

## ALLEGATIONS

HWA says they support the Hawaiian Studies building but they want it moved since they are concerned about the lo'i.

## FACT

However, neither the BOR nor Hawaiian Studies support an effort to move the building since it is no longer in the Garden.

This is dishonest. HWA's lawsuit clearly asks that construction of the building be halted. Moreover, HWA hopes that if their law suit is successful they will be able to drive the cost of the building up, which in the State's present fiscal situation will prevent it altogether.

The general public should know that HWA sent letters to potential contractors threatening that the building could be halted. As a result, construction bids came in at nearly a million dollars over estimated costs.

## THE HAWAIIAN STUDIES BUILDING

Plans developed by the architectural firm of Kauahikaua & Chun (recently recognized as "Living Treasures" by the Honpa Hongwani) have been completed for the construction of a Hawaiian Studies facility.

- ◆ The building will be a bold statement of the University's commitment to the preservation of Hawaiian culture and service to the Hawaiian community.
- ◆ The building design is distinctively Hawaiian incorporating traditional (pre-contact) Hawaiian architectural motifs and integrating the Kānewai Cultural Garden, thus enhancing the natural beauty of the site.
- ◆ The building includes a resource center, classrooms and seminar rooms, faculty offices, an auditorium to host conferences, receptions and performances; a student services facility, production center, archival storage, courtyard and entry way designed to accommodate traditional protocol for visiting dignitaries and guests.

## THE URGENT NEED FOR THE HAWAIIAN STUDIES BUILDING

For nearly a century, Hawaiians have been denied the physical space and the public recognition on the Mānoa campus that is due us. According to the UH administration, Hawaiian Studies is the fastest growing program on campus. With just three faculty, we have hundreds of students. Our introductory course is now part of the core curriculum, generating a demand that we cannot satisfy without more space. We also are unable to extend our curriculum to include the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees unless we can hire more faculty. Without our building, the hiring of more faculty will be foreclosed.

Now, when Hawaiians are working toward self-government, the flagship campus in our islands has given nearly 2.2 acres on the Mānoa campus for Hawaiian Studies. One and seven tenths of an acre (1.7) is set aside for the Garden and only a half-acre (.5) for the building. Under the firm and visionary leadership of Gladys Brandt when she was Chair of the Board of Regents, the Kānewai Garden was preserved and the Hawaiian Studies building was planned as a showcase of beauty and indigenous cultural presence, not only in Hawai'i but in all the Pacific Islands. The legislature and the executive branch concurred with the Board of Regents, allocating construction funds in three consecutive legislative sessions. After years of planning, the building is now ready for construction.

Combining both classroom and hands-on educational practices in the lo'i, the building has been designed on the high ground above the lo'i. Flowing students into the Garden, the architects' plan is to integrate the lo'i with the classroom, rather than separate the functions from each other. This integration reflects our belief that the Garden is an educational part of Hawaiian Studies, rather than a preserve set aside solely for members of Ho'okahe Wai and their friends. To Hawaiian Studies and the University, the building and garden are one educational unit.

Finally, if Ho'okahe Wai is successful in preventing the construction of the Hawaiian Studies building, all Hawaiians will suffer educational and physical deprivation. Delays will cause construction costs to rise. We will have lost a place of our own on the Mānoa campus and students will have to forego the opportunity to learn in conjunction with their native environment rather than separated from it.

Now that you have heard our side of the story, we ask that you write supportive letters to the University administration. If you have any questions, call us at the Center for Hawaiian Studies at 956-6825.



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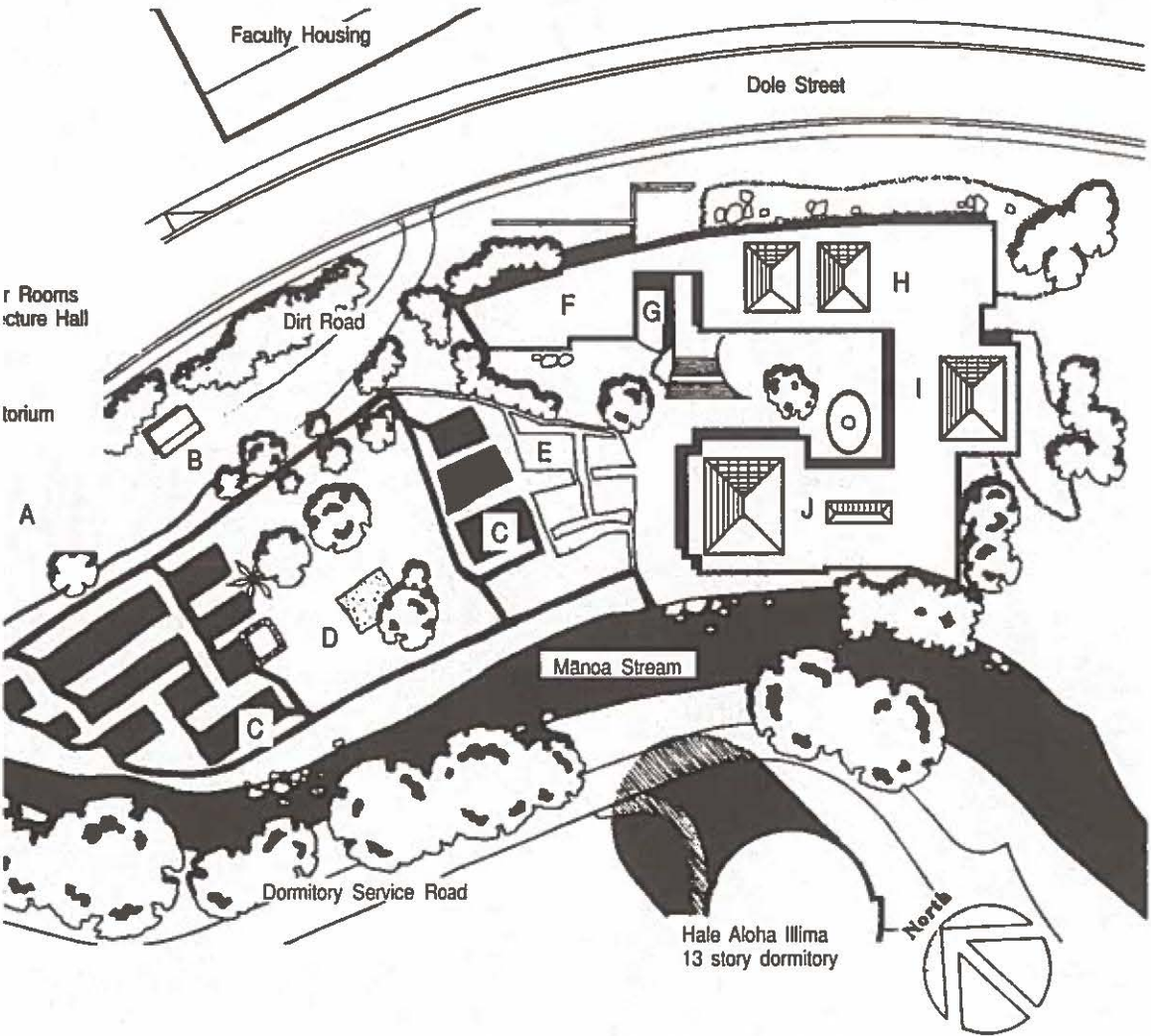
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More than six years of delay, including a long process of approval from the University, the legislature and the Hawaiian Studies building is once again threatened. A community group, composed of less than a dozen former UH students, has filed a law suit against the University and General Services (DAGS). This group, Ho'okahe Wai Ho'oulu 'Āina (HWH), has asked the University to stop the project, claiming it will harm the Kānewai Garden adjacent to the planned building. In public statements about the Hawaiian Studies building, HWH has made false claims about the design of the building. Moreover, the group has used deceitful tactics. They have circumvented the process of the building. And finally, the group has misrepresented their role in caring for the Kānewai Garden. HWH has tried to organize opposition to the building based on these false claims, the Center for Hawaiian Studies has this opportunity to set the facts before the public. Unlike HWH, we have nothing to hide.

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ALLEGATIONS

The Hawaiian Studies building and the sewer line will be placed in the lo'i, destroying the taro, the irrigation system and the peaceful sense of place.

The Hawaiian Studies Building will take up one-third (1/3) of the lo'i.

The building will take up more space than the lo'i.

All the garden irrigation system and lo'i structures are ancient, archaeological features.

The Kua'ana or student services wing of the building will destroy endangered plants.

FACT

No part of the building nor the sewer line which services it will be placed on land cultivated in taro. There will be no permanent displacement of the lo'i or the irrigation system as you can see in the attached map. Ho'okahe Wai has repeatedly misrepresented the placement of the building in order to garner community support.

This is a total falsehood. Ho'okahe Wai admitted as much to a university reporter who questioned them about the exact placement of the building. No part of the building is in the lo'i.

The building will occupy .5 acres entirely on the high ground above the lo'i. The area is now used as a parking lot. The lo'i, on the other hand, will encompass 1.7 acres. Moreover, no part of the lo'i will be destroyed.

While there is historical evidence to suggest taro cultivation was conducted in the area of the garden, the structures currently found in the Kānewai garden were all recently constructed in the past 12 years. Some of the lo'i have been in place less than a year.

The Kua'ana wing of the building was planned for an area level with Dole street, used by construction crews as storage, and covered with *haole* *koa*. After the architectural plans for the building were completed, members of Ho'okahe Wai planted endangered species in place of the *haole* *koa*. HWH was denied a permit to plant the species by the State Forestry and Wildlife division because HWH refused to obtain permission from the landowner, that is, from the University.

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On Feb. 5, 1992, Ho'okahe Wai filed their lawsuit, claiming that the endangered plants should prevent construction of the building although Ho'okahe Wai purposely planted them there to obstruct the building.

Ho'okahe Wai has cared for the lo'i for over 12 years.

The UH administration could move the Hawaiian Studies building but Hawaiian Studies faculty do not want to move it.

FACT

In this instance, Ho'okahe Wai has been dishonest in their actions. Despite this dishonesty, however, the Center for Hawaiian Studies will preserve the plants by moving them to another, safer area of the garden. Unlike HWH, we do care about the plants.

Because most members of HWH are no longer students, they are off-campus or off-island. As a result, they have been unable to care for the lo'i. In 1985, HWH asked Hawaiian Studies to take over the Kānewai Garden to prevent the University from using the site for a parking lot. Since that time Hawaiian Studies has borne all administrative, managerial and fiscal responsibilities for the Kānewai Garden. Hawaiian Studies now spends \$35,000 annually for staffing, equipment and supplies to maintain the garden. Moreover, we also bear all liability for health and safety concerns, including those of over 1500 annual visitors to the lo'i.

In addition, HWH members are not the only people to have worked in the lo'i over the years. Hundreds of non-HWH members have worked there, and many of them support the Hawaiian Studies building.

Originally, the entire Hawaiian Studies educational complex was placed in the Kānewai Garden. Hawaiian Studies faculty, working with members of HWH, lobbied the Board of Regents to move the building. After nearly two years, the building was moved to the high ground. By that time, the cost of the building had soared from 2.5 million to 6.5 million.