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NEWSLETTER

The Hearings on Hokuli`a, Summer 2001

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Many of you may have seen the *Hawaii Island Journal* edition which commented on these hearings, which were held in Judge Ibarra's Third Circuit Court. The article was full of errors. One of the most important related to the Historic Preservation Division's lack of rules. The article provided a dramatic, but totally false summary of the courtroom testimony on these rules describing that all in the courtroom were shocked at the lack of rules. All the lawyers on both sides knew going into this case that the Division had no finalized rules, and the plaintiffs' lawyers intentionally had planned part of their case to attack this problem. Thus, no one was surprised in the courtroom on the lack of rules. The State's testimony described the review process' steps; emphasized that thousands of reviews had been done following the process, with consistent application of the standards; and noted that State and County agencies, the archaeological community, and the public have accepted and participated in this process. It was also explained that the rules were finally near-

ing formal adoption. Everyone realized that getting the rules finalized was necessary. But, the judge's conclusions were that a fair and equitable process had been followed, with a long precedence.

Additionally, considerable time was spent by the Historic Preservation Division staff explaining that Dr. Graves and the plaintiffs had incorrectly portrayed the survey by Cultural Surveys Hawaii as inadequate. The original survey of ca. 1,500 acres found approximately 400 sites with thousands of features (many lumped in large agricultural sites, remnants of the Kona Field System in different *ahupua'a*). Large portions of 8 *ahupua'a* were surveyed, from the shore to mid-upland elevations. The bulk of the permanent settlement and associated religious structures were near the shore, with some scattered in the uplands. Also, the fields in this area stretched from near the shore (with small terraces and mounds) up into the uplands (*askuaiwi* wall complexes, or terraces and mounds). Monitoring work since the survey has been done by SCS. As

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Thanks for the Maui Meetings

Despite the threat of terrorism and local outbreaks of Dengue Fever, over 80 people showed up in Maui for this year's SHA conference. Special thanks go to the 2001 SHA Conference organizers, Theresa Donham, Hal Ham-matt, and Melissa Kirkendall, and to the volunteers from Cultural Surveys Hawaii: Colleen Medeiros, Tanya Lee Greig, James Head, Val Hafford, Joe

Jimenez, Jonas Madeus, Dave Dillon, Missy Kamai, Kathleen Kikuchi, and Andree Conley-Kapoi. During the Saturday evening dinner at the Maui Beach Hotel, P. Bion Griffin delivered the keynote address entitled *The Hawaiians Own Their Past; and the Past is not Dead, It's Not Even Past*, through an entertaining powerpoint

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Calendar of Events:

- Nov 14, 2001 **UH Manoa Field School Memories Event**
- January 9-12, 2002 **Society for Historical Archaeology Conference, Mobile, Alabama**
- March 20-24, 2002 **Society for American Archaeology Conference, Denver** (www.saa.org/Meetings/)

JOB BOARD

On September 28, Hawai'i Volcano National Park opened a position for a GS-9 archaeologist (annual salary range between \$33,254 and \$43,266 with the potential for promotion to a GS-11). Unfortunately, the apparent closing date was October 11. If you still wish to check on the position, you can contact Melissa Heiser at the Columbia Cascades SO (206) 220-4067, or by email at Melissa_Heiser@nps.gov.

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presentation. Lead authors for multiple presentations came from UH Manoa (9), UC Berkeley (4), UH Hilo (2), Scientific Consulting Services (2), and the National Park Service (2). Other presenters came from AMEC, IARII, Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, University of Florida, Paleo Research Institute, and T.S. Dye and Colleagues. *Mahalo nui loa kakou.*

Next year's conference will be on Kaua'i or O'ahu.

Membership News...

Membership in the Society continues to grow at a healthy rate. In addition to the nine individuals mentioned in the September Newsletter, the following seven people have applied for membership over the last month:

Catherine M. Berdy holds a B.A. from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and expresses professional interests in Hawai'i and the Pacific, paleopathology and osteology, and applications of GPS/GIS in cultural resource management.

Jennifer Cerny has a B.A. in anthropology/sociology and is a master's candidate in cultural heritage studies. She is working both through Carleton College and James Cook University (Australia).

Valerie Curtis has a B.A. in anthropology from the University of Hawai'i, and is interested in midden and faunal analysis and paleoenvironmental reconstruction.

Items of Note...

SHA is in the process of adopting a **code of ethics**, and would like to form an *ad hoc* committee. If you are interested, please contact SHA Board Ethics Chair, **Lynn Miller** (millerps@gte.net). Boyd Dixon and Maria Orr are busily searching through archaeological ethics codes such as ROPA (Register of Professional Archaeologists) for a model. Web-pages of interest include <http://hanksville.org/sand/ethics/>, <http://www.rpanet.org/>, and <http://saa.org>.

Michelle Elmore holds a B.A. from Wake Forest University, and expresses a general interest in Hawai'i and Pacific prehistory.

Suzanne Finney is a Ph.D. student in the anthropology department at UH Manoa, specializing in maritime archaeology and submerged cultural resource management.

Dr. Elaine Hatfield holds a Ph.D. in psychology from Stanford, and is currently associated with the University of Hawai'i.

Mark D. McCoy has a B.A. from University of New Mexico, an M.A. from the University of Auckland, and is currently an anthropology Ph.D. student at U. C. Berkeley specializing in Landscape Archaeology, GIS/GPS.

At the September 28 meeting of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Historic Preservation Division resubmitted a request for approval to hold **public hearings** on Title 13, Chapters 275 through 284 Hawaii Administrative Rules **relating to various aspects of the historic preservation program**. Please be ready and willing to give informed testimony in writing or in a public hearing—dates and locations to be announced.

UH Manoa Archaeology Field School: Photos and Memories Since 1950

On Wednesday, **November 14, 2001** Dr. James Bayman and JoLynn Gunness will conduct a grand review of the UH Manoa Field School Program, beginning with Dr. Kenneth Emory's excavations at Kuli'ou'ou Rockshelter (O1) on O`ahu in 1950.

They note that "This is an audience participation event. While we can't promise quite as much hilarity as the 'Sing-Along Sound of Music,' we would like to encourage the audience to ask questions, make comments, share memories and maybe even identify a few now-unknown souls in the many photographs that will be shown." The

event will be held in the **Social Science Building, Room 345, UH Manoa.**

James and JoLynn gave an initial condensed version of this presentation at the 2001 SHA conference, filled with many unpublished photos from the various field school programs. If you remember Matt Spriggs' Robinson Crusoe look, or if you wish to reminisce over summers on the Kohala Coast with David Tuggle and his crew, this will be an evening not to miss. We hope you can make this special celebration covering more than a half-century of UH Manoa archaeology.

Ross Cordy's Comments on the Hokuli`a Hearings...

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part of their monitoring program, SCS rechecked many areas, to double-check for burial features, so they would not be found by construction machinery. Sites have been found inadvertently as part of the monitoring program. Contrary to the numbers mentioned, 400 new sites have not been found. Dr. Spear of SCS estimates that 100 or so sites were found that Cultural Surveys had not seen. SHPD is now going through the findings to establish an exact count, and SHPD estimates perhaps 100-150 new sites are likely to have been found, 13-19 per *ahupua'a*. Most of these sites are small sites with but one or a few features -- predominantly temporary habitations. The view of the overall pattern of settlement has not been changed by these findings. The adequacy of the survey was not an issue in the judge's findings.

Last, Dr. Graves and the plaintiffs criticized the approaches by Cultural Surveys Hawaii and SCS to identify burials. The approaches, however, followed standard practices. Decades of work in Kona with hundreds of

excavations in different types of features have identified the likely types of sites containing burials -- most appear in caves (tubes and rockshelters) and surface platforms and terraces (usually small and rectangular). A variety of features were identified as possible burials (erring on the safe side by including lower mounds, terraces, platforms and other features with rough surfaces). Testing consistently found that burials were in platforms and terraces, as well as in caves. When the area was graded, only a few additional burials were found (excluding one complex with multiple burials that had no surface features). Hundreds of features of different types were bulldozed and proved not to contain burials. Thus, the approaches used and the findings were very consistent with years of work in Kona. And importantly, the monitoring approach by SCS and Hokuli`a found additional burials before construction, resulting in far fewer burials being impacted by construction equipment. Issues of burial treatment after the remains were found were an issue in the judge's findings, with a demand that burials which had been removed be reinterred in their original location. Attempts have been made by SHPD's Burials Program to bring all descendants into the decision-making process on the burials issues.

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