Research veterinarian named as new dean of CAFNRM

by Susan Collins

Michael A. Collier, D.V.M., Dip. ACVS, professor and researcher of equine surgery, is the new dean of UH Hilo’s College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management (CAFNRM). Collier has been an affiliate professor of sports medicine and equine surgery with CAFNRM since July 1999.

Collier brings to the College—which includes an animal science program—a well-established national reputation as a board certified academic veterinary orthopedic surgeon, clinician, researcher and administrator. He currently serves as an adjunct professor of both pathology and orthopedic surgery and rehabilitation at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) in Oklahoma City.

“We are so pleased to have someone of Dr. Collier’s stature and experience join our administration,” said UH Hilo Chancellor Rose Tseng. “We are at an exciting and critical juncture in the development of our agricultural expertise at UH Hilo, and we are confident that Dean Collier’s experience as a researcher and teacher will be invaluable to us.

“He’s also known to be an effective fund raiser,” Tseng added, “and that will serve the University well as we come to depend more and more on outside sources of support.”

Collier began his clinical veterinary career right here on the Big Island in general practice in West Hawai’i, shortly after receiving his D.V.M. in 1972 from Washington State University. Also, in the mid-seventies, he was an assistant researcher at UH Manoa’s College of Agriculture in the department of animal science.

Collier, an avid horseman, recently returned to Hawai’i, thinking he would be spending time with his wife Melanie on their family’s 20-

New athletic director’s focus: improving student-athlete opportunities

by Susan Collins

Kathleen McNally, UH Hilo’s new athletic director, began her work within hours of arriving here from Erie, Pennsylvania, in mid-January. With a strong background in reorganizing and developing successful athletic programs and policies in other NCAA [National Collegiate Athletic Association] universities, her approach here at UH Hilo is straightforward and to the point.

“My vision for the athletic department here at UH Hilo is very simple,” McNally said. “Because of our NCAA Division II affiliation, we just need to align ourselves with NCAA philosophy, which is to provide the best opportunities for student athletes to be successful both on the field and in the classroom. It’s that simple.”

McNally joins UH Hilo directly from Gannon University—another NCAA Division II institution—where she served as director of athletic and recreational services since 1998. While there she orchestrated the most productive athletic sea-

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acre property in Kohala, while teaching at UH Hilo and continuing his research at OUHSC. And that’s when a former student of his, David Almond, D.V.M., assistant professor of animal science at CAFNRM — and an UH Hilo alumnus — approached Collier about the dean’s position.

Collier said he just couldn’t pass up the opportunity to help UH Hilo expand its programs.

“This College offers the best hands-on learning experience possible in animal science and horticulture through the facilities at the University farm,” said Collier. “Students from the pre-vet program were always in the top 10 percent of my classes at Cornell and OSU. These students not only have the academic knowledge, but they can also do things, thanks to the farm, and thanks to the excellent faculty.”

Collier brings with him more than two decades of experience in administration, having operated and directed numerous clinics and programs in university academics, and public and private sectors in several states. His track record of fundraising is impressive, having secured millions of dollars through establishing collaborations with industry for financial and technical support of his academic research.

Upon assessing his new role as dean of CAFNRM, Collier said he asked himself, “What can I bring to the table at UH Hilo to increase programs and enrollment?” The answer came easily.

“Well, I consider myself a working dean,” he explained. “I have 23 years of experience in teaching, research, extension service and fundraising. I learned a lot of skills from this background, and I believe I can help the College expand in new directions, expand the animal science program, and help UH Hilo empower the local horticulture industry.”

Since 1979, Collier’s research efforts have focused on joint pathobiology, orthopedic surgery, and equine exercise physiology and sports medicine. His specific interests include the electrophysiology of bone growth, cartilage metabolism and healing, and the effects of laser energy on cartilage. His research in exercise physiology has focused on interval training of the equine athlete, computer interfacing and analysis of equine standard exercise stress test procedures, and equine biomechanics and locomotion.

In 1995, Collier founded and has since been co-director of the Comparative Orthopedic Research Laboratory (CORL), a combined research consortium of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC), Stanford University Orthopedic Research Laboratory, and UH Hilo. His research at CORL has been directed at further defining the biochemical effects of Ho:YAG laser energy on cartilage. This technology is applicable to both human and veterinary medicine.

The CORL also conducts research with graduate and post-doctoral fellowship programs and surgical training in orthopedic and advanced arthroscopic and intraarticular laser surgery. Research and training at the CORL focuses on cartilage metabolism, regeneration and biostimulation.

“It would bring me great satisfaction to establish state-of-the-art teaching and applied research facilities here at UH Hilo,” said Collier. “This would be of great benefit not only to our students, but to the entire University, the local community, and the State. I look forward to helping make that happen.”

Collier succeeds Dr. Jack Fujii who left the dean’s position after 17 years to take a year’s sabbatical. Fujii, a professor of entomology who has been at UH Hilo since 1976, will return to CAFNRM in 2002 to teach.

( Editor’s note: Susan Collins is a public information officer.)
Shehata named NAMA Advisor of the Year

Dr. Sabry Shehata, professor of agricultural economics and agri-business, received the national award as Outstanding Advisor of the Year 2000, for his effort, dedication and commitment to the UH Hilo National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) Student Chapter. The award was presented at the national NAMA meeting in Kansas City, MO. Shehata was selected from 34 accredited universities nationwide.

Shehata led students at UH Hilo to participate in marketing competition and trade shows for the past eight years. Students develop a comprehensive marketing plan on a specific topic of their choice and compete nationally. The competition is judged and critiqued by professional agri-marketers.

“These activities have an added bonus where students are allowed to showcase their talents and form networks with NAMA professionals to open doors to their future careers,” Shehata said. “Students learn marketing and communication skills while gaining exposure to the business community.”

In 1994 and again in 1998, UH Hilo-NAMA students reached the semifinals. In 1999, the group took it a step further to earn a spot in the final four, placing third.

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sons the university experienced in the last decade, through initiating new programs, restructuring and organizing the department, establishing new policies, and increasing funding activities. Most notably, she accentuated student-athletes’ academic and athletic excellence, incorporating their significance into the entire university’s environment.

“My priorities here at UH Hilo are clear,” said McNally. “First, I want to address the community’s concern with the success of the athletic program. Success to the community usually means winning, but with that must also come the success of graduating our athletes, of developing quality student-athletes.

“Second,” continued McNally, who will be UH Hilo’s first full-time female athletic director, “I want to address the lack of female visibility, both as athletes and as staff.”

To address this second goal, McNally brings some weighty credentials. Involved in both the regional and national levels of the NCAA for over 15 years, McNally was part of the original group of NCAA administrators who designed gender equity initiatives for the organization. These initiatives, stemming from the federally mandated Title IX educational amendment, were put in place to counter traditional trends in collegiate athletics that resulted in more funding and more support going towards male programs, leaving women little or no opportunities of participating in sport’s programs.

In addition, on the administration side of college athletics, McNally helped create the NCAA support system for minorities and women through the development of the post-graduate scholarship program and the NCAA internship programs. These initiatives support women after their college student-athlete careers, positioning them to become future leaders in athletics.

But lest this give the impression that McNally has arrived at UH Hilo with a single agenda, she also carries with her a track record of developing programs that give every student-athlete quality opportunities to develop as individuals, and as team players, with the highest standards of physical and mental well-being.

“Academic needs of individual athletes differ,” she explained, “so some students may need computers, others may require telecommunications so that they do not miss class. We are responsible for providing the very best opportunities for student athletes to develop themselves both academically and athletically.”

But McNally strongly believes that the athletic program can not be developed in a vacuum, and this is where her third priority comes in.

“I sense that there has been a disconnection here at UH Hilo between the University community and athletics as an entity,” McNally stated. “Coaches must get involved with the academic lives of athletes, and as the philosophy of the NCAA states, the student-athlete experience should be an integral part of the University.

“This will also help build the campus into a residential community,” she added.

Dr. Michael A. Collier (left), dean of the UH Hilo College of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resource Management, congratulates Dr. Sabry Shehata with being named NAMA Outstanding Advisor of the Year 2000.
Manu Aluli Meyer, Assistant Professor of Education, has been asked by the UH Press to publish her thesis: “Native Hawaiian Epistemology: Contemporary Narratives.” It is a philosophical look at ancient and modern ideas of epistemology specific to the indigenous peoples of Hawai‘i.

Kalena Silva, Professor of Hawaiian/Hawaiian Studies, presented a paper at the language conference, “Bilingualism at the Ends of the Earth,” held at the University of Waikato at Hamilton, New Zealand. Entitled “Hawaiian Medium Education at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo,” the paper focuses on the major role that UH Hilo’s College of Hawaiian Language continues to play in the growing Hawaiian medium education movement in Hawai‘i and on the recently developed Hawaiian educational philosophy, “Ke Kumu Honua Mauli Ola,” which is reshaping the College’s programs.

Bob Watson, Associate Professor of Political Science, appeared on MSNBC and CNBC over the holidays where he discussed First Ladies Hillary Clinton and Laura Bush. He was also interviewed by the Scripps Howard news service for a January newspaper article on Mrs. Clinton and was interviewed by three Los Angeles Times reporters for background information on Laura Bush’s first ladyship. Additionally, Watson served as guest editor of a special issue of the Social Science Journal (vol 37, no 4, 2000) on the first ladies, which was released over the holidays. He was also the featured guest on CNN.com’s live online chat room, discussing presidential families as part of CNN’s inauguration events, as well as interviewed and quoted in a recent USA TODAY article about the inauguration and new first lady.

Wayne Miyamoto, Professor of Art, is presenting a large intaglio piece in National Printmaking, 2001, a national competition at the College of New Jersey in Ewing, NJ. He is also exhibiting work in the Fourteenth Parkside National Small Print Exhibition at the University of Wisconsin. The exhibition was jured by Mark Pascale, associate curator, Prints and Drawings at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Andrew Grabar, Assistant Professor of Art, has been included in the following exhibits: the Sixth International Biennial Print of Miniature Arts, Cultural Center Gornji Milanovac, Yugoslavia, October 2000-January 2001; Ochiul: The Eye, International Mail Art Exhibition, The Cultural Foundation “International Graphics Biennial CLUJ,” Ethnographical Museum of Transylvania CLUJ-NAPOCA, November 2000.

Keehong Kim, Visiting Assistant Professor of Art, is a juror for the 2001 Pacific Rim International Print Exhibition, which opens at UH Hilo this month. The exhibition features work in printmaking media from throughout the U.S. and the Pacific Rim and is funded in part through a grant from the Hawai‘i State Foundation in Culture and the Arts.

Jerry Calton, Associate Professor of Management, will participate in “Achieving Accountability, Controlling Corruption” held this month in Miami, FL. The meeting brings invited scholars together with practitioners from business, law, government and civic organizations. Calton will also present a paper, “Stakeholder Learning Dialogues and the Paradox of Pluralism” at the eleventh annual meeting of the International Association for Business & Society at Sedona, AZ next month. He is on sabbatical for the spring semester.

Jon-Pierre Michaud, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, has been awarded $134,000 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to investigate possible associations between atmospheric sub-micron aerosols and sul-
Faculty-sponsored workshops feature assessment of writing, science learning

by Dr. April Komenaka

This Spring, UH Hilo faculty can participate in a number of workshops funded by UH Hilo Self Study Assessment Grants. February’s workshop series, sponsored by the English Department, is aimed at faculty doing or thinking of doing Writing Intensive courses — for any faculty, for that matter, who integrate writing into their courses. April workshops sponsored by the Chemistry Department are designed for faculty in the natural and applied sciences.

Scheduled for February 12, 13, and 14, Dr. Sidney I. Dobrin’s series of three seminars will cover a number of issues relating to writing and writing assessment. The first two sessions will have the broadest scope and will be most useful for faculty throughout the University.

During the first seminar, Dr. Dobrin will discuss various theories about student writing in the curriculum, how and why to incorporate writing into particular courses, and what types of assignments allow for the greatest potential for learning. He’ll include examples relevant to a number of disciplines.

The second day’s seminar will address ways to design writing assignments and evaluate and assess student writing. Dr. Dobrin will pay particular attention to the grading of student writing, offering advice about process-based grading, portfolios, summary and in-text remarks on student papers, and using technology in grading written work. Strategies can be used in all courses where writing is used to enhance learning.

The final seminar will probably be of most interest to English and Languages faculty. Dr. Dobrin will examine current trends in writing program development, outlining the types of courses necessary for a successful undergraduate writing major, ways to improve the quality and content of existing writing courses, and how to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the writing track in English.

Dr. Dobrin is Director of Writing Programs at the University of Florida. He has published a number of books and articles addressing theories and pedagogies of writing, including Composition Theory for the Postmodern Classroom and Constructing Knowledges: The Politics of Theory-Building and Pedagogy in Composition. Dr. Dobrin especially welcomes the participation of faculty who have little or no experience incorporating writing into their courses.

Dr. Christian Weisser, UH Hilo assistant professor of English, will be announcing the English seminar times and locations shortly. You can email him at weisser@hawaii.edu or call him at x47570 if you have questions or suggestions.

Dr. Ernest Kho, professor and chair of chemistry, will announce dates, times, and locations of Dr. James Hill’s two-day workshop later in the semester. Dr. Hill is Professor and Chair of the Chemistry Department at California State University, Sacramento, and will present multiple means of assessing student performance and program effectiveness in the natural and applied sciences.

If your department would like to sponsor similar workshops or bring in an assessment expert in your field, please apply for an Assessment Grant as soon as possible. Deadline for all applications is March 16, 2001. You can download proposal instructions and guidelines from the Accreditation Web site at www.uhh.hawaii.edu/~accred or call Helen (x47579) or April (x47476) and we’ll get them to you promptly.

(Editor’s note: Dr. April Komenaka serves as co-chair of the UH Hilo Self Study Steering Committee.)

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fur dioxide and lung function in asthmatic children in Hilo. This is the second grant Michaud has received from CDC, and combines with a previous EPA grant to total $354,000.

Bill Mautz, Assistant Professor of Biology, has been invited to present a paper at the upcoming Federation of Societies for Experimental Biology annual meeting in April in Orlando, FL. He will participate in a symposium sponsored by the American Physiological Society on “Combined Impact of Temperature and Exercise Stress on the Physiological Response to Toxic Agents.” The proceedings of the symposium are scheduled to be published in the journal Environmental Research.
International Nights 2001

This year's International Nights will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 2, 3 and 4, at the UH Hilo Theatre. Admission is $6 general, and $3 for UH Hilo/HawCC students with valid student ID. Tickets will be available from the Theatre Box Office beginning February 12.

Program I on Friday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. will consist of performances by international students and community members. A completely different set of performances will comprise Program II on Saturday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. A combination of certain performances from each of the two evenings will be included in the matinee performance on Sunday, March 4, at 2:00 p.m.

International Nights have been presented by the UH Hilo International Student Association for over 20 years. This year's programs include performances representing Okinawa, Pohnpei, Chuuk, United States, Yap, West Africa, the Marshall Islands, Tahiti, the Philippines, Palau, Kosrae, Samoa, Hawai'i, and others. Students from the many diverse cultures share their cultural backgrounds through their performances, leaving an unforgettable experience for audience and performers alike.

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McNally believes that the growth of the University into a residential campus of 5,000 students, a goal set forth by UH Hilo's Strategic Plan, will be greatly helped through the development of the athletic program.

"Athletes are viable to that growth," McNally explained, "because they are committed to five or six years of attendance. If the athletic venues are of a quality level, and athletes are properly recruited both locally and nationally, the University as a whole benefits."

In addition to membership on numerous committees of the NCAA, McNally's professional experience includes participation in the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) as well as the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Association (ECAC).

McNally's honors include the West Chester University Athletic Hall of Fame (1995), South Jersey Field Hockey Coaches Hall of Fame (1994) and Coach of the Year in field hockey (1980) where two of her athletes were sent to the 1980 and 1984 Olympics. She also has eight years experience teaching and coaching at the high school level.

McNally earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education (K-12) from West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania, in 1969, and is currently earning a Master's in Professional Communications from LaSalle University, Philadelphia.

Of her large family, which includes six children and six grandchildren, McNally will be joined here in Hilo by her husband and 23-year-old son.

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