University creating a new dining experience

by Ken Hupp

The University of Hawai‘i at Hilo has begun creating a new-look dining experience for students, faculty, and staff. Improvements to the Campus Center Dining Room will include new flooring, lighting, tables, and seating, along with newly painted accent walls and borders when all is said and done.

“Administrative Affairs’ goal is to create a more inviting atmosphere at the Campus Center Dining Room to make this a frequently gathering place for students,” said Brenda Hamane, director of special projects.

Six-thousand square feet of “loose lay” vinyl flooring was installed in the Campus Center Dining Room floor over the summer by Hawai‘i Community College Carpentry Instructor Gene Harada and carpentry students. UH Hilo Auxiliary Services’ crews also replaced existing lighting in the dining room area with new energy efficient LED lights, installed additional electrical outlets along the...
walls and windows facing the Library Lanai for students to plug in their laptops or charge their phones, concealed the exposed wires with conduits, and gave outlets and conduits a fresh coat of paint.

The Computing Center and Technology Support Services was also hard at work, installing two additional WiFi access points in the low ceiling area near the Bookstore entrance and between the food service counters and cashier’s station to double the dining room’s WiFi access points and capacity. Plans are underway to upgrade the outdoor WiFi access points at other food concession locations during the fall semester. Everyone will also benefit from improved WiFi capabilities on the Campus Center Plaza and the Library Lanai.

Dining room improvements planned during this winter break include installation of a reclamed wood bar counter along the windows facing the Library Lanai with bar style seating, new tables and chairs, including café style tables and seating of various heights, and “comfy” seating areas, freshly painted walls with bright accents and borders, and wall-mounted charging stations near the “comfy” seating areas and window bar counter.

“The majority of the work to refresh the Campus Center Dining Room will be implemented in phases and performed in-house or through the Hawai’i Community College Carpentry program during non-instructional periods to timely achieve our goal of creating an inviting gathering place for students, within a limited budget, and with minimal disruption to food service operations,” Hamane noted.

But the physical improvements are only part of the story. The University community also has some new food concept options to enjoy in their new-look surroundings, as three new food concession vendors have set up operations on campus, joining Sodexo and the other two returning vendors.

All of the vendors will showcase their unique food concepts at the Second Annual Taste of UH Hilo, to be held on the Library Lanai at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6. This event is open to the entire UH Hilo campus community. Members of Chancellor Don Straney’s executive team will be on hand to assist the vendors in serving complimentary samples while supplies last.

New vendors include Anuenue’s Kitchen, who has been catering Hawaiian food on Hawai’i Island for over 30 years and has become a popular fixture at the Maku’u Farmer’s Market. The food truck is located between the Campus Center Plaza and UCB from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. A Hawaiian barbecue menu is featured on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with Hawaiian plates and bowls served on Wednesdays.

Thai Smile, a small family-owned business, has been serving the Hilo community authentic Thai cuisine for over eight years at its restaurant located on Kilauea Avenue and lunch wagon at the Hilo Farmer’s and Maku’u Markets. The food truck can be found on the lower end of the Campus Center Plaza from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thai Smile offers a rotating menu of popular noodle, stir fry, curry and fried rice dishes with choice of chicken, tofu or shrimp. Its drink menu includes Thai iced tea, iced coffee, iced lemongrass tea, and Thai tea with lime.

Sweet Cane Café has been in business for the past five years, providing Hawai’i Island with a casual and accessible farm-to-table experience by serving fresh and nutritious organic and local foods. Sweet Cane Café operates out of the Student Life Center Juice Bar Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 - 6 p.m. to accommodate students during peak workout hours. Menu items include Sweet Cane Café’s popular smoothies, acai and pitaya bowls, sandwiches, salads and bento boxes.

Heading up the list of returnees is University Dining Services by Sodexo, operating at four locations. The Campus Center Dining Room is open Mondays – Thursdays from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., and until 3 p.m. on Fridays. Locally-sourced products are featured on a daily basis, including the monthly “Local First,” presented on the first Wednesday of the month. New items rolling out this semester include Starbucks Kopelani coffee, La Tour cruffins, scones, and assorted breads.

The Hale Kehau Dining Room accommodates meal plan participants in an all-you-care-to-eat setting. Lunch and dinner hours are Mondays-Fridays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., and 5 – 8 p.m., respectively. Weekend brunch is served from 10:30 a.m. – noon with dinner from 5-6:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 5 – 7 p.m. Sundays.

The De Ja Brew coffee kiosk is adding Cold Brew to its line of Starbucks-branded coffees served from 7:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Chancellor  
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science and her master of arts in social work before beginning her career at UH Hilo. But along with her belief in the importance of higher education was a strong sense of social justice and equality, which eventually led her to the UH Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law.

After obtaining her juris doctor degree, Margaret joined her husband to form the family law firm, Ushijima & Ushijima. In the 1970s, Margaret and Janet were involved in a movement that pushed for the ratification of the equal rights amendment in Hawai‘i. The two embarked on an extensive campaign throughout the islands, speaking at numerous engagements on the importance of equality. Hawai‘i later became the first state to ratify the amendment.

Margaret’s life is inspirational in so many ways. Raised on a plantation on Hawai‘i Island, her parents were born in Hawai‘i in the 1890s and did not have the chance to complete high school and attend college. Yet they supported her to pursue her own dreams and aspirations. Jumpstarted with this parental support and dedication, Margaret embodied the “gambare spirit” and values passed down to her from her parents.

As we see with Margaret’s generosity in her gift to UH, behind every support fund or scholarship at UH Hilo is an individual or a company that has a connection to the University and a desire to help our students. People share their estate with UH Hilo because they may see it as an investment in the future or they may realize the importance of an education and want to pay forward the opportunities given them while at UH Hilo as a student, staff or faculty member.

It’s clear what a vitally important role private donors play in opening up access to higher education, supporting students while they complete their education and contribute to their communities.

On behalf of our students, I’d like to take this opportunity to express gratitude to our donors. I hope members of our University and local communities, business people, alumni, and others are inspired by Margaret Ushijima’s example of making an investment in the future of our island by funding student support services and scholarships.

Aloha,

Donald W. Hamane

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UH Hilo welcomes new students with Aloha

More than 40 faculty and staff members last month participated in campus workshops and lei making sessions after work and made 425 ti-leaf leis to welcome new students.

Spearheaded by Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Gail Makuakane-Lundin and New Student Programs, the leis were presented to the students at Convocation, held on August 17 in the Performing Arts Center.

Faculty and staff display their ti-leaf leis as colleagues present them to new students.

Welcome Class of 2020!
Todd Belt, Professor, Political Science, had his book, *The Post Heroic Presidency: Leveraged Leadership in an Age of Limits*, released over the summer by Praeger Press.

Chris Frueh, Professor, Psychology, chaired a symposium on “Breaking the cycle of severe mental illness” at The 169th Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, and co-authored “Heightened neurobehavioral substrates of associability-based learning in posttraumatic stress disorder,” presented at The 71st Annual Meeting of the Society of Biological Psychiatry. Both events were held in Atlanta, GA.

Zheng An, Assistant Professor, Communication, authored “Emotional and relationship well-being for post-1980s Chinese mothers receiving family support for childcare: comparing tangible support and supportive communication,” *Chinese Journal of Communication*. She also presented a paper on “Social support, social control, and dietary acculturation among Asian immigrants living in the United States” at the annual conference of the International Communication Association held in Fukuoka, Japan.

Charmaine Higa-McMillan, Associate Professor, Psychology, was senior author on “Differences in internalizing symptoms across specific ethnic minority groups: An analysis across Chinese American, Filipino American, Japanese American, Native Hawaiian, and White youth,” *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, and “Therapist Attitudes Toward Evidence-Based Practice: A Joint Factor Analysis,” *Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research*. Both are in press.

2016-2017 PELP members with UH President David Lassner
Congratulations to the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo’s 2016 tenure and promotion recipients:

Promotion

• Michael Bitter, Professor, History, College of Arts and Sciences
• Michele Ebersole, Professor, Education, College of Arts and Sciences
• Jiren Feng, Associate Professor, Chinese, College of Arts and Sciences
• Jonathon Goebel, Associate Professor, Art, College of Arts and Sciences
• Jean Ippolito, Professor, Art, College of Arts and Sciences
• Yoshiko Okuyama, Professor, Japanese, College of Arts and Sciences
• Adam Pack, Professor, Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences
• Janet Ray, Professor, Education, College of Arts and Sciences
• Deborah Taira, Professor, Pharmacy Practice, DKI College of Pharmacy
• Supakit Wongwiwatthanukit, Professor, Pharmacy Practice, DKI College of Pharmacy

Tenure and Promotion

• Steven Colbert, Associate Professor, Marine Science, College of Arts and Sciences
• Armando Garcia-Ortega, Associate Professor, Aquaculture, College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management
• Kekoa Harman, Associate Professor, Hawaiian Studies & Hawaiian Language, Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikolani College of Hawaiian Language
• Eric Heuer, Associate Professor, Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences
• Aaron Jacobs, Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, DKI College of Pharmacy
• Patricia Jusczak, Associate Specialist, Pharmacy Practice, DKI College of Pharmacy
• Dana-Lynn Koomoa-Lange, Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, DKI College of Pharmacy
• Christopher Lauer, Associate Professor, Philosophy, College of Arts and Sciences
• Katherine Young, Associate Professor, Administration of Justice, College of Arts and Sciences

Do you Pokemon GO?

Team Mystic member Chancellor Don Straney shows off his Pokemon GO captures to Campus Center Director Ellen Kusano during last month’s Week of Welcome. The popular location-based augmented reality game offers many Pokemon spawns and Poke Stops on campus, including around the Administration Building, seen here.
NHERC celebrates 10 years

The UH Hilo North Hawai‘i Education and Research Center in Honoka‘a celebrated its 10-year anniversary on August 7, featuring University and community leaders, live music, activities for the keiki, food booths, and a silent auction to raise funds for student scholarships and the Heritage Center.

NHERC was established in 2006 as a crucial component of establishing a higher education presence in North Hawai‘i. It was developed as a community-driven initiative that strives to meet the future challenges of Hawai‘i’s economy in the 21st century while at the same time preserving the unique and rich history of the North Hawai‘i communities.

Since opening, NHERC has had over 500 students take University classes in Honoka‘a, allowing greater accessibility for students to gain a college education. Staff and faculty continue to work in collaboration with the community to meet its future needs while at the same time preserving the area’s important history.

“It was great to see the outpouring of community support for NHERC at its 10-year anniversary celebration,” said Interim Director Jeff Smith. “And thanks to its dedicated staff, and the people of Hāmākua and North Hawai‘i, NHERC will strive to build upon its past growth and success for the next decade to come.”

Members of the original NHERC Community Advisory Board from left to right: Gerald DeMello, Cheryl Ramos, NHERC Founding Director Farrah-Marie Gomes, Faye Honma, Jeani Navarro, Alton Okinaka, Ku‘ulei Badua; back row: Brian Mitsunaga from Pacific Architects, Romel Dela Cruz, Chancellor Straney.

Happy keiki showing off Cynthia Buckles’ face painting artistry.

Regent Higaki, NHERC Interim Director Jeff Smith, original Community Advisory Board member and advocate for community kitchen renovations Ku‘ulei Badua, and Chancellor Straney.

The opening musical performance of the celebration, The Honoka‘a Seniors wowed the crowd.
Papa Ho‘onui ‘Ike ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Kulanui
(UH Hilo & HawCC Hawaiian language workshops for faculty, staff)

The Hale Kuamoʻo Hawaiian Language Center of Ka Haka ʻUla O Keʻelikōlani College of Hawaiian Language is conducting a series of complimentary introductory-level Hawaiian language workshops for faculty and staff of UH Hilo and Hawai‘i Community College throughout the fall. The goals of this project are to provide faculty and staff with basic knowledge of the Hawaiian language and to promote the use of Hawaiian on campus.

Information for each class is shown below. Morning sessions will be held on the HawCC campus and afternoon sessions will be held on the UH Hilo campus. Morning and afternoon sessions will cover the same content.

Everyone is encouraged to bring materials for note taking. Participants will receive a Hawaiian language resource and other support materials generously donated by the Hale Kuamoʻo Hawaiian Language Center and Ka Haka ʻUla O Keʻelikōlani College of Hawaiian Language. Registration can be done at: oleloworkshop.weebly.com.

Please contact Kaulana Dameg at 932-7303 or kdameg@hawaii.edu with any questions.

Class Schedule:

- Sept 22  9-10:15 a.m.  2-3:15 p.m.  
  HawCC Bldg. 381, Rm. 17  UCB Rm. 100
- Oct 20  9-10:15 a.m.  2-3:15 p.m.  
  HawCC Bldg. 381, Rm. 17  UCB Rm. 100
- Nov 17  9-10:15 a.m.  2-3:15 p.m.  
  HawCC Bldg. 381, Rm. 17  UCB Rm. 100
- Dec 15  9-10:15 a.m.  2-3:15 p.m.  
  HawCC Bldg. 381, Rm. 17  UCB Rm. 100

EPSCoR grant provides seeds for Data Science program

UH Hilo is among the beneficiaries of a $20 million Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) grant awarded to the UH System by the National Science Foundation. The bulk of the award will fund the ‘Ike Wai project, a five-year study that seeks to create a data driven, sustainable water future for the State of Hawai‘i and its Pacific neighbors.

UH Hilo’s share of $2.1 million will be used to launch a new Data Science program by funding recruitment of four new data science faculty members in mathematics, computer science, and the natural and social sciences. The new hires will work with existing faculty to develop a baccalaureate degree and several certificate programs focusing on data mining, modeling, predictive analytics and pattern recognition. The first two are expected to join the University in Fall 2017, with the others coming on board in each of the next two years.

The funding will also pay for acquisition of a Cyber-CANOE that will allow students and faculty to engage in data visualization and 3-dimensional modeling, following its installation this fall. Bolstering the effort will be a new summer bridge program to begin in 2017, which will expedite the curricular pipeline for future data science students. A Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) will fund dozens of data-intensive research projects with UH Hilo faculty looking to include students in their scholarly activities.

“These several, interrelated components of the ‘Ike Wai grant will provide UH Hilo data science students with the skills and experience necessary to solve complex problems,” said Dr. Matthew Platz, vice chancellor for academic affairs/research and co-principal investigator. “Through the certificate program and the soon-to-be-developed B.S. in Data Science, they will gain a better understanding of how to analyze large, complicated data sets that have traditionally been difficult to decipher.”

The interdisciplinary nature of the program will utilize the combined expertise of current mathematics, computer science, natural science, and social science professors, along with the four new data science hires. Dr. Roberto Pelayo, associate professor of mathematics and workforce and education lead for the grant, noted the data science field opens up some attractive employment opportunities for students.

“Employers are always looking for well-trained students with the newest, most sophisticated tools for answering difficult questions,” Pelayo said. “Courses like Data Mining, Data Visualization, Modeling, and Predictive Analytics will prepare our students for exactly these employment opportunities.”
Dance Collective Concert to debut Sept. 16

Choreographers and dancers throughout the Hilo community will share center stage when the Dance Collective Concert debuts on Friday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo’s Performing Arts Center. Creator and Director Dori Yamada envisions the concert as an opportunity for local dancers to grow and develop by exposing them to many different talents.

“There are so many talented individuals who care a great deal about dance and are always looking for opportunities to share and present their work,” said Yamada. “My hope is that this experience will act as a stepping stone to create bridges between all the dance entities, not only in Hilo, but all over.”

The show will feature young and upcoming choreographers and dancers as well as established performers from dance groups, including Center Stage Dance Alliance, Island Dance Academy, N2 Dance and the UH Hilo Dance Department.

“I am participating in this show because I value its intention to bring local choreographers, dancers and artists together for an event that promotes what we all hold so dear to our hearts... DANCE!” says Nadia Schlosser, a beloved and respected choreographer and the Creative Director/Owner of the newly-formed Paradise Performing Arts Center. Lawrence Mano, another long-time dancer and burgeoning Choreographer, added, “It's going to be a good show. I think it will be a positive experience that will show off the talent that Hilo has to offer.”

Tickets are open seating and priced at $20 General and $10 UH Hilo/Hawai‘i CC students (with a valid student ID) and children, up to age 17. Tickets are available by calling the UH Hilo Box Office at 932-7490 or ordering online at artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu.

Toying with Science kicks-off 2016-17 PAC season

Physical entertainer Garry Krinsky kicks-off the UH Hilo Performing Arts Center’s 2016-17 season with a high energy celebration of all things science with Toying with Science on Wednesday, September 28, at 7 pm.

It has been said that Krinsky resembles a living cartoon with his animated movement and non-stop energy. He was an original member of the Boston Buffoons, co-founder of the Patchwork Players, and a member of The Wright Bros., a New England vaudeville troupe.

Toying with Science explores the scientific principles of gravity, leverage, fulcrums and simple machines. Combining circus skills, mime, original music, and audience involvement, Krinsky investigates basic scientific information and delves into the imaginations of scientists who explore our world. He brings his science toys to life with motion, music, humor and insight. The performance is suitable for audiences of all ages.

“Mr. Krinsky created his Toying with Science program, originally commissioned by the Museum of Science in Boston, in 1995 and has since been touring it across the U.S. and Canada to rave reviews.” said Performing Arts Center Manager Lee Dombroski.

Tickets are reserved seating and priced at $15 General, $10 Discount and $7 UH Hilo/Hawai‘i CC students (with a valid student ID) and children, up to age 17, pre-sale, or $20, $15, and $12 at the door.

Tickets are available by calling the UH Hilo Box Office at 932-7490 or ordering online at artscenter.uhh.hawaii.edu.
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Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016
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David has worked with Hawai‘i Electric Light in 2000; has served as a program manager for the Residential Efficient Solar Water Heating Program marketing system benefits, solar rebates, tax credits and solar contractors increased installations island wide. He served as Supervisor for Customer Service, responsible for billing, call center, payment processing, meter reading and field services.
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