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Friends of Old Maui High School

Winter 2012

YOU'RE INVITED TO A GALA 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY at the Old Maui High School Hamakuapoko Campus on September 13, 14 and 15, 2013



2013 MHS Centennial Team Leaders (L to R): Co-chairs Paul Ueoka and Ruth Yamamura, with Barbara and Stanley Chong-Kee



Back in the Classroom – Planning for the MHS H'Poko Centennial are (L to R): Barb and Stan Chong-Kee, Paul Ueoka, Kay Hanano, Carol Moto, Judy Lindstrom, Ruth Mukai, Ruth Yamamura, Mary Cua, Margaret Enomoto, Ed Ichiriu, Michio Tanaka, Lloyd Inouye, Margaret Mahadocon, and Barbara Tanner.

A weekend of memorable events will celebrate the founding of Maui High School in 1913 at the Hamakuapoko Campus, and you are invited to share in the festivities, food and friendship!

Starting last year, the Old MHS Centennial Team has been meeting to plan this once-in-a-lifetime event, with dozens of representatives from 1940s through 1970s classes participating in the complex task of planning for more than 1,500 attendees at the Old Maui High campus.

Co-Chairs Paul M. Ueoka, MHS '67, and Ruth Yamamura, MHS '63, are coordinating the effort, along with Barbara and Stan Chong-Kee, MHS '64, and other veterans of the well-remembered 2007 MHS Alumni Reunion. They all bring know-how and experience to the process, to ensure that the Hamakuapoko centennial celebration will be a wonderful weekend experience for all.

Scheduled centennial celebration events at this writing are a Saturday luncheon luau, an alumni talent show and entertainment, and a memorial service for alumni and faculty. The Luau will include all your favorites, from kalua pig, lomi salmon and chicken long rice to sweet Maui pineapple and haupia. And there have been rumors that Elvis may make a surprise appearance!

Marking the 100th anniversary of the day Maui High first opened its doors, a commemorative program on Sunday, September 15, will highlight the history of Maui's first co-educational high school from its founding at the Hamakuapoko site. Speakers will detail the school's impact on the social, economic and cultural development of Maui, Hawai'i and the nation, and the impressive legacy of thousands of students who attended "our dear island school" from 1913 until 2013.

In addition to planning for centennial celebration weekend events, the Team is working on specially-designed MHS keepsakes and limited-edition souvenirs. Of course, Maui High centennial tee-shirts and caps will be *Continued on pg. 5*

FRIENDS' OFFICERS, NEW DIRECTOR CHOSEN

At its July meeting, the Board of Directors of Friends of Old Maui High School voted unanimously to select Maui Economic Opportunity Community Relations Liaison and MHS '67 graduate Agnes Groff as a new Director, to fill the term of Audrey Rocha Reed, who recently resigned from the board. Director Groff brings outstanding Saber enthusiasm and recognized leadership experience to the board. Also at the July meeting, the following Officers were re-elected, to a one-year term: President -- Roslyn Lightfoot; Vice-President/Operations -- Jan Dapitan; Vice-President/Development -- Kathy McDuff; Treasurer -- Paul M. Ueoka, MHS '67; Secretary -- Ruth Mukai, MHS '47

MHS CLASS OF 1962 HOLDS 50th REUNION



When the Class of 1962 graduated from Maui High School, the class motto was “Every step forward leads to success,” and – fifty years later – as more than 50 alumni and spouses once again stepped forward to celebrate their Golden Anniversary Reunion at the Hamakua campus – the memories came flooding back.

From the flag-raising ceremony in front of the Administration Building to a solemn memorial for departed classmates, from shared tales of Freshman initiation to a game of MHS Trivia Bingo, to a campus stroll and delicious lunch – the '62 grads recalled their high school days and happy teenage memories.

“I was happy to see our dear Old Maui High School coming back to life,” said '62 grad Patty Ventura; “I’ve seen pictures when it was overgrown with trees . . . thanks to all the volunteers for all their hard work for making the school look 100% better”!

Friends is dedicated to maintaining the beauty and spirit of the historic Old Maui High School campus and buildings, and we welcome visits from alumni and hosting class reunions. Contact Rich Lucas at (808) 579-9287 or by email at rich@oldmauihigh.org to discuss your plans, to make your event a memorable one.

KAUNOA SENIORS' PHOTO TOUR FOCUSES ON OLD MHS



Friends' manager, Rich Lucas, greeted a group of Kaunoa Senior Center photographers in September, on a field trip to Old Maui High. Led by Haiku historian Sonny Gamponia, the photo adventure emphasized capturing the essence and uniqueness of the historic location, as well as developing technical skills. Here are some of their photos.

A Moving Experience ~

THE RELOCATION OF MAUI HIGH SCHOOL

It was no small feat to move Maui High School from its original campus at Hamakuapoko to the modern facility built for the future, in Kahului. Years of discussion and planning had gone into locating and designing the new campus, as state and county officials noted the decreasing enrollment, aging school buildings and unreliable water system at Hamakuapoko.

They planned a "dream school" but initially could only afford to build a bare-bones campus at Kahului, with incremental construction over many years scheduled to provide many more classrooms, library, gymnasium and athletic fields, administration building, and more, at the 80 acre MHS site.

In December 1971, after nearly sixty years, the Hamakuapoko campus was about to close forever. During the Christmas holidays, students and faculty pitched in to sort, pack and help move the essentials of their educational environment, in what MHS principal Calvin Yamamoto called a "massive relocation," according to a MAUI NEWS article on January 11, 1972. Items transferred to Kahului included "5000 library books, magazines and paperbacks, plus 600 desk chairs, 400 standard and 500 folding chairs, about 50 office-size desks, hundreds of cartons of supplies, audiovisual material, bulky shop and athletic equipment, and a long list of other things," according to Yamamoto, who reported that "the relocation was completed with few problems."

He noted, however, "the lack of landscaping is causing some problems . . . the kids wipe desks clean but in a short time there is another layer of grit." In addition, he said "students have had to make another adjustment because of the 'open space' concept in the school layout. At the old Maui High, they could run from class to class in no time at all, because everything was so close."

Students and teachers were challenged by the move to the "barren and stark" campus, where there

were some "morale problems," according to student body president Rod Graybeal (MAUI NEWS Jan. 18, 1973). He said some students were disappointed by the lack of facilities and courses offered at their "old" campus and that "overcrowding" was a problem in classrooms and at the cafeteria. Over time, as State budgets allowed, and nature and irrigation assisted, the Kahului campus fulfilled its ambitious original goals, now serving a student body of 1,800 with varied career and technical education "pathways", academic college placement courses,

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MAUI NEWS

Maui High Opens In Kahului On January 4; Moving Plans Set

The massive job of relocating Maui High School—from Hamakuapoko to new facilities in Kahului—will take place during the Christmas holidays and be completed in time for the scheduled opening on January 4, according to Calvin Yamamoto, MHS principal.

"When 5,000 are only one step the material moved, you can the enormous ahead of us," he said.

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thing like an 'extra 100 cars onto the highways."

The later start will also allow more time for students living in the fringes of the district, like Kaupakahu.

The actual moving itself will begin on December 20, but Yamamoto said it is difficult to ascertain an exact completion date.

There will be a dedication ceremony-luau to officially mark the opening of the new school on January 15, he said.

Students Enthusiastic Maui High Relocation To Kahului Completed

Maui High School has completed the relocation from Hamakuapoko to Kahului, entering relatively few unexpected problems along the way, Principal Calvin Yamamoto said on Monday.

Students are reportedly enthusiastic about their new surroundings, registering

were caught off-guard by the unannounced arrival of a half-dozen previously delayed by the strike.

"That kind of threw a monkey wrench into things, but we were adjusting to the change."

MHS classes start at 8:30 a.m., half an hour later than other Central Maui public schools—and training pub-

Maui High Called 'Stark'

BY LARRY G. ROSS (Staff Reporter)

Maui High School's "crowded, barren and stark" new campus has caused some morale problems among students, says the MHS student body president.

Speaking at Monday night's meeting of the Maui District School Advisory Council, Rod Graybeal presented a list of complaints about the campus and asked that the mistakes made there be considered in the future.

Other students representing their schools at the meeting were Carl Enzura, vice president at Baldwin High School, and Linda Akiyama, vice president at Lahainaluna High School.

But the student who did the most talking was Graybeal, which was appropriate since he has permission to—

at the old campus, and there was overcrowding.

"The school is being completed in increments, with an eventual capacity of 1,500 students. It now has about 500."

This year, Graybeal said, the students "have sort of decided this is the situation we're going to have to live with, and the students have sort of calmed down with the start of the second phase of construction."

Although the students can look ahead and see that the school will be a "fantastic place" in six years, not "the feeling is we're just trapped in this little prison," said the student leader.

Other complaints listed by Graybeal included the lack of any trees at the campus, an inadequate cafeteria and buildings which are "ragging" as they settle.

"Right now we have 250 sticks there, instead of trees," reported Graybeal. "In one area, we have 24 of these sticks that eventually will be trees."

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But it's not forgotten Old Maui high school abandoned to nature

"We have come, dear Maui High School In the days of youth Here to find our joy and pleasure In the search for truth . . ."

BY BILL MOORE (Staff Reporter)

about town, the old Maui High School campus is being abandoned to nature.

The doors were opened in 1915 to a two-year high school. At the time there were 16 students and three teachers—and the principal lived in one of the seven rooms of the main building.

Middle-aged Mauians remember the Kahului Railroad train in school each weekday. The tracks have been removed, but the unique means of transportation is still remembered.

In the class of 1944, was a girl named Tracy Takemoto and a boy named Finner. She went on to capture a spot in the United States Congress and he is now the mayor of Maui County.

Mayor Cavallaro wants to save the former Maui County campus. Last year he proposed that the old high school be donated to the County for use as a special educational facility for school drop-outs. The idea is still in the works.

Graduates continued their education in college, others came back to Maui to work. But they all remember what came out of the classrooms—at the old Maui High

PATSY MINK – Early Environmentalist

Maui High's most famous graduate, Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink, Class of 1944, is best known for her sponsorship and passage, in 1972, of Title IX – the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act – that made equal access to education and athletics for girls and women the law of the land. A victim of gender discrimination herself, Mink worked tirelessly for education reform during her political career, championing equality, opportunity and social justice for all.

What few remember now is that Patsy Mink was also an advocate for the environment, who raised concerns as early as 1971 about the negative effects of sprawl, congested highways and air and water pollution.



In a graduation address to the Maui Community College class of 1971, Mink called upon students to “make a personal commitment to the problems of environment.” The MAUI NEWS reported that Mink added: “Many of our people are concerned about all this growth. Where are we headed – will Hawai’i become another gigantic suburban sprawl with masses of people fighting for open spaces and commuting to work in a slow crawl over congested highways?”

The cause of ecology, she said, requires true personal commitment and carries stern obligations. “In such areas as air pollution and water pollution, and land use, I think we must take better account of man’s actions and their effect on our surroundings.”

Forty years ago, Mink was again ahead of the majority in recognizing the need for sustainability, clean water and air standards, and environmental review of development projects. Perhaps inspired by memories of her childhood in Paia and Hamakuapoko, and her years as a Maui High School student, she was aware of the harm done to health and environment by poor water and air quality; her experiences in mainland cities – from Chicago to Washington, D.C. – introduced her to the negative impacts of suburban sprawl, traffic congestion, and the environmental effects of unregulated growth.

Earlier than many, Patsy Mink appreciated Hawai’i’s natural beauty and environment and understood the need to sound the alarm to protect the land from harm. Her legacy lives on today.

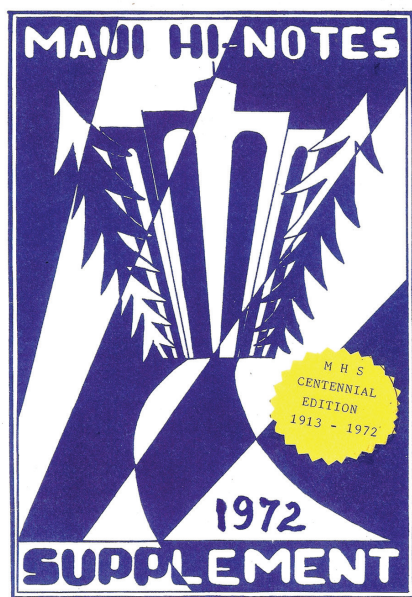
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diverse athletic programs for boys and girls, and many extra-curricular clubs, and activities. With its dusty beginnings banished by tree-shaded lawns and striking modern architecture, the 40-year old MHS Kahului campus boasts a spirited and energetic student body and dedicated faculty and staff.



We are saddened to report that Calvin Yamamoto, Maui High principal from 1968 to 1984, who led the move of Maui High from Hamakuapoko to the current campus in Kahului, passed away in September.

CENTENNIAL EDITION of HI-NOTES to be published



The first edition of MAUI HI-NOTES SUPPLEMENT was published by students in 1938 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Maui High School at Hamakuapoko. The 55-page booklet with a striking blue and white cover designed by Mit-suomi Takano included much detailed information about the growth and development of the school's physical plant, curriculum, and student body. Lists of early grad-

uates, and even a graph showing enrollment by ethnicity are included, with descriptions of boys' athletic teams (and a few girls' teams), student organizations and clubs, and lists of faculty members.

The school newspaper began in 1922-23 and students vied for prestigious editorial positions on the weekly publication. In 1963, to mark the Golden Anniversary of Maui High, students again published a HI-NOTES SUPPLEMENT, repeating the original blue and white cover.

The 76-page booklet included material from the Silver Anniversary edition, reminiscences of faculty members, and year-by-year compilations of the highlights of each school year, up to 1963. The Supplement is a valuable record of academic, athletic and social life at Old Maui High – literally a “time capsule” of the landmark school.

For the Centennial, Friends of Old Maui High School is working with alumni to update the 1963 Supplement, expanding it to include annual pages to 1972, and including additional material and Centennial data. This special edition will detail and honor the deeds and experiences of thousands of MHS students and school staff at the Hamakuapoko campus from 1913 until 1972. *“May it awaken fond memories and help keep alive the regard that so many hold for their alma mater.”* (Riley Ewing, MHS Principal, 1954-1963).

As in prior HI-NOTES SUPPLEMENTS, the Centennial Edition will contain advertising to offset the cost of publication. Here is an excellent opportunity to showcase your support for and pride in Maui High School and the Saber legacy. Ads range from \$100 for 1/8 page to \$800 for a full page. Please contact Janet Shimada, MHS '59, at 281-5035 or by email at janetshi@msn.com for details.

GALA BIRTHDAY PARTY

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available, and back by popular demand, the large canvas Tote Bag features a full-color image of the historic Administration Building – practical AND attractive!

There will also be a limited number of hand-crafted commemorative wooden pens offered for sale, some made from planks salvaged from old MHS classrooms and others from reclaimed fallen trees. Thanks to Lloyd Inouye, MHS '67, who crafted and donated these beautiful pens, the proceeds will help defray the costs of producing the 2013 Old Maui High Centennial at Hamakuapoko.

It is the hope of the 2013 MHS Centennial Team to keep costs affordable to encourage as many MHS alumni as possible to attend the Centennial weekend. As sponsor of the September event, Friends

of Old Maui High School provides its full support, as always, to celebrate the centennial theme: Maui High School – 100 years of building community!



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TWO CENTENNIAL SHIRTS OFFERED

You'll be right in style wearing either of the two specially-designed commemorative shirts selected by the MHS Centennial Celebration Team! Both shirts are available for pre-purchase, for delivery at the September 2013 celebration at the Old MHS Hamakua-poko campus.

Both shirts are in traditional Royal Blue. The Tee-Shirt, in a comfortable 50/50 cotton/poly blend, features a full-color image of the historic Administration Building on the back, with silversword logo and event dates on the front.

The dressier polo is a wrinkle-resistant "Dry-Blend" poly/cotton with classic embroidered MHS logo and centennial dates on the chest.

Can't pick a favorite? Order both, and wear your Saber pride at any occasion! See ordering info on the Centennial Registration form, on page 7 and pre-purchase your limited-edition MHS Centennial shirts now!



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