

# Alumni Week 2002

## The Ultimate High School Homecoming

By Gerry Johansen '60  
KS Alumni Coordinator

When Kamehameha Schools celebrates class reunions, it is the ultimate high school homecoming. It's a week full of activities planned by celebrating classes, chaired by succeeding classes and manpowered by past celebrating classes. It is really all three groups working together as one family.

Alumni Week at Kamehameha's Kapālama Campus, held this year June 2-9 with a theme of "Pōhai Ke Aloha," is an experience where the hands of time are turned back and classmates revisit the hallowed halls of Keōua and Konia. This year's reunioning classes were those whose graduation years ended in the numbers 2 or 7.

Alumni Week enables graduates to return home to Kamehameha... to be with our class brothers and sisters...to "catch up" and to *wala'au* among ourselves. It is a time to share the *aloha* we feel within our hearts for our school, our founder Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, and most importantly, for each other. Alumni Week is all about embracing our Kamehameha family through the classes – each and every one – from the oldest to the youngest members.

Alumni Week 2002 initiated new activities such as the Sunday opening chapel service which honored our founder, Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop. Each celebrating class offered a *ho'okupu* in her honor; some classes presented an *oli* or a chant with their *ho'okupu*. On Monday, the gifts were then taken to Mauna 'Ala, where before entering the grounds, a *mele kāhea* and *mele kōmo* were offered before a brief ceremony. In place of visiting 'Iolani Palace, as reunioning classes had done in years' past, alumni visited Queen Emma Summer Palace.

Another new activity was replacing the KINE Radio Show luncheon with the Kanikapila Luncheon under a big, white tent on Konia Field. This first-time event had alumni and guests singing and dancing in the aisles (songbooks with names of composers, song history and translation of the songs were given to each participant as a keepsake) and laughter resounding endlessly.

A Taste of Kamehameha was another new event this year - a challenge for celebrating classes to earn bragging rights for their culinary talents. Some of the entries were: smoked meat with asparagus tips; Portuguese bean soup w/ rice; cheese stroganoff; Hawaiian smoothies; Moloka'i bread pudding; and "ono kine" malasadas.

A display and demonstration of alumni artisans was also added to the week's schedule of events. There were works of tile and wood sculpturing, feather *lei*-making, Hawaiian mat weaving, *tapa*-making, etc. Hawaiian martial arts, or *lua*, was demonstrated under the tent on Konia Field.

The week's schedule also included the President's Reception, a Health Fair, a tour of KS properties on O'ahu, CEO/Trustees Reception at Kawaiaha'o Plaza, a Fashion Show, golf and tennis tournaments, Talent Night, the ever-popular *pā'ina* or *lū'au* and the closing memorial chapel service.

One has to experience Alumni Week at Kamehameha to really know the significance of all that takes place. Alumni Week is about classmates standing side by side, hand in hand, and heart to heart. It is a coming together of one family – the Kamehameha family, and surrounded by love...*pōhai ke aloha*. Alumni Week at Kamehameha is truly the ultimate high school homecoming.

## '32

### Class of '32

By Violet Cummings Awai '32

As I entered the gate to Kapālama Campus on Sunday afternoon, June 2, 2002, my heart and mind told me that I was going to enjoy a wonderful reunion week.

The trees along the drive to Bishop Memorial Chapel had grown tall and beautiful, each saying, "Happy anniversary, classmates." Yes, those trees are our classmates because we helped to plant them on Arbor Day, October 1930 and 1931.

The opening Sunday service at the chapel prepared us to have the spirit of the Lord prevail that all plans for Alumni Week 2002 would be successful. My classmate **Samuel Chang '32** and I realize that time is short for us, so we decided we were going to enjoy as many events of reunion week as possible.

Kamehameha may be known for its sports and music, but the creative talents that were presented at the Talent Night were hilarious. Sammy and I represented our class of 1932 that night, and we received a standing ovation. It's for sure, every "Kamehamehan" can sing, regardless of age.

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Violet Cummings Awai and Samuel Chang At Talent Night

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- GEORGE KAHANU '37

We remember the rocky hillside where we once trekked. Today, we see this area developed to build a swimming pool and a needed athletic complex.

Kamehameha's floral float featuring Lili'uokalani's piano was a piece of art displayed in Saturday's King Kamehameha Floral Celebration Parade. That evening, the air was filled with music and laughter as we all enjoyed the "delicious" food at the *lū'au*.

Sunday morning's closing chapel service honored classmates who have gone before us. As I departed, I looked back up at my former home, where I had received many opportunities offered me in preparing for my future life - and thought to myself - "You're my own in my beautiful memories."

## '37

### Class of '37

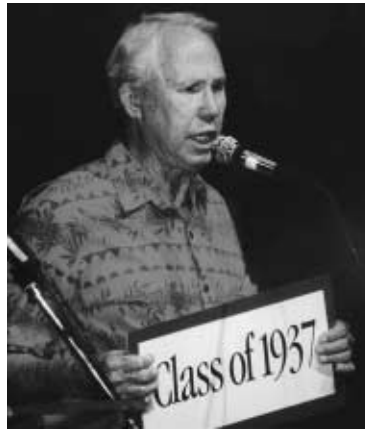
By **George Kahanu '37**

Alumni Week 2002 brought back many memories for members of the KS Class of 1937. We are few in numbers now, but the stories and adventures of our Kamehameha days are endless.

Those who were able to attend activities during the week express a deep and sincere sense of appreciation for the many hands involved in helping to make our stay on campus a most memorable one.



KS Class of 1942



George Kahanu '37 recaps life on Jarvis Island in the 1930's.

Classmates attending the different activities were **Arthur Harris, Clarence Wilmington, Samuel Kalama, Alexander In and George Kahanu**. We are forever grateful for all the opportunities Kamehameha has given and continues to give us.

## '42

### Class of '42

By **Mary Tyau Lock '42**

Our 60th class reunion has come and gone but the wonderful memories remain. We were seniors when World War II started, and we witnessed the bombing of Pearl Harbor from Senior Cottage - the highest building on campus then.

Seventeen girls entered Kamehameha School for Girls in 1936 as boarders. We graduated 22 girls and 35 boys in 1942. Living together for six years, the bonds of friendship are tight. We keep in close contact, going on trips, having parties and picnics, etc.

A class newsletter is sent to all classmates two or three times a year. The return to campus for the reunion classes brought back happy Kamehameha memories. Many girls and guys have health problems and could not attend the events during Alumni Week. We realize we need to meet yearly - five years is too long to wait.

Thank you, Dr. Michael Chun, Kamehameha trustees and the Alumni Relations staff for making our reunion such a memorable one. *Me ke aloha pumehana.*

## '47

### Class of '47

By **Dorothea K. Cobb-Adams Nary '47**

On behalf of myself and other members of **KS '47**, I'd like to thank the staff of Parents and Alumni Relations and everyone else who had a hand in putting together such a great Alumni Week 2002. Our class certainly felt special with the show put on by the **KS '60 hālau**, singing, dancing and the wonderful antics, etc. by "Georgie." We truly appreciate the thoughtfulness.

The "Taste of Kamehameha" was a fun activity as we teamed with **KS '57** serving Portuguese bean soup and rice (we provided the rice - you can tell we are real talented!).

The food at the *pā'ina* was very good - warm or cold as the case may be. **KS '73** did a good job of providing ample space for the different classes and everyone was so helpful and friendly.

And what an occasion Talent Night turned out to be; the two **KS '92** representatives certainly did a great job in putting on the political corruption skit. It was well received and both **Mele Apana** and **Bruce Watson** deserve every praise offered them. Our kudos.

Once again, many, many thanks for all the *kōkua* in making our 55th reunion a memorable one. We are looking forward to 2007 and *Ke Aka* willing, we will be there.

*I Mua Kamehameha!*



Lorraine Kaina '47 has her blood pressure checked by Victoria Punua-McGinnis '78 during the June 6 Health Fair.