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Annual Report

The State of the School

Principal Dr. James L. Schlosser

One Saturday morning in October while priming the exterior of the PE Building and Athletic Locker Room to be painted on Make-A-Difference Day, two Kalaheo alumni unexpectedly appeared, visiting from Colorado. Without paintbrushes or rollers but with smiles and questions, they were curious to know where classmates are, what teachers remain on staff, and what's going on around the campus.

Jacque Ainlay ('83) and Lee Conley ('84), now married, were eager to hear about the changes and catch up on the campus news about their alma mater. Jacque is in education, by the way, and Lee is an engineer and a Naval Academy graduate. Catching up was great, but our volunteer paint foreman finally convinced me to stop talking and get back to painting. Visiting with alumni is indeed sweet.

Let me update you on some of this campus news.

ON THE ACADEMIC FRONT

Three junior Mustangs, now seniors, qualified as **National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists** and one recognized as a **2001 Merit Program Commended Student**. Kudos to Ashley Black, Caitlin Fackrell, Melelani Sax-Barnett and Chelsea Yamabe, respectively. Yes, Caitlin's mother is Mary Fackrell, the math department chairperson.

In the last three years, Kalaheo has placed seven **students at military academies**: two at West Point, one at the Air Force Academy and four at the Naval Academy. Additionally, we sent two students off to NAPS, the Naval Prep Academy. We take great pride in the achievements of all our graduates, including Christie Raymond who stopped off in Hawaii last Spring after graduating from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She was headed to her first

post-college job with NASA in Texas. Christie spoke briefly to the faculty and left the meeting to standing applause.

Students' **SAT scores** continue to be above the national norm. For example, last year in reading (with national percentages in parentheses), our tenth graders scored 34% (23%) in the high stanine distribution range, 53% (54%) in the average and 13% (23%) in the low ranges. In math, our profile is 30%, 53% and 18%. This information might mean much more to our alumni readers now than when they were students as many have or are about to have children.

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The faculty continues to focus on **writing improvement in all content areas**. For three years, all seniors have been required to write a senior paper as part of their English and social studies requirements. The entire faculty reads and scores the papers. A community group reads the top papers and awards the Outstanding Senior Paper with a \$500 savings bond from First Hawaiian Bank.

This year, students are writing a persuasive paper addressing this question: What amendment in the Bill of Rights would you broaden or maintain to reflect the issues and challenges to today's society? Yes, a tough question and one we want young minds to think clearly about.

Implemented with a Board of Education waiver, our **attendance policy** supports the academic program. Students automatically fail a course upon the fourth absence, with two tardies equaling one absence, but an appeal procedure is in place for those who legitimately exceed three absences. This policy has increased our **daily average attendance rate** from 88% to 92% over the last three years and reduced the average daily absentees in days from over 20 to under 15. I expect these figures to improve over the

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State of the School (continued)

next three years. The premise is clear: attendance is a prerequisite to learning.

High schools across the country have dealt with **textbook issues**, and Kalaheo is no exception. Although three years ago classroom sets were the norm at Kalaheo, today all students are issued textbooks in the core areas and in most elective classes, unless the curriculum does not require a textbook.

Recently, the community and faculty identified **school-wide learning outcomes**, educational jargon for what teachers and programs will focus on in all content areas. Critical thinking and responsibility will be added to writing as areas of major emphasis.

THE PHYSICAL PLANT

Over the years, an administration-library-classroom building, a second shop building, the gymnasium and an athletic locker room have been constructed. However, the size and function of the physical plant remain fundamentally unchanged. On the other hand, **repair, maintenance and improvement needs** are ever-changing.

When alumni Lee Conley visited on that October Saturday, he commented that the campus looked much better than when he attended. Perhaps it should. During the last three years, hundreds of parent and student volunteers constructed dozens of concrete and wooden benches for students to use during morning and lunch recess; painted the exterior of three buildings, the interior of the cafeteria and one classroom and dozens of classroom doors; and planted dozens of plants and trees around campus.

The goal of this effort is, of course, to construct **an environment conducive to learning**. One would think that painting public school buildings is the State's responsibility, but with legislative funding cuts, our identified facilities' improvements are no longer State priorities. Our

choices were to wait for restoration of funds or take action ourselves. Since the State is unwilling to make the learning environment a financial priority, the Kalaheo community—parents, students and faculty—decided to get it done by doing it themselves

Computers are in many classrooms, but except for H-Building, the campus is not wired. This school year, the backbone for a **campus-wide network** will be placed in the ground, and classrooms can then be wired for voice, video and data technology, including Internet.

Finally, we are working on a strategic plan to complete the **campus athletic facilities**, including a football field, baseball fields, and a swimming pool. Currently, the Department of Education has formally closed the books on Kalaheo's need for athletic facilities, projecting the cost to exceed \$25 million. In future issues, we will keep you updated on our progress.

I encourage all our alumni, friends, and supporters to keep in touch with the Kalaheo High School Foundation and Alumni Association. Let us know when you move, when your family grows, and when you get that promotion.

And consider making a donation to the Foundation. Help us build a better future. Aloha.

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FOCUS ON ALUMNI: Peggie Tester and Mike Akiu

With pride in their accomplishments, we salute two of Kalaheo's alumni coaches who exemplify the phrase "be true to your school."

Peggie Tester, a 1981 graduate, has coached Kalaheo's swim team for thirteen years. As a student, Peggie participated in soft tennis, tennis, track, and swimming. Peggie's non-athletic activities included class council, yearbook, and Winterball Court.

Peggie earned an associate degree and CA in Cosmetology at Honolulu Community College; she also has her boat captain's license. She currently works for DHS Social Services and serves as a trainer for Special Olympics Coaches Clinics.

Peggie was named Coach of the Year for Swimming (1998-2000) in the OIA East and OIA.

Mike Akiu, a 1980 Kalaheo graduate, has returned to his alma mater as head football coach. Mike brings a wealth of experience to the school's athletic program. Mike played Kalaheo JV and varsity football from 1976-1979 as defensive back, running back, and wide receiver. From 1977 to 1980, he played centerfield during baseball season.

Mike also ran 100, 200, 400, 4x100 track events. In his senior year, he was State Champion in all five events, leading his team of five runners to a second place finish in the State Championships.

From 1980-1982, Mike attended Washington State University on a track scholarship, running 100, 200, and 4x100 events.

In 1983 and 1984 at the University of Hawaii, he played wide receiver under coach Dick Tomey, excelling on special teams and leading the team in block punts and kicks. His professional career was with the NFL Houston Oilers as wide receiver from 1985-1989.

About the Kalaheo Mustangs, Mike says, "This year our team is young, but very hardworking and competitive. We are looking forward to a strong finish and a great future. We appreciate all the support the students, parents, faculty, administration, community and alumni have provided us this year."

Mike and wife Sheraine have two children following in dad's athletic footsteps. Mike, Jr., a senior at Kamehameha, participates in football and track. Daughter Tiana, a Kalaheo freshman, plays JV volleyball. Mike's "day job" is with McCabe, Hamilton & Renny Stevedores.

REUNIONS

Class of 1981
Aug. 17, 18, 19, 2001

Contact Peggie Tester
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Class of 1981 invites all alumni to picnic
at Kailua Beach Park on August 19.

Class of 1991
No information available
as of November 2000

ALL-ALUMNI PICNIC

Kailua Beach Park
Aug. 19, 2001

Sponsored by
the Class of 1981

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Alumni Updates—E-mail, Snail Mail, In Print and In Person

For 20th reunion photos of the Class of 1980, go to www.photoworld.com. ID: kalaheo80@hotmail.com. Password: 1980. **Sarah Stroup** ('85) left Kalaheo for the University of Washington in Seattle where she received BAs in Philosophy and in Latin and Classical Studies. She then earned an MA in Latin and a PhD in Classics (Greek, Latin) at UC Berkeley. Her travels have followed her studies—Italy, Greece, Turkey, Israel, including excavation participation. Sarah recently accepted a position as Assistant Professor at UW where she will teach introductory ancient Greek and classical tragedy in translation. With her husband and an “annoying cat,” Sarah enjoys Seattle with its large Hawaii contingent that includes her brother **David Stroup** ('83) and his family. This past Fall, Sarah's travels included a trip to Turkey with **Bryan Fujimoto** ('85), and she met up with **David Hoskins** ('85) this past summer to tour Turkey and Greece. **Shawna Ledward** ('91) earned her Bachelor's in Social Science and Humanities from Hawaii Pacific University and her Master's in Clinical Psychology at San Jose State. She then returned to Hawaii to pursue a Doctoral in Clinical Psychology at the American School of Professional Psychology. Shawna moved to Georgia this past summer for a hospital internship and expects to complete her doctorate in 2001. Having worked for Van Ness Films making “biographies of mortals who have passed,” **Diane Barker** ('80) is an independent filmmaker who helped organize her 20th reunion along with **Robert Stride** ('80) who graduated from the University of Washington in Speech Communications, served two years in the U.S. Navy, and is currently helping launch NuEworld.com, an e-commerce/Internet company. Robert is married with two children, ages 11 and 7. **Michael Fernandez** ('76) and wife Donna have two children, both Kalaheo students. Mike worked 21 years at Studio of Hawaii as Operations Manager, served as Director for Light Steel Frame Engineers Association, and is currently president of Hawaii Steel Alliance. **Kenny Young** ('92) earned his BS in Chemistry at UH Manoa in 1996 and is working on his PhD in Inorganic Chemistry at UC Santa Barbara. Kenny plans to do industrial research, specifically homogenous catalysis, focusing on industrial applications (hope we got that right!). **Carolyn Hutson Vasquez** ('96) and **B.C. Vasquez** ('94) have a three-year old son. Carolyn loves being a mother and wife; she plans to return to school when her son starts his. **Sherri Atkins Gonzales** ('76) earned her Bachelor's of Business administration at Southwest Texas State University, is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer and System Support Technician for the City of Austin Health Department. Sherri and husband Victor have two boys, ages 8 and 3. Says Sherri, “I miss Kailua still—it is HOT in Texas, y'all!” **Patricia Sczepaniak** ('93) was married this October. She received her BS with honors from Johnson and Wales University in Providence,

RI. An HR Generalist for Kelly Services, Tricia intends to pursue a long-term career in education. **Stephen Joe** ('93) is back in school for a degree in Computer Technology and Network Engineering. **Jesse Gilleland** attended Kalaheo in 1984-85 as a freshman before moving to Arizona. He is works in research and development for a storage manufacturer in Southern California. **Terry Gilton** ('80) left Kalaheo for the U.S. Naval Academy but quickly figured out he had made a mistake! He took courses at UH Manoa, earned a BS in Chemistry at the University of Arkansas, and got his Ph.D. in Chemical Physics from UC Santa Barbara. Terry is program manager in research and development at Micron Technology, an adjunct professor of chemistry at Boise State, and on the Board of Editors of *The Chemical Educator*. Terry's wife **Kathleen Johnson Gilton** ('82) went to UC Davis and finished her BS in Biology at the University of Massachusetts. They live in Boise, Idaho, and “couldn't be happier.” Self-described writer, railroad worker, storyteller and man of mystery, **Paul Pinkosh** ('77) earned his BA and Master's at UH Manoa where he was teaching assistant and adjunct faculty, as well as teacher at Kapiolani Community College. Now in Berkeley, CA, Paul is a lead service attendant with Amtrak—serving, managing money, stock and inventory, and teaching other employees. “So,” says Paul, “tell your students that this is what one does with a Master's in English!” Married and with a baby on the way, Paul “can't imagine being any happier.” **Jordan Shanahan** ('95) was well-reviewed by the *Philadelphia Inquirer's* music critic for his performance in Temple University Opera Theater's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*: “Jordan Shanahan's portrayal of Bottom (the primary source of laughs) was sung with such tonal body and mellifluous artistry, one eagerly anticipated his entrance just to hear that voice again.” **Ricardo Gonzales** ('89) recalls that a Kalaheo English teacher gave him a bunch of books on Greek and Roman mythology just because he was interested in them. He swears he read all those books and to this day never loses a game of Trivial Pursuit—as long as he gets mythology questions. Rick is a flight attendant with United, based in Japan. Happily married to “best friend and soul mate,” **Leilani Ashlock Sutton** ('77) has two sons, enjoys country living, and works with her husband running their construction company.

And that's all the mail! Let's hear from the rest of you soon!

Foundation Board Reports on Work in Progress

With regret, President Bethanne McMonigle Enoki has resigned in order to devote her time to a career change. We wish Bethanne well in her new job. Until a new president is elected, rotating chairpersons will oversee board meetings.



The following are highlights from April's annual meeting and September's board meeting

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Grant applications will be solicited twice this school year, in October 2000 and March 2001.

TIME CAPSULE

Plans are underway to resurrect the time capsule buried on Kalaheo's campus in the late 1970s. Past and present students, administrators, faculty and staff will be involved in the opening of the capsule.

ALUMNI WEB SITE

Students currently enrolled in the school's computer will manage the alumni Web site, keeping it up-to-date and loaded with helpful information.

ALUMNI HONOR AWARDS

Board members Wade Nakashima and April Inouye will seek Alumni Honor Award nominees. The board recognizes that Kalaheo has many deserving alumni and desires to recognize their accomplishments.

ACTIVE ALUMNI

We wish to include at least one representative from each graduating class on the board. The board recognizes the need to actively involve more alumni in the activities of the Foundation and Alumni Association.

COURTYARD RENOVATIONS

We will support the efforts of board member Paul Ress and others in the school community as they clean up H-Building courtyard and create a welcoming, aesthetically pleasing entrance to the school.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The board will seek opportunities for a higher return on Foundation funds. As advised by board member and

attorney Bruce Voss, it is the board's duty to responsibly seek a higher return on funds. We plan to invest our \$25,000 endowment in a mutual fund, pending sound financial advice on specific funds. Treasurer Jim Hasselman and others will follow-up.

EXPANSION OF ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Principal Jim Schlosser and board member Suzy Churchill will organize a school-community group to pursue the expansion of the school's athletic facilities through a public-private partnership. An innovative and exciting concept has been drafted by Kalaheo parent-architect Guy Jennings.

PRINCIPAL'S RECEPTION

Board members Karen Kanda and Martha Robertson will help coordinate a Principal's Reception in May 2001 for graduates and their parents. With the support of students, faculty, staff and the community, we anticipate this event will become an annual tradition.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for mid-November. All members and alumni are encouraged to attend. **Please call Martha Robertson, 254-7900 or 262-0170 to confirm time and place.**

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If you are not yet a member, we encourage you to make a small donation to support our newsletter mailings.

Mahalo!



Kalaheo High School Foundation—Summary of Receipts and Disbursements

From Inception to September 30, 2000 James P. Hasselman, Treasurer, CPA

Founded in 1992, the Kalaheo High School Foundation has since 1994 awarded grants from interest earnings to the school and continually seeks opportunities to fund school needs. With the help of Kalaheo’s alumni, friends, and supporters, our resources will grow and ensure our continued support of student achievement and academic excellence at Kalaheo High School.

RECEIPTS

Deposits			
Blue Ribbon Award	4,000.00		
Kalaheo Class of 1990	2,381.00		
Kalaheo Class of 1976	1,550.00		
Kalaheo Class of 1994	1,236.70		
Kalaheo Class of 1977	905.00		
Kalaheo Class of 1978	500.00		
Ikeda Memorial Fund	500.00		
Various individual	<u>22,232.00</u>	33,304.90	
Fundraisers		3,987.66	
Bank of Hawaii new account		100.00	
Interest income		<u>2,196.23</u>	39,588.79

DISBURSEMENTS

Grants to the school 1993-2000	4,101.02	
Printing	311.93	
Awards to alumni	655.80	
Legal fees to incorporate	266.51	
Postage	1,326.22	
DCCA annual fee	31.00	
Supplies	<u>18.00</u>	<u>6,917.56</u>
Cash Balance at September 30, 2000		<u>32,671.23</u>
Cash Balance is invested in:		
Certificate of deposit, 4.25%, due 8.20.01	15,000.00	
Money market account, 2.32%	6,182.92	
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