UH Hilo becoming a major player in research funding

by Ken Hupp

As Chancellor, Dr. Rose Tseng can point to a highly visible set of accomplishments at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

The new multi-million dollar state-of-the-art University Classroom Building (UCB) and Marine Science building, a modern entryway complete with signage, a newly paved and landscaped Theatre parking lot, new high tech tenants in the University Park of Science and Technology, and a covered walkway pavilion area under construction between the UCB and Campus Center are but a few of the high profile capital improvements that have transformed the University since Tseng arrived in 1998.

Yet one of her proudest accomplishments has remained below the radar screen to many, despite its widespread benefits.

For the past three fiscal years, UH Hilo has quietly experienced a dramatic increase in the amount of extramural funding, or grants coming to the University. From $4.7 million during the 1998-99 fiscal year, the amount of extramural funding awarded to the University has steadily increased, reaching $14.6 million during the last fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2002. That brought the total of extramural dollars to $31 million since Tseng’s arrival, with the possibility of topping $40 million this year.

And the news gets even better.

Tseng has also negotiated the return of 84 percent of all indirect charges back to UH Hilo. That allows the University to utilize more dollars from each grant for infrastructure and capacity building such as office furniture, supplies and laboratory and classroom equipment as old and worn out instruments are replaced with new, state-of-the-art equipment. At the same time, more dollars from each grant are returned to the Principle Investigator for their discretionary use.

The results are a testimonial to a new, contagious spirit of cooperation that has helped UH Hilo become a major player in a highly competitive field.

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comprised of a Research Coordination Office chaired by Dr. Dan Brown, and the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai‘i Office on campus directed by David “Kawika” Lovell. It was a goal identified early as an important linchpin in Tseng’s overall vision for UH Hilo, although she gives much of the credit to her staff and faculty.

“When I first came here I wanted to develop a shared vision that encompassed what the entire UH Hilo ‘ohana wanted to see accomplished,” Tseng said. “What I heard during our discussions was a strong desire to obtain a greater share of grant monies and some good ideas on what it would take to make it happen. To that end I pledged my support.”

Brown, who has taught at UH Hilo since 1977, believes the change in atmosphere goes to the heart of the matter in understanding what has transpired.

“The Chancellor has created an atmosphere where grant activities are viewed as encouraged and supported,” Brown said. “I believe her main achievement has been to gain autonomy for UH Hilo over most of its grant activities. Previously, anyone who wanted to apply for grants had to fly to Honolulu to have Manoa staff approve their applications.”

Dr. Don Price, project director of the Experimental Project to Stirulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) who attracts money to Honolulu to have Manoa staff approve their applications.

“Having the RCUH-Hilo office has allowed our researchers to develop ideas and proposals that otherwise would not have been allowed to go forth,” said Terrilani Chong, EPSCoR project coordinator, and a former RCUH grants development and management coordinator. “The extra flexibility the office provides also enables us to do a better job when it comes to crafting our grants.”

As a service agency, RCUH is exempt from State statutes on personnel and procurement. That allows it to process transactions more expeditiously by functioning more like a business with its own personnel, payroll, accounting, and disbursing systems. Accounts are set-up online with 24-hour Internet access. Now purchase orders, approvals, hiring of project staff, and forwarding of supporting documents are all placed online. Vendors are now paid within two weeks of submitting their invoice. Temporary project staff can now be hired within one week while permanent employees can be hired in 20 days or less.

As RCUH employees, project staff are exempt from civil service requirements. RCUH employees can expect to be paid on the first payday after being hired. They also have a great benefits package including a vested retirement after only one year with RCUH.

RCUH replaces many of the functions formally provided by ORS, but its on-campus location allows proposals to be modified without significant delay, saving both time and money. More importantly, its dedicated team of professionals provides a full range of support services through each step of the grant seeking and servicing process.

Pre-award services are handled by Project Development Specialist Sharyl Kasarkis. Post-award services are managed by Assistant to the Director Paula Gealon, Administrative Services Assistant Doreen Koizumi and Fiscal Accounting Technician Keri Tomita. RCUH Projects Manager Brenda Hamane serves as the work group’s federal construction specialist, facilitating construction projects both locally and around the state.

As coordinator of research, Brown facilitates an open line of communication between the University and RCUH. He helped establish a UH Hilo Research Council, which serves as the chief body making recommendations to the administration on grants and research matters. The council also created and administers an internal awards program to support research activity.

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“We’ve come up with some good programs that allow faculty to travel to conferences to present the results of their research, to apply for seed money grants to begin research that can eventually be supported by external grants,” Brown said. “The council has also established a small research awards program to allow faculty to conduct research in areas that have limited external grant opportunities.”

UH Hilo will also reap benefits from the EPSCoR initiative, a direct result of UH Hilo’s bid to attract more research funding, and which Tseng oversees as chair of the Statewide EPSCoR committee that oversees its direction. Price says the EPSCoR grant will build significant research infrastructure at UH Hilo, while bridging research and training areas with UH Manoa.

“The fields of ecosystem research, evolutionary genetics, and geographical information technology will be greatly enhanced by this program,” Price said. “Faculty in these and related fields will have the types of facilities and colleges that will allow them to continue building the research and training programs that will make UH Hilo become a true teaching/research campus that engages its students to pursue excellence.”

Brown believes the important role that extramural funding and its related activities play in the University community cannot be overstated. He says grant monies enable the University to do things that might otherwise be impossible.

“We have been able to institute several programs for students to obtain hands-on experience in their fields, often with paid employment on high level research projects,” Brown said. “Grants also allow us to bring scholars in for varying lengths of time, so that our students can interact with some of the leading scholars in the nation in many fields.”

Tseng says grant monies help UH Hilo fulfill a mission that extends far beyond the immediate University community.

“In addition to their direct impact, grants have a significant effect on community economies which is an important part of the big picture,” she said. “In the overall scheme of things, our University serves as an economic asset to the community by fostering job creation and preparing students for the jobs of the future.”

“The University has made tremendous strides in the highly competitive world of externally funded research and currently stands alongside the great research universities,” Lovell said. “UH Hilo is now generating so many proposals and attracting so much extramural funding that establishing this Hilo office is deemed to be cost-effective and appropriate.”

Lovell is even more excited about the future as he reviews his database of potential new funding sources.

“When you consider that the funding we are currently attracting is generated by just 20 percent of our faculty, the upside potential is enormous,” Lovell said. “Given Dr. Tseng’s commitment to this effort, along with her leadership team, talented faculty, and a top notch support staff, I have no doubt that UH Hilo will be claiming a much larger slice of the research funding pie.”

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

Career Center offers on-line job listings

During this semester, the UH Hilo Career Center unveiled its on-line job listing program which enables employers to list full-time, part-time, and summer positions and internships on the UH Hilo Career Center Web site. The service is free of charge and available to private and government employers without a fee.

For details, contact the Career Center at x47687 or visit http://career.uhh.hawaii.edu and click on the “Services for Employers” link.

Capital improvements/ legislative initiatives highlight May Focus on UH Hilo

An update on campus projects will highlight the spring semester’s final telecast of Focus on UH Hilo. The program is hosted by Chancellor Rose Tseng, and airs Wednesday evenings from 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Channel 54.

Dr. Jack Whittaker, vice chancellor for administrative affairs, will appear on the May 7th telecast. He will discuss ongoing capital improvements taking place on campus, along with initiatives currently being pursued through the legislative process.

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

Ka Lono Hanakahi is published by the Office of University Relations on the first of the month during the academic year for the faculty and staff of the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo. News and submissions are welcome. Deadlines are on the fifteenth of each month for the following first of the month publication. Contact Alyson Kakugawa-Leong, Director University Publications, College Hall 9; (808) 974-7642 or email alyson@hawaii.edu.
Combine true crime and Hawai‘i and you have a recipe that has proven successful through the years.

Blood and Orchids, the true story about the rape and beating of a Naval officer’s wife in the 1930s and the false accusation of four Native Hawaiians for the crime proved profitable both in book and made-for-TV movie form. The page-turner And the Sea Shall Tell dramatically recounted the slaying of San Diego socialites Malcolm “Mac” and Eleanor “Muff” Graham on Palmyra Island in 1974 by career criminal Buck Walker and the theft of the Grahams’ yacht, the Sea Wind, by Walker and his girlfriend, Stephanie Stearns.

UH Hilo Political Science Professor Dr. Rick Castberg, who is currently on sabbatical and out of the country, and Chris Loos, a lecturer teaching news writing, hope they can tap into that mother lode. The two have completed a true crime book titled MURDER IN PARADISE: A Christmas in Hawai‘i Turns to Tragedy. The book is about the Christmas Eve 1991 rape and murder in the Kapoho area of Dana Ireland, a beautiful 23-year-old Virginia woman on an extended vacation after graduating from college. The victim had been hit by a car and her pelvis was broken. She was then apparently gang-raped and left to die. Avon Books, a division of international publishing giant Harper Collins, has scheduled an August release for the book.

Castberg and Loos started the book as an independent studies project when Loos, who is now the crime reporter for the Hawai‘i Tribune-Herald, was a student at UH Hilo. Castberg, an internationally recognized expert on criminal justice, teaches criminology and law.

“It has the elements of being in Hawai‘i and being on Christmas Eve,” Loos said. “Anyone who has ever been to Hawai‘i or anybody who’s ever dreamed of going to Hawai‘i can imagine being in Hawai‘i on Christmas Eve. And because it was a random crime, anyone can identify with the victim. There may have been other cases on the Big Island that may have been more interesting from a legal perspective, but they didn’t have necessarily as sympathetic a victim. “And then it had the community pushing for justice. It had John Ireland pushing for justice. It had Frank Pauline confessing and recanting his confession. There were some dramatic twists and turns.”

There were some dramatic twists and turns in getting the book published, as well. Iva Goldman, an associate professor of communication at UH Hilo, suggested to Loos that she write a book about the Ireland case, since Loos had covered it on a daily basis as a news anchor-reporter at KIPA Radio. Goldman also recommended that Loos and Castberg attend the Maui Writers’ Conference to meet with agents. While several agents liked the concept of the book, one by one they sent rejection notices after being sent chapters of the first draft.

“So the next year I went back to the Maui Writers’ Conference and met with some more agents,” Loos said. “Rick was in Japan at the time.

“In the meantime, I signed up for the Maui Writers’ Conference Writers’ Workshop, an intensive five-day program where you work on improving your book.”

That turned out to be just what Castberg and Loos needed to get the project off the ground. The authors got the cooperation of John and Louise Ireland, who had campaigned tirelessly to keep Dana’s name and the crime in the public consciousness on the Big Island. Then finally, there came a break in the case that resulted in the 1999 trials of Frank Pauline, Jr. and brothers Albert and Shawn Schweitzer for the heinous act. It was through the Ireland family that Castberg and Loos were able to get information that was not a matter of police or court records.

“We recreated some of the details about Dana’s life from interviews with her friends, her family, her neighbors, from letters she wrote to people,” Loos said. “Everybody who knew her really liked her. Everybody said, ‘How could this have happened to Dana, of all people?’ She was so sweet and loving and the last person that anything bad should ever happen to.’ She was very much into animals and nature, the beautiful side of life.”

Despite a lack of hard evidence linking the three suspects to the crime scene (no DNA from the suspects was found there), the jury convicted the three, based largely on a recanted confession by Pauline, who insisted on taking the witness stand against the advice of his attorney, Clifford Hunt.

“His basic defense was, ‘I’m a liar,’ Loos said. “Apparently, the jury bought it. They just didn’t buy the part of it that he wanted them to.”

Although this is the first authorship collaboration for Castberg and Loos and Loos’ first book, it is not the first time the two have been associated with the recounting of a true crime story. Both appeared separately on the episode of the A&E Television Network’s series City Confidential that gave nationwide exposure to another high profile Big Island murder, that of Yvonne Mathison by her husband, then police
Final designs for new systemwide brand identity presented; two versions available for public comment

The University of Hawai‘i on April 23 released two final designs for the new systemwide identity. Both concepts, along with background information, can be found at www.hawaii.edu/ur/brand.htm. Individuals desiring to comment should do so by May 2, 2003. A final recommendation will be made by a UH systemwide committee later in the month and presented to the Board of Regents (BOR) for its approval at its monthly meeting in May.

In the 2002 strategic plan, the University was charged with advancing the unique identities of each individual college while communicating the benefits of one integrated system. The Office of External Affairs and University Relations immediately began examining how each campus and the University system as a whole was perceived both internally and externally. The University partnered with The Brand Strategy Group, lead by Gloria Garvey and Brook Gramann, to conduct a comprehensive analysis examining perceptions of the University’s institutional identity on its 10 campuses. They conducted interviews, focus groups, and managed a comprehensive study of best practices in education branding.

Their research showed that UH’s brand image was fractured with over 150 logos in use systemwide. They also found that the University had no distinct message or theme and that many programs failed to mention their affiliation with the University of Hawai‘i. Without a consistent brand image, The Brand Strategy Group found that it was nearly impossible for audiences to recognize the values of the University identified by the strategic plan such as access, affordability, excellence, diversity, fairness, and equity. Based on their findings, The Brand Strategy Group strongly recommended the need for a visual identity program.

The University issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) and 14 design firms from Hawai‘i, California, New York and Maryland responded. Six firms were selected as semi-finalists. After a final round of questions, Robert Rytter & Associates was unanimously selected by a systemwide marketing committee based on several factors, including cost, expertise and experience in creating graphic identities for educational institutions.

The process for bringing the brand to life began with the design team visiting every campus and meeting with representatives from the University, the community and the government. In January 2003, Rytter and Associates presented three complete concepts. A systemwide committee selected two of those concepts for further development. The final designs were presented to the UH community for feedback through a series of systemwide meetings during the last two weeks of January. The design firm was paid $82,000 to design the new brand identity and develop its applications for use on all 10 campuses.

As existing supplies are exhausted, the new logo designs and graphics will be incorporated into a wide variety of on-going materials, including the UH Web site, promotional and marketing brochures and University publications, including the alumni magazine. The new brand identity will also be used in local, out-of-state and international recruiting collateral. In some cases, the full transition to the new graphic identity will be phased in over the course of a year to minimize costs and disruption.

The new system logo WILL NOT replace the athletic logos for either UH Hilo or UH Manoa. In addition, the UH seal will remain in place for academic purposes, including diplomas and official documents.
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Jon Cauley, Professor of Economics, had his paper “Adding Value Inside Activity-Based Management/Continuous Improvement Organizations: Some New Applications of Some Old Concepts” accepted for presentation at the American Institute for Accounting Management’s conference on Advances in Management Accounting: New Methodologies and Paradigms. The paper integrates economic concepts with accounting concepts to create new methods and paradigms, and more specifically constructs three tools that can be used by activity-based managers to enhance their ability to add value. The paper was co-authored by Steve Landry.

Sherryl Mleynek, Associate Professor of English, gave a presentation last month at the American Comparative Literature Conference held at California State University at San Marcos. She presented “The Rhetorical Meaning of God in Scientific Discourse” on the “Faith and Science” panel.

Jane Calfee, Instructor of English, had her poem “Advice to Young Women” accepted in Inkwell Magazine. The poem appears in this month’s issue.

Seri Luangphinit, Assistant Professor of English, has been accepted to attend the 2003 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, to be held on O’ahu June 30-August 1. The five-week session will bring together 25 participants for discussions focusing on the cultural and political formations of indigenous identities in the Pacific Islands.

George Jacob, Project Director of the Mauna Kea Astronomy Education Center, was the featured speaker at the Hawai’i Museums Association’s Annual Conference held on O’ahu last month. Additionally, Jacob was selected as a juror for the “Faces of Hawai’i Island” Multi-Media Juried Portrait Exhibition held last month at the East Hawai’i Cultural Center.

Thomas Pinhey, Assistant Professor of Sociology, and Sara Millman, Associate Professor of Sociology, had their paper “Asian-Pacific Adolescent Sexual Orientation and Suicide Risks in Guam” accepted for presentation at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Southwestern Sociological Association in San Antonio, Texas.

Michael West, Associate Professor of Astronomy, has been invited to give a talk on “Intergalactic globular cluster in Abell 1185” at the 2003 General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union, to be held in July in Sydney, Australia. The IAU General Assemblies is held every three years and is among the largest astronomical conferences in the world. West also travels to Chile this month to study star clusters in the Milky Way galaxy using a telescope at the Cerro Tololo Interamerican Observatory.

Patrice Williams-Clayburn, Director of National Student Exchange, Keith Miser, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and Chad Cabral, Resident Manager currently on leave attending graduate school at Colorado State University, presented a program on “Islands and Beaches: An Approach for Students Making Cultural Transitions” at the 2003 National Conference of the American Personnel Association held last month in Minneapolis. The presentation was built around the videotape that was designed by Williams-Clayburn and Jim Mellon, Director of Student Development, to be used at UH Hilo to assist mainland students in

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making a smooth cultural transition to UH Hilo. Additionally, Miser gave two presentations at the conference on student activism. “Student Activism/Student Learning: One Purpose – One Approach” was presented with Jeremy Page from California Polytechnic State University and Mark Denke from Colorado State University. “Responding to Student Protest” was presented by Miser and Cabral. Both sessions were attended by student affairs professionals who were interested in learning more about working with dissenting students.

Philippe Binder, Assistant Professor of Physics, is included in the 2003-2004 edition of Who’s Who in Science and Engineering.

Bill Mautz, Associate Professor of Biology, will make research presentations on the effects of air pollution on amphibians at the 2003 Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in Manaus, Brazil in June along with postdoctoral researcher Mike Dohm and biology major Loney Salas-Ferguson. The trip is funded by a travel grant from the Hawai‘i State Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network with support from the National Institutes of Health Minority Biomedical Research Support program.

Susan Brown, Professor of Psychology, with her students B. Kalani Spain and Karen Crowell, had an article on “A Field Study of the Life History of an Endemic Hawaiian Succineid Land Snail” accepted for publication in Malacologia (vol. 45).

Wayne Miyamoto, Professor of Art, has been invited to serve on the Arts in Public Spaces Program Acquisition Committee for the Hawai‘i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts during 2003. He has also been selected for inclusion in the 25th edition of Who’s Who in American Art and in the 6th edition of Who’s Who in American Education, which will be published this year.

Judith Fox-Goldstein, Director of Conferencing, presented “Entrepreneurialism... Discovering Niche Markets, Future Trends and Innovative Programs in Educational and Cultural Tourism” at the 23rd Annual International Association of Collegiate Conference Directors held last month in Orlando, Florida. The presentation was awarded one of three “Best of Show” honors.

Barbara Gibson, Assistant Professor of Geography & Environmental Studies, received a supplement to a grant in the amount of $14,200 from the Hawai‘i County Fire Department for her project on “Geographical Response Study of Hazardous Materials Incidents and Terroristic Events, Hawai‘i County.”

End of the year ceremony to recognize faculty/staff

The University community is invited to attend the Chancellor’s Celebration and Recognition Ceremony, to be held on Thursday, May 1 at 3 p.m. in Campus Center 306-307.

This year’s event will honor four faculty and staff members for the following awards: Outstanding Advisor/Mentor Award; Award for Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activity; Professional Staff Award; and Outstanding University Support Service Employee Award.

See you there!
Mushroom field guide receives rave reviews

The newly published field guide *Mushrooms of Hawai‘i*, coauthored by UH Hilo Biology Professor Dr. Don Hemmes and Dennis Desjardin of San Francisco State University, has received rave reviews from professional mycologists and scientific journals.

“What a delightful book!” writes David Hawksworth, past president of the British Mycological Society in *Mycotaxon*. “And written by two leading mycologists with unrivaled knowledge of the macromycetes of Hawai‘i. ... The book merits its attention not only from mycologists visiting the islands, but those contemplating their own introductory guides who may gain ideas on presentation from it.”

M. J. Richardson, reviewer for *Mycologist*, the official journal of the British Mycological Society, says “This is the first field guide ever written about the wondrous variety of Hawaiian fungi... it certainly does them justice... We congratulate you on a really superior work!”

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“Congratulations on a beautiful piece of work. Your photographs are just superb! ... You have set a very comfortable and Hawaiian tone to the text, most enjoyable,” writes Roger Goos, University of Rhode Island and past president of the Mycological Society of America.

And so on go the reviews. Hemmes has been a sought after speaker since the field guide was published. He was invited by the American Association for the Advancement of Science to be a featured speaker at its regional meetings in Hawai‘i this past summer and by the congress organizers of the Asian-Pacific Mycological Society to be a symposium speaker at the Asian-Pacific Mycology Congress in Kunming, China, last November. Between these meetings he presented a paper on Hawaiian *Lepiota* at the Annual Meetings of the Mycological Society of America at Oregon State University and on Hawaiian gasteromycetes at the International Mycology Congress in Oslo.

*Mushrooms of Hawai‘i* was published by Ten Speed Press in Berkeley and is available at local book stores.

Commencement Address

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Inouye gained nationwide prominence in 1968 when he delivered the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago as a member of the Senate Watergate Committee in 1973 and 1974, and as chair of the Senate Select Committee on Secret Military Assistance to Iran and the Nicaraguan Opposition, which held public hearings on the Iran-Contra Affair in 1987.

Throughout his career, Inouye has championed the interests of Hawai‘i’s people. In 1993, he was instrumental in engineering the restoration and return of Kahoolawe, a former military target practice site, to the State of Hawai‘i. He has also fought for improved health care for all children, additional jobs for Hawai‘i’s economy, affordable housing and the protection of the nation’s natural resources.

Inouye is also credited with spearheading two major initiatives, which will reside in UH Hilo’s University Park of Science and Technology. Inouye championed the development of the $40 million Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center, and is responsible for securing $18 million in federal funds to finish the first phase of the project. He also initiated procurement of $21.95 million in federal funds for the Mauna Kea Astronomy Education Center.

Inouye’s commencement address will reunite him with longtime friend and political associate, Henry Giugni, who will receive an honorary bachelor’s degree. Giugni, Inouye’s Chief of Staff from 1963 to 1986, served as the U.S. Senate’s Sergeant–at–Arms from 1987 to 1990 and has participated in each of Inouye’s campaigns dating back to 1957.

Ann Haggerty, a four-year starter for the UH Hilo women’s volleyball team will represent the graduating class as student speaker. An Oregon native, Haggerty attended Douglas McKay High School in Salem, before earning a volleyball scholarship to attend UH Hilo.

Equally adept both on and off the court, Haggerty was a three-time member of the Pacific West Conference all academic team and made the Deans List four times. She has maintained a 3.6 GPA majoring in psychology with a minor in communication. Her post-graduate plans include attending graduate school at Denver University, where she hopes to earn a masters in forensic psychology.

For more information on commencement, contact Haunani Bernardino at 47705 or email haunani@hawaii.edu. For special accommodations, contact Susan Shirachi Gonsalves at 30816 (V) or 47335 (TTY). Requests for special accommodations should be made at least 10 business days prior to the event.
Accreditation update

by Dr. April Komenaka

On March 19-20, close to 50 UH Hilo faculty, students, staff, and administrators met with our WASC site team. The purpose of the site visit was to evaluate UH Hilo’s preparedness for the educational effectiveness review March 2003-March 2004, and to indicate how WASC can help us to become a more learning-centered institution.

The team, led by Dr. Robert Suzuki, president of California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, concluded their visit with an open meeting late on March 20. By May 2003, the team will send us an official report with recommendations.

In the meantime, here are the main points made by Dr. Suzuki at the exit briefing:

• The team commends UH Hilo for its progress in student learning assessment and program review, in faculty research development and faculty diversity, in institutional research and planning, in governance and policy, in extramural grants for students, and in striving to improve the transfer and advising processes.

• The team expressed concern about the very low rate of student persistence to graduation—about 38%—and asserted that we must continue in our efforts to promote student learning and student success. The University, the team asserted, must have a stronger focus on student learning and higher expectations of student performance while also addressing real remediation needs in math and other basic skills.

• All departments must formulate measurable student learning goals and document student learning.
• The University must attend to the results of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), which identify many areas for improvement in teaching and learning.
• The course/teaching evaluation instrument should be revised to foster good teaching practices.
• Courses and components of the General Education program must meet hallmarks and formulate measurable learning objectives.
• Course syllabi must consistently state learning objectives for GE and for the major.
• The University must develop a structure for delivering faculty development on student learning.

• The team had strong recommendations for improvements in institutional planning, budget, and processes:

  ▪ System management of the budget must be more coherent, predictable, and equitable—a recommendation that is being made by the site team that reviewed the system between March 14-18.
  ▪ UH Hilo’s organizational structure and governance structure needs to be streamlined. In the long-term, the team recommended reorganization of CAS and elimination of the college senates, with the congress assuming responsibility for curriculum and other broad academic matters.
  ▪ All programs, not just academic, must use institutional research.
  ▪ The University must develop a faculty diversity plan.
  ▪ External, non-state sources of funding must be aggressively sought by the University and by faculty.
  ▪ Program review recommendations must be prioritized and funded.

The institutional review of educational effectiveness has been underway since summer 2000, when we began our WASC self study, and the review will conclude with the March 2004 WASC site team visit.

With the cooperation of all members of the University community, it is possible that UH Hilo will not only become stronger as a learning institution, but will also receive full accreditation, an affirmation that we have processes in place and general commitment to practices that we can sustain for the next eight years. If we are not able to achieve these, we are subject to a public warning, such as the one issued to UH Mānoa—an action which had the excellent result of forcing Mānoa to radically revise their General Education program and institute assessment in all programs.

We would like to make these changes on our own steam because we want to do what is best for our students.

(Editor’s note: Dr. April Komenaka is co-chair, UH Hilo Self Study Steering Committee.)
The Hawai‘i Island Chamber of Commerce held another successful Scholarship Auction on March 6, 2003 at the Campus Center with the highlight of the evening being a Roast of Chancellor Rose Tseng.

There were nearly 200 guests in attendance to enjoy the wonderful food and fellowship and get some very good deals in the Silent Auction and Live Auction, which were made possible by the generous donations of our members and others in the community.

You may wonder how the Roasters could possibly have anything negative to say about our soft-spoken Chancellor. Of course, they couldn’t come up with anything negative but they did have some rather pointed remarks. Jim Wilson spoke from a newspaper reporter’s point-of-view. Bobby Cooper made all of his remarks in Chinese, which then had to be translated on a power point program. Gerald DeMello spoke of trips to the legislature with her. Paula Helfrich dressed as three different people with opinions of the Chancellor. Newton Chu had a report from Homeland Security.

Needless to say, the Chancellor had the last word and in her quiet way let the Roasters know who was in charge. Bet those Roasters will not tangle with her anytime soon.

Through the generosity of our donors, guests and Chancellor Tseng, we netted over $14,000 for our scholarship fund to continue helping students at UH Hilo and Hawai‘i Community College.

Special Mahalos go to the committee members and the HICC staff who worked together to make this another successful event for the Chamber and our community.

(Editor’s note: Sharon Scheele served as auction chair for the 15th annual event.)
The University Canoe Club’s UGotta Regatta (!) was held March 25, 2003 at Hilo Bayfront under clear blue skies. The windless, flat conditions gave UH Hilo/HawCC crews who had tagged themselves such names as “Wicked Wahines,” “The Bookies,” “Rush ‘um” and “The Bentos” even racing lanes as they stroked their way to the finish line. Shown above are “Yomami,” winners of the mixed novice crew division: (l-r) Meidor Hu, Gregg Hirata, Jo Kessler, Wayne Miyamoto, Rod Floro (steersman), Mike Stein and Mahealani Jones.

UGotta Regatta Too Spring 2003

UGotta Regatta’s Men’s Open 1-1/2 mile Buoy run included a competitive race between the older, treacherous “Marzen” crew and a youthful “Na Kanaka Momona” crew. “Na Kanaka” prevailed despite the photo finish. The University Canoe Club will continue to offer recreational paddling Thursdays and Fridays at 4:30 pm and Sundays from 2:00-4:30 pm until the end of May (No practice May 4). Dues for faculty/staff are $15 per semester.
Campus Events

May

1  Chancellor’s Celebration and Recognition Ceremony, 3 p.m., CC 306-307
17  Commencement, 9 a.m., New Gym
7  Last day of instruction
   Focus on UH Hilo, 8 p.m., Channel 54
19  Final grades due at Registrar’s Office
12-16  Final examinations
26  Spring semester ends
16  UH Hilo Alumni Assoc’s Graduation Reception, 4:30 p.m., Athletic Complex Weight Room
30  Last day to apply for 2003 Summer graduation