

# UOA Study Tour 1985

Tom Kobashigawa

The 1985 Study Tour was a complete success. Not only did it meet my expectations in terms of learning about my Okinawan/Japanese cultural heritage, I also had the opportunity to establish and renew my ties with relatives that I had not seen in over 23 years.

**June 9 and 10.** The seven-and-a-half-hour flight from Honolulu to Tokyo was terrific. Japan Airlines had upgraded our tickets to "executive" class so the accommodations and the service were excellent. We were met at Narita airport by two tour guides from the Japan Travel Bureau. The friendly guides, Kanni san and Ranko san, both spoke very good English. Everyone in the tour was split up into about 10 groups. Each group was assigned a group leader. Each of the 10 groups were then assigned into either

group one or group two.

For the rest of the evening, we were free to do what we wanted. After being confined in the airplane and the bus for so long, many of the people were restless to do a little exploring. As we walked along the narrow street just outside of the hotel, I was surprised to find so many people out walking around so late in the evening. Many of them appeared to be businessmen with brief cases and wearing suits. My sister, Toshiko, explained that most people don't start work until 9 or 10 a.m. and don't end work until 6 to 7 p.m. Apparently, it is a common practice for the Japanese businessmen to go out to eat and have a few drinks after work. When I told my sister how envious I was, she mentioned that almost everyone has a six-day work week in Japan.

**June 11.** At 5 a.m., we walked a few

blocks to an underground subway station. The station was very clean compared to the stations in Chicago and New York. What was absolutely unbelievable was the lack of graffiti. All 80 of us got on board the first train that came by. We got off two stops later at the Higashi-Ginza and walked to the Tsukiji Fish Market. The traffic and people seemed to move at a frantic pace, but there was a logical reason for the rushed activity—to get the fish to the people of Tokyo as quickly as possible.

After returning to the hotel from the fish market and having breakfast, we took a bus tour of the city. We visited the Imperial Palace Plaza, Meiji Jingu Shrine, and Asakusa Kannon Temple with its Nakamise Arcade. There was a sharp contrast between these ancient symbols and their surroundings, located in the heart of one of the most modern cities in the world.

On the way back from the bus tour of the city some of the more adventurous people went shopping in the Ginza and Akihabara areas in Tokyo. The others returned to the hotel.

**June 12.** Almost everyone went on an all-day excursion to Nikko. I was not able to go so I can't say much about that trip. However, everyone seemed to have had a really good time. The only complaint was the cold mountain air was a little too much for the thin-blooded Hawaiians.

**June 13.** On Thursday everyone was given the option of spending all day on their own or going on an all-day tour of the Tsukuba Expo '85. Almost everyone opted for the latter. The Russian space travel exhibit and the exhibition on advanced medical technology, were particularly interesting. The NEC exhibit was a phenomenal

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## '85 Scholarship Recipients

The UOA Scholarship Foundation awarded two new scholarships for the 1985-86 school year. This award is for four years for an entering freshman. This year's winners are Jason Tokuda and Gail Miyasato.

Jason is the son of George and Janet Tokuda of Heeia. Jason's paternal grandparents were from Aza Gushikawa, and his maternal grandparents (Higa) were from Nago.

Jason maintained a grade point average of 4.0 throughout his four years at Castle High School. He was ranked number one in his class of 485 seniors. In addition to his academic excellence, he holds key positions in a service club, the student government, and the National Honor Society.

In his application, Jason stated his reason for applying for the scholarship: "This scholarship will enable me to go through college without having to place an excessive financial strain on my family. Secondly, it will allow me to get my education without having to work part-time. I will be able to concentrate all of my efforts toward academic excellence, to take a greater number of courses per semester, and to graduate in a shorter period of time."

Gail is also a graduate of Castle High School. She is the daughter of the late Raymond and Tsukie Miya-

sato of Kaneohe. Her paternal grandparents were from Urasoe.

Gail was a very active student at Castle, participating in a variety of activities, including the Concert and Marching Bands. She held an office in the Speech Club, and participated in the Enrichment in Science Program. In spite of her busy schedule of extra-curricular activities, she maintained a 3.6 grade point average, and ranked 32nd in her graduating class of 485 students. She plans to major in Biology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Past scholarship winners who will continue to receive scholarship grants for the school year 1985-86



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## Free Medical Check-Up

The 4th annual Ryukyu University Medical Research Team will conduct free medical check ups from Oct. 6 to 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends, at the Jikoen Immigrant Memorial Hall (on the corner of Likelike Highway and School Street).

The medical research team will test blood pressure, urine and blood, conduct an EKG (cardiogram) and offer a diet consultation. Anyone who wants a medical check up is welcome, but the medical team would particularly like to examine persons between 30 and 40 years of age. Those who previously participated in this program are also welcome.

Residents of the Okinawa Prefecture are noted for their longevity. The research team's project is to determine whether this longevity prevails outside the prefecture, and whether the environment, cultural differences, diet and life style have anything to do with longevity.

The result and full confidential report of your examination will be mailed directly to you in English from Okinawa. More than 1,000 people have so far participated in this project. Your support for and cooperation in this worthwhile project is greatly appreciated.

The Ryukyu medical team has donated \$1,000 annually to this project. If you have any questions, call June Arakawa at 845-0194.

## Okinawa Scholarship Available

The Okinawan government sponsors an annual scholarship for students ages 18 to 30 years. The scholarship—worth about \$10,000—involves a year's study at the University of Ryukyu, a round-trip fare to Okinawa, room and board, and a study tour of Japan from Okinawa to Hokkaido.

If you're interested, please write to Dr. Ryokichi Higashionna at P.O. Box 2076, Honolulu, HI 96805 for more information and an application form. The deadline for applications is October 1, 1985.

are: Lance Tokuda, Junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Tokuda, of Aza Gushikawa; Daeleen Ohigashi, Sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yasuji Ohigashi of Haibaru; Jody Toyama, Junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Toyama of Ginowan; Shirley Kaneshiro, Senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Kaneshiro; and Fay Yamakawa, Senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shinrei Yamakawa.

## OKINAWA TOUR

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showcase of Japanese technology and scientific advancement.

**June 14.** The next day we checked out of the Shiba Park Hotel and departed for Kamakura by bus. In Kamakura we visited the "Daibutsu", or Great Image of Buddha. From there, we proceeded to the Hakone Hotel for lunch. Then we enjoyed a leisurely boat ride across the lake. On the way to the Hotel Kawakien (a mountain retreat), the bus stopped at some hot springs. Although the scenery was beautiful, the sulfur odor was overpowering. Later at the hotel, we enjoyed a soothing hot spring bath and a sukiyaki dinner.

**June 15. to 17.** From a bus, we transferred to Atami Station and caught the Japanese National Railroad bullet train to Kyoto. The train ride was so smooth and quiet that it was difficult to believe we were traveling at over 100 miles an hour. Kyoto wasn't as busy and fast-paced as Tokyo, but seemed to have retained much of its old-world charm. The following two days were spent visiting the many ancient temples that has made Kyoto and Nara world famous, such as the Heian Shrine and Kinkakuji temple (Gold Pavilion).

**June 18.** We transferred by bus to Osaka for a quick tour of Osaka Castle. Then we met with the second tour group from Hawaii at the airport. We left for Okinawa at 6:30 p.m. and arrived at 8:30 p.m. at Okinawa airport. The first thing I noticed upon in Okinawa was the humid heat. The temperature was in the mid-80s, but with high humidity it felt like it was 100 degrees. At the airport there was a crowd of people, mainly relatives, to meet the members of the tour. There were also some news reporters and TV cameramen photographing the UOA study tour group. We all fit into two buses and headed into Naha to the Nansei Kanko Hotel.

**June 19.** Breakfast was served at the 11th floor dining room. The dining room had a panoramic view of Naha and its harbor. Afterwards, we left for the Okinawa Prefectural Government Offices to meet with a representative of Governor Nishime. The Governor was in Hawaii at time to participate in the Centennial celebration. The vice governor of Okinawa officially welcomed us to Okinawa. The event was widely covered by the local media. Several of the members of the tour were interviewed by TV reporters and were later seen on the evening news.

After the ceremonies, we hopped back on the bus for a visit to a Bingata factory in Tomigusuku. The beautiful material was painstakingly made by the hands of skilled craftsmen. It is easy to understand now why Bingata kimonos are so expensive.

Next, the bus tour took us to the Shurei-No-Mon (Gate of Shuri), the site of what once was Shuri castle and the Royal Mausoleum, where many of the past monarchs of Okinawa were buried. The structures were among the few items recovered after the second world war. The Shuri area was once the capitol of ancient Okinawa,

and later became the cultural center. Unfortunately, the Japanese army used the area as their headquarters. In the battle for Okinawa, Shuri was one of the hardest hit areas. It was sad to think all structures representing the development of the Ryukyu Kingdom over hundreds of years were destroyed in a matter of a few months of war.

**June 20.** We went to the Rodo Fukusui Kaikan in the morning to hear lectures that covered topics ranging from the origin of the Okinawan people to historical influences on okinawan culture and art. Many of the lecturers had been students at the University of Hawaii. These lectures were very informative and gave everyone a good overview of Okinawa.

Through the lectures, we learned that before the war Okinawa was one of the most culturally significant areas in Japan. At one point there were 24 buildings and structures that were listed as national Treasures by the Japanese Government. Unfortunately, after the war all of these treasures were destroyed. More than 120,000 out of 500,000 Okinawan people were killed. Less people were killed in the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Later in the tour we visited the underground Japanese Headquarters in World War II, Hemei-Yuri-No-To, Mabuni-Ga-Oka, and the Peace Memorial Hall. It seemed that the war had done so much destruction that Okinawan history could be said to have started only 40 years ago.

**June 23.** The bus tour passed through Shuri, New Ryukyu University at Nishi-hara, Okinawa City, Ishikawa City, Kin Village and to Okuma Beach resort. At Kin Village we went to visit the statue of Toyama Kyuzo, the Father of Okinawan immigration. The mayor of Kin Village was there to greet us and provided us with refreshments. It was almost 12:00 when we finally reached Okuma Beach Resort.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Saturo Hirai, manager, we were able to enjoy a good steak lunch and the use of the resort facilities. As soon as lunch was over all the younger members of the tour headed out to the beach. Except for the lack of waves, the beach was like some of the beaches in Hawaii.

After a bus ride to Nagao where we checked into a hotel for an overnight stay. That evening a party was thrown in our honor by Mayor Toguchi of Nago City. Many of the local dignitaries were on hand. The food and the live entertainment were terrific. By this time, most of the in the tour group members knew each other fairly well, so that the party was more like a family gathering. We all went up on the stage to sing a few Hawaiian and Uchino songs. The Nakasone sisters Kooko and Aiko even did a couple of impromptu Okinawan dances with their muumuus on. Of course the "Sisters Sledge" aliases Rick Higashionna, Richard Fukuhara, Maurice Yamasato and Gary Mijo did a sexy Okinawan dance with muumuus, wigs and full make-up on.

When the tour members got together on stage and sang Bashofu it was difficult not to get a little emotional. That Nago party will always bring back warm memories of the

## CHIBURU TALES

AFTER HOURS OF PREPARATION,  
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## EDITORIAL

I would like to put out a plea to all UOA members. The United Okinawan Foundation, from which monies are used to provide scholarships, is in need of help. In the past, the Foundation needed to rely only on the interest earned to fund the scholarships. Because of the increasing tuition costs at UH, costs are now eating into the principle. If this fund does not receive more monies, the future of UOA scholarships will be in jeopardy.

Our first attempt to replenish this account will take place on Sunday, August 4, from 4-8 pm at Jikoen Temple Hall. Tickets are available for a \$10 tax-deductible donation, which includes food, beer, wine, live music, dancing, games, door prizes and a lot of fellowship. If you have not purchased a ticket please call me at 847-2095 (B) or 595-3664(R).

The Foundation desperately needs your KOKUA and we can all help and have fun at the same time! *Ippei nihei debiru.* — Isaac Hokama

## Quick &amp; Easy Nantu

M. Cortez

Very soon an appeal for donations of nantu for the 1985 Okinawan Festival will be coming from the Food Booths committee. If you would like to donate nantu, but don't have an easy recipe, here is one you might want to try. It's been tested by nantu chefs and sampled by nantu connoisseurs in Hawaii and declared "trees excellent." Even a 17-year-old boy had good results on his first attempt. The coconut milk keeps it soft and gives it a nice, rich flavor.

## BAKED COCONUT NANTU

2 10 oz. pkgs. mochiko  
2 cups sugar  
1 12 oz. can coconut milk, thawed  
2 cups water

Food coloring (optional)  
Kinako or katakuriko

Combine first 4 ingredients; mix until all lumps disappear. Add food coloring at this point if you wish; tint to desired shade. Pour mixture into greased 9"x13" metal pan (do not use glass, mochi will stick). Cover pan completely with aluminum foil, crimp edges to prevent moisture from escaping during baking (this prevents a crust from forming on top). Bake in a 350° oven for about 45-50 minutes or until center is cooked. Cool. When cool, cut with a plastic knife into desired size pieces, roll in kinako or katakuriko. Bon appetit!

For more information on nantu drop-off date and time, call Ellen Higa, Coordinator, at 841-3075. There will also be announcements on Japanese radio programs.

warm and generous reception we received and the close camaraderie between everyone in the tour group.

**June 24.** Mayor Toguchi came to the hotel to see us off. We continued our tour with a visit to the International ocean Expo. The Okinawan village exhibit there showed us how life was like in Okinawa hundreds of years ago. On the way back to Naha we stopped at Jimmy's Market and Restaurant for lunch as guests of Mr. Inamine, president of Jimmy's. After a delicious lunch Mr. Inamine gave each of us three large boxes of cookies and candy as omiyage. It seemed as if everyone we ran into in Okinawa was kind and generous to us.

We returned to the Nansei Kanko Hotel that afternoon. That evening the UOA sponsored a cocktail party for all the members of the tour and guests from the Okinawan government. This party marked the end of the formal part of the study tour.

I would recommend anyone who is interested in Okinawa to go on the 1986 study tour. The places we visited and the people we met all helped to

deepen my understanding of my Okinawan cultural heritage. In meeting the people of Okinawa, however, I realized that although historical artifacts are important, people are the ones who perpetuate culture. By going to Okinawa I feel that I have gained some insight into my heritage that I can pass on to future generations.

*Tam Kobashigawa is the president of the Young Okinawans of Hawaii and a rate analyst for PRI Inc. Born in Okinawa, he came to Hawaii at age 3 and hadn't been back to Okinawa until this year's study tour.*

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# Former Marine Donates Okinawan Ceramics to UOA

**Michael Young**

While based on Okinawa in the 1960's, U.S. Marine Mark Markell spent some of his free time roaming the countryside and began collecting Okinawan ceramics. Some pieces could be found laying in fields, others were obtained by trading with local farmers. Now retired and living in Hawaii, Markell recently made a generous gift of 13 pieces of his collection to the UOA for perpetuating Okinawan culture here.

The pots and urns date back to the turn of the century, according to Markell. They have the squat, sturdy look of items that were meant to be used. In fact they were probably once used to hold water, rice or coins. Two of the pieces are burial urns that are at least unoccupied at the present. Just to be on the safe side, the UOA had the pieces blessed.

Markell said the donated pieces came from the Motobu peninsula and represent 25 years of ceramics collecting. What attracted him to Okinawan ceramics in the first place? "Well, I'm a geologist by training. I attended Rutgers University and got a degree in geology. So, as I walked around all the time looking at rocks, I started finding pots!" Markell said with a chuckle.

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"But more often I would find broken pieces — shards. And I built a large collection of shards; actually I have a pretty fine collection of the style of markings of Okinawan pottery."

Markell had a language barrier to overcome when he started trading with farmers for pots for his collection, but he had a friend who helped with the translation. He had his friend write, 'I am interested in obtaining pots and I will exchange five pounds of sugar, a bottle of whisky or a case of beer.' Markell recalls happily that when word got around that he was

willing to trade whisky for pots that people came looking for him. "More often when I gave a bottle of whisky we would then go off and drink it some place!" laughed Markell, who has many fond memories of the friends he made among the Okinawan people.

"I met so many families up there. I couldn't say twenty words to them and they could say twenty to me but everytime that I would go by there they would pull me into the house and keep me. I would go walking with the children and not be able to communicate but we would still have a good time. It got to be like family!"

However, some pottery pieces of Markell's collection seemed to frighten some of the Okinawans. "The government would contract the Okinawans to mow the grass around the BOQ (Bachelor Officers' Quarters) and I kept the pottery outside for awhile. They started to complain that they didn't want to see this," said Markell.

He wasn't exactly immune to the effect of the pottery either. "It was like two o'clock in the morning you would get a funny feeling that you were being spoken to, or that somebody was out there wailing by the pine trees."

It wasn't spirits, though, that started Markell thinking of giving up parts of his collection; rather, it was the need for more space. "We just had too many things," said Markell. "We've collected things from wherever we've lived and now it's ridiculous! We're tied to our possessions and now we want to get away from them."

When Markell moved to Hawaii, he had two large burial urns that weren't right for being kept in the house; nor were they right for the garden. "I asked the Bishop Museum if they would like to have them and they accepted the urns. That started me thinking, 'Why am I keeping the rest of



it?' It belongs where somebody can see it with some story behind of it. Because if there is a collection place then maybe more pieces will come in."

Markell, however, wanted his collection to go to a local Okinawan group. Just by chance he was watching cable TV when the dance costume program, staged by the Nakasone dance school, was shown. "I was so moved by the presentation," he said. "So much had been done in the Okinawan culture with the kimonos and songs. I was just amazed at how beautifully they had put it together that I thought that I had found the appropriate place to donate my collection."

Markell called the dance school, and was referred to the UOA by the Nakasones, who felt the association was more appropriate a recipient than

a single family. After determining to his satisfaction the UOA would care for the Okinawan pottery and make it available for public exhibition, Markell decided to donate 13 pieces to the UOA.

At a brief ceremony at Jikoen Temple on Saturday, Feb. 23, Markell and his wife, Mona, were given leis and letters of appreciation. Representing the UOA were Noboru Yonamine, John Tasato and Choki Kanetake.

The retired marine officer hopes his donation will serve as an example to other servicemen who have Okinawan ceramics. "I want to encourage others who have served in Okinawa that there is a place to donate your ceramics, that the collections will be maintained properly, and that the collections will be available to be viewed by everyone."

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## Okinawa - Hawaii Connection

The relationship between Okinawa and Hawaii has been bound officially. On June 14, Governor Junji Nishime of Okinawa and Governor George Ariyoshi signed a Sister-State proclamation at the State Capitol. Members of both governments and the UOA witnessed this special event.

Governor Nishime's visit climaxed a three-week, eight-city tour of the United States. Accompanying him were his wife, son Kosaburo, his staff, legislators, and a full press corp. Everyone that I talked to really looked forward to the Hawaii leg of their trip, for many feel so much at home here.

Besides the Sister-State Proclamation, Governor Nishime participated in the Centennial events that were going on in Hawaii. Two tree-planting ceremonies, attended by the Crown Prince Hitachi, has its "roots" from Okinawa. The *fukugi* tree, a symbol of strength and sturdiness, indicative of the early immigrants, was

planted on the slopes of Punchbowl. Wahiawa was chosen for its similar climate to plant the first of a thousand *sakura* trees that are found only in Nago City. Future plans are to have Wahiawa known as the Cherry Blossom City of Hawaii.

On the evening of June 14, the UOA hosted Governor Nishime and his entourage for a celebration honoring the Okinawan isseis. More than 700 people filled the Jikoen Hall for this memorable event. A super program, emceed by Teddi and Nanci, kept everyone entertained during the night.

Not all was business for our guests. A golf tournament at the Hickam AFB Golf Course and many hours spent at the various karaoke night spots in town provided the fun and relaxation.

President Rick Higashionna would like to express his appreciation to all who donated their time toward making our visitors enjoy their stay.



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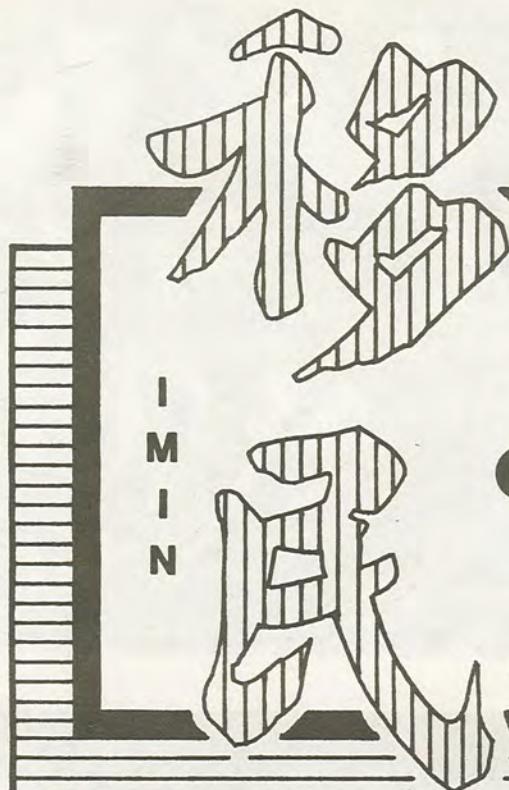
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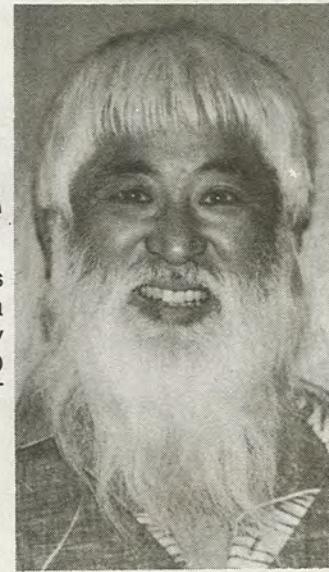
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**Aza Gushikawa Doshi Kai** had its annual picnic at Ala Moana park on Sunday, July 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The picnic featured contests between descendants of upper and lower Gushikawa, and ended with a Tsunahiki. The picnic was highlighted with the unfurling of our Aza Gushikawa banner, made in Okinawa. Attendance was well over 200 families.

**Chatan Sonjin Kai Club** held its annual picnic at the Ala Moana Beach Park on June 30. The approximately 300 people who attended the event went home with many prizes. Besides the prizes for the various races, some of the lucky-number prizes included gift certificates from Castle Park, Ice Palace, Sealife Park, Shiro's Saimin, Flamingo Restaurant, Paradise Park and Times Supermarket, and numerous donations from Ewa Beach Hardware.

The picnic was chaired by the family of the late Mrs. Uto Inamine. Gilbert Higa was the chairman and Stanton Oshiro was the emcee. Others on the picnic committee included Shirley Higa, Roger and Barbara Ann Kim, Steve and Letitia Luko, LaVerne Oshiro, Arnold and Karen Shimomura, Madeline Yee, Elvic and Larene Hoe, and Walter and Ruth Yamaguchi.

**Gushikan Sonjinkai** will hold its annual picnic on Sunday, August 11, at Ala Moana Park areas 25 and 26 (behind the Ewa concession). There will be lots of games, lucky numbers and prizes!

Gushikan's New Year's Party will be held on February 22, at Masa's cafeteria. For more information, please call George Zakahi at 488-1850.

# Club News Roundup

**Hawaii Shuri Club** ended the UOA 14" Softball League in the "top ten" and are now pitching, batting and running bases in the Hui Makaala 12" Softball League. Club members are invited to attend games on Sundays at Kamamalu Field to cheer on rookies Paul Sato, Brian Tamanaha and George Abcede, and to encourage "old" pros like Richard "Slugger" Shiroma and Dick "Flash" Matsumoto.

Shuri's bowling team ended the 1984-85 UOA League with several members taking individual honors. Congratulations to Amy Matano, Women's Hi-Average; Cassie Sherod; Women's Hi-Series with handicapp; and captain Earl Arakaki, Men's Hi-Series. As 1985-86 League President, Earl has the busy task of keeping the UOA League in working order.

Sunday, July 7, was a beautiful day for Shuri's annual picnic at Ala Moana Beach Park. Club members enjoyed the outdoors with the traditional "goodie bags" and refreshing shave ice and punch. Members enjoyed many challenging games, prize donations and seeing old friends and making new ones. The fun and fellowship was highlighted by the first "Ms. Shuri" Competition. Although the assembled members had a difficult time deciding, it was finally determined that Ms. Arasaki's beauty had won over other contestants Kuba, Ito-man, Aihara and Shiroma.

Shuri Club will be manning the Ishitibichi (Pig Feet Soup) Booth on Saturday, September 7 at the 1985 Okinawan Festival. Club members are asked to call Louise Tamashiro at 841-8047 to sign up for a shift at the booth. Shuri also has the responsibility of grounds maintenance; volunteers should call Richard Shiroma at 488-2210.

**Ishikawa Club's** picnic is set for Sunday, August 11, at Ala Moana Park, Area 27 (same place as last year), from 9 a.m. Come and have fun with the members of our BIG FAMILY. Lots of games, prizes, fun and fellowship. (If you haven't paid your dues for the year, this will be a good time to do so.)

Do we have any photographers in our family??? We would like to make a scrapbook of club activities and would appreciate a few volunteers to take pictures. Call Helen Byars for more information. (395-3128).

## ISHIKAWA CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT:

**Saturday, August 24, 1985.**

**Starting time: 1:00 p.m.**

**Pearl Country Club**

**Contact Jimmy Yamashiro:**

**Home: 396-0416**

**Work: 836-0144**

**or Neal Taira:**

**Home: 235-5324**

**Call by August 17.**

**Kanegusuku Sonjin Kai's** 59th anniversary was celebrated on February 9 at the Victoria Inn.

Kanegusuku's Golf Club held its fourth tournament at Olomana Golf Links on June 30. The upcoming date at Olomana is November 24, at 10:06 a.m.

The summer picnic is on August 25 at Ala Moana Park areas 22 and 23. The club's golf and ladies' shirts, caps and visors will be on sale.

President Ed Kino asks members to buy scrips for the 1985 Festival Okinawa and 1986 UOA calendar. He also needs volunteers for the Okinawan Festival Grill Pit Booth, and contestants with the hairiest face, bushiest beard, macho moustache or grandest goatee. Contact Ed at 262-0217.

**Katsuren Cho Jin Kai's** officers and committee members have been busy finalizing plans for the Annual Picnic to be held Saturday, July 27. (previously reported as Sun, July 28,) at Ala Moana Park areas 2 and 3. Come out early for games, lucky-number prizes and the usual great shave ice!

President Carl Nakata and Vice-President Glenn Yoshimoto, with the help of the club Nisei, are re-establishing the family "grapevine" to improve communication between the officers and members. Family "Captains" will be contacting members advising them of upcoming UOA and

club events. Please kokua when your Family Captain calls. We're trying to make Katsuren stronger and more viable through this system.

Katsuren will be helping in the Hot Dog/Chili Booth at the upcoming Okinawan Festival. Hiroshi Maeda will be signing people up at the picnic. See you July 27!

**Urasoe Sonjin Kai** gives kudos to the following members: Gail Miyasato, daughter of Raymond Miyasato, was named a recipient of the UOA's 1985 four-year scholarship to the University of Hawaii. Adrienne Ganiko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kosuke Ganiko, is President of Castle High School's 1985 senior class. Chad Koyanagi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Koyanagi and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Uchima (Urasoe's nominee for 1984 Outstanding Uchinanchu), was recognized with a national achievement award in mathematics for the school year 1984-85. Chad recently completed his sophomore year at McKinley High School. He was also a member of McKinley's math team, which took first place in the Oahu Math League.

Urasoe's entry in the 1985 UOA Softball League won the West division title by winning a play-off game with Tomigusuku. Both teams ended the season with identical 9-1-1 record. In a play-off for the league championship with Minami, Minami came out on top 2-0. Darren Uchima, Urasoe's stellar shortstop, was awarded the Most Inspirational trophy at the awards banquet, held at the Victoria Inn.

Urasoe's two teams in the recently completed 1985 UOA Mixed Volleyball League, played at Kaimuki High School gym, led their respective division in regular league play. In the Championship Tournament, held on Sunday, June 23, Urasoe—in the Yellow division—successfully defended their title by defeating a strong Yomi-tan team 2-1. Urasoe's Purple division team ended in fourth place behind Nago. The League Banquet was held on Saturday, June 29, at the McCoy Pavilion at Ala Moana Park.

The annual Urasoe Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 18, at the Ala Moana Park picnic area 9. Scrips for the upcoming UOA Festival are available through Urasoe President George Miyashiro, at 671-0476 (home) or 677-5471 (work).

## Wahiawa Okinawa Kyo Yu Kai

**Donald Sagara, President**

from sharing the rich cultural heritage that our issei brought with them from Okinawa.

To the members of our Kyo Yu Kai, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our upcoming golf tournament on Saturday, August 24, and of our picnic at Puuiki Beach on Sunday, August 25. Your district representatives will be contacting you shortly, so please mark those dates on your calendar.

We are again selling scrips for the Okinawan Festival which, this year, will be held at Thomas Square and at the Academy of Arts on September 7 and 8. Our scrip-selling efforts can lead to more benefits to our club, perhaps in the form of more or larger scholarships, so if you would like to sell or buy scrips please contact me as soon as possible.

Please join me in actively participating in the many Kyo Yu Kai and UOA activities, and sharing in preserving the roots of Okinawa for our children and their children.



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**UOA Mixed Volleyball.** The 3rd Annual Mixed Volleyball League also came to a close... Again Urasoe and Yomitan met for the championship... Again Urasoe came out on top... Again by two games to one... Again Ron Yoza and his gang will have to coordinate the league. How's that for consistency? But in the highly rated talent division held at McCoy pavilion, Yomitan proved best in '85. Again, the awards banquet proved to be the highlight of the season.

**UOA Mixed Bowling.** Speaking of Yomitan, guess who walked away this year's bowling trophy? Since the sports program was instigated, Yomitan has taken first place in all three sports. I guess Tom Uechi can now substantiate purchasing a trophy case. The season ended with a gala evening at the Pacific Beach Hotel complete with dinner and dancing. Mahalo to Judy Arakaki and her hard-working committee.

## UOA Mixed Handicap League

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Yomitan A       | Katsuren      |
| Yomitan B       | Nago          |
| Minami I        | Precision Air |
| Minami II       | Urasoe        |
| UOA I           | Awase         |
| Young Okinawans | Goeku         |
| Shuri           | Gushikawa     |

## FINAL WEEK'S RESULTS

## Men

|                 |                |     |
|-----------------|----------------|-----|
| Average         | John Sunabe    | 180 |
| Handicap Ave.   | Lloyd Cereleja | 198 |
| Handicap Series | Harry Oshiro   | 728 |
| High Series     | Earl Arakaki   | 623 |
| Handicap 1 Game | Wayne Hironaga | 285 |
| High 1 Game     | Harry Arakaki  | 256 |

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## Women

|                 |                  |     |
|-----------------|------------------|-----|
| Average         | Amy Matano       | 166 |
| Handicap Ave.   | Joann Nomura     | 196 |
| Handicap Series | Lyanne Hironaga  | 710 |
| High Series     | Cassandra Sherod | 557 |
| Handicap 1 Game | Iris Shimabukuro | 272 |
| High 1 Game     | Nancy Miura      | 214 |

**UOA Softball.** After two years of second best, Minami Nakagusuku finally emerged on top. After cruising through their division, Minami shut out Urasoe, 2-0, for the elusive crown. For the championship game, the teams had the privilege of playing on the UH Wahine softball field, complete with bleachers, dugouts, PA system and a lighted scoreboard. Setting up yeah? Fans on hand were treated to an exhibition game between the House of Representatives All-Stars and the UOA All (most) - Stars. A banquet at Victoria Inn on June 28 climaxed the successful season. Congratulations to the Mighty Minami Green Machine, and again, much thanks to the hard working (every Sunday) softball committee, Frank Arakaki, Billy Tokuda, Ed Kino, and Russell and Linda Tsutsui.

## UOA 14" SOFTBALL LEAGUE

## STANDING—MAY 19

| East Okinawa      | Won | Lost | Tie | Representative    |
|-------------------|-----|------|-----|-------------------|
| Minami Nakagusuku | 10  | 1    |     | Wayne Higa        |
| Gaza Yonagusuku   | 9   | 2    |     | Walter Shiroma    |
| Yomitan Gold      | 6   | 2    | 2   | Norman Arakaki    |
| Gushikawa Blue    | 6   | 3    | 1   | Morris Zukeran    |
| Awase             | 5   | 5    |     | Tom Ogimi         |
| Club Kobashigawa  | 5   | 5    |     | Douglas Miyashiro |
| Sashiki           | 4   | 5    | 1   | Stanley Gibo      |
| Aza Gushikawa     | 3   | 7    |     | Wallace Tokuda    |
| Chatan            | 3   | 7    |     | George Takamaya   |
| Goeku             | 1   | 9    |     | Clinton Chung     |
| Nago              | 1   | 9    |     | Warren Higa       |

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| West Okinawa   | Won | Lost | Tie | Representative   |
|----------------|-----|------|-----|------------------|
| Urasoe         | 10  | 1    | 1   | George Miyashiro |
| Tomigusuku     | 9   | 2    | 1   | Kelsey Higa      |
| Yomitan Gree   | 8   | 3    |     | Norman Arakaki   |
| Gushikawa Gold | 7   | 3    | 1   | Clinton Nakamoto |
| Kochinda       | 6   | 4    | 1   | Gary Kaneshiro   |
| Shuri          | 6   | 5    |     | Richard Shiroma  |
| Ginowan        | 5   | 6    |     | John Tasato      |
| Young Okinawan | 4   | 7    |     | Dan Taira        |
| Itoman         | 4   | 7    |     | Richard Arakaki  |
| Gushikan       | 3   | 8    |     | Phil Uesato      |
| Oroku          | 2   | 9    |     | James Akamine    |
| Haebaru        | 1   | 10   |     | Seiei Oshiro     |

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