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ENGINEERS WEEK BANQUET SPEAKER

Peter G. Nicholson, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE February 25, 2006, at the Oahu Country Club

Dr. Peter Nicholson will speak on the "Performance and Investigation of the New Orleans Flood Control System: Hurricane Katrina" at the Engineer's Week Banquet. As the leader of ASCE's Levee Assessment Team and now an appointed member of the federally commissioned External Review Panel (ERP), Dr. Nicholson is in a unique position to share his experiences and observations of the failures, and some insight into the underlying problems with the flood control system that was supposed to protect one of America's major cities.



While Hawaii does not have the same types of extreme flooding hazards as experienced in New Orleans, we do have a very real susceptibility to both hurricanes and flooding. This was recently exemplified by the Manoa flood that caused so much damage at the University of Hawaii. Hawaii has, as well, numerous high hazard dams and even some levees that pose potential threats to communities downstream of those structures. The failures and consequential flooding in New Orleans should be a wake-up call to our own hazards from flood control and water retention structures.

Dr. Nicholson currently serves as a professor and the graduate chair for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he has been the senior faculty member for the geotechnical program for 15 years. He is a licensed professional engineer in Hawaii, with more than 20 years experience in the design, inspection and assessment of dams and levees in Utah, California and Hawaii. During the period from September through November, Nicholson served as the team leader for the ASCE Levee Assessment Team deployed to New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In early December, he was appointed to the federally commissioned External Review Panel (ERP) authorized by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, charged with the oversight of investigations and recommendations on rebuilding of the levee system in the aftermath of the disaster.

Nicholson has been an elected member of the Hawaii State Earthquake Advisory Board/Committee for Hawaii State Civil Defense since 1991. He served on the advisory council for ASCE's Report Card for America's Infrastructure in 2003 and 2005. Nicholson is chair of the Embankment, Dams & Slopes Committee for ASCE Geo-Institute. He has also been an active member of the Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) and several Transportation Research Board committees for the past 15 years.

Dr. Nicholson received a bachelor's degree in Geology and Geophysics from Yale University, and master's and doctorate degrees in Civil/Geotechnical Engineering from Stanford University. He also pursued post-graduate studies at the University of Utah and the University of California at Berkeley.

See banquet registration form on page 4.

The Society of American Military Engineers,

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Invites you to join us for the

2006ENGINEER'S WEEK KICK-OFF LUNCHEON

Presentation: University of Hawaii 2006 Football Program Speaker: Coach June Jones, University of Hawaii Football

Hale Koa Hotel, Banyan Tree Showroom Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 11:30 AM Luncheon Cost: \$25.00 (Public parking available at Ft. DeRussy)

RSVP BY 15 FEBRUARY 2006.

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THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING CO-SPONSORED POPSICLE STICK BRIDGE COMPETITION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Hawaii Section and the University of Hawaii College of Engineering co-sponsored a popsicle stick bridge competition during the Engineering Expo for Middle School Students at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Holmes Hall. Thirteen teams of three students from eight middle schools participated in this activity.

Students were limited to using no more than 700 popsicle sticks and had to use Elmers glue to hold their bridge together. The bridges had to span over 2 feet, had to be at least 4 inches wide and could be no taller than 9 inches. Bridges were judged by how much load it could hold in a load frame. The participants presented to the judges how they chose their design, the most difficult part about building the bridge and how they expected their bridge to handle the load.

This year's first place winners were Chelsea Domingo, Ashley Marquez and Gabrilyn Lee from Kapolei Middle School's "Kapolei Blue Flames" team. Their bridge withstood a total of 226 pounds. "We worked on our bridge for almost one month, during our lunch breaks and after school," said Gabrilyn Lee. "I'm so proud of our students," said Ariel Villanueva, the students' teacher, "they worked really hard —we hope to come back next year!" The second place team, "Kapolei Silver Surfers" also from

Kapolei Middle School, designed a bridge that supported 197 pounds while the third place team, "Pink Monkeys" from Kalama Middle School on Maui, competed with a bridge that held 187.5 pounds.

ASCE and the UH College of Engineering cosponsored this event once previously in January 2004. The College and ASCE hope that through activities like the popsicle stick bridge competition, more students will become interested in Engineering. Engineers, especially Civil Engineers, are currently in high demand in Hawaii with Civil Engineering positions open at all levels of Government, the Private Sector and in the Construction Industry.



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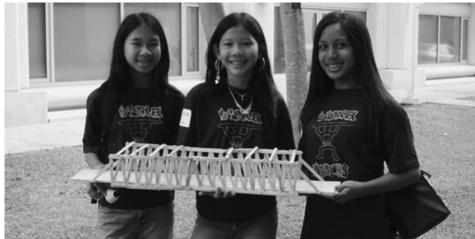




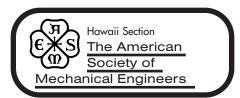
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First Place winning team.



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HAWAII SFPE SEMINAR PRESENTATION NFPA 101° LIFE SAFETY CODE SEMINAR

The Hawaii Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers is sponsoring this excellent three-day seminar through a special arrangement with the National Fire Protection Association. This is the first time this seminar has been offered in Hawaii since 2006.

Sponsored by: Hawaii Chapter, Society of Fire Protection Engineers

Date & Time: Monday March 6 to Wednesday March 8, 2006, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Location: Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter Golf Clubhouse

Cost: \$750 (\$650 for SFPE members, Chapter Friends, & fire service personnel)

Deadline: The registration deadline is Friday, March 3, 2006.

Who should attend: Fire Protection Engineers, Architects, Building & Fire Officials, Fire Inspectors, Healthcare Facility Engineers and Safety Professionals, and Insurance Loss Control Representatives.

For information and Sam Dannaway, Program Chairman

To register contact: Hawaii Chapter SFPE Tel (808) 526-9019 / Fax (808) 537-5385 E-mail: seminars@sfpehawaii.org

HAWAII SECTION MEETING

Date: January 10, 2006
Time: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Place: Hawaiian Electric
Ward Avenue Cafeteria

Please contact Ray Liu or Kevin Dang for directions and for more information.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND FINAL ASME 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ASME-HI members celebrated with a December 18, 2006 get-together at the Golden Palace Seafood Restaurant on 111 N. King Street. Participants included the Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Hawaii at Manoa, faculty and student members. This ended ASME's more than yearlong activities to change to a new more efficient professional organization.

The Officers and Directors of ASME-HI wish all its members and families a healthy and prosperous new year.

2006 MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION

The Oahu Chapter Competition will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2006, and the State Competition is on Saturday, March 11, 2006. In its 23rd year in Hawaii, it will again be held in the Kamehameha Schools Kalama Dining Hall.

MathCounts is a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement in every U.S. state and territory. MathCounts is one of the most successful education partnerships involving volunteers, educators, industry sponsors, and students.

With new focus on innovation, education to strengthen U.S. competitiveness urged by cor-

porate and academic leaders, take note that MathCounts has been a leader in this effort for 22 years. On December 6, 2005, at a national summit to address U.S. economic competitiveness, top business and academic leaders called on Congress and Administration to revitalize the U.S. investment in fundamental research, strengthen K-12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, and enable the U.S. to lead the world in the development and deployment of advanced technologies. For more information on this Summit, please visit: http://www.usinnovation.org.

Each year the participation by middle schools (6th, 7th and 8th graders) increases. Each school has a team of 4 Mathletes® and up to 4 alternate Mathletes®. At both Chapter and State competitions, they all go

through three grueling rounds of math problem solving. The first is the Sprint Round with its 30 problems, and then comes the Target Round and its 8 multi-step problems, and finally the Team Round with 10 problems solved by the team of 4 Mathletes®. The top scoring individuals move on to the Countdown Round where pairs of Mathletes® compete against each other and the clock. Although MathCounts questions are written with the curricula for grades 6-8 in mind, many of us Engineers would not want to compete against these students. The school coaches prepare their teams like school athletes. Problem solving strategies are practiced along with hours and hours of problem solving.

On May 11-14, 2006, Hawaii's four top Mathletes® will be in Arlington, Va. to take part in the Lockheed Martin MathCounts National Competition.

The Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers (HSPE) has sponsored the Hawaii MathCounts for these past 22 years. Dr. Michael Chun, President and Headmaster of Kamehameha Schools is the Hawaii MathCounts Chairman. Continual, supportive major sponsors have been Aloha Airlines and Hawaiian Electric Company.

In the past HCES has considered the MathCounts Competition as an Engineers Week activity. Engineers have been asked to give up a Saturday morning and volunteer as proctors and scorers for the Oahu Chapter Competition. If you would like to help from 7:30 am to 11:30 am on February 11, please contact Ed Chang, Hawaii MathCounts Steering Committee member at 543-4227.



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SAME Scholarship Golf Tournament: May '06

The Honolulu Post of the Society of American Military Engineers will host its annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on 16 May 2006 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

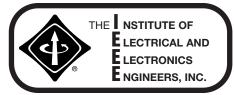
The 2005 tournament raised more that \$16,000 to support the Post's annual scholarship program — the Post hopes to raise \$20,000 this year.

Interested golfers and potential sponsors should contact Mr Dana Voight, Dana. Voight.ctr@hickam.af.mil, for more information

PACIFIC INDUSTRY FORUM

SAME will host a one-day event to bring Sustaining Members together with PACOM, Services, and contracting agencies in a briefing and round table forum to present the strategic view of the theater (unclass), provide access to the contracting agencies, and allow for interactive discussion and promotion opportunities for sustaining member capabilities on 17 May 2006 at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki.

Additional information will be posted on the Post website as it becomes available. http://posts.SAME.org/Honolulu



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2006 Engineers Week Banquet

Saturday, February 25, 2006 Oahu Country Club 150 Country Club Road, Honolulu, Hawaii

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AN ORDER OF THE ENGINEER RING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE 2006 ENGINEERS WEEK BANQUET FEBRUARY 25, 2006 AT THE OAHU COUNTRY CLUB

The Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies (HCES) invites you to participate in the Order of the Engineer Ring Ceremony to be held at the Engineers Week Banquet.

The Order of the Engineer was initiated in the United States to foster a spirit of pride and responsibility in the engineering profession, to bridge the gap between training and experience, and to present to the public a visible symbol identifying the engineer. The first Ring Ceremony was held on June 4, 1970 at Cleveland State University. Others like it have since spread across the United States at which graduate and registered engineers are invited to accept the Obligation of the Engineer and to wear a stainless steel ring.

The Ring Ceremonies are conducted by Links (local sections) of the Order, of which the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) is one. The upcoming Ring Ceremony will be the third such ceremony conducted in Hawaii. More information on the Order of the Engineer can be found at www.order.org.

Any engineer is eligible for induction into the Order of the Engineer if he or she has graduated from an ABET-accredited engineering program or holds a license as a Professional Engineer. Students enrolled in ABET-accredited engineering degree programs are eligible if they are within two academic terms of graduation. Guests are welcome to witness the Ceremony.

Participants at the Engineers Weeks Banquet Ring Ceremony will take the Obligation of the Engineer and receive a stainless steel ring. The cost for the Ring Ceremony will be \$17.50. A registration form and ring sizing chart for the Ring Ceremony is available on the HCES and ASCE Hawaii Section websites (www.hces.us and www.ascehawaii.org).

For additional information on the Ceremony, please contact: Walter Billingsley, ASCE President, at 846-3232 or wbillingsley@beltcollins.com.



Order of the Engineer Ring Ceremony

2006 Engineers Week Banquet February 25, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Oahu Country Club

Sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) World Headquarters Link, ASCE Hawaii Section, and HCES

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Registration Fee: \$17.50 per initiate (includes ring and certificate)

Fee is payable via cash or check. Please make check payable to "HCES." Mail completed form with payment to Ken Rappolt, HCES Treasurer, P.O. Box 2873, Honolulu, HI 96802-2873. Registration forms with payment must be received by February 15, 2006.



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JANUARY DINNER MEETING

Program: Report on Levee Damage

from Hurricane Katrina by Dr. Peter Nicholson

Recognition of New Life Members

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2006 Location: Treetops at Paradise Park,

Manoa Valley

Time: 5:30 p.m. - Social Time

6:30 p.m. - Dinner 7:30 p.m. - Program 9:00 p.m. - Adjourn Multi-entree buffet

Cost: \$22.00 for Hawaii Section members

\$25.00 for non-section members

and guests

\$11.00 for University of Hawaii at Manoa Student Chapter members

Please make checks payable to ASCE-Hawaii Section and mail to Mike Hunnemann, ASCE Treasurer, c/o KAI Hawaii, 31 N. Pauahi Street, 2nd Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813, postmarked by Monday, January 16, 2006. Reservations for the dinner meeting to Mike Hunnemann by Monday, January 16, 2006, by phone at 791-3980, fax at 533-2686 or email at mhunnemann@kaihawaii.com.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 5, 2006

Menu:

ASCE HAWAII SECTION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Please help us increase our scholarship endowment so that we can recognize those deserving students. We continue to accept tax deductible donations with the goal of increasing the annual scholarships. Make your check payable to 'ASCE Hawaii Section' and mail to ASCE Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 917, Honolulu, HI 96808. If you have any questions, please contact Keith Niiya at 533-3646, or kniiya@atahawaii.com.

ORDER OF THE ENGINEER RING CEREMONY

An Engineer's Ring Ceremony is being planned for the Engineer's Week Banquet on February 25, 2006, at the Oahu Country Club. The Engineer's Ring Ceremony is the public induction of candidates into the Order of the Engineer. The Order is the roster of engineers in the United States who have participated in an Engineer's Ring Ceremony and who have publicly accepted the "Obligation of the Engineer." During the Ceremony, candidates formally accept the Obligation of the Engineer and receive a stainless steel ring to be worn as

a symbol of recognition of membership in the Order of the Engineer.

The Obligation of an Engineer is the formal statement of an engineer's responsibilities to the public and to the profession. The Obligation includes a pledge to practice integrity, fair dealing, tolerance, and respect, and to uphold devotion to the standards and dignity of the profession, conscious always that an engineer's skill carries with it the obligation to serve humanity by making the best use of Earth's precious wealth.

Any engineer who has graduated from an ABET-accredited engineering program or holds a license as a Professional Engineer is eligible for induction into the Order of the Engineer.

A registration form for the Ceremony is provided with a separate announcement in this issue of the Wiliki.

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APPROVED FY 2006 BUDGET*

Income Categories

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Section Dues	\$ 10,665.00	\$ 10,600.00
Society Allotment	\$ 3,659.80	\$ 3,600.00
Interest	\$ 172.11	\$ 0.00
Dividend Income	\$ 2,780.38	\$ 0.00
Contributions to Section	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Grants	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 0.00
Advertising Income	\$ 3,626.33	\$ 3,500.00
ASCE Conferences	(\$ 445.84)	\$ 2,000.00
Educational Courses	\$ 20,506.50	\$ 0.00
Total Income	\$ 43,414.28	\$ 20,300.00
Expense Categories	FY 05 Actual	FY 06 Budget
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ASCE Conferences	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Educational Courses	\$ 14,842.17	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 272.93	\$ 0.00
Donations from Section	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
Stationary & Supplies	\$ 95.82	\$ 100.00
Postage	\$ 356.35 \$ 2,742.05 \$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
Newsletter	\$ 2,742.05	\$ 2,800.00 \$ 50.00
General Printing	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00
Meetings	\$ 1,712.07	\$ 500.00
Younger Member Forum	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 2,000.00
Student Chapter	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Official Travel	\$ 8,121.66	\$ 7,100.00
Committee Expenses	\$ 2,035.89	\$ 2,600.00
Awards & Prizes	\$ 2,042.49	\$ 2,850.00
Total Expenses	\$ 35,871.43	\$ 20,300.00
Net Income (Expenses)	\$ 7,542.85	\$ 0.00

Notes:

ASCE JOB LISTINGS

The following employers have openings they would like to fill:

- Austin Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc. (Civil Engineer - Honolulu and Wailuku, Land Surveyor - Honolulu)
- Bills Engineering Inc. (CADD Technician)
- Brown and Caldwell (Civil or Mechanical Engineer - Honolulu, Project Manager – Maui)
- Community Planning & Engineering, Inc. (Civil Design Project Engineers/Managers)
- Fewell Geotechnical Engineering (Geotechnical Engineer Honolulu)
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- GeoEngineers, Inc. (Senior Engineer)
- Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. (Civil Engineers and more)
- Towill, Shigeoka & Associates, Inc. (Licensed Professional Land Surveyor, Computer/Draftsperson (CAD), experienced Party Chiefs and Rodpersons for Oahu and Kona)

- Warren S. Unemori Engineering (Project Engineer and Civil Engineer Wailuku)
- Zapata Engineering (Geotechnical Engineer)
 For more information on these job listings,
 please visit the ASCE Hawaii Section website
 at http://www.ascehawaii.org/jobs/jobs.html.

ASCE WORKSHOPS

The following workshops will be coming to Honolulu in early 2006:

- HEC-HMS Computer Workshop, January 12-13, 2006, Radisson Hotel Waikiki. Topics to be covered include: Hydrologic Modeling Overview, HEC-HMS Capabilities, Basin Delineation, Precipitation Methodology, Rainfall Abstractions (Losses), Runoff Transformations, Stream Routing, Reservoir Routing, Model Execution, Analysis of Results, Dam Break and Special Topics, and Introduction to HEC-GeoHMS.
- Financial Management for the Professional Engineer, February 9-10, 2006, Radisson Hotel Waikiki: Topics to be covered include: How to Understand Financial Statements, Key Performance Measures, Company Budgeting, Project Management, Finding Your Firm's Value, and Cash Flow – Your Firm's Lifeblood.

For more information and registration, go to http://www.asce.org/conted/seminars/.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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December Christmas Party with Hawaii Pacific Steel Framing Alliance was enjoyed by the 50+ attendees. The event was held at Dave and Buster's and the group split into teams. Teams participated in four different games with the winners receiving a special prize. Many door prizes and a 50-50 raffle prize were given out as well.

Ballots from December election for 2006 directors being collected and votes tallied. LGSEA Installation banquet is tentatively scheduled for February 10th, place TBD. Look for more details in the near future. LGSEA will be participating again with the Hawaii Pacific Steel Framing Alliance as an exhibitor at the annual Home Building and Remodeling Show at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, February 2-5. Please mark your calendars and let us know if you are interested in volunteering for a shift or two as an LGSEA exhibitor.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF BOD MEETING

December 07, 2005

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: The 2006 SEAOH membership renewal and dues payment forms will be mailed out before the end of December.

Per request of the Disaster Response Committee, an additional section will be added

to the 2006 SEAOH membership renewal form that will ask if the renewing engineer has completed training in the Applied Technology Council (ATC) ATC-45 "Field Manual: Safety Evaluation of Buildings after Wind Storms and Floods" and ATC-20 "Procedures for Postearthquake Evaluation of Buildings' and if the engineer would be interested in including her / his name in the SEAOH database of engineers with such training.

2006 SEAOH Board of Directors Installation Banquet: The date of the 2006 SEAOH Board of Directors Installation Banquet has been rescheduled to Friday, January 27, 2006, 7 p.m., at the Hale Koa Hotel, Waikiki. Cost has been set at \$30 per person.

Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies [HCES]: It was reported that the Hawaii Space Grant Consortium has offered to conduct live and interactive science and engineering demonstrations during the 2006 Engineers' Week display event at Kahala Mall as it did for the 2005 event.

However, to fund its participation in the upcoming event, the Consortium is requesting an honorarium of \$1,500 and HCES has asked if its member professional societies would be willing and able to provide financial support to fund the honorarium.

It was proposed and approved that SEAOH will provide a maximum \$200 financial contribution to the honorarium for the Hawaii Space Grant Consortium's participation in the 2006 Engineers' Week display event.

Sports (Golf) Committee: It was reported that a total of \$400 will be donated to the American Red Cross' Disaster Relief Fund / Hurricane Katrina Relief from proceeds raised by the SEAOH Fall Golf Tournament.

2006 Calendar of Events:

First Quarter 2006 Qrtly Meeting: Light gauge steel plant tour (tentative)
January 10, 2006 Seminar: AISC "Steel Design After College"

January 27, 2006 Banquet: SEAOH Board of Directors Installation Banquet, Hale Koa Hotel,

Waikiki
February 8-11, 2006 Conference: AISC
"North American Steel Construction

Conference", San Antonio, Texas February 10-11, 2006 Conference: "NCSEA Winter Institute", Jacksonville, Florida

February 19-26, 2006 Event: National Engineers' Week

February 20, 2006 Luncheon: Engineers' Week Kick-Off Luncheon

February 25, 2006 Forum: "Masonry Construction Practices Forum", Honolulu Country Club

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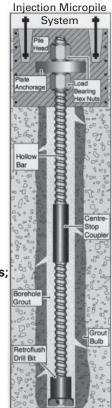
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January Meetings

January Program Chair: Michael Albright

January 6th, Speaker: Capt Peter Gumataotao, USN.

Title: "The U.S. Navy – Meeting the 21st Century Head-On!"

January 13th, No Meeting Martin Luther King Holiday

January 20th, Speaker: Jack P Suyderhoud, Professor of Business Economics, University of Hawaii.

Topic: "The Gas Cap - The Truth and the Consequences"

January 29th, Tentative Speaker: Frank Hays, Pacific Director of the National Parks Service

Topic:"The Manzanar Japanese Internment Camp Memorial in California"

Meetings held every Friday at YWCA room 205 on Richards Street downtown. Parking at Alii Place off Alakea Street for \$1.50 per hour. Meetings start at NOON and end promptly at 1:00 pm.

Members-\$8.00 Guests-\$9.00

Program schedule may be adjusted. Call Secretary to confirm speaker. Anyone wanting a weekly email meeting notice please send your email address to Sam Gillie at sqillie@hei.com.

Meeting Notes for November 4th, 2005:

Another one of Mel Lepine's life stories: A not so blissfully married couple were driving in the country when they passed a pig farm. The husband looked at the farm and commented to his wife, "Any relatives of yours?" His wife flatly replied, "Yes, my in-laws!"

Speaker: Tom Ocasek, Wildlife Photographer Subject: "The Importance of the Arctic, Polar Bears as a Benchmark" Mr. Ocasek worked in various executive position in several different Hawaii companies. When he was 45, he felt he was running his life too fast and he wanted to redirect his life, so he redirected his life toward nature photography. He contacted various nationally and internationally known world wildlife photographers and asked if he could accompany them. He was able to convince them that he didn't intend to compete with them on a professional level and they agreed. He has been able to accompany them on their trips around the world and into artic regions to photograph Polar Bears. He explained that the polar bear is the largest carnivore in the world living in the bleakest climate. The polar bear is at the top of a very short food chain of krill, fish,

seal, bear. If you want to trace pollution, you can go... Pittsburgh, krill, fish, seal, bear. Mr. Ocasek argues that if the polar bear cannot survive in the long term, then people's chances are not good. He and a group other photographers and scientists formed Polar Bears International, which is an educational forum for the five nations with polar bear and people, with the goal of protecting the polar bear habitat. You can listen to Mr. Ocasek's adventures photographing polar bears at the EAH WEB site.

Meeting Notes for November 18th, 2005:

Speaker: Des McGinnes, Business Development Manager for Ocean Power Delivery

Subject: "The Pelamis Wave Energy Converter." It was almost standing room only as Mr. McGinnes talked about the first order for their Pelamis Wave Energy Converters for a Portuguese project. Mr. McGinnes provided detailed information on the current status of the project. He explained how they envision that there will be energy farms anchored near shore to generate energy in the future. http://www.oceanpd.com/

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Next YMF General Meetings

The next two YMF general meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 6:00 p.m., at Brew Moon Restaurant and Microbrewery at Ward Centre, 593-0088 and Tuesday, February 7, 6:00 p.m., at Side Street Inn, 591-0253. If you are interested in attending to find out what the

YMF is all about and how much fun we have, please call Florence Ching at 227-4704.

A & E MIXED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

If you are interested in SLOW PITCH SOFT-BALL, the ASCE YMF will be participating in the Architects & Engineers Softball Mixed League (Spring). This coed league will run from March to May 2006. Games are once a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Games are usually held at Aiea, Kamamalu or Cartwright. Please contact Stuart Ujimori (#220-4913 or ujimori@yahoo.com) if you are interested in playing.

Storm Drain Stenciling

On November 19th ASCE YMF members came out and partnered with the City and County of Honolulu to conduct their annual storm drain stenciling community service project. Twenty two volunteers scoured the neighborhoods of Waikele with spray paint can in hand stenciling "Mai Kiloi Opala Malama i Ke Kai" over the storm drains of Waikele. In addition, volunteers also helped pass out educational packets to home owners detailing the hazards of dumping waste down the storm drain. In all it was a productive half day event with a total of 85 catch basins being marked and over 200 packets being passed out. A big mahalo to Ms. Iwalani Sato of the City and County for helping organize this event and thanks for everyone for coming out to help.

ASCE Helps with Special Olympics Bowling Event

By Paulette Ujimori, ASCE Hawaii Section Past President

On December 4, 2005 approximately 16 volunteers from the ASCE Hawaii Section YMF woke up early in the morning to help with the 2005 Special Olympics Holiday Classic Bowling Event. The Event was held at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii K-Bay lanes. Volunteers assisted as bowling officials, helped with passing out awards to participants and cooked lunch for the workers that came out. The Special Olympics Holiday Classic is one of three events sponsored by Special Olympics Hawaii for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The ASCE Hawaii Section YMF were a part of the 1,000 volunteers that helped in the event.



KNOW YOUR ASCE HISTORY

by C.S. Papacostas

DROUTHS AND FRESHETS

"Some stories have legs," I vaguely recall our college newspaper advisor admonishing us, the staff of "The Jambar," many a year ago.

Besides having legs, the whirling story of the Dam at Nu`uanu reservoir No. 4 is sporting running shoes as well!

But first, a short explanation about the assignment of "No. 4". In my opinion, it properly refers to the reservoir rather than to the water-impounding dam. How else can we explain Reservoir No. 5 which the October 23, 1955 issue of the Honolulu Advertiser (HA) describes as a "2,700,000-gallon concrete tank," built 33 years earlier, "on the ewa side of Nuuanu Ave. near the noted poinsetta [sic] hedge?"

Yet, both in the popular press and in technical documents, the numeral is often associated with the dam itself. The title of a 1931 report to the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) by J. B. Lippincott, for example, refers to Dam No. 4, as do a 1941 study by C. K. Wentworth, a 1965 study by L. J. Watson, a 1982 report by the U. S. Corps of Engineers, the 1993 Hirata inspection report I quoted last month (December 2005), and many editions of the "Hawaii Data Book," among others.

The subject dam was to be a public project supplying domestic water, especially during cycles of drought (or drouth, as the then oftenused alternate spelling goes), and, by turns, for flood protection from devastating freshets.

In time, the dam played other roles, including fire fighting, dust palliating, sanitation, electric power production, and recreational fishing. But, first things first.

Serving as the director of public relations for the BWS, newspaperman George F. Nellist published his history of "Honolulu's Modern Water System" in three installments that appeared in the HA respectively in 1948, 1952 and 1955. Although "the exact date ... is lost in the mist of unrecorded early history," he sets March 31, 1848 as the inauguration of "the first unit of a water system in Honolulu, installed. paid for, and operated by the government." On that day, Interior Minister John Young (a.k.a. Keoni Ana) reported to King Kamehameha III and the Hawaii Legislature that "during the past year, a Harbor Master and Pilot's office has been erected ... near the wharves. A water tank, for the convenience of shipping, is placed in the basement story of this building.

The water is supplied, through a leaden pipe from the Reservoir on the Northeast side of the town." Nellist then quotes a story in Thrum's Hawaiian Almanac and Annual for 1889, which I traced and verified. Under the title "First Water Pipe for Honolulu," Thrum says in part:

"During a visit of Mr. P. A. Brinsmade, of the firm of Ladd & Co., of this place, to Boston Mass., in 1838, through a representation by him that the King was desirous to bring water in from a considerable distance for the purpose of supplying vessels at Honolulu, Messrs. Proctor & Felt were induced to consign to Ladd & Co. fourteen reels of lead pipe... of inch and half-inch size... but during the celebrated arbitration... the matter was suspended but renewed again in the summer of 1847, resulting in its disposal in September of that year, for temporary use till iron piping could be obtained, and was laid to convey water from a taro patch back of the French Consul's (at that time) to the Harbor Master's office, at the foot of Nuuanu street.'

As for an early description of the flooding problem, this is what the Pacific Commercial Advertiser (PCA) of February 24, 1859 had to say:

"The third freshet of the season in the Nuuanu stream occurred last Sunday night... The temporary bridge at the foot of Beretania Street known as Smith's bridge was again swept away, making the third time that communication has been interrupted at that point." By then, the Kingdom was taking charge of its public water works, to wit, Sec. 191 of the Civil Code provided that "the Minister of the Interior shall have a general charge of the pipes or conduits of water to supply the town and harbor of Honolulu." This included system maintenance and the setting and collecting of "water rates from ships and persons in Honolulu, or its vicinity..."

Interestingly, on November 17 of the same year, the PCA warned that "housekeepers and others having charge of water faucets, should avoid wasting water during the shipping season," as there was enough supply "for all, if care is taken to prevent waste..."

And the beat goes on.

Do you know of a civil engineering accomplishment or event that your fellow ASCE members might find interesting? Please send a brief description to C.S. Papacostas (fax 956-5014, email csp@wiliki.eng.hawaii.edu). Previous articles in the series may be found at the Section's web site. Just point your browser to http://www.ascehawaii.org.

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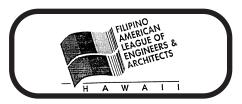
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September 14-16, 2006 Conference: NCSEA Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah

October 19, 2006 Convention: CCPI Annual Convention, Hapuna Prince, Kohala Coast, Island of Hawaii

October 26, 2006 Seminar: "2005 AISC ASD & LRFD Unified Manual"

November 4-11, 2006 Convention: SEAOH Annual Convention, Osaka, Japan



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