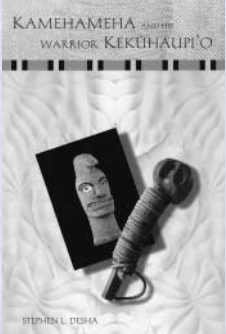


Hitting the Books

With a new director and a new direction, the Kamehameha Schools Press is gearing up for expansion



Kamehameha and His Warrior Kekūhaupi'ō named Book of the Year

Published by the Kamehameha Schools Press, written by Stephen L. Desha and translated by Frances N. Frazier, *Kamehameha and His Warrior Kekūhaupi'ō* has been recognized by the Hawai'i Book Publishers Association as the 2001 "Samuel Mānaiakalani Kamakau Hawai'i Book of the Year" and as the Ka Palapala Po'okela winner for Excellence in General Hawaiian Culture. The book also received Ka Palapala Po'okela honorable mention in the Excellence in Nonfiction Books category. In addition, Frazier won the Excellence in Writing Literature award for her English translation of Desha's Hawaiian language text while Desha was individually honored with the Excellence in Writing Nonfiction award.



Frances N. Frazier poses with a host of awards from the Hawai'i Book Publishers Association for her work on *Kamehameha and His Warrior Kekūhaupi'ō*.

There's good news on the horizon for students, authors and readers with an interest in Hawaiian topics.

Taking aim at two key Strategic Plan initiatives, the Kamehameha Schools Press has been established as a separate division within Kamehameha Schools, has a new director to lead it and is in the process of increasing its staff.

The changes are in response to recommendations from the 1999-2000 "President's Task Force on Kamehameha Schools Academic and Scholarly Publishing," initiated by KS President and Kapālama Campus Headmaster Dr. Michael Chun.

"In defining the press as a separate division, Chief Executive Officer Dr. Hamilton McCubbin has followed long-established academic models for scholarly and educational publishing," said Henry Bennett, who was named director of KS Press in August. "KS Press both serves and represents the entire institution, all campuses and all elements."

The newly revamped operation is expected to help address two points within Kamehameha's Strategic Plan – serving more people of Hawaiian ancestry and supporting education in *'Ike Hawai'i* (Hawaiian history, culture, language and literature, collectively).

"In many ways, KS Press is the most effective way for Kamehameha to reach the largest numbers of our target audience in the Hawaiian community and share *'Ike Hawai'i*," Bennett said.

With just one dedicated staff position over about the last decade, KS Press has issued roughly five new, revised or reprinted publications annually. These include reference books on Hawaiian history, adult- and student-level biographies of key figures in Hawaiian history, collections of Hawaiian folklore, and curriculum materials for the teaching of Hawaiian history and studies at various grade levels.

"Substantially adding to the present limited number of culturally relevant publications in both English and Hawaiian is critical to the success of all Kamehameha Schools concerns for Hawaiian literacy," Bennett said. "With the press, Kamehameha can vastly broaden its support of education for Hawaiians and the community at large."

Kamehameha Schools Press traces its roots to the School's early years, when students learned printing as a craft, producing publications such as newspapers and manuals. The first book



From left, **Mary Desha** Namahoe '47, **John Rollin Desha** '41 and Elizabeth Hawea Waiiau, grandchildren of the late Stephen L. Desha, accept the Excellence in Writing Nonfiction award from the Hawai'i Book Publishers Association.

identified as a Kamehameha Schools Press publication was *Ancient Hawaiian Civilization*, published in 1933.

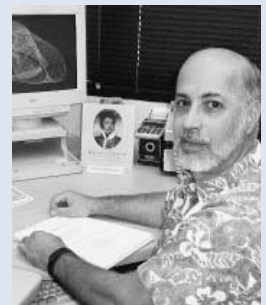
In-house printing ended in the 1970s when Kamehameha's curriculum shifted from vocational to college preparatory.

"The challenge for KS Press is to broaden the scope of our culturally relevant materials to reach both the very youngest of would-be readers to the advanced students of Hawaiian culture – all without losing our dedicated support of the central kindergarten through grade 12 years," Bennett said.

"We have every reason to expect that the press has only just begun to fulfill its publishing purpose by playing a leading role in the continuing renaissance of the Hawaiian culture, the Hawaiian language and the Hawaiian community at large."

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