



The Organization of the Nurturing Rain  
Keeping Aloha at the University Alive

## President's Message:

# Growing and Glowing...

UHH Remains a Beacon of Light for Our Island's Economy!

Aloha, Everyone. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in Hui Ka Ua. We are continuing to grow in both membership and in our avenues of support for both UHH and HCC, and we encourage all of you to get involved in our many activities and programs.

According to a recent economic impact report by Dr. David Hammes, a UHH economist, UHH's annual direct and indirect expenditures provide \$240.4 million to the island's economy.

In addition, UHH is the second largest employer in East Hawaii, with about 610 direct jobs. UHH's spending accounts for a total increase in jobs of 3,907, which represents about 4.4% of employment on the island.

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## Hui Ka Ua Joins Effort to Help UH-Hilo Men's Tennis



Due to Title IX, Pac West Conference and budget issues, the UHH Men's Tennis program is facing indefinite suspension of activities or possible elimination even though it is a very visible and important part of our community in East Hawaii.

On **Friday, March 27th at 7:30 a.m.**, Hui Ka Ua will host a continental breakfast at the UH-Hilo Ho'oulu Terrace, room **UCB127** for our members and any others you would like to invite who might be interested in helping this effort.

Hui Kakoo Kanika, a community group spearheading the drive to save the tennis program, is lead by Hui Ka Ua members Kelly Moran and Newton Chu.

Hui Kakoo Kenika will tell us about the program and ask for your support by donating Hawaiian Airlines miles or monetary contributions to sustain the program. The largest portions of any UHH *(See TENNIS on page 4)*



## Hui Ka Ua -- The First Years

A very brief summary of Hui Ka Ua's accomplishments from mid-2006 thru mid-2008

\*Thanks to the efforts of Newton Chu, Greg Taketa and Ivan Nakano we were able to secure 501(c)3 status for Hui Ka Ua.

\*While many of our members have worked hard on various projects, special thanks go to treasurer Ken Ahlo and secretary Haidee Kananui. As you know, the duties of those two offices requiring ongoing attention to detail and commitment. We all appreciate their efforts!

### **Support for UHH Graduations**

\*Beginning with the May 2007 graduation ceremonies, Hui Ka Ua has been presenting all walking graduates with a kukui nut lei as a keepsake of their experiences and memories at UHH. Miss Hawaii-America and Miss Hawaii-USA came to Hilo to present the leis to the graduates at the May 2008 ceremonies.

\*For the May 2008 graduation, we were able to secure a donation of red carpeting for the Commencement stage from Wilfred Tokouke/Johnson Ventures. A big mahalo for their generosity!

### **Our Successful Fundraiser**

In November 2007, Governor Linda Lingle joined Hui Ka Ua members and friends at a fundraising auction at Hilo Yacht Club. Over \$20,000 was raised! Proceeds from the event have enabled Hui Ka Ua to support several of our initiatives outlined in this update.



### **Other Initiatives**

\*Restaurant Guides for New Students – Through the efforts of Dr. Alton Okinaka at UHH, Hui Ka Ua supported the printing and distribution of a Restaurant Guide for incoming students. UHH students led the effort for this project.

\*Student Leadership Conference – Last Fall, Hui Ka Ua funded a Student Leadership Conference at UHH. The event attracted student leaders for other campuses and high schools. This event was also coordinated by Dr. Okinaka. (*see FIRST on page 3*)



**FIRST** (from page 2)

### **Other Initiatives (continued)**

\*Painting and Refurbishment of the Athletics Weight Room at UHH – In fall 2007, several Hui Ka Ua members participated in a work day at UHH to clean, paint and give a fresh look to the Athletics Weight Room.

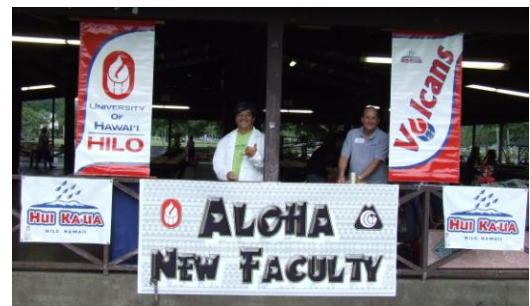
### **Promoting the “Vulcans” on Campus**

\*Many Hui Ka Ua members share a strong history in supporting UHH Athletics. They feel that reinforcing the “Vulcans” name whenever possible will strengthen student and community support, and help build long-term relationships with alumni. Some initiatives underway include:

1. Creating colorful vinyl banners to go up on campus during each semester’s Orientation period.
2. Providing “Vulcans” T-shirts free to all new students who participate in Orientation activities. Additional T-shirts will be offer for purchase to other students and the community.
3. Creating bumper stickers to display on vehicles and spread the “Vulcan” name.

### **New Faculty Receptions**

\*In September 2007 Hui Ka Ua hosted a reception for new UHH faculty and their families at the Hilo Yacht Club. In October 2008, another reception was held at the Wailoa State Park.



### **UH System and Legislative Support for UHH**

\*Hui Ka Ua members have been at the forefront in providing letters, testimony or other support for UHH within the UH System or before the Legislature, including:

1. Removal of the foreign student cap.
2. Getting the US-China Center project to move forward with a new developer.
3. Providing input for the system’s long-term strategic plan.
4. Approval of the UHH Administration’s funding requests.

### **Mahalo....**

It’s impossible to thank every person who has helped Hui Ka Ua get to where we are today – all of you have helped in one way or another, and we appreciate whatever your contributions have been!

***To be continued next issue! Latter 2008 thru 2009!***



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## **PRESIDENT** *from page 1*

In 2008, State and local taxes increased by \$18.0 million because of economic activity generated by UHH.

UHH's enrollment has increased by 43% since Fall 1997, and now stands at 3,773. UHH visionaries believe growth will continue at strong levels due to the campus' ability to expand with its 700-acre+ land mass and the quality of its educational programs.

I could go on and on about the quality of UHH's 36 baccalaureate degrees, six master's degrees, and two doctorate programs offered through the university's five colleges. All of them are producing students well equipped to secure excellent jobs, and many are enhanced by being able to take advantage of our island's living laboratory environment.

Hui Ka Ua is well-positioned to play an active role in helping to shape UHH's future, as we provide community input and perspective from people who have a vested interest in the continued success of this institution and its positive educational impact on our students and our workforce.

I often hear both members and non-members comment that they would like to help more but that they are very busy. I understand that totally, as we are all active in a variety of organizations and activities. However, I think when we analyze the impact of the university on our island, I can think of few priorities more worthy of our time and our resources.

In these economic times, the challenges that UHH and HCC face in getting their fair share of resources will continue. That means that the role of the community through Hui Ka Ua is even more important. Please say "yes!" when we ask for your help, and understand why it's so important.

Please also thank our board members and committee chairs for the great work they are doing on your behalf - they all deserve it.

Mahalo,  
Carol VanCamp - President, Hui Ka Ua

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## **TENNIS** *from page 1*

Nearly all children in East Hawaii who learn to play tennis will at one point in their career be touched in a positive way by the program.

Coach Kula Oda and his team have been involved in coaching junior tennis for many years and continue to do so with the Hilo Junior Tennis After School Program that meets on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the UHH tennis courts during the Spring, and at the Hilo Intermediate School courts in the Summer and Fall.

Please kokua and show your support for the tennis program by attending this meeting! We hope to see you there!