



KS IN THE NEWS

STUDENT AND ALUMNI WORK SCREENED

As part its 20th anniversary celebration in November, the Hawai'i International Film Festival (HIIF) featured both first-time screenings and retrospective works from past festivals by Hawai'i filmmakers.

In addition to the much-anticipated premiere of the Hawaiian language film by director **Marcus Kala'iokona Ontai '93**, *Ka'ililauokekoa*, Kamehameha television production teacher Patricia Gillespie – whose own films have been honored by HIIF – said the festival also presented a retrospective of Kamehameha Schools' works.

"*Bridging the Past with the Future* is a video documentary of the World Indigenous People's Conference held in Hilo two years ago," Gillespie said.

"The documentary was produced in 2000 by six of Kamehameha's Advanced Video Production students: **Michelle Meuller '00**, **Chris Luke '00**, **Morgan Kapololu '00**, **Kaleihoaloha Arnold '00**, **Crystal Castillo '00** and Kasia Makahanaloa of the Class of 2001.

"The documentary looked at the conference from a young person's point of view and featured KS students interviewing other students at the conference," Gillespie said.

The documentary was part of HIIF's Youth & the Future program.

HOME AT WAI'AHAMĀMALU

Kamehameha's Chief Executive Officer Hamilton McCubbin relocated his residence to "Wai'ahamāmalu" (translated "the protected gathering of waters") in Wai'ālae in December. The three-bedroom home was built by Kamehameha Schools and will serve as the official residence of the Kamehameha CEO for years to come.



Trustee Constance Lau (left) receives congratulations from Kamehameha Schools-Hawai'i Interim Headmaster and Principal Barbara Robertson following investiture ceremonies at Bishop Memorial Chapel on Jan. 12.

TRUSTEE AND CEO INVESTITURE HELD

On Jan. 12, Douglas Ing, Robert Kihune, Constance Lau, Diane Plotts, Nainoa Thompson and Dr. Hamilton McCubbin formally assumed their mantle of responsibilities as permanent trustees and chief executive officer respectively of the Kamehameha Schools.

Ceremonies entitled "*Ke Au Hou – The New Era*" were held at both Mauna'ala and the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Memorial Chapel.

The Kamehameha leaders pledged themselves to their respective duties and were equipped with symbolic gifts.

This was the first time Kamehameha has ever held formal investiture ceremonies. "The purpose of the investiture was to have the trustees and chief executive officer publicly pledge and affirm that they will be responsible and accountable to Ke Ali'i Pauahi's legacy," said Kamehameha's **Lurline Nāone-Salvador '69**, planning committee chairperson for the event.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Work is continuing, with the first buildings already making their debut, on schedule for the permanent campus in Kea'au for Kamehameha Schools-Hawai'i. Phase I construction is expected to be completed by September 2001.



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ALOHA AND MAHALO NUI LOA

Kamehameha’s interim trustees – Admiral Robert Kihune, Constance Lau, David Coon, Ronald Libkuman and Francis Keala – relinquished their duties on Jan. 1, 2000 (Kihune and Lau are now permanent trustees). The group was honored with ceremonies on all three Kamehameha campuses last year – on Nov. 30 at Kamehameha Schools-Hawai’i; on Dec. 4 at Kapālama and on Dec. 7 at Kamehameha Schools-Maui.

Named to their posts as special purpose trustees by Judge Kevin Chang on Feb. 16, 1999, and named interim trustees in May of 1999, the five, among many other positive activities: preserved Kamehameha’s tax-exempt status through a Closing Agreement with the IRS; established a new CEO-based governance structure; instituted the Strategic Planning process; approved an organizational model to transform Kamehameha into a statewide educational system supported by an actively managed endowment and centralized administration; and reaffirmed education as the primary purpose and focus of the institution.

“You have exemplified the spirit of pono, ha’aha’a and mālama to all who have been touched by this legacy,” Kamehameha Schools-Hawai’i Principal Barbara Robertson told the five during Hawai’i island farewell ceremonies. “Your labor will not be forgotten.”

NEW BOOK FOR KS ENGLISH TEACHER

RICHARD HAMASAKI



Spider Bone Diaries is a gift – of words. Words as poems, and words as art.

With photographs by his brother Mark and art influenced by a great friend, the late poet Wayne Westlake, Kamehameha Schools English teacher Richard Hamasaki shares his gift in his newest book, *From the Spider Bone Diaries: Poems and Songs*.

Published by NOIO 2000/Kalamakū Press of Honolulu, *Spider Bone Diaries* is an unexpected work. Sometimes lyrical, often oddly ornamental, the poetry is always surprising.

Spider Bone Diaries is now available at Native Books and in fine bookstores everywhere featuring Hawai’i authors.



Kamehameha’s interim trustees were honored with student-led “Aloha Trustees” ceremonies on, from top, O’ahu, Maui and Hawai’i.



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KAMEHAMEHA LEADERS MEET WITH NATIVE AMERICAN LEADERS

In January, Kamehameha officials met with Native American Tribal Leaders who were in the islands for a leadership retreat.

“Their presence at Kamehameha was seen as an opportunity for interaction between Native Hawaiians and Native Americans,” said **Julian Ako ‘61**, special assistant to the KS president. “These meetings are providing us with an opportunity to listen to each other, to hear what each other’s issues are, and to look for ways to potentially support each other in resolving those issues.”

BOOK OF THE YEAR

Kamehameha Secondary School English teacher and photographer Jan Becket and partner Joseph Springer were honored by the Hawai‘i Book Publishers Association Ka Palapala Po‘okela awards with the coveted Samuel Manaikalani Kamakau Award for Best Hawai‘i Book of the Year for 2000.

Their book, *Pana O‘ahu; Sacred Stones, Sacred Land*, is a study of 60 sacred sites on O‘ahu and contains 120 new photographic images, 75 percent of them by Becket.

With contributions from Kamehameha Hawaiian History teachers **Kēhau Abad ‘82** and **Kawika Makaanani ‘66**, *Pana O‘ahu* also received two other Po‘okela awards: Excellence in Illustrative or Photographic Books and Excellence in Photography.

Pana O‘ahu is published by the University of Hawai‘i Press and is available at fine book-stores everywhere.



ON SCHEDULE

Kamehameha’s \$13 million athletic complex is right on schedule to be completed by September 2001. This view is from the lower playing field. There will be another practice field located on the upper tier.

KAMĀMALU PLAYGROUND OPENS

On Jan. 4, Kamehameha Elementary School students celebrated the opening of the \$850,000 Kamāmalu Playground. The new facilities include modernized playground equipment, basketball and volleyball courts and grass gathering space.



KES Principal Kahele Kukea ‘63 (far left) leads students and Kahu David Ka‘upu ‘51 in ceremonies blessing the playground.



Kamamalu Playground—before (above) and after (below).

