



Current and former scholarship winners at an April get-together. (Front, L to R): Naomi Kinjo—1987, Monica Okuhara—1986 and Wesley Ueunten—1984. (Back): Karen Nakasone—1989, Lillian Y. Hokama—1985, Arleen (Ige) Kamita—1982 and Ann Hanashiro-Moribe—1981.

Ryukyu University Offers Scholarship

The Okinawa Prefectural Government Scholarship to Ryukyu University seeks applicants for the school year April 1990 to March 1991.

This Scholarship was established in 1980 commemorating the 80th Okinawan Immigrant Celebration. Since then, each year a student from Hawaii is selected to attend Ryukyu University for a year.

The applicant must be between 18 and 30 years old. He must be a high school graduate planning to enroll at a university or is presently attending a college or university.

Ryukyu University is located in Nishihara Town near Ginowan City. It offers excellent educational opportunities as attested by former recipients, many of whom have extended their stay in Okinawa.

Questions and requests for application forms should be directed to June Arakawa at 845-0194.

HUI MAKAAALA FASHION SHOW

by Tina Kaneshiro

GIRLZ...JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN! is the theme for the 20th Annual Fashion Show for the women of the Hui Makaala Club to be held on Sunday, October 8, 1989, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom.

Ray Sasaki, coordinator of the show, will feature fresh, local, couture designers, i.e., Jeanne Chun, Monica Gavin with Ken Christy Hagen and more.

Reservations must be received by September 18, 1989. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Reservations and table assignments will be made on a first-paid, first-served basis, determined by the postmarked date on the envelope. Tickets and table assignments will be mailed September 25, 1989. Sales after that date will be made through Karen Shishido (Bus: 523-4500, Res: 595-2361).

Proceeds from this event support the Hui Makaala Scholarship Fund. Since 1946, more than 300 deserving high school graduates throughout our islands have received scholarships to pursue higher education at the University of Hawaii.

Eight students were awarded full tuition scholarships for the 1989-1990 school year. Receiving the four-year scholarship (\$4,800) was Lee Mitsuki Tokuda of Castle High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Tokuda.

One-year scholarships (\$1,200) went to the following:

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Mr. & Mrs. Samson Bernal
Mark Hiroshi Hirokawa (Pearl City)
Mr. Dennis Hirokawa
Craig Yukio Matsuda (Kaiser)
Mr. & Mrs. Ervine K.H. Matsuda
Cheryl Ochi (Aiea)
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Ochi
Roxanne Sumiko Ota (Mililani)
Mr. & Mrs. Keyei Ota
Melissa Itsuko Shimabukuro (Moanalua)
Mr. & Mrs. Masayuki Shimabukuro
Jean Michiko Takabayashi (Leilehua)
Mrs. Carol Matsumiya



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Ryukyu Team to Conduct Project

The Ryukyu University Medical Team under the direction of Dr. Goro Mimura will arrive on September 22 for their 8th annual health research project. This ten year project was begun in 1982.

The purpose of this project is to compare the longevity of Okinawans here and in Okinawa. Eating habits, environmental differences and life

styles show that the local Okinawans have a tendency for a high rate of diabetes and cholesterol.

Dates for the examinations are Saturday, September 23 to Sunday, October 1 from 7 AM to 12 noon at Jikoen Memorial Hall on School Street.

Participants should refrain from eating or drinking anything

(except water) after midnight the morning of the examination.

Over 700 persons had free examinations and counseling last year. Let's help ourselves and the dedicated medical team.

For further information, please contact June Arakawa (845-0194) or Betty Higa (247-5347).

1990 August Tour to Include Worldwide Uchinanchu Conference

The UOA has planned two exciting tours for 1990, "The Year of the Okinawan." The first is The World Uchinanchu Taikai Tour (August 24-26) which features participation in the "First International Worldwide Uchinanchu Conference" in Okinawa. The second is the annual UOA Study Tour to Okinawa (October 4-14) being coordinated by Isaac Hokama (595-3664) and Naka's Travel (523-6402).

The Worldwide Conference, spon-

sored by Okinawa Prefectural Government, will showcase activities and exhibits from various Okinawan organizations around the world. 50,000 people from countries such as Brazil, Canada, Peru, the Philippines and the United States will join in a mass celebration of the Okinawan culture.

"Sono Hiroso o Motomete" or "Seek the Vastness" is the theme of this spectacular festival. Special invited guests will include 50 Uchinanchus active in the community and 50 Isseis

and Niseis. These individuals will have part of their travel expenses covered by various sponsors of the celebration as a "thank you" for their hard work and support of the Okinawan Community.

Hawaii is expected to send 300 representatives to the event. Those wishing to attend should plan now and keep up-to-date on developments. Details will be made available at a later date. UOA coordinators are June Arakawa and Akira Sakima.

Temporary Housing Needed

George Uyema, chairman of the Facilities Planning Committee of the Hawaii Okinawa Center needs a home for two carpenters!

One of the best features of our Hawaii Okinawa Center is the authentic Kawara Tile now being shipped from Okinawa. Two craftsmen from Okinawa are being sent to Hawaii specifically to install the tile on the roof of the Cente. That's where George's housing need comes in. The craftsmen will need housing for approximately two to three months while the Kawara Tile

is being installed. They will be sufficiently paid to afford reasonable accommodations and may receive further assistance from the HOC.

If you have a spare room at your home and could use a tenant for a few months, let us know. Or if you know of anyone renting a facility that could be used for this purpose, give us a call. It'll be another way of making a contribution to our Center - and perhaps make an interesting new friend from Okinawa.

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Editor's Note

Uchinanchu is proud to announce that the newsletter is being produced on a brand new Macintosh SE/30 Computer (Mac).

Editor Warren Higa, aside from learning how to run the newsletter, has been working on the computer, learning about its great possibilities.

All the articles in this issue were formatted on the Mac and produced through the typesetting facilities of the Hawaii Hochi. By the following issue in October, the staff should be more experienced in desktop publishing and producing a more attractive and efficient newsletter.

The Mac is available to all member clubs of the UOA. It can help produce flyers and Club Newsletters faster and cheaper.

UCHINANCHU needs writers and operators. For more information call Warren Higa 524-3192, Alice Njus 536-6023 or the HOC office 521-1000.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

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58.2%	4	NAGO	167,305
38.3%	5	YOMITAN	161,248
90.4%	6	MINAMI NAKAGUSUKU	153,146
80.4%	7	HANEJI	149,929
38.5%	8	HUI OKINAWA/KOHALA-HI	121,787
30.3%	9	GUSHIKAWA	121,770
46.5%	10	YONABARU	121,266
63.3%	11	GINOZA	120,225
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48.5%	22	NISHIHARA	73,860
35.4%	23	OSATO	71,770
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62.7%	29	HAEBARU	62,460
59.8%	30	KANAGUSUKU	59,805
31.5%	31	KOCHINDA	59,725
51.9%	32	OROKU DOSHI KAI	58,125
37.7%	33	ISHIKAWA	57,727
38.9%	34	KATSUREN	57,688
113.4%	35	KITA NAKAGUSUKU	54,402
28.4%	36	TOMIGUSUKU	53,560
100.0%	37	NAHA	41,200
34.9%	38	CLUB MOTOBU	39,065
34.4%	39	TAMAGUSUKU	38,670
49.6%	40	ITOMAN	30,710
39.3%	41	ONNA	28,000
13.5%	42	HUI ALU, INC (KAUAI)	15,700
NA	43	PRIOR FUND RAISING	14,206
10.6%	44	HUI MAKAAALA	12,495
40.4%	45	CLUB KOBASHIGAWA	10,075
5.3%	46	HUI PONO, INC (KAUAI)	7,645
1.3%	47	MAUI OKINAWA KENJIN KAI	5,000
16.7%	48	YOGI	4,150
213.6%	49	YAEYAMA	2,463
1.3%	50	YOUNG OKINAWANS	2,000

EULOGY

MR. ICHIRO INAMINE

September 23, 1905—June 19, 1989

Mr. Ichiro Inamine—a living treasure in Okinawa whose entire life was dedicated toward the betterment of mankind—passed away on June 19, 1989.

An influential and respected man, Mr. Inamine believed in the Hawaii Okinawa Center project and was elected Fundraising Chairman in Naha, Okinawa. He was instrumental in organizing a committee of prominent Okinawan government officials and businessmen to spearhead the fundraising effort of the project. Through his able and dedicated leadership, more than \$1.5 million was raised toward the \$2.5 million goal.

In 1988, Mr. Inamine received the "Grand Cordon Of The Order Of The Sacred Treasure" from Emperor Hirohito for his distinguished career achievements. He was a man who served his countrymen well. He was a recognized leader in the international communities in the Far East and Pacific regions. These credentials afforded him a post into Japan's Peers—the equivalent of the United States Senate—until his retirement from public service.



Indeed Mr. Ichiro Inamine was a great man—a man of vision, foresight and love of mankind.

Ethnic Records Survey

Old Records Really are "Golden Treasures"

Did your father or grandfather ever keep dusty old files around which just took up space and cluttered your house? Well, don't throw those records away because they could be valuable!

The UOA is supporting the Hawaii Ethnic Records Survey Project which is collecting records with plans for their preservation so that future generations can better understand and appreciate their cultural heritage.

June Arakawa is the UOA coordinator for the project with the assistance of Alfred Kina and Wesley Uenten (who is presently studying in Tokyo on a scholarship).

The project is part of a 1987 State Foundation on Culture and the Arts activity which obtained a federal grant to begin the survey project. The project is a two year program to inventory the correspondence, reports, membership records, photographs and scrapbooks of clubs, churches and businesses.

The UOA is interested in supporting this project because the Uchinanchu community has played an important role in the history of Hawaii since their immigration in 1900.

If any of you have club records as mentioned above, please contact June at 845-0194.

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Club News

Goeku Sonjinkai

Gary S. Higa, President, reported that the club picnic on July 23 at Kapiolani Park was a success. The New Year's celebration is scheduled for Feb. 3 at Flamingo Chuckwagon.

Haneji Club

President Ruby Miyashiro made several announcements:

1) The club picnic was on August 13 at Kapiolani Park, 2) The New Year's Party will be January 20 at Masa's Cafeteria, and 3) Gordon Miyashiro is softball coach.

Club members on Okinawa Study Tour included Margaret Asato; Carol and James Inafuku; Maud, Patti and Ruby Miyashiro; Kay Okaneke; Grace and Terry Tamanaha; and Ella Teruya.

Hawaii Shuri Club

Club Secretary Jane Okamura reported that their picnic was held on July 16 at Ala Moana Park. The New Year's Party will be on Feb. 10, at Masa's Cafeteria. Shuri bowlers are in tenth place and Michele Cortez represented the club on the Okinawa Study Tour.

Hui O Lualima

Chairpersons Fumiko Yoshimoto and Elsie Kawakone are to be commended for the success of the annual Farm Fair Andagi Sale. At the general membership meeting held at the Halekulani Hotel on May 20, Geraldine Maeda conducted a survey of interests for increased membership participation in club activities. The scholarship committee chaired by Jean Agena awarded \$7000 in academic and cultural scholarships. Community Service Chairperson Myrtle Terada reports that the club has adopted Nuuanu Hale for this year. This commitment involves visitations as well as presentation of lap covers to the residents of Nuuanu Hale.

Ishikawa Shijin Kai

President Bob Nakasone who is Assistant Treasurer of UOA is also Interim Executive Director of Hawaii Okinawa Center. Member Helen Byars serves on the HOC Advisory Council while Lynn Oshiro is on the Bonenkai Committee. The club's New Year's party is set for Saturday, Feb. 10, at Victoria Inn.

Kanegusuku Sonjin Kai

President Ed Kino announced that the New Year's Party will be Feb. 25 at Victoria Inn. It will be a late afternoon affair, starting at 4:00 p.m.

Kochinda Chojin Kai

Vice President Katy Ching shared that the club picnic was held July 30 at Ala Moana Park. The New Year's Party will be Feb. 3 at Victoria Inn. Member Randy Platt, son of Annette and Dan Platt, will be in Osaka for two years. He will teach English to adults and soccer and volleyball to youngsters.

Nago Chojin Kai

Lillian Takata announced that the Club "piku niku" was held on August 6, at Ala Moana Park. Alicia Rogan ran the races and games and it was fun for all. Member Betty Higa was elected Hui O Lualima President for 1989-1990.

Osato Doshi Kai

The club is celebrating its 80th Anniversary this year with a special bash in Waikiki. The dinner event is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 at the Holiday Inn-Waikiki Beach. Flyers will be mailed out in September.

Wahiawa Kyo Yu Kai

Puuiki Beach in Waialua was the site of the annual picnic on August 13, 1989. Dot's in Wahiawa is set for the new year party. Please see Ray Higa, President, for the date. Tony Kaneshiro with a score of 64 was low net winner at the annual Kyo Yu Kai Golf meet held on July 8, 1989 at Mililani Golf Course.

Yonashiro Sonjin Kai

Your picnic will be at Ala Moana Park area 9 on Labor Day Weekend Sunday.



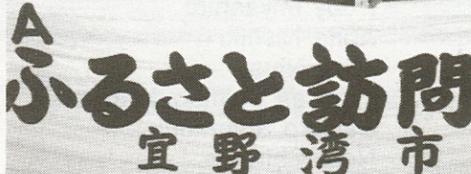
Art Objects Sought for 1990 Exhibit

THE 1990 Celebration Committee is seeking the loan of Okinawan Art Objects for its Imin Exhibit at the Honolulu Academy of Arts in February, 1990. Period objects such as clothing, tools, arts and crafts, and photos are needed for this Exhibit. Persons willing to lend their objects or collections to the 1990 Celebration Committee should contact Betty Higa - 247-5347; Isaac Hokama - 536-4366, or Alice Njus - 536-6023.

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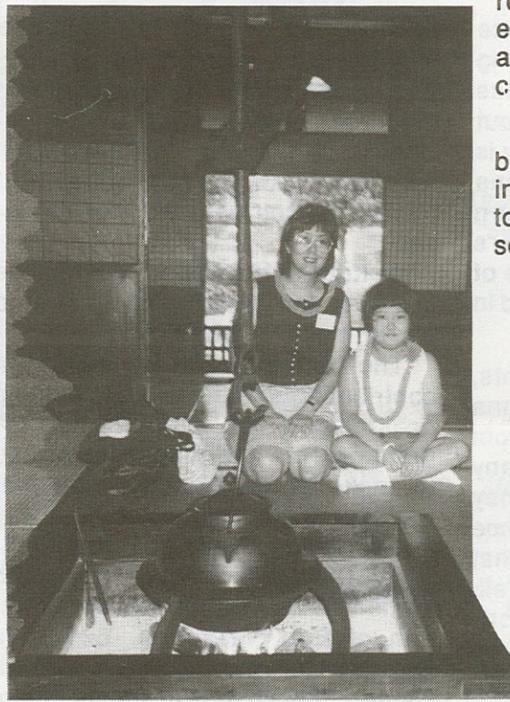
Daughter's Persistence Renews Interest in Culture



A great welcome at Ginowan City Hall. (L to R): Roberta Umeno, Jane Chang, Tylar Umeno and Edna Oshiro.

by Roberta Umeno

One night my 8-year old daughter, Tylar, asked her grandmother to please take her to Okinawa. She wanted to know where Obaachan and Ojiichan came from. Although I grew up going to the Sonjinkai picnic every summer, eating Obaachan's hot,



freshly made andagi, taking Okinawan dance lessons and listening to Ojiichan play Okinawan tunes on his violin and samisen, I had no special interest in visiting Okinawa.

It was because of Tylar's persistent curiosity that my Mom, Aunt, Tylar and I decided to join the UOA Study Tour.

This year the trip included an optional tour to Ginowan, Ojiichan's village. The morning of the tour, Tylar and I were excited. We were going to the area where Ojiichan grew up.

As I stood on Kakazu Ridge, I wondered if Ojiichan had played here as a child. As I visited Futenma Jingu, I wondered if he had come here as a young man to pray for a safe journey to Hawaii.

For me, this trip sparked a new understanding and greater respect for the Okinawan people. Visiting the old villages and viewing the displays in the museums made me realize what kind of life my grandparents had. Now when Obaachan talks about her young days in Okinawa, I can picture it in my mind.

For Tylar, it probably will be years before we realize how this trip has influenced her. For now, she wants to take Okinawan dance lessons and so do I—again.

Tylar and I really enjoyed seeing the culture of Okinawa firsthand. We gained a better understanding of the lifestyle in the old days. Here we are in a house on Ishigaki Island.

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VOLUNTEERS ... A RARE BREED

The Hawaii Okinawa Center fundraising office is made up of many dedicated staff members. But, the rare breed of volunteers who assist the office staff are the ones who help the fundraising office to really shine. Whenever a project needs to be completed or notices need to be sent out, our volunteers arrive on the scene to save the day.

Yuriko Inamine, a staff member in the fundraising office, said, "I want the Okinawan community to know about our volunteers and about all the time and effort they put into the project."

Some of the volunteers that the fundraising office would like to thank:

June Arakawa
Mat Arashiro
Nora Chibana
Dora Akamine
Shizuko Akamine
Janet Annoura
Jane Okamura

Jane Sakima
Betty Higa
Gary Higa
Lena Higa
Edith Iga
Elsie Kawakone
Doroth Kohagura
Lois McCartney
Edith Miyahira
Florence Miyashiro
Ruby Miyashiro
Anne Nishiki
Alice Njus
Frances Shimabukuro
Sadako Shimabuku
Nora Shiroma
Barbara Tanigawa
Renee Toguchi
Nora Toma
Judith Ueatari
Karen Wright
Diane Yagi
Doris Yamashiro
Hanae Yasuda
James Yonaha
Hazel Yonamine

James Yonahara
Carol Yoshiwa

It is because of their dedication to the project, that the HOC office is able to accomplish more-with-less.

The office would especially like to express its gratitude to Frances Kakazu and Bob Nakasone.

Bob Nakasone of Ishikawa Shijin Kai has been the acting Executive Director of the Hawaii Okinawa Center Fundraising Office since June 1, 1989. Although Bob has a full-time job as a financial consultant at Merrill-Lynch, he still manages to help provide direction for the fundraising office during the evenings and weekends.

"Well, I strongly believe in the project," said Nakasone, "and since the Isseis worked so hard for us, I want to work hard for them."

Frances Kakazu of the Oroku Azajin Kai has been volunteering her services on a full-time basis since March 13, 1989. Frances,

who retired from the University of Hawaii Community College system a few years ago, has been working hard for the Okinawan community since her retirement.

Frances handles all transactions dealing with the pledge accounts. And if she is not sending out pledge reminder notices, making deposits or imputing information into the computer, then she is assisting the rest of the office staff in any way that she can.

"I want to do all that I can to make this dream a reality," says Kakazu. "My husband, Sam, and I have been excited about this project since it started in 1987. And when you believe in a project the way we believe in the Hawaii Okinawa Center, then you feel honored just to be a part of it. I don't need to be recognized or honored. Just seeing the Center when it is completed will be all the reward I need."

by Koreen Nakahodo

Enthusiastic Youngsters Share in Excitement

President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "If you are going to do anything for humanity, the chances of success lie not in working with the man, but with the child; for the child of today is the citizen of tomorrow." If Lorene and Ivan Nakamine and Koreen Nakahodo are examples of tomorrow's Okinawan citizens, then the future of the Okinawan community is indeed in good hands.

These three university students, Lorene and Ivan Nakamine from Onna Sonjin Kai and Koreen Nakahodo from the Itoman Club, are among the many people who have pledged their money to the Hawaii Okinawa Center since its fundraising began in 1987. What makes these three so special? Well, while working part-time and supporting themselves through school, they are contributing to the development of the Center.

The three were so excited by the project which honors the Isseis that they gladly decided to part with a portion of their hard-earned monthly income to complete their pledges.

Lorene and Ivan Nakamine were among the first members of Onna Sonjin Kai to make a contribution to the Hawaii Okinawa Center. In fact, they were so excited about the project that they tried to motivate other members of their club to make donations as well.

"We wanted to do more than just give money to the project," said

Lorene, "so we tried to encourage others to make a contribution by telling them to remember the sacrifices that the Isseis made for us."

"After all," her brother Ivan said, "we would not be here today if it weren't for the hard work of the Isseis."

For Koreen Nakahodo, the chance to honor the Isseis also motivated her to make a contribution.

"The sacrifices that I'm making in contributing to the project is nothing compared to the sacrifices that my grandparents and other I Isseis had to make to give us a better life. Participating in the project is a way for me to say 'thank you' to them."

The pledges of these dedicated students has even caught the attention of Bob Nakasone, Executive Director for the Hawaii Okinawa Center. "I am happy to see members of the younger generation participating in the project and making sacrifices to honor the Isseis," said Nakasone.

"In fact," Nakasone continues, "I am hoping that by participating in this project these students will be able to learn more about their Okinawan heritage."

"What touches me is that these young adults have so much faith in the project that they are willing to sacrifice a part of their hard earned income to contribute," said Yuriko Inamine, a member of the project's Board of Directors.

"After all," continues Inamine, "it's not easy to make a donation when you are working your way through school." Inamine also said that she hopes that others will want to contribute to the project after they see how big a sacrifice these three are making.

Lorene, Ivan and Koreen share Inamine's hope that through their example others will be inspired to contribute.

And all three students feel that communication is the key to the success of the project. "I've been talking to other friends of Okinawan ancestry and am trying to get them to make a donation to the project," said Lorene. "I am hoping that if I let them know about the project they will share my enthusiasm and contribute."

Koreen Nakahodo, who works part-time in the project's fundraising office also feels that if other Okinawans hear about the project they will want to be a part of it. "I didn't know too much about the project before I began working here," said Nakahodo, "but the more I learned about the project, the more I wanted to become a part of it."

Nakahodo concludes, "it will be great when the Center is completed and I can go there and know that even though my donation was small, I had a part in helping to make the Center a reality, for the memory of our courageous immigrant Isseis."

NOTICE

First Election of HOC Board To Be Held

The first election of the newly created Board of Trustees of the Hawaii Okinawa Center will be held during the UOA Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 1989 at the Jikoen Temple Hall.

All Club Presidents or Representatives are urged to attend this meeting.

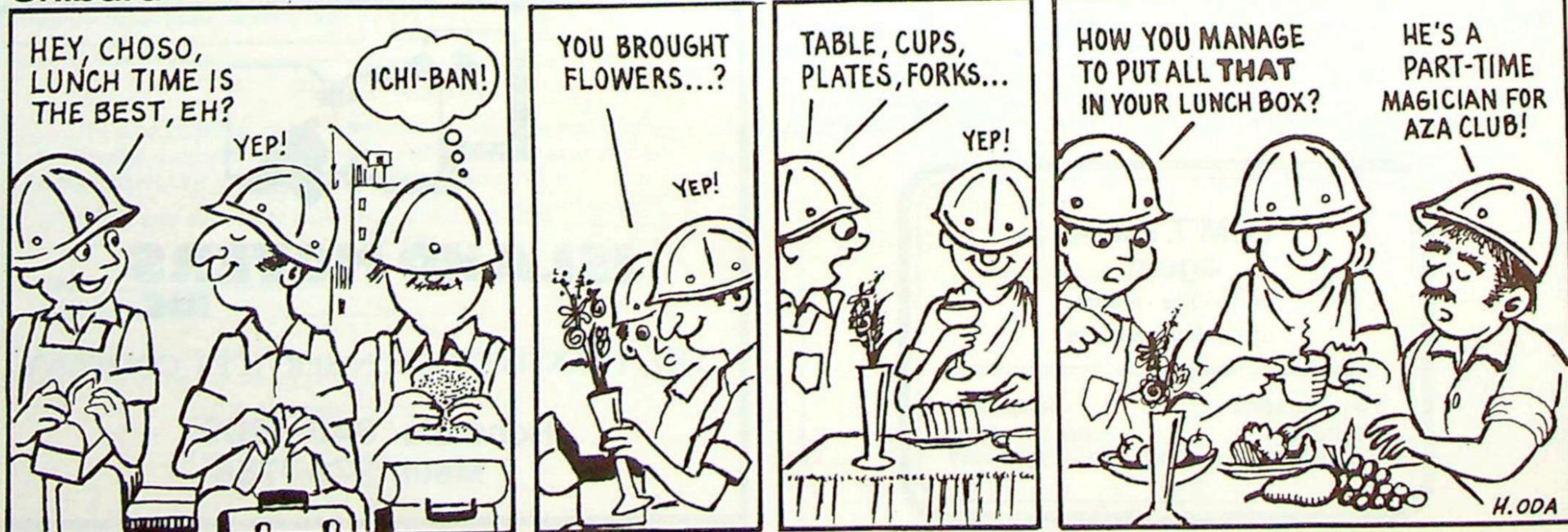
The election is required under the new By-Laws of the HOC adopted by the HOC Board of Directors at their August 17th meeting.

The By-Laws now provides for the Member Clubs to determine the Trustees of the HOC who will be elected on a staggered term basis. The President and First Vice-President of the UOA will be permanent Trustees.

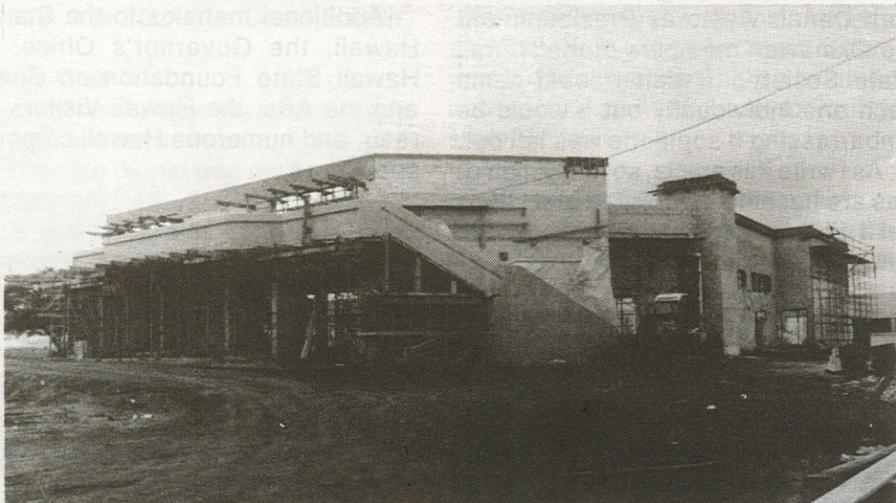
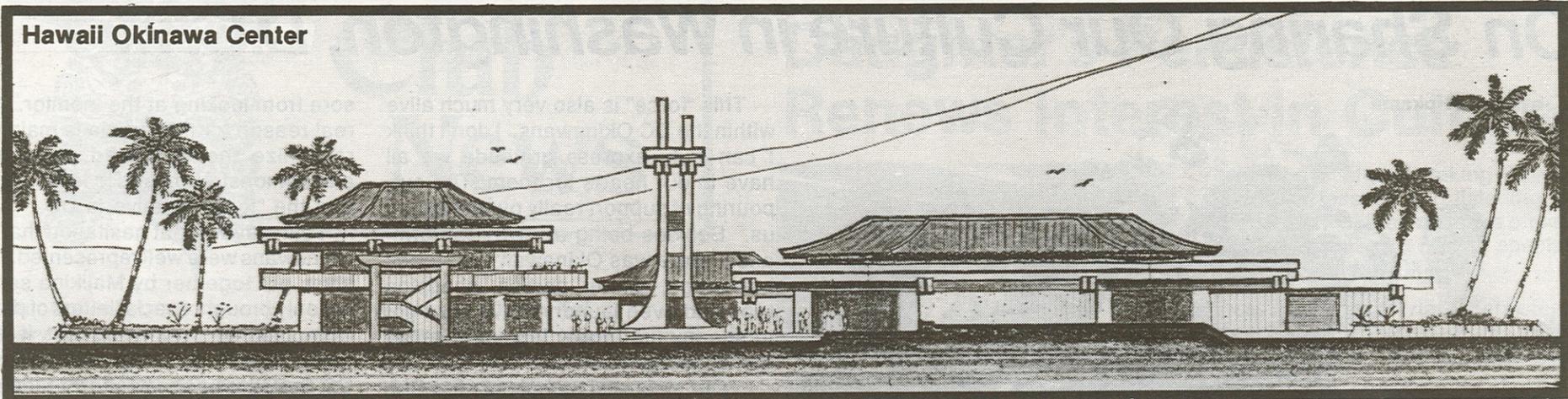
The most important duty of the new Board of Trustees will be to conduct an executive search for the position of a full-time Executive Director for the HOC.

Further details on the Board of Trustees under the new By-Laws will be provided at the September UOA Board Meeting.

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Hawaii Okinawa Center



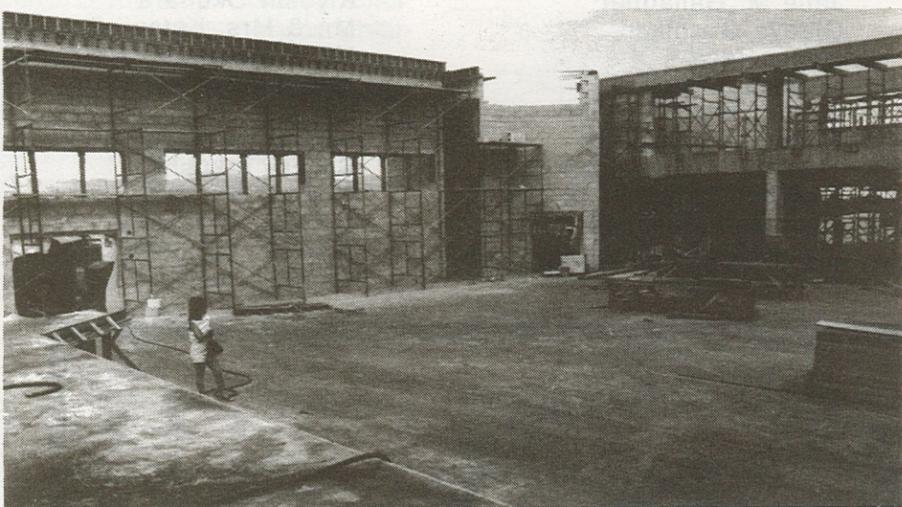
Construction on its Way...

The construction of the Hawaii Okinawa Center began on May 1, 1989, with S&M Sakamoto, Inc., as the project's General Contractor. With rigs and equipment rolling onto the 2-1/2 acres of the UOA property at Waipio Gentry, work commenced on the building of our memorial to the Isseis.

"Words cannot describe the feeling of witnessing the construction of the Hawaii Okinawa Center," said Stanley Takamine, General Co-Chairman of the HOC project. "We have reached the point where our entire community can see the rewards of their hard work."

Interim financing for construction was made possible through a construction credit line from the Bank of Hawaii. This construction loan will be paid off by the end of 1991 by using the scheduled pledge payments from our pledgers.

The first few weeks of construction involved the preparation of the land for building. As the grading and leveling process was finalized, actual construction of the pavilion started. The foundation has already been poured and the walls are coming up. Construction is scheduled to be completed in April, 1990, with a grand opening ceremony set for June 16, 1990.



Fundraising Needs Your Support

While many supporters are very happy that construction of the Hawaii Okinawa Center has begun, project leaders are quick to remind us that gifts are still needed in order to pay off the construction financing and to build an endowment which will provide for future maintenance and operations of the Center.

"We still have a long way to go before our fundraising goals are met. We also want every possible supporter to

have the opportunity to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime project," said Edward Kuba.

While \$1 million is still scheduled to come from Okinawa, campaign leaders stress that raising funds here in Hawaii is still very important.

The Hawaii Okinawa Center is indeed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We must continue to actively encourage Hawaii contributions to this memorial to our Isseis.

Waipio Interchange Completed

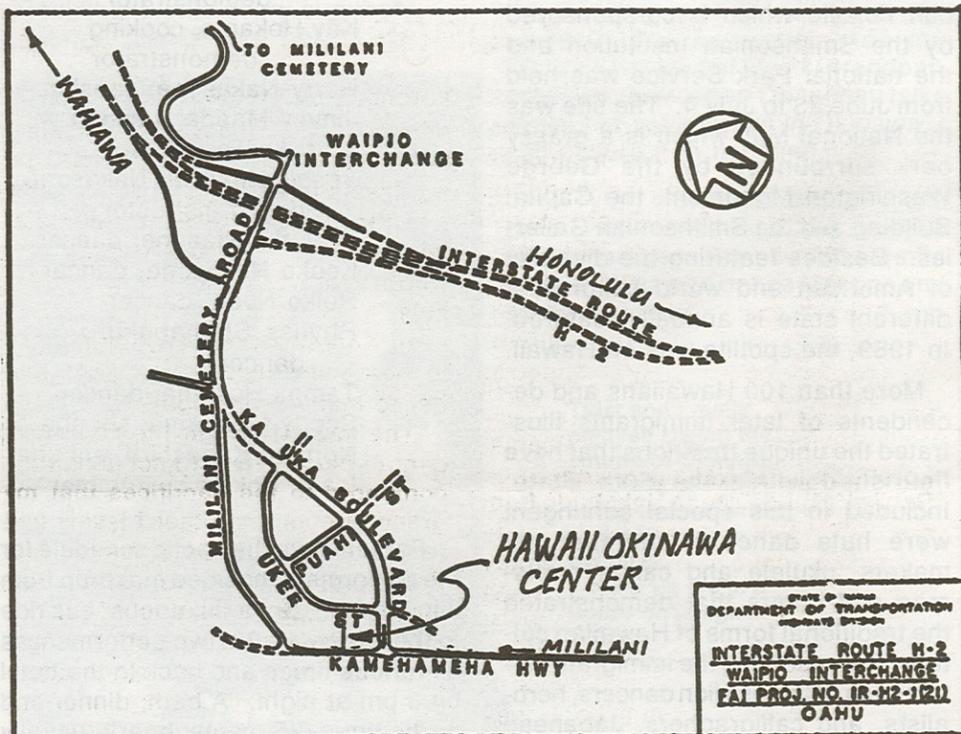
The opening of the Waipio interchange on the H-2 freeway was dedicated on July 31, 1989. Four new ramps connect H-2 with Ka Uka Boulevard, which merges with Kamehameha Highway.

Second phase of the work has begun to widen the interchange to accommodate the traffic increase in the area with the upcoming development of

Waikale subdivision and the city's proposed Waiola/Kipapa estates.

This interchange alleviates traffic congestion in Central Oahu and gives motorists from Waipio Gentry, Crestview and Seaview subdivisions an alternate route into town. The Waipio interchange also flows right by the Hawaii Okinawa Center location in the Waipio Business Park.

(see map below)



Okinawa Campaign Is On Schedule...

The Hawaii Okinawa Center received a gift of Y50,000,000 or \$350,744.12 from the Okinawan Government. The contribution brings to date a total of \$391,768.12. The Okinawan Legislature had earlier approved Governor Junji Nishime's request for Y50 million funding for the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

"The people of Okinawa are firmly committed to the Hawaii Okinawa Center. Their help in this project is invaluable to our success," said Gary Mijo, General Co-Chairman of the HOC project.

Okinawa leaders will be working on the campaign over the next two years in order to assure that maximum funds will be raised. The Okinawa campaign has now raised more than \$1,500,000. An additional goal of \$1.1 million has been set to complete their fund drive.

The Okinawa campaign has now turned its attention to attracting support from local city governments and private resources.

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On Sharing Our Culture in Washington, D.C. ...

by Isaac Hokama



Perform in Washington DC? Who would ever dream of such an opportunity. Well it became a reality for 15 Uchinanchus from Hawaii.

The 23rd Annual Festival of American Folklife which is co-sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution and the national Park Service was held from June 23 to July 4. The site was the National Mall which is a grassy park surrounded by the George Washington Monument, the Capital Building and the Smithsonian Galleries. Besides featuring the diversity of American and world cultures, a different state is annually featured. In 1989, the spotlight was on Hawaii.

More than 100 Hawaiians and descendants of later immigrants illustrated the unique traditions that have flourished within the 50th State. Included in this special contingent were hula dancers, chanters, lei makers, ukulele and canoe craftsmen and others that demonstrated the traditional forms of Hawaiian culture. Representing the immigrant cultures were Chinese lion dancers, herbalists, and calligraphers, Japanese bon dancers, Portuguese dancers and musicians, a Filipino band, a Puerto

Special Benefit Dance Recital

The Majikina Honryu Buyo Dojo, under the artistic direction of Yoshino Majikina will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary with a special recital on Saturday, November 25, 1989, at the Farrington high School Auditorium. All the net proceeds will be donated to the Hawaii Okinawa Center and the Jikoen Hongwanji Temple.

Master instructress Yoshino Majikina began dancing at the tender age of 3 under the guidance of her father, Iemoto Yuko Majikina, and has performed extensively throughout the world in places such as Washington DC, Los Angeles, and San Paulo, Brazil. She was also invited to perform at the Kokuritsu Gekijo National Theater in Tokyo, Japan. In 1964 she established the Hawaii branch of the Majikina Honryu.

The Majikina Honryu has strived to preserve and perpetuate the Okinawan culture through song and dance in Hawaii. Yoshino Majikina has also been an instructor at the University of Hawaii since 1965 which allows her to expose the Okinawan culture to a broader segment of our Hawaiian Community.

Tickets for this event will be \$15.00. For more information, please call the Majikina Honryu at 595-6257.

Rican "kachi kachi" band, a Korean dance troupe, and us Chiburus.

The fortunate 15 included:

- Alfred Kina, weaving demonstrator
- Kay Hokama, cooking demonstrator
- Harry Nakasone, sanshin
- Jimmy Maeda, sanshin
- Katsuko Teruya, koto
- Yoshino Majikina Nakasone, dance instructor
- Mayuri Nakasone, dancer
- Kooko Nakasone, dancer
- Reiko Noda, dancer
- Phyliss Shimabukuro, dancer
- Tammi Hokama, dancer
- Scotty Moriyama, shi sha
- Norman Kaneshiro, shi sha
- Isaac Hokama, drummer

For ten days the hectic schedule for the performers included make-up from 8 in the morning, a "luxurious" bus ride to the site by 10:30, two performances at various times and back to the hotel by 6 pm at night. A bath, dinner and party time (25 cents beer!) usually ended the day. Free time to take in the sights were limited to two days.

How did we endure? The Okinawan "force" was with us. Pride in the beauty of the Okinawan arts and the desire to share it made each performance something to look forward to. The tremendous response after each show didn't hurt either.

This "force" is also very much alive within the DC Okinawans. I don't think I can truly express gratitude we all have in our hearts for them. The outpouring of support really overwhelmed us. Besides being at every performance, there was Okinawan food for us backstage, dinner parties, shopping trips and even laundry services. I got to see my first major league baseball game and play a round of golf.

Our sincerest mahalos to the Okinawan kai of Washington DC, with Maui born Dennis Asato as President, and the Okinawan members of the Hawaii State Society. I wish I could name each one individually but it would be embarrassing if someone was left out.

As I write this article, so many memories are flashing in my head and I can't get it all on paper because my eyes are

sore from looking at the monitor. The real reason for this article is mainly to recognize the dedicated performers and demonstrators and to let you know that the "force" is alive in DC.

I can say without hesitation that the Okinawans were well represented. The show put together by Majikina sensei not only brought special letters of praise from festival organizers but it also brought tears to those Okinawans in DC that were separated from the culture for so long.

Additional mahalos to the State of Hawaii, the Governor's Office, the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, the Hawaii Visitors Bureau, and numerous Hawaii corporate sponsors.



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Okinawa Prefectural Scholarship Recipient

Combining Culture and Current Events...

By Lillian Y. Hokama

Karen Tooko Nakasone is the 1989 recipient of the Okinawa Prefecture Government Scholarship. Currently attending the University of the Ryukyus in Nishihara, Okinawa, she is scheduled to return to Hawaii in March 1990. This interview is with her parents, Hajime and Chieko Nakasone.



KAREN with her parents, Hajime and Chieko Nakasone, at Honolulu International Airport.

"Karen was encouraged to be bilingual from a very young age," reveals Mrs. Chieko Nakasone. "I didn't speak very much English at the time and my husband and I both felt that it would be good for our children to communicate in two languages. So they spoke to me in Japanese and to my husband in English."

Chieko is from Haneji, Okinawa, and was introduced to her husband by a neighbor. The neighbor was Hajime's aunt, and she brought the couple together when his family attended his grandmother's 99th birthday celebration in Okinawa.

Within a year the two were wed and Chieko left her birthplace to begin a new life in Hawaii. It wasn't easy, but she was encouraged by Hajime's gentle nature and the strong support of his parents, Mansuke and Kameko Nakasone. "They were very patient and understanding," she says, "and made everything go smoothly. I felt so lucky!"

Hajime is from a family of nine and is a Nisei born and raised in Kekaha, Kauai. When he was fifteen

his family moved to Honolulu where they now reside. "At the time I met Chieko I knew only enough Japanese to get by," he states. "But when we decided to marry I knew I had to learn more...and quickly. So I enrolled in night school at Farrington and studied Japanese language for a year."

While Hajime focused on Japanese and Chieko on English, their children learned both languages and were instructed not to mix the two. It was difficult for the youngsters, especially during their early school years, but they were able to adjust. Karen, 19, graduated from Hawaii Baptist Academy in 1987 and is a sophomore at the University of Hawaii-Manoa (UHM). Nancy Yui Nakasone, 16, is currently attending Hawaii Baptist Academy.

The two girls were also exposed to literature and the arts at an early age. Chieko would take them to different museums, libraries and her favorite place, the Honolulu Academy of Arts. Reading was encouraged as well as art and music appreciation.

"It wasn't until high school that Karen began showing her academic potential," shares Chieko. "She began reading and writing more and expressing her opinions both verbally and in writing. In fact, she wrote frequent 'Letters to the Editor' to both daily papers and has had some of them published. She developed such a strong interest in politics and current events..."

This interest resulted in Karen's focus on Political Science and in a strong desire to attend a mainland

university. Just a semester shy of the big move, Karen was awarded the Prefectural Scholarship.

"She was ecstatic!" both parents recall. "She was so thrilled at being able to spend a year in Okinawa. It was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen her cultural background before she left to experience life on the mainland. She said that if she had gone directly to the mainland instead of attending UHM for a few years, she would never have had this chance. She knew she was lucky and was very grateful."

Leaving in early April, Karen was given a warm send-off by her proud parents and grandparents. "We were a bit worried," admits Chieko, "but we emphasize love and support. We believe everything will work out if we work hard and love our children. We hope Karen will take the good things from both the American and Japanese cultures and create something positive."



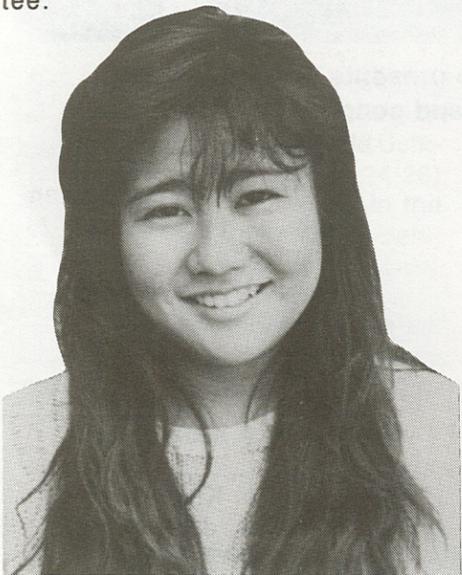
UPDATE: Mr. Nakasone continues to work as Shop and Service Supervisor at Dole Packaged Foods, Castle and Cooke. Mrs. Nakasone recently celebrated her fourth year in business as "Flower Fair." Nancy assists her mother at the shop whenever possible. Her father also helps in deliveries.

And Karen? There's no doubt as to how she's doing. In the June 7th issue of The Japan Times is a "Letter to the Editor"...from Karen Tooko Nakasone.

Three Awarded Maui Annual Scholarships

by Roy Yonahara

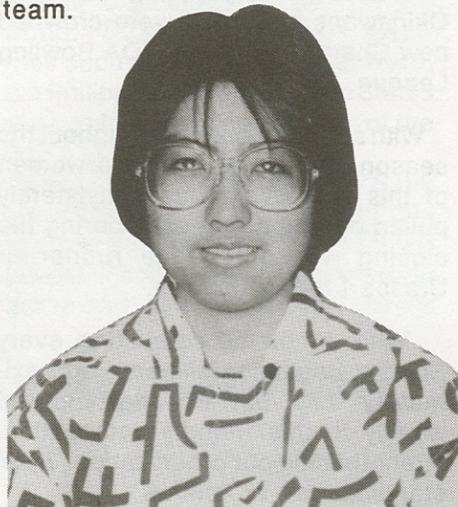
The three winners of this year's Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai \$350 scholarships were announced by Michael Hondo, chairman of the Scholarship Committee.



Chiemi Omuro, a graduate of Maui High School is the daughter of Stanley and Annette Omuro of Kahului. She served as a class officer for three years, a cheer-leader and a member of the school band. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the school's Key Club, and has time for aikido, her music club and her church youth group as well.

Her community activities include 4-H club, serving as an officer and delegate to the 4-H Congress. Chiemi plans to attend UH at Manoa to become a physical therapist.

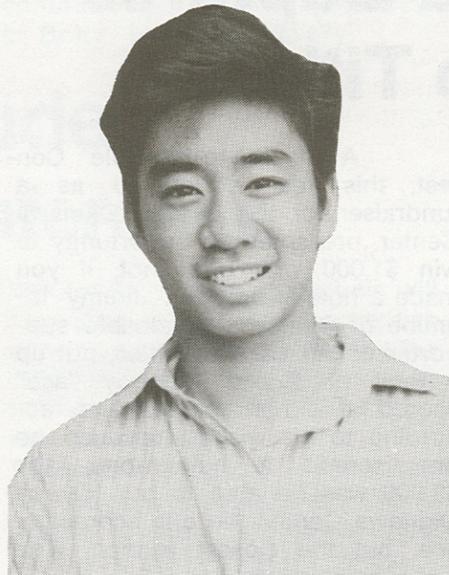
Wendy Tamashiro, daughter of Koki and Helen Tamashiro of Makawao, is a graduate of Baldwin High School. She is a National Merit Finalist and was also a State Science Fair Award Winner, Language Arts Showcase State Winner, NSF Young Scholar Program participant at the UH and received numerous honors throughout her high school career. Wendy was also in the Keywanettes and Martial Arts Club and a member of the bowling team.



Wendy has volunteered her services to the March of Dimes, Salvation Army, UNICEF, Maui Association for Retarded Citizens and Hale Makua. Wendy plans to attend Goucher College in Baltimore and major in science.



Trevor Tokishi plans to attend the UH at Manoa and major in Engineering. He is the son of Walter and Ione Tokishi of Kahului. Trevor was active



in student government and is a member of the National Honor Society. He was also a Math League member and belonged to the Key Club, Science Club and the Japanese Club. In sports, he wrestles, and plays golf and tennis. As a scout, Trevor attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

The three recipients were recognized at their school's award assembly and will receive their respective scholarships at the annual Maui Okinawa Kenjin Kai get-together in August. Serving on the Scholarship Committee with Michael Hondo were Dennis Shiroma, Edwin Ginoza, Sharon Yanagida, Ron Tamashiro and Michael Yamashiro.

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Gaza Yonagusuku Doshikai Emerges Victorious



The Championship Team poses proudly with supporter and club member Patsy Young.

Gaza Yonagusuku Doshikai, a perennial powerhouse in our UOA softball league, put together an impressive string of playoff victories to emerge as League Champions for 1989.

Faced with the threat of elimination after losing their first playoff game, the players on this fine defensive team pulled together to eke out one close victory after another in this double elimination competition.

Reaching the finals on the last Sunday of play, Gaza was faced with the formidable task of winning two games over the league-leading, unbeaten team from Urasoe. With some outstanding plays on the field, some timely hits at the plate, and a lot of support from the bench and bleachers, Gaza Yonagusuku Doshikai was crowned UOA Softball Champions for the second time in four seasons.

Consolation Bracket Champion was Naha Shijinkai.

At the Softball Awards Banquet

held at Masa's Cafeteria on June 9, the Most Valuable Player award was presented to Gaza's ace pitcher, Robert Shiroma. Trophy for Most RBI's went to Ricky Tshako. Player with the Most Extra Base Hits was Gregg Kameda. Player with the Highest Batting Average was Dean Yonamine.

Trophies for these individual stars were donated by Senator Dennis Nakasato, Representatives Roland Kotani, David Ige and Dennis Arakaki.

Teams winning their regular season division titles were:

Division A: Gushikawa Blue

Division B: TIE

Urasoe, Gushikawa Gold and Minami Nakagusuku

Division C:

Club Kobashigawa

Division D: Ginowan Shijinkai

Russell Tsutsui, Manager of the 22-team league, along with his staff of assistants, did an outstanding job of coordinating their very popular UOA activity.

Mahalo to all.

URASOE II Dominates Mixed Volleyball League

Urasoe II, lead by Captain George Yamashiro, extended their dominance of the Mixed Volleyball League for another year. With most of their starters back to defend their crown, this Urasoe team worked their magic to perfection as the 28 teams battled for top honors during the three month schedule.

League President Stan Neal and his committee members put together a fine season and great awards banquet on May 27 at Masa's Cafeteria. Final standings are as follows:

- First Place: Urasoe II, Captain George Yamashiro
- Second: Ginowan Shijinkai, Captain Max Shinkawa
- Third: Urasoe I, Captain Evelyn Miyashiro
- Fourth: Yomitan II, Captain Teri Matsuda
- Fifth: Yonashiro I, Captain Eunice Hirata
- Sixth: Kin Chojin Kai, Captain Craig Okazaki
- Seventh: Yagaji Doshikai, Captain Dale Nakasone

19th Annual Golf Tournament

David Ishikawa Captures Championship Title

Our 19th annual Memorial Day weekend golf tournament was again blessed with great weather as 247 participants competed for top honors in seven different flights at two courses over two days. Mr. David Ishikawa of Osato Doshi Kai played solid golf at both Pali Municipal and Olomana Golf Links and won the Championship flight and the title, "Best Uchinanchu Golfer in Hawaii," with a total gross score of 146.

David was presented with a beautiful koa bowl donated by Governor John Waihee at the awards banquet immediately following Sunday's round. He also took home the UOA perpetual trophy and all the donated prizes that went with his first place finish.

Runners-up were Les Uyehara and Dennis Higa. Mayor Frank Fasi's trophy went to the Tournament Total Low Net winner Dwight Toyama.

The top finishers in their respective flights were as follows:

- A Flight: Dwight Toyama
- B Flight: Seiichi Yogi
- C Flight: Jonathan Kitayama
- Senior Flight: Stanley Takamine
- Women's Flight: Nellie Nakasone
- Calloway/Guest Flight: Frank Kahooanohano

A Closest-to-the-Hole Contest, this year conducted as a fundraiser for the Hawaii Okinawa Center, presented an opportunity to win \$1,000 with one shot, if you made a hole-in-one. Mr. Jimmy Inamine of Okinawa, a valuable supporter of our UOA activities, put up a total of \$2,000 for any "ace" scored at either course. And, according to his wishes, because no one scored a hole-in-one, the \$2,000 was donated to our Hawaii Okinawa Center. No one scored an ace, but the closest winners won some great prizes!

Grand Prize winners, each receiving two round-trip tickets to the neighbor islands, were Charles Yonamine, 1 ft. 7 inches and Paul Isa 1 ft. 9-3/4 inches.

Second place winners, each receiving a Panasonic Stereo Cassette Player/Recorder were: Dale Nagata, 3 ft. and Jill Hamasaki, 2 ft. 1 inch.

Third place winners, each receiving \$25 gift certificates from the Olomana Golf Course Pro Shop were: Clarence Shima, 3 ft. 4 inches and Seiichi Yogi, 2 ft. 8-1/4 inches.

Thanks to Take Nakama and his committee members for putting together another outstanding golf tournament.

Bowling League

Young Okinawans are New Champions



UOA President John Tasato presents YOH members with Winner's Trophy and congratulations.

After 42 grueling weeks, the Young Okinawans of Hawaii were crowned new Champions of the UOA Bowling League.

With stiff competition throughout the season, the young men and women of this cohesive group consistently pulled out important wins during the closing weeks to edge runner-up Urasoe I for top honors.

With 20 teams competing every Sunday beginning at noon, approximately 175 bowlers participated weekly in this friendly competition, strengthening our organization. Final standings are as follows:

- Young Okinawans
- Urasoe I
- Yonagusuku II
- Katsuren I
- Oroku Azajin Club
- Gushikawa II
- Kochinda
- Urasoe II
- UOA II
- Hawaii Shuri Club
- Katsuren II
- Nago

- UOA I
- Gushichan Onna Ginowan
- Wahiawa Kyo Yu Kai
- Gushikawa I
- Awase/Aza Gushikawa
- Yonagusuku I
- Minami I
- Yomitan

Awards and scoreboard:

193	Tokujo, Kenneth	Avg
171	Phillips, Jackie	
199	Murakami, Eric	Hav
196	Takayasu, Trisha	
731	Sunabe, John	HHS
685	Oshiro, Janet	
674	Oshiro, Harry	H-S
580	Lau, Rene	
311	Arisue, Gary	HH1
289	Iha-Enomoto, Susan	
267	Zakimi, George	H-1
255	Kamiyama, Alva	

The new season has already started (July 16), but interested individuals who want to bowl as a substitute, please contact League President John Sunabe, 947-9556 or any of the new league officers.