$50 million in CIPs brings some growing pains

by Susan Collins

The University of Hawai‘i at Hilo is currently undergoing the largest burst of growth in its history, with over $50 million in Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) underway. The long-awaited improvements include the construction of the first new major building on campus in 20 years, and renovations and upgrades to existing structures and utility systems. But with this growth comes inconveniences, including constrained traffic and parking, the doubling up of office space, and the resulting decrease of meeting rooms.

“At the present time we are bursting at the seams,” said Dr. John Whittaker, vice chancellor of administrative affairs. “We need classroom space, we need office space. As the new buildings come on line, the pressure will be lessened. These are very exciting times for us at UH Hilo. But with it comes some growing pains. It is our hope that students, faculty, and visitors will bear with us the inconveniences. It will be well worth it for the progress that will be achieved.”

As a clear indicator of the need for more space and improved facilities, UH Hilo has just released figures showing an increase in enrollment for the fifth semester in a row. It is the only campus in the UH system with an increase in student enrollment this semester. This good news keeps the University in line with its strategic plan, which calls for nearly doubling the enrollment to 5,000 students by the year 2007.

The first major buildings to be added to the campus are a $19 million classroom-office building (see groundbreaking story on page 5), and a 10,000-square-foot Marine Science Building. Estimated completion of the marine facility is late 2001. It will house a computer and electronic classroom, two lecture classrooms, a wet lab, an analytical lab, and faculty offices.

Renovation projects are also underway throughout the campus. The most obvious project currently in progress is the Student Services Building air quality improvements. The insulation in the air ducts will be replaced, fresh air intake will be increased, and a new air conditioning system will be installed. The offices from Student Services have been

Renaissance woman

by Susan Collins

Dr. Rachel Fordyce defines her new job as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs with a clear mission. “From my perspective,” Fordyce said, “the highest priority is to provide an atmosphere that allows professors to teach, and students to learn. There always has to be a balance between students and faculty. I am continually fine tuning priorities to achieve this. The outcome should always be well-educated students and a faculty who can continue to grow through a curriculum that keeps rejuvenating itself.”

For Fordyce, who earned her Ph.D. in English from the University of Pittsburgh in 1973, the theme of rejuvenation stems from her training in Renaissance drama, particularly the works of Shakespeare, and drama of the Caroline Period—works produced during the reign of Charles I. She is the author of Caroline Drama: A Bibliographic History of Criticism (1978, 2nd edition 1992).

“The Renaissance was the Renaissance because of the revival of Greek knowledge, and the importance of rejuvenation as a world view,” she said. Believing in this world view, Fordyce sees the need for continual rejuvenation of curriculum.
moved into the Campus Center during the renovations, resulting in those facilities now greatly restricted in space, especially with a shortage of meeting rooms. Estimated completion of this project is Spring 2001.

State mandated fire safety improvements for the residence halls have also begun, and will include the improvement of fire alarms and sprinkler systems. The sprinkler improvements require that a new 12-inch water line be constructed under the roadway from the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management all the way to the entrance at Lanikaula Street. The roadway work will cause disruption in traffic through most of the current semester. The work in the residence halls will be conducted in 2001—half in the spring, and the other half in the summer.

New roofs are going on several buildings. The Computer Center and Business Education building is currently being worked on, and will be finished by the end of the year. Also on the schedule are the roofs of Wentworth, the Administration building, several farm buildings, and several buildings on the Manono campus.

Air conditioning systems will improve life in three areas of the campus. Cooling off will be Hale Kehau lounge, the Life Sciences building, and the music rehearsal studio. The addition of air conditioning to the music studio has the added benefit of allowing the room to be insulated, thus creating better acoustics.

One of the most comprehensive upgrades on the current schedule involves the campus-wide utility grid. This project will provide underground conduits to connect all buildings on campus to each other. Although the construction will cause some disruption while underway, the pay off for everyone’s patience will be huge.

“This utility grid project addresses the backbone of the electrical and communication data system,” said UH Hilo’s Chief Architect Lo-li Chih. “The entire computer and phone communication network on campus will be improved. There will be no more limits on the locations of phones. This upgrade will also connect the campus to University Park and the scientific facilities. The University’s options will be greatly expanded in the ways that we communicate with the outside world.”

The electrical side of the project also includes consolidating the multi-metered electrical distribution service of the whole campus into one master meter, thus dropping the University’s costs. (The electric rate lowers with the consolidated use all on one meter.) In addition, there will be two
UH Hilo sets goal of $27,000 for HIUW

Volunteer Stephen McLean, director of development, is chairing UH Hilo’s annual Hawai‘i Island United Way (HIUW) campaign drive this year to reach a goal of $27,000 through donations from campus administrators, faculty and staff.

“We’re grateful for the strong support for the HIUW campaign we have had in the past, and we look forward to continued support this year,” McLean said. “Giving to the United Way is a way of giving back to the community.”

The community goal is $1,330,000 under the leadership of Dwayne Miyashiro, 2000-01 campaign chair, and Verizon Hawai‘i, island manager-Hawai‘i, and Alberta Dobbe, campaign vice-chair and consultant.

The HIUW raises funds annually to help 34 participating and numerous donor choice agencies provide needed health and human services programs on the Big Island.

For information about volunteering for HIUW, please call 935-6393 or 326-7400.

Corrections

In last month’s article on the expanded service of the Hele-On Bus, the UH Hilo Student Activities Council was left out as one of the sponsors. SAC contributes one-third of the cost to keep bus fares low for students, as well as to keep the bus running beyond normal operating hours.

Moreover, in September’s cover story, Vice Chancellor Rachel Fordyce’s quotation should have read: “the braiding of academic and student affairs together.” “Braiding” was incorrectly printed as “raiding.”

UH Hilo ranked third for third straight year

The University of Hawai‘i at Hilo has been ranked third in the category of top Western public liberal arts colleges in the United States in an annual report released last month by U.S. News and World Report. This is the third year in a row that UH Hilo has received this prestigious ranking.

Several key measures are used to rate the academic quality of each college, including academic reputation, freshmen retention and six-year graduation rate, faculty resources, student-faculty ratio and class size, admission test scores of incoming students, and financial resources of the institution. Scores for each measure are weighted to arrive at a final overall score.

Among the ratings of UH Hilo, more than half the classes have fewer than 20 students, only four percent of classes have more than 50 students, reputation score improved from last year’s 3.2 to 3.3 out of a possible 5.0, and 98 percent of UH Hilo faculty are full-time.

The ranking also reflects that the campus has become more selective in its admissions policy, admitting 60 percent of its applicants, down from 68 percent last year. Forty-three percent of students graduated in the top quarter of their high school classes.

Regional colleges, as well as national colleges, are campuses that focus on undergraduate studies, although UH Hilo also offers selected master’s degrees. U.S. News and World Report further categorizes regional universities geographically by North, South, Midwest, and West.

The purpose of the U.S. News and World Report’s annual report is to help students select the best university or college for their needs. The rankings recognize that students must consider their academic and professional goals as well as financial resources and scholastic record when making their selection.

U.S. News and World Report divides schools into four categories, including national universities, national liberal arts colleges, regional universities, and regional liberal arts colleges.

UH Hilo follows Evergreen State (Washington) and Texas A & M-Galveston in the category of top Western public liberal arts colleges.
Chancellor Rose Tseng and Dr. David Sing, director of Na Pua No’eau, award freshmen students ’Olelo Godinet and Kapuanani Nalimu Na Pua No’eau Scholarship awards for the 2000-01 academic year. Both were awarded the scholarships based on their exceptional performance and behavior while Na Pua No’eau students in high school. Godinet is from O‘ahu and majoring in nursing. Nalimu, from Hilo, is majoring in Hawaiian studies. Both will be helping with Na Pua No’eau’s Super Saturday activities this year.

**Upward Bound receives funding for math/science programs**

The Upward Bound program at UH Hilo has been awarded $661,580 for 2000-01 for its Classic and Math and Science programs. The award includes a $20,000 initiative to provide technological services to the 110 students whom the programs serve. The students are selected from the State of Hawai‘i, Arizona, California, and Nevada and the Pacific islands of Guam, American Samoa, Micronesia, Northern Marianas, Marshall Islands, and Palau.

Upward Bound has been in existence on the UH Hilo campus since 1980 and recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. Its primary purpose is to provide services to high school students from low-income families so that they may enroll in higher education. The program to date has a 90 percent success rate of its students entering higher education upon completion of the program. Over 500 students have completed the programs.

**Recruiting to highlight October Focus on UH Hilo**

Recruiting will be among the topics of discussion during the October 4 and 18 telecasts of Focus on UH Hilo. The program, hosted by Chancellor Rose Tseng, can be seen Wednesday evenings from 8-8:30 on Channel 4.

September programs included interviews with Dr. Keith Miser, UH Hilo’s new vice chancellor for student services, who discussed various student issues, and Dr. John Whittaker, vice chancellor for administrative affairs, who gave an update on present and future capital improvement projects.

Focus on UH Hilo highlights University programs, up and coming developments, and the University’s partnerships with various community organizations.

**Regents hold its annual meetings on campus this month**

UH President Kenneth Mortimer and the UH Board of Regents will hold their annual meetings in Hilo on Thursday and Friday, October 19 and 20 at the HawCC Campus. This will actually be the Regents’ second meeting in Hilo this year, having met in June in the Campus Center. Faculty and staff are invited to attend.

Committee meetings are expected to be held from 1-5 p.m. on Thursday while a general meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. on Friday. An update on the Mauna Kea Master Plan is expected to be presented by Chancellor Rose Tseng on Thursday.

Following Friday’s meeting there will be a blessing ceremony for the new Marine Science Building at 10:30 a.m. near Wentworth Hall.

Please call the Office of University Relations at x47642 or x47567 for updated information due to the tentative schedule at press time.
On September 13, a day when Hilo’s weather was at its sunny best, UH Hilo Chancellor Rose Tseng welcomed a host of dignitaries to the groundbreaking ceremony of the first new major building on campus in 20 years.

Governor Ben Cayetano, along with UH President Kenneth Mortimer, UH Regents Dr. William Bergin and Allan Ikawa, Mayor Steve Yamashiro, and several state legislators and Big Island county council members gathered for the ceremony near the new campus entryway. The audience also included about a hundred members of UH Hilo’s faculty and staff, as well as a large gathering of students taking a break between classes.

"This new classroom building represents an important step forward in the University’s development as a comprehensive, full-service University,” said Tseng in her welcome address. “We are most grateful that the Governor and the state legislature supports us in this goal. We are very appreciative to receive the resources needed to create our vision of the future. Thank you, Governor Cayetano, for sharing this vision with us.”

Tseng said the impressive three-story complex, located next to the new Kawili Street entryway, will serve as “the University’s signature building.”

The $19 million, 85,000-square-foot facility will house numerous state-of-the-art teaching accommodations. This includes a 150-seat tiered lecture hall, computer and electronic classrooms, state-of-the-art distant education facilities, and teaching labs and offices for the Education, History, Nursing, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology departments.

Also moving into the new building will be the offices of the College of Arts and Sciences Dean, and the Social Sciences Division.

While enhancing UH Hilo’s image, this complex will also help support a major objective in the University’s Strategic Plan of increasing student enrollment to 5,000 by the year 2007.

“We are pleased to announce that we are well on our way to achieving this enrollment goal,” said Tseng. “Student enrollment is up this semester for the fifth semester in a row. This consistent growth signifies what an excellent University we are, and shows that we offer a high quality learning environment.”

Governor Ben Cayetano commended Chancellor Tseng for the leadership that she has provided for the University. He also thanked the state legislators representing the Island of Hawai‘i, noting that it was their persistence that convinced the state legislature and him of the need to invest in UH Hilo.

“UH Hilo continues to be a major force in the island’s economy,” Cayetano said. “That’s why we gave it strong support. I look forward to UH Hilo becoming the premier small university of the Pacific region.”

Representative Jerry Chang (South Hilo), UH Hilo alumnus, recognized the hard work of the UH Hilo administration in bringing such a large project to fruition. “I would like to acknowledge Gerald De Mello [Director of University Relations] for all his hard work behind the scenes,” said Chang.

Senator Andy Levin (Ka‘u, South Kona, and Puna), who sat on the Ways and Means Committee this last legislative session, said, “The University [system] is the key to the well-being and economy of the state, and UH Hilo is key to the well-being and economy of the Big Island.

“You ain’t seen nothing yet,” Levin added. “We’re going to keep going!”

The new complex was designed by Kajioka, Yamachi Architects, and is being constructed by Dick Pacific Construction Co., Ltd.

A completion date of Summer 2002 is targeted.
Hats off to...

**Bob Watson**, Associate Professor of Political Science, has founded a new journal, *White House Studies*. The journal will be a quarterly publication of interdisciplinary scholarship and commentary on the politics and history of the White House and the presidents and presidential spouses. Watson will serve as editor of the peer-reviewed journal, whose first issue will be out in spring 2001. Watson also will serve on the editorial board of a new journal set to debut in 2001: the *International Journal of Politics and Ethics*. This is his fourth editorial board.

**Michael West**, Associate Professor of Astronomy, is principal investigator of a grant that was awarded $48,000 from the Space Telescope Science Institute in August. He is also co-investigator of a grant that was awarded $90,000 in the same competition. These awards are in support of Hubble Space Telescope observations obtained by West and collaborators at the University of California, Rutgers, and San Francisco State. Additionally, West attended the Kingston 2000 Theoretical Astrophysics conference held in Toronto, Canada in August where he gave a talk on “Galaxy Construction and Destruction.” Last month he had a paper on “The Principal Axis of the Virgo Cluster” accepted for publication in the *Astrophysical Journal*.

**Terrance Jalbert**, Assistant Professor of Finance, has co-authored two papers that were accepted for publication. “From Bricks and Mortar to Clicks and Mortar,” co-authored with Steve Landry, was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Corporate Accounting and Finance*. “The Explanatory Power of EVA” was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Accounting and Finance Research*.

**Peter Mills**, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, signed a contract with UH Press for a book on Hawai‘i’s Rus-
Wayne Miyamoto, Professor of Art, had his article “Pacific Rim International Print Exhibition, Hilo, Hawai’i” published in Grapheion, European Review of Contemporary Prints, Book and Paper Art, Number 2/2000 (June). Additionally, Miyamoto is presenting two mixed media works on paper in the Twenty-Fifth Annual National Invitational Drawing Exhibition in the Normand R. Eppink Art Gallery at Emporia State University, Kansas. The exhibition runs October 18 through November 15, 2000.

Judith Gersting, Professor of Computer Science, had a paper on “Computer Science Distance Education Experience in Hawai’i” published in Computer Science Education, vol. 10, No. 1 (2000). The paper describes some of the lessons learned about distance education, particularly as it relates to delivering an entire computer science degree program, from the statewide UH Hilo computer science B.S. degree.

Steve Miura, Associate Professor of Communication, had his manuscript “The Mediation of Conflict in the Traditional Hawaiian Family: A Collectivistic Approach” accepted for publication in Qualitative Research Reports in Communication, a journal of the Eastern Communication Association. Additionally, a manuscript entitled, “New Identity, New Rhetoric: The Native Hawaiian Quest for Justice” was presented at the Pacific and Asian Communication Association Conference 2000 in Honolulu in August.

Gail Makuakane-Lundin, Coordinator of Hawaiian Leadership Development and Health Careers Opportunity Program, had an article on “University of Hawai’i Community Colleges” published in the Summer 2000 issue of the Academic Exchange Quarterly. The article was co-authored by Makuakane-Lundin’s sister, Dr. Teresa Makuakane-Drechsel. The AEQ is an independent, peer refereed academic journal that is edited four times a year at Chattanooga State University, TN.

Gary Dean Best, Professor of History, spent the summer as a visiting scholar in the Social Philosophy and Policy Center at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, completing most of the work on two books and the research and part of the writing of a third. Best was also interviewed for the July/August issue of The Navigator, the magazine of the Ayn Rand Objectivist Center in New York. His article on “Writing for the Ages: H.L. Mencken in the 1930s” is in the current issue of Continuity.

Bill Mautz, Assistant Professor of Biology, had his article on “Xantusiid lizards have low energy, water, and food requirements” accepted for publication in the journal, Physiological and Biochemical Zoology. Mautz is also co-author of the paper, “Toxicity of chemical components of ambient fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) inhaled by aged rats” in press in the Journal of Applied Toxicology.
“You find these views [of the Renaissance] are very close to Jefferson’s view of a university as a place of ideas, as a place of disciplines. He believed that no discipline was more important than any other. It’s this view of the academy that keeps me in the business.”

One area that Fordyce would like to see further developed at UH Hilo is student-faculty applied research. She believes that research opportunities should be expanded into every year of an undergraduate’s studies. Recognizing that the University is quickly transitioning into a comprehensive university with increasing activity in the area of applied research, Fordyce sees this as an opportunity to allow students to transfer knowledge from one discipline to another, and from the classroom to the workplace.

“Continuity of education is important for students,” explained Fordyce. “Inter-disciplinary studies focus on the ability to apply knowledge from one field of study to another, but it can be a problem for undergraduates to know how to transfer knowledge. You need a continuity of study for that to emerge. Student-faculty research at lower levels gets that transfer going. It’s for this reason that I’d like to see more opportunity for student research at UH Hilo, and not just at the senior level.

“A comprehensive education, with applied research opportunities, provides students with a system of life-long learning,” she said. “This benefits students, future employers, and the entire community.”

Fordyce, whose family has lived for generations in Western Pennsylvania, arrived at UH Hilo two months ago from the campus of Montclair State University in New Jersey. There she served as Dean and Professor of English since 1992.

New Jersey is a world away now, as she adjusts to a new life in the sub-tropics of Hawai‘i. “It’s so beautiful here,” she said. “You know, on the mainland I had to deal with things like getting stuck behind a New Jersey Transit Authority bus in the Lincoln Tunnel. The quality of life on the Big Island is a welcome change.

“I am so intrigued with UH Hilo,” she added. “It’s not just the future potential for growth that helped me make the decision to come here. It’s the potential now realized. Just look at what has been achieved in the past two years.

“Listening to the local radio station on the way to work this morning, the two top news stories were about UH Hilo: the groundbreaking of the new classroom building, and the development of the new astronomy center at University Park. I am very happy to be part of the rejuvenation and growth process of this institution.”

Other construction projects on campus address federally mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements. The two priority modification sites are Edith Kanakaole Hall (EKH) and the Theatre. These projects involve modification of the existing structures to make them fully accessible to disabled individuals. Both these sites will be worked on during the summer of 2001. Also to be improved is access to sidewalks and designated parking areas throughout the campus.

“We will work daily to identify and alleviate disruptions,” said Whittaker. “We all need to remember that there are not many campuses in the U. S. where there is much growth happening. UH Hilo is blessed with the support of the Governor and the state legislature for this capital funding. The state legislature sees the need to invest in UH Hilo, even though many areas of the state are in need. The legislature has the right priorities.”

Other UH Hilo CIP projects that will not cause disruptions to campus life, but are noteworthy: the renovations to the donated Bank of Hawai‘i building, transforming it into an incubator for the development of high-tech industries; the USDA Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center to be built in University Park; and the multi-purpose sports recreational and conference complex, geared to accommodate the projected increased enrollment of 5,000 students by 2007.

(Editor’s note: Susan Collins is a public information officer.)

Downtown Bank of Hawai‘i building.
Accreditation self study update

by Dr. April Komenaka

This month we’re looking at how accreditation efforts have prompted two departments, the School of Business and the Nursing Department, to continually assess their curriculum and the performance of their students-to the benefit of their programs, their students, and UH Hilo.

Recruitment of faculty and students is aided by accreditation. And accreditation of programs by such prestigious professional organizations adds to the overall academic status of UH Hilo.

In the case of Nursing, accreditation is from the long-established NLN - the National League of Nursing. For the School of Business, it’s from the AACSB-formerly American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business but now, in recognition of its international status, “AACSB - The International Association for Management Education.”

School of Business and AACSB

“The AACSB is the premier accrediting agency in the field. The UH Hilo program would be, with UH Manoa’s College of Business, the only AACSB-accredited institutions in the state,” explains Prof. Hank Hennessey, who is heading the School’s self study effort this year.

A degree from an AACSB-accredited institution means that a student can apply some of his junior/senior courses toward the first-year requirements for an MBA. And graduation from such an institution looks good on any resume.

The Self Study and AACSB accreditation review is “mission driven.” The School of Business will be evaluated in terms of how well it has articulated and responded to its stated mission objectives.

Last year the business faculty developed a new mission which states, in part, that the School “offers a challenging, but supportive, undergraduate learning environment that prepares our students to manage and lead by thinking critically, acting creatively, and working cooperatively to achieve personal and organizational goals. Our students will acquire the knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed to become effective, ethical decision-makers.”

The mission statement goes on to identify specific learning objectives in terms of desired knowledge, attitudes, and skills. It follows that these learning outcomes must be measurable if program assessment and improvement is to occur.

In developing the statement, faculty sought input from students and from community business leaders in the School’s Business Advisory Council, currently chaired by Harris Hirata.

Business and Economics faculty attended a day long retreat on Saturday, August 26, to plan the year and to tie

Nursing Department and NLN

From the day the Bachelor of Nursing program opened its doors in Fall 1991, Nursing Department faculty have shaped their curriculum to the requirements of the National League of Nursing, the Hawai’i State Board of Nursing, and the Hawai’i State Licensing Board.

“We’re training people to work with life and death situations, every day,” observes Cecilia Mukai, chair of the Nursing Department, “and it’s absolutely appropriate that we strive to enable our students to meet the highest professional standards.”

NLN accreditation is more than the profession’s stamp of approval for a program. The federal government, the US military, and many hospitals require that nurses earn their B.N.’s at NLN-accredited institutions.

The UH Hilo Nursing Department earned its NLN accreditation in 1997, under the leadership of then-Chair Gennie Kinney. The department’s community Advisory Board, comprised primarily of Big Island health care professionals, has provided critical support to the program, including accreditation efforts. Chairs of the Board are Phoebe Lambeth and June Kunimoto.

NLN accreditation needs to be reaffirmed every five years, so the department cannot rest on its laurels. The department is already preparing for the next NLN site visit in two years, an effort involving the active participation of the four full-time Nursing faculty — Mukai, Phyllis Eide, Kay Daub, and Sheila Mains.

“NLN’s 18 standards cover all aspects of a program, from course content to student performance to institutional context and resources,” Mukai continues.

The Nursing Department must also be certified annually by the State Board of Nursing, a process that requires submission of a program report every year. “If the program is certified, its graduates are,” Mukai explains.
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the graduates themselves, passing the State Licensing Board exam means being credentialed in all the 50 states.

Nursing faculty meet weekly to monitor courses—and students—to be sure that the knowledge and skills are getting transmitted effectively. Those standards are not mere abstractions; meeting them helps to assure that students are being prepared to be good, effective nurses in the real world.

External expertise can contribute substantially. “Beginning this Fall, we’ve contracted with Educational Resources, Inc. to provide us with a range of testing materials that we can use to test the efficacy of our teaching and our curriculum,” Mukai explains. “ERI takes the tests completed by students, analyzes the test results, providing students with feedback that directs them to areas and skills they need to work harder on, and giving the department feedback that we can use to modify our curriculum.”

Nursing students take many rigorous courses, including 22 credit hours of practicum work, “which translates into months of actual hands-on training,” Mukai says. The students pull together the many strands of learning in their integrative senior courses, NURS 457 and 457L, Advanced Health Care and Practicum.

In 457-457L, pairs of students work with health agencies like the American Cancer Society and the Department of Public Health on projects of practical use to the community.

Among the projects have been the development of a campus immunization program, an educational video on Shaken Baby Syndrome, and improved nutrition in a school lunch program at a local school.

Each project performs a real service and requires students in a number of activities, like conducting surveys of need, budgeting, coordinating with administrators from a number of agencies or institutions, as well as delivering health services like immunization.

“In this capstone course, student nurses try out their leadership skills and their ability to envision new and better ways of doing things. This is training for the future,” says Cecilia.

Earning and then maintaining NLN accreditation has required much work, resourcefulness, and commitment from Nursing faculty over the years. “But that’s what it takes to train a good Registered Nurse. We are proud of the program, and really proud of our graduate nurses!” Mukai concludes.

(Editor’s note: Dr. April Komenaka is co-chair of the UH Hilo Self Study Steering Committee.)
Hurricane symposium on campus

The UH Hilo Center for the Study of Active Volcanoes (CSAV) presents a Hurricane symposium on Saturday, October 21 from 9 a.m. to noon in Wentworth Hall Auditorium. The symposium will feature speakers who will make presentations on the causes of hurricanes, the hazards they pose to life and property, and preparedness actions that everyone can take to minimize their potential for losses during hurricanes.

Thomas Schroeder, UH Manoa professor of meteorology, will explain the nature of hurricanes, how they form, and whether the Big Island is likely to be impacted by one. Tom Heffner from the National Weather Service will describe the effects of hurricanes on the land, emphasizing wind damage and flash flooding. Architectural engineer Neil Erickson will suggest ways to strengthen a home against future hurricanes, and Wayne Metcalf, Hawai'i state insurance commissioner, will explain how hurricanes affect insurance rates and the steps the State can take to reduce the catastrophic impacts that a hurricane can have on Hawai'i's economy.

In view of the recent close encounter with Tropical Storm Daniel, the information presented at the symposium will be extremely beneficial.

The event is sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

For additional information, please call x47631 or visit www.uhh.hawaii.edu/~nat_haz.

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13  Last Day to Withdraw from Courses
    Vulcan volleyball vs. Humboldt State University,
    7:15 p.m., New Gym, Admission

14  Vulcan volleyball vs. Western Oregon University,
    7:15 p.m., New Gym, Admission

18  Focus on UH Hilo, 8 p.m., Channel 4

19, 20  UH Board of Regents meetings in Hilo,
        HawCC Campus

20  Blessing for new Marine Science Building, 10:30 a.m.

21  Hurricane symposium, 9 a.m., Wentworth Hall
    Make A Difference Day, 8 a.m.

27  Vulcan volleyball vs. Western New Mexico
    University, 7:15 p.m., New Gym, Admission

28  Vulcan volleyball vs. Montana State University -
    Billings, 7:15 p.m., New Gym, Admission

30  “I” Removal Deadline: Student to Instructor

31  Last Day for International Students to Apply for
    Spring 2001