

Report Cards Are Out

Friends get an “A” for Accomplishment

With the help and energy of hundreds of determined volunteers, and thanks to gifts and contributions from both near and far, the Friends of Old Maui High School have accomplished a great deal in the organization's first year.

Now recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit corporation, the Friends are well-guided by a committed Board of Directors and assisted by an expert Advisory Board. We are financially sound and capable of carrying out the work required to accomplish our mission's Phase One, as we proceed toward the restoration of historic Old Maui High School, and as we plan for the Patsy T. Mink Center.

In addition to working with many individuals, businesses and civic groups in the community, we have forged links with the county, state and federal governments. We are consulting with national, state and county historic preservation agencies, and we are working with a Maui County task force, led by Housing and Human Concerns Director Alice Lee, to provide planning and processes for eventual re-use of the campus.

Public information has been one of our main tasks. Friends' volunteers have staffed booths at many events, including the Maui County Fair, Plantation Days and the Senior Fair.

We have hosted community events at the old Cafeteria building, including lunch for the 50th reunion of the Class of 1954, and “talk story” meetings for residents of the former Hamakuapoko Camp.

A video of that event by alumnus Clarence Lopes has been shown on AKAKU television. The Maui News and other local newspapers have reported frequently about the Friend's programs and clean-up days at the old school.

The Kahului Soroptimists and the

Kula AARP have been informed about the history of Old Maui High School and the Friends' goals. Some 125 Kalama Intermediate School students and their teachers spent a morning touring the school, learning about its history, its noted graduates and its planned future.

Students in the Environmental and Science Technology (EAST) class at Maui High have prepared an “infomercial” video, which is entered in a nationwide competition and will soon be shown on television. We have published an informational flyer, and we plan to continue sending out our *SILVERSWORD* newsletter, as resources allow.

Many people were justifiably concerned last August when two fires set by arsonists destroyed much of the original wooden floor and classroom walls of the administration building's makai wing.

While the loss of some of the original structure is unfortunate, the fire also destroyed tons of old debris from the collapsed roof and invasive trees. The end result is that the sturdy concrete walls remain, and it is expected that testing will indicate that they are in safe and restorable condition.

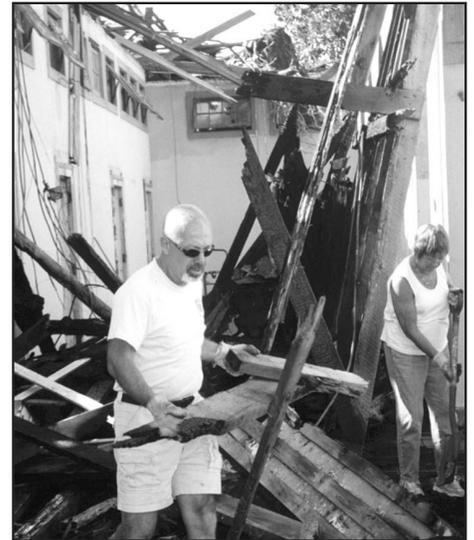
As our cleanup continues in the remainder of the 17,000 square foot building, and as Charles Dickey's beautiful and inspiring architectural details are uncovered, the Friends are optimistic that reconstruction will not only retain the integrity of the original building, but will also provide a modern and fully functional environment for the Patsy T. Mink Center.

Archives of Old Maui High School materials are being compiled. From *Silversword*

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Community volunteers and MHS alumni have worked hard to remove debris and graffiti.



The ongoing cleanup program is revealing long-hidden architectural details while helping to preserve the landmark Charles W. Dickey structure.

