts have included special campus visitation days for high school students and guidance counselors, the Chancellor’s Scholarship program, and increased financial aid opportunities. The recruiting outreach will receive a significant boost this school year, with the opening of an Admissions Office and hiring of a recruiter on O‘ahu, where the bulk of the State’s population resides.

UH Hilo’s strongest attraction continues to be closest to home, providing a “away from home, yet not too far” experience for many. Roughly one-third of the student body is made up of Big Island families and around 20 percent of the enrolled students come from the Hilo-area high schools: Hilo; Waiakea; and St. Joseph.

University officials were also pleased with a sizeable increase in the number of Native Hawaiian students enrolled this fall. Students identifying themselves as having Hawaiian ancestry increased 3.9 percent from last fall’s total of 547 to 701, or about 20 percent of the student body, under a new system-wide method of identifying Native Hawaiian students.

The percentage increase in the number of Hawai‘i resident students produced an intended slight reduction in the percentage of non-resident students as targeted under the University’s resident focused recruitment plan developed in 2005. This fall’s enrollment of 1,350 non-resident students totals 38.4 percent of the overall student body, compared to 39.7 percent a year ago.

The University’s reputation as one of the nation’s most diverse campuses is also reflected in this fall’s enrollment. Nationally, all 50 states are represented with students enrolled at UH Hilo topped by California with 217.

On the international level, the University continues to attract large numbers as well, with international students accounting for 10.3 percent of the overall population. A total of 364 students from 33 countries were enrolled this fall at the time of the preliminary count, which is typically revised upward once more precise data becomes available.

A common sentiment expressed by international students enrolling at UH Hilo is that they see the University and surrounding community as a safe place to live and

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United Nations Day celebration 2006

Everyone is invited to this year’s annual United Nations Day celebration, to be held on Friday, October 20 from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on the Campus Center Plaza.

Hosted by the International Student Association (ISA), the highlight of this highly-anticipated event is the Parade of Nations, where students wear their traditional attire. Other exciting and unique features of this event include display tables, cultural performances, and food sampling.

Contact the International Student Services Office at x47313 or email isamail@hawaii.edu with any questions.

UH Hilo receives Huinalu supercomputer system

UH Hilo’s Computer Science Department has received the recently decommissioned IBM Netfinity Cluster supercomputer system from the Maui High Performance Computing Center and is using it to support high performance computing instruction and research. Known throughout the Department of Defense research community as “Huinalu,” the IBM cluster was one of the 100 most powerful supercomputers in the world when first deployed at MHPCC just over five years ago.

Dr. Judith Gersting, chair of the UH Hilo Computer Science Department, said, “This support from MHPCC and the UH System is enabling us to expand more aggressively into high performance computing, one of the more dynamic areas of opportunity for our Department.”

Huinalu is based on .933 GHz Intel Pentium III processors arranged in 128 two-processor nodes, each with 1GB of RAM and connected as a single system using the Myrinet interconnect. The system is the first of its kind at UH Hilo and will provide approximately 254 GigaFLOPS (250 billion floating point operations per second) of raw computing power.

Dr. Sevki Erdogan, associate professor of computer science, noted that “Few schools the size of UH Hilo have such facilities available.” UH Hilo acquired this system through Erdogan’s work on the UH Systemwide high performance computing committee. Mr. Donald Tripp, a UH Hilo computer science student who worked at the Maui High Performance Computing Center this past summer, was responsible for many of the details of packing and shipping the machine, and will be helping to manage it on campus.

The machine will be used in Computer Science instruction on parallel architectures and algorithms, but the Department is also looking for faculty doing research that can benefit from supercomputer power.

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attend school, where they can feel at home.

“Having so many other international students already here really helps us to make the adjustment in the first year,” said Mayuko Enomoto, a first-year student from Japan.

The University attracts the largest number of international students from Japan (87), the Federated States of Micronesia (75), Republic of the Marshall Islands (21) and Republic of Korea (20).

Kayo Yamaguchi, a Pacific Island student from Micronesia and president of the International Student Association, sees the strongest attraction for students from her area as the active support UH Hilo provides them. She also noted that most national scholarship recipients from Micronesia are proud students of UH Hilo.

“Many leaders in the region are graduates of UH Hilo,” Yamaguchi said. “Therefore, students who are currently attending UH Hilo have the potential to become leaders as well.”

“The bottom line is that UH Hilo is becoming a more popular choice for students from Hawai‘i, yet maintains an important overall diversity that gives our students a very special and unique educational experience,” Tseng said.

Unloading part of the Huinalu machine are Wade deSmidt, Dr. John Gersting, Donald Tripp, and Carl Dionne.
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Steve Herman, Assistant Professor, Psychology, presented “Accuracy in Professional Evaluations of Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse” at the 114th annual convention of the American Psychological Association in August. He presented some preliminary data from an online survey study of child sexual abuse evaluators that he is currently conducting. His research has been funded by a grant from UH Hilo’s NIH-sponsored RIMI grant program.

Cecilia Mukai, Director, BSN Nursing Program, received $281,976 from the Health Recourse Services Administration for the Nurse CARE (Career Advancement, Retention, and Education) project that will support the UH Hilo Baccalaureate Nursing program’s online courses focusing on programming for RN students on Maui, Kaua‘i, and Hawai‘i Island. Funds will support coordination of academic services by University Centers, the UH Distance Learning Services, and UH Hilo Office of Distance Learning. The grant is renewable for three years and will investigate expansion to the Pacific Basin in year two.

Robert Chi, Specialist, April Komenaka, Assistant Dean, CAS, Chancellor Rose Tseng, and Bill Chen, Director, Technology and Distance Learning, had their paper on “Successful Infusion of Pedagogy With Technology: A Practical E-Learning Model” accepted as full paper for the E-Learn 2006 World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, and Higher Education held this month on O‘ahu. Additionally, Chi, Chen and Randy Hirokawa, Dean, CAS, had their paper on “College Students’ Perspectives and Attitudes toward E-Learning: Assessment for Development of Internet-based DL Courses” accepted for brief paper at the same conference.

Misaki Takabayashi, Assistant Professor, Marine Science, will have her invited column article on “Conservation Issues in Hawai‘i” published by the Institute for Policy Sciences in a Japanese journal, 21st Century Forum. Additionally, she was invited to teach and conduct joint research on “Comprehensive Analyses on Biodiversity in Coral Reed and Island Ecosystems in Asian and Pacific Regions” at the University of the Ryukus in Okinawa next summer.

Harald Barkhoff, Assistant Professor, Health and Physical Education, had “Self-Regulation Skills of a Competitor Type vs. a Training Champion Athlete in Artistic Roller Skating: A Season Long Case Study in Elite Sport Competitions” accepted for publication in Athletic Insight – the Online Journal of Sport Psychology. The article is co-authored with Elaine M. Heiby (UH Manoa) and Ian Pagano (Honolulu Cancer Research Center). Barkhoff also accepted an invitation to serve as reviewer for the Journal of Applied Sport Psychology.


Marta deMaintenon, Associate Professor, Marine Science, Misaki Takabayashi, Assistant Professor, Marine Science, and Holly Jessop, MS student in Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science, received a grant from the Hawai‘i Coral Reef Initiative to study sea urchin herbivory in Hawaiian shallow water ecosystems. The grant will support Jessop’s research project in which Keaholohia undergraduate interns will assist.

Kirsten Mollegaard, Lecturer, English, delivered “The Fairy-Tale Paradigm: Contemporary Legend on Han Christian Andersen’s Parentage” at a conference held in Copenhagen in
May by the International Society for Contemporary Legend Research. The paper will run in the journal *Contemporary Legend* where Mollegaard has been asked to serve as a reader of journal submissions.

**Walter Dudley**, Professor, Oceanography, Director, Kalakaua Marine Education Center, was awarded a contract from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through the Pacific Tsunami Museum to conduct video interviews in India and Sri Lanka for the project, “Tsunami Education Through Oral Histories of Survivors of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami.”

The information will be integrated with physical data and available for use in better recreating events during the Indian Ocean tsunami of December 2004. Emergency planners and response personnel can use the information to refine new zoning maps, community road maps, safe evacuation routes and evacuation plans.

**Eric Im**, Professor, Economics, attended the 15th annual Northeast Asian Economic Forum held in Khabarovsk, Russian Far East last month. Im and Richard Dubanovski of UH Manoa were invited to the conference as commentators for a session on “International Exchanges: The Role of Tourism.” In August, he was invited to a conference, “Towards Transport Integration in Northeast Asia” in Hokkaido, Japan where he served as a panelist and spoke on the importance of building a standardized regional transport database for Northeast Asia.

**Celeste Staton**, Instructor, Dance, this month conducts several workshops in Creative Movement for Children for the Riverside Elementary School in Brainerd, MN. Using Saint-Saens’ well-known “Carnival of the Animals” as the focal point, children are encouraged to create and imagine, using their bodies and minds to freely associate with the characters and scenes depicted in the music.

**Ken Staton**, Chair, Performing Arts, will be guest conductor with the Heartland Symphony Orchestra in Northern Minnesota on October 14 and 15. Included in the repertoire are several arrangements associated with Hawai‘i, including special arrangements of “Ke Kali Nei Au,” “He Aloha Mele,” “Aloha ‘Oe” and a medley of Kui Lee songs written by Hilo arranger Rodney Wong. Staton was invited by the Heartland Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors to develop and conduct the “Hawai‘i in the Heartland” concert.

**Wayne Miyamoto**, Professor, Art, presented his work in the Hey-li Print-media Festival, Korean Contemporary Printmakers Association, Seoul, Korea in July. The exhibition was titled, “From Paper to Digital” and featured artists from Australia, Korea and Hawai‘i.

**William Mautz**, Professor, Biology, hosted a student intern from France in his laboratory during the summer to conduct research on the ecology of the invasive coqui frog in Hawai‘i. Lisa Jacquin, a second year student at the Ecole Normale Superieure De Cachan assisted in studies of plant species composition in coqui frog habitats and completed a study for the diet of the frogs in these habitats.

**Thomas Pinhey**, Professor, Sociology, will chair the Graduate Student Session at the 2007 Southwestern Social Science Association meeting in Albuquerque, NM.


**Judith Gersting**, Chair, Computer Science Department, has a new textbook published. *Mathematical Structures for Computer Science*, Sixth Edition, is used for discrete mathematics, a standard course in computer science programs. New topics in this edition include number theory, more on recurrence relations, and applications of the modulo function, as well as new exercises.

**Rick Castberg**, Professor, Political Science, was invited to give two lectures in Tokyo in September. “Traditional Japanese Values and Juvenile Delinquency in Hawai‘i County” was

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given to senior officials of the Police Policy Research Center, part of the National Police Academy. “Interrogation as Interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Miranda v. Arizona* and *Davis v. Washington*” was presented to the faculty of law at Chuo University.

**Don Hemmes**, Professor, Biology, presented “Two unidentified species of *Geastrum* from the Hawaiian Islands” at the Annual Meetings of the Mycological Society of America in Quebec City, Canada, in August and participated in the business meetings as a member of the Executive Council of MSA where he assumed the duties of president-elect. Last month, he presented “Earthstars of the Hawaiian Islands” at the 8th International Mycology Congress in Cairns, Australia.

**Todd Belt**, Assistant Professor, Political Science, presented “From Partisan Attachment to Candidate Emotions: Identification, Issues and Considerations” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia in September.

**Thom Curtis**, Associate Professor, Sociology, was invited to present information on the use of fraudulent identities and stolen credit cards by terrorists in the U.S. at the Utah State Attorney General’s “Task Force on Identity Theft” meeting in Salt Lake City, UT in August. He also participated in the “Sixth Annual Conference on Global Terrorism” sponsored by the Institute on Counter Terrorism in Herzliya, Israel in September.

**Joan Thompson**, Assistant Professor, Nursing, had “Fetal Nutrition and Adult Hypertension, Diabetes, Obesity, and Coronary Artery Disease” accepted for publication in the May/June 2007 issue of *Neonatal Network*.

**Patsy Iwasaki**, Editorial Advisor, *Ke Kalahea*, this month presents with students from the Board of Student Publications and *Ke Kalahea* “Mining Gold in Your Backyard: Incorporating Local Cultural Resources into Your Publication,” and “How to Recruit and Maintain a Diverse Staff” at the Associated Collegiate Press/College Media Advisers National Media convention in St. Louis, MO. The event is the largest college media national convention.

**Jean Ippolito**, Assistant Professor, Art, had “Teaching the History of Asian Art in the United States” accepted for presentation at the 2007 Hawai‘i International Conference on the Arts and Humanities, to be held in Honolulu, HI in January.

**David Miller**, Professor, English, has been invited to present his paper “First Folio: Comedies and Tragedies (London, 1647)” at the 4th International Conference on the Book, held this month in Boston, MA. Miller received a grant from the University Research Council for his travel.

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**Tenure and promotion awarded**

Congratulations to the following faculty and staff members who received tenure and promotion:

**Tenure and Promotion**

- Dr. Norm Stahl, Associate Specialist, Career Services
- Dr. Barbara Leonard, Associate Professor, Accounting
- Jim Mellon, Assistant Specialist, Student Development
- Dr. Terrance Jalbert, Professor, Finance
- Thora Abarca, Librarian III, Public Services
October is another exciting month for the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center!

Saturday, October 7 will be an evening of musical signifying, testifying and sanctifying as the Performing Arts Center presents “Shout, Sister Shout!: A Tribute to Sister Rosetta Tharpe, featuring Odetta, The Holmes Brothers and Marie Knight.” Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Then on Wednesday, October 25, the PAC presents “The End of the Moon, Conceived and Performed by Laurie Anderson” at 7:30 p.m.

Sister Rosetta Tharpe (1915-73) was a seminal Gospel singer-songwriter-guitarist and recording artist who achieved popularity in the 1930s and ‘40s. Her music combined a spiritual message with the rhythms of blues, swing and early rock and had a profound influence on artists as diverse as Little Richard and Johnny Cash. This tribute concert features the artists on the critically-acclaimed MC Records CD “Shout, Sister Shout!”

Laurie Anderson is one of America’s most respected contemporary performing artists. “The End of the Moon” is the second in a trilogy of solo performance works that combines stories and music in an intimate setting, using music for violin and electronics to create a duet between the spoken work and Anderson’s signature sound. This performance draws upon her recent experiences and research as the first artist-in-residence at NASA.

“Laurie Anderson is a necessary artist and ‘The End of the Moon’ is an important work for this moment in American culture … as touching as it is beautiful,” wrote the Miami News Times. The San Francisco Chronicle hailed the performance as “wry, witty, provocative, slyly inventive and hypnotic-Anderson, once again, at the top captivating form.”

Seating for both performances is reserved and tickets are $23-$30 with discounts available to eligible individuals. Box Office hours are Monday-Friday 2-6 p.m. on school days. Reserve seats by phone at x47310 or order online at www.uhhtheatre.com.

Construction update

The following is a list of ongoing and near future construction projects. Questions may be directed to the Facilities Planning and Construction Office, x47595.

* Re-rooﬁng of Kanaka’ole Hall completed in August 2006
* Re-rooﬁng of Business Education/Computing Center completed in August 2006
* Re-rooﬁng of Hale ‘Ikena completed in August 2006
* Library Air Quality Improvements begins December 2006 and completed by the end of December 2007. The Library will be closed one ﬂoor at a time. There will be major disruption to the University’s operation. Prepara- tion for the renovation has already begun.
* The covered walkways from the Performing Arts Center to Kanaka’ole Hall, and from Campus Center to Hale ‘Ikena walkway started August 2006. The covered walkway from Computing Center to Life Sciences is scheduled for later this year.
* Student Life Center on-site construction will start any time and be completed by January 2008. The walkway between UCB to Athletics will be closed. Alternative walkway will be provided along the driveway between the Shops. There will be other construction disruptions in Athletics parking and entrance area.
* Komohana and Nowelo Intersection/Traﬃc Light Improvement started in July 2006 and will be completed by April 2007
* Renovation of Redwood City completed in September 2006
* Campus Drainage project is mostly completed. Improvements next to College Hall and Welding Shop will begin after design revisions are completed.
* North Hawai’i Education and Research Center, Phase 2, begins October 2006
* Hale Kehau Dining Room Renovation begins in Spring 2007 and completed by Summer 2007
* Science and Technology Building is in pre-ﬁnal design phase with construction scheduled for Spring 2007
would collect in the room. The therapist would be at a remote site and would be conferencing with the rest of the group. We’ll actually do a trial similar to that here in the Hawaiian Islands. I’m a consultant on this out of the V.A. National Center for PTSD in Honolulu.

“I was just funded on a mid-career grant by the National Institutes of Mental Health,” he continued. “It covers half my salary for five years, and in addition has some money to spend on travel and for hiring research assistants. The focus of the award isn’t for a specific project—it’s more to develop my career along a theme, and that theme is mental health services for trauma survivors, people with PTSD. Part of the activities that are covered in that are, one, for me to buy the time to do mentorship of other people—junior faculty, students, post-docs. I think that makes it a nice complement for the Masters program that I’m directing here. It will provide resources and opportunities for our students in the future.”

Frueh has existing UH Hilo faculty in Psychology to teach in the program, but there are and will be new hires, as well.

“We hired a new faculty member named Bryan Kim who started at the same time I did,” Frueh said. “He is from the University of California-Santa Barbara. He’s a terrific addition to the Department. He’s very well published in the area of Asian-American psychotherapy process outcomes and has an excellent teaching record, as well.”

The program is already in its second cohort of students. Each cohort has eight individuals.

“And that’s really without any advertising or outreach to sell the program,” Frueh noted. “So that’s going to be one of our big pushes this fall is to really make an effort to get the word out around the Islands and on the mainland in some cases. We have the program here and it’s a good program, so I think our goal for the future is to be accepting approximately 20 students a year into the program.”

Frueh’s family consists of his wife, Karen Pellegrin, a clinical psychologist and MBA who is president of Compass Point Research, Inc., a medium-sized research corporation in Nashville, and three cats. He found the position here enough of a challenge to do an island-style version of a bicoastal marriage.

“This is a really unique opportunity for me to do the kind of work that I’m interested in which is improving community mental health services for heavily-rural, underserved, racially-diverse people,” he explained. “The second thing is, while I was not unhappy working at a medical school, I wanted to work with a different group of people from a different perspective at a very different level of training. In other words, working with people who are further upstream in the educational process. In Charleston, my trainees were mostly pre- and post-doctoral psychology interns and resident medical students. So here, I’ll have the chance to work with undergraduate and graduate students.”

As any administrator starting a new program, Frueh has a list of goals he would like to achieve at UH Hilo.

“I want to have a strong, excellent program that is multicultural with a scientist-practitioner foundation,” he said. “Meaning that we want our students to be prepared to be excellent clinicians, but also be prepared to read and understand science and be able to evaluate anything that they read or hear about in their professions so they can make good choices about what empirical evidence to incorporate into practice. Some of them, I expect, will go on to become active scientists, either formally in academia, or in their site work with community agencies, analyzing data and making empirical-based decisions for program development and leadership.

“We want to be accredited, which will take several years,” he added. “You can’t really start that process until you’ve graduated your first class. All of our students will be license-eligible, even without that, but it adds a certain prestige and a statement of the quality of our program and its students.

“We want to increase enrollment from where we are now by about 100 percent,” Frueh concluded. “I really see us forming strong links with some of the other related graduate programs here on campus—pharmacy and nursing come immediately to mind. I think there’s a huge need in the Islands for strong mental health clinicians. There are just not enough well trained clinicians to meet existing needs. A major goal of our program is to serve the Hawaiian Islands and to improve mental health services delivery for the diverse population here.”

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**October Focus on UH Hilo features Athletics/student service programs**

Focus on UH Hilo features shows on Vulcan Athletics and programs that promote student service and leadership during the month of October. The program is hosted by Chancellor Rose Tseng, and airs Wednesday evenings during the instructional year from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Channel 55.

Vulcan Basketball Coach Jeff Law and Softball Skipper Callen Perreira will appear on the October 4th telecast. Law and Perreira will discuss their highly successful programs and preview their upcoming seasons.

The October 18th program features Myhraliza Aala, the new associate director of Leadership Development, Service Learning and Orientation Programs.

She’ll be joined by her Ameri Corps Vista representative Talaite Petrowski and a student leader. They’ll discuss their respective programs and how they provide valuable opportunities for students outside the classroom to gain skills that will help them in their personal and professional lives.

Focus on UH Hilo highlights UH Hilo programs, up and coming developments and the University’s partnerships with various community organizations.
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4  Focus on UH Hilo, 8 p.m., Channel 55

5  Vulcan women’s soccer vs. Chaminade Univ, 5 p.m.
    Vulcan men’s soccer vs. Chaminade Univ, 7 p.m.

7  Shout, Sister, Shout!, 7:30 p.m., PAC, Admission

13  Last day to withdraw from courses with “W”

18  Focus on UH Hilo, 8 p.m., Channel 55

19  Vulcan men’s soccer vs. BYU-Hawai’i, 5 p.m.
    Vulcan women’s soccer vs. BYU-Hawai’i, 7 p.m.

20  United Nations Day celebration, 10 a.m., CC Plaza

23  “I” removal deadline: student to instructor

24  Vulcan women’s soccer vs. Notre Dame deNamur Univ, 5 p.m.
    Vulcan men’s soccer vs. Notre Dame deNamur Univ, 7 p.m.

25  Laurie Anderson, The End of the Moon, 7:30 p.m., PAC, Admission

27  Last day for international students to apply for spring 2006 semester admission

28  Vulcan men’s soccer vs. Grand Canyon Univ, 1 p.m.
    Vulcan women’s soccer vs. Grand Canyon Univ, 3 p.m.