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NEWSLETTER

Historic Preservation Division Facing an Audit

As this newsletter goes to print, legislators are voting on whether or not to fund an audit of the State Historic Preservation Division. The audit proposal went into hearings on March 27. At that time, the Senate committee WLE (Water, Land, Energy & Environment) voted unanimously to pass the resolution, with an amendment to include all the Burial Councils in the audit, but the issue was still facing a vote on the floor. News from the House is not yet available.

SHA President Rob Hommon wrote "If passed, this resolution will mandate a program and financial audit of the SHPD. Over the years, many members have complained about how the SHPD conducts its business. If this resolution

is passed by the Legislature, it could be the first step in solving SHPD problems. Whatever your position on this issue, we urge you to give testimony if possible, or at least contact your legislators. We cannot stress too much that **THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST-CHANCE** to make your opinion known. If you are one of those who has deplored the way SHPD works and you take no action, your complainer's license will be revoked forthwith."

Full text of the resolutions (SR 38) can be found on the web at http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessioncurrent/bills/sr38_.htm. In addition to the Burial Council audit, the resolution includes the fol-

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Dr. Yosihiko Sinoto Honored as a Living Treasure

On February 8, 2002, Dr. Yosihiko Sinoto, senior anthropologist for the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, was honored by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i as part of their 26th Annual Living Treasures of Hawai'i program. Dr. Kenneth P. Emory received the same honor in 1977. Yosi adds this title to an im-

pressive list of other honors, including Knighthood Insignia of the Order of Tahiti Nui; Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays, from the Emperor of Japan; Historic Preservation Honor Certificate for Life Achievement of Preservation and Archaeological Works; and, President of Coconut College, Okinawa.

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Calendar of Events:

- April 19-20, *Biomolecular Archaeology Conference*, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
- June 12-16, 2000 *American Association for the Advancement of Science Meetings*, Big Island (<http://pacific.aaas.org>)
- October 11-13, 2002 *Hawaiian Archaeology Conference*, Kaua'i Community College

Waimea Valley, O`ahu becomes a City Park

On February 26, 2002, approximately 1,875 acres of Waimea Valley on O`ahu were condemned by the City and County of Honolulu, and designated as a city park. This action took place only 16 months after the first community organizational meeting was called by the North Shore Outdoor Circle Club and the Stewards of Waimea Valley, to organize the effort. North Shore Council Member Rene Mansho has convened the Waimea Valley Advisory Committee "to discuss the latest developments and future plans for the 1,875-acre public park." The Request For Proposal (RFP) which will ultimately determine the future long-term management entity for Waimea Valley was published by the City & County on March 7th and is available for viewing/printing on the Waimea Arboretum website: <http://waimea.hi.net/news.html>

Recent Publications

Van James, author of two previous books pertaining to Hawaiian Archaeology (*Ancient Sites of O`ahu* and *Ancient Sites of Hawai`i*) has published a new book entitled *Spirit of Art: Pictures of the Transformation of Consciousness*, Anthroposophic Press [anthropress.org] (265 pp, 300 illustrations, \$30 soft-cover, ISBN 0-88010-497-X). It is a history of world art from the standpoint of images reflecting changes in human consciousness.

Peter Mills's new book, *Hawai`i's Russian Adventure: A New Look at Old History* (UH Press) is in fact being released as of April 1, and is available on Barnes & Noble's web site, as well as Amazon.com, and will soon be in a book store near you.

April SHA Speaker: Dr. Thomas F. King

On Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at 7:30 PM, Dr. Thomas F. King will give a presentation entitled *In Pursuit of Amelia Earhart: Recent Historical Archaeology on Nikumaroro Atoll, Republic of Kiribati*. As usual, the SHA Speaker's monthly talk will be held at 345 Saunders (Social Sciences Bldg), at the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa

Army Corps Project in Kawaihae

The Army Corps of Engineers is applying to build 126 boat slips in Pelekane Bay, Kawaihae. State plans to use the area for fuel and oil storage have also been in the works over the last year as part of a harbor expansion EIS, and brief stories appeared in *West Hawaii Today* as early as August 19, 2001. The main cultural concern is that this area is generally known as the location of Hale O Kapuni, a submerged heiau associated with sharks, in the waters below Pu`ukoholā Heiau and Mailekini Heiau.

According to information posted on the SHA email list, letters of concern can be sent to: DLNR Boating and Aquatics, attn: Nancy Murphy, 74-380 Kealakehe Parkway, Kailua-Kona 96740, or contact Senator Lorraine Inouye at seninouye@capitol.hawaii.gov

M & E Pacific, Inc. is preparing the EIS for the Army Corps of Engineers. They can be contacted at Pauahi Tower, suite 5001001, Bishop Street, Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Membership News

Please be thinking in advance about the next **SHA Conference on Kaua`i** from **October 11-13**. Co-organizers are Martha Yent (Martha_E_Yent@exec.state.hi.us), Wiliam Pila Kikuchi (4349 Ōma`o Road, Kōloa, HI 96756; phone 742-1840), and Nancy McMahan (nmcmahan@hawaiian.net). The call for papers was sent out in the last newsletter, and we are hoping to get enough timely submissions that a schedule can be prepared by July. If you are planning to organize a symposium, present a paper, or lead a tour, please contact one of the organizers ASAP.

We have a new regular member this month, **Lisa J. Gibson**, who is returning to school to pursue a degree in archaeology, Welcome! To date, 62 members out of over 200 have paid dues for the current year. Please feel free to use the attached form in this newsletter if you are among the procrastinators. Nevertheless, despite the delay in receiving annual dues, the Treasurer reports a balance of \$17,524.00, as of March 13, 2002.

Lastly, the SHA **newsletter editor** position will be open as of December 2002. If you are interested in being nominated to the position, please contact Peter Mills at millsp@hawaii.edu.

SHPD AUDIT (Continued from Page 1)

lowing language, once you get beyond all the obligatory “Whereas” preambles:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2002, that the State Auditor is requested to conduct a program and financial audit of the Department of Land and Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Auditor is requested to gather and consider information provided by historic preservation consultants, government agency staff, native Hawaiians, landowners, businesses, and community members that are most directly impacted by and depend upon the Division’s mandated services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the audit shall include but not be limited to:

(1) The general operations of the Historic Preservation Program, including its project review procedures, compliance with Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, records management, and the electronic accessibility of information;

(2) The organizational structure of the program, including personnel practices, staffing coverage, and facilities;

(3) The development and implementation of comprehensive

statewide plans to secure federal funding and additional grants from private and other government sources;

(4) Internal budgeting and fiscal controls to ensure effective and appropriate expenditure of legislative appropriations and matching federal funds; and

(5) The status, completeness, and intelligibility of the draft administrative rules for the Historic Preservation Division’s program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to consider how State Historic Preservation Offices in other states address conflicts between economic and cultural interests, increasing regulatory workloads, budget constraints, program planning and staffing issues, and the need to meet National Historic Preservation Act program requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit to the Legislature and the Governor a report of findings and recommendations no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2003; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the State Auditor.

Feds provide new sentencing guidelines for Cultural Heritage

Thanks to Wendy Tolleson and Maria Orr, news from the ACHP was recently posted on the SHA email list, that at a March 20, 2002, public meeting, the United States Sentencing Commission unanimously voted to amend the federal sentencing guidelines to provide increased punishment for crimes against the nation's cultural heritage... While cultural heritage crimes often involve pecuniary harms, they also involve great non-pecuniary, intangible harms. Consequently, the Commission determined that punishment of these crimes should take

into account the transcendent and irreplaceable value of cultural heritage resources.

The new guidelines passed by the Commission also provide for increased punishment when the crime involves: (1) places that are dedicated to the preservation of cultural heritage resources and the education of the public or (2) historic and cultural resources specifically protected by federal law. The use of destructive devices or weapons and motives for commercial gain are additional factors that will increase the punishment under the new guidelines.

SHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL FORM: Return To Muffet Jourdane, Treasurer, SHA, PO Bx 23292, Honolulu, HI 96823

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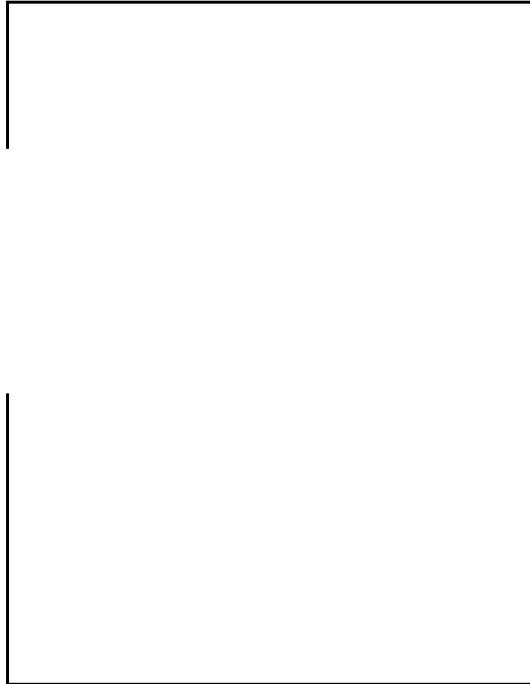
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