



ASSOCIATES PARTICIPATE IN RARE PURCHASE

"Specimens of Hawaiian Kapa"

One of the principal programs of the Associates this year has been to contribute toward the purchase of a unique publication, "Specimens of Hawaiian Kapa." In order to enable the Library to acquire a copy of this rare volume, the Associates made an outright grant to the Library of \$700, and then undertook to raise additional funds toward defraying the full cost of the publication, which came to \$1400 plus tax. The funds solicited derived from the following sources:

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart G. Brown	\$25
Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell Cades	10
Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred J. Holmes	10
Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce	50
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Morse	20
National League of American Pen Women, Honolulu Branch	100
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nickerson	15
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vaught	10
	<u>\$240</u>

"Specimens of Hawaiian Kapa" was published in January of this year in an edition limited to ninety-five copies, of which the Library owns Number 20. It was designed and printed by Andrew Hoyem, formerly of Robert Grabhorn and Andrew Hoyem, San Francisco, and edited and published by Donald Severson of Severson Enterprises, Honolulu.

It consists of a booklet containing an introduction and historical notes, and a portfolio comprised of actual specimens of kapa, each of which is mounted in an individual fascicle, or folder, containing identification and provenance, together with a reproduction of the full sheet from which the sample was taken.

Some of the kapa was originally owned by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in Boston, Massachusetts. Later they were presented to Amherst College but ultimately came into the hands of an East Coast antiquarian dealer, from whom Mr. Severson recently acquired them. Other pieces were purchased in London from the James Hooper Collection, composed of specimens contributed by the Bloxam brothers, who came to Hawaii with Lord Byron in the *HMS Blonde* in 1825, and by Queen Emma, who took them to Great Britain around 1865. Other sources of the specimens that appear in the book derived from pieces presented to the Saffron Walden Museum, England, by Mr. Edmond Murphelley; from the collection of Captain James Roberts; from that of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ostheimer, Honolulu; from the Watters Mahiole Martin Collection, Honolulu; from Mr. Severson's own collection, and from burial caves located along the Kona Coast, Hawaii.

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University Librarian Don L. Bosseau and Thomas Nickerson, Associates' chairman, inspect "Specimens of Hawaiian Kapa" by Donald Severson.

OUR FIRST PATRON MEMBERSHIP

March 3 was a red-letter day for Library Associates. On that day the following letter was addressed to our treasurer:

Dear Mrs. Hirai:

Enclosed is a check for \$500, together with a completed application for membership as a patron of the Associates of the Library of the University of Hawaii, Manoa. The sum was drawn from royalties from my latest book, *The Russian Fascists* (Harper & Row, 1978), and signifies in a small way my deep appreciation for the University Library's collection and services. Feeling a strong commitment to the continued strengthening of our Library, I look forward to giving full cooperation to the Associates.

Yours sincerely,

John J. Stephan
Professor

This is a most encouraging communication. We hope that our developing program is worthy of Dr. Stephan's confidence and cooperation.

Another encouraging communication has come from the Hawaii Geographical Society, to whom we had addressed a promotional folder. It was signed by Willis H. Moore, Executive Secretary, and reads: "We think this is a good idea, a mark of maturation at UH, and wish you well. We shall keep you on our mailing list, and hope you will do likewise."

MAINLAND CONNECTION

A pivotal milepost was passed in March when University Librarian Don Bosseau signed a contract with OCLC, Inc., the data bank in Columbus, Ohio, that stores information on library materials. Membership in this nation-wide network will permit the Library to determine instantly the whereabouts of needed library materials, as well as to perform a considerable number of other time-saving operations. This action marks a long step forward in rendering prompt and efficient services to library users.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The pace of the Associates' activities had picked up appreciably during the past year. We devoted \$100 toward refreshments at the dedication of the new wing of Hamilton Library. We plan to publish as a keepsake for members the address delivered on that occasion by former University president Thomas Hale Hamilton, through the kind auspices of Dr. A. Grove Day, who sets up the type by hand at his private press in Arcadia Retirement Residence.

By far our most substantial donation during the year was \$940 toward purchase of a remarkable publication titled "Specimens of Hawaiian Kapa," described in detail on the front page of this newsletter.

Our newly appointed Forum Committee met monthly to plan a meeting devoted to "Specimens of Hawaiian Kapa."

A membership drive conducted by Membership Committee chairman Lela Goodell, with the able assistance of Mary Shaw and Margaret Aurault, was successful in swelling our roster and in securing our first patron membership, as noted elsewhere in this issue.

Marion Vaught is new chairman of our Program Committee, replacing A. Jerome Dupont, whose suddenly expanded responsibilities have precluded his continuation in this capacity. She is planning a lively program for the coming year. Owing to our expanding activities, those who volunteer to serve on our various committees or as backup workers for our projects are particularly welcome at this time. In this connection we are particularly pleased by the appointment of Barbara Frissell as liaison with the librarian's office.

Helpful hints (see elsewhere in this issue) on the activities of a group such as ours were given to its members by Dr. George Knoles, chairman of the Associates of Stanford University Libraries, at a meeting in Hamilton Library on February 6. The impressive performance of the Stanford group in comparison with our younger one led me to recall the story of a boy whose flock of bantam chickens produced only mini-sized eggs in comparison with those of full-sized hens. In an effort to remedy the situation, he hung up in his henhouse an ostrich egg on which he inscribed in large letters: "KEEP YOUR EYES ON THIS AND DO YOUR DARNDDEST." In the year ahead we will keep our eyes on our big brothers in Palo Alto and do likewise.

Thomas Nickerson
Chairman

"WHAT SHOULD WE DO?"

Everyone learned a great deal when Dr. George H. Knoles, Chairman of the Associates of the Stanford University Libraries, led an informal discussion on the afternoon of February 6 in Room No. 1, Hamilton Library, on the subject of "What Should We Do?"

Dr. Knoles served for three years as program chairman of his group before assuming the chairmanship for 1979. He is Emeritus Professor of American History at Stanford, a former department head, and a teacher who has lectured from France to Japan. He is donating his professional library to Hawaii Loa College.

Although the Stanford Associates were started only five years ago, they now number nearly five hundred members with common interests in books and libraries. Some of the points made by Dr. Knoles in his talk that concern our own possible activities include:

- In proposing acquisitions, avoid concentrating solely on "rare" books and consider the needs of various departments; do not duplicate items that should be on the library budget, but consult recommendations of the faculty Collections Development Committee.

- Present a variety of programs, but do not overlook the use of social gatherings with lunch or even dinner; Sunday afternoon has been the best date for meetings.

- Visits can be made to other libraries or collections, and joint meetings can be held with other "friends" organizations in the community.

- Other types of program include booking outstanding speakers, attending special events at other institutions, honoring prominent individuals, raising funds by wine-tasting lunches, and conducting tours (last May twenty-five members made a fascinating tour of two dozen libraries and museums in England, and this autumn a tour of Southern California libraries will be made).

- To add to income from dues, members of tour groups pay a certain tax-deductible amount to the Associates' treasury. Endowed funds in memory of individuals may be supplemented by matching funds (\$1 for every \$2 donated) from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

- Encouragement of book-collecting by students.

- Publication of semi-annual newsletter, *Imprint*, with quality printing and contributions.

A cassette-tape recording of the meeting with Dr. Knoles is available for borrowing.

SEPTEMBER EVENT

The Forum Committee has planned an event centered around "Specimens of Hawaiian Kapa." Scheduled for the evening of Friday, September 28, it will involve a discussion of kapa, its making and use, by Adrienne Kaeppler, and a discussion of the problems encountered in the production of the book, by Don Severson, its publisher and editor. The meeting will be held in 501 Hamilton Library. Refreshments will be served.

"Specimens of Hawaiian Kapa"

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The design of this publication is such as to protect its valuable contents and to facilitate their study and display. The book measures 9½ × 13 inches and is printed by letterpress in 18-point Centaur type on tan Roma paper manufactured by hand by Fabriano, the oldest existing Italian paper mill. The wrappers are of dark brown Roma paper, as is the lining of the portfolio boards, which are cloth hinged. The spine is made from brown goat leather, gold stamped.

This notable addition to the Library's Rare Book Collection is well worth a trip to the campus to inspect. An outstanding example of fine bookmaking, it enshrines materials whose color, design, and texture offer a sumptuous feast. As you sit down and address yourself to this banquet, you are handed a pair of white cotton gloves with which to protect the beautiful deckle-edged pages and the fragile samples of burial kapa, kapa moi, and other types of kapa from contamination from the oil and chemicals in your fingers. You untie the four chocolate-colored tapes, and the cafe-au-lait case falls away, exposing the lining, whose faintly striated and gridironed watermark pattern forms a fitting transition to the delicate texture of the samples of kapa within.

A great variety of pastel colors are exhibited—pale pink, yellow, and blue, cloudy white, rusty, tan, and brown. On them appear a host of patterns—geometrical designs, squares and zig-zags, dappling, dots, and mottling. There are brown circles on beige, umber spots on yellow, lozenges on reddish-brown, black-and-red on mustard, ethereal grey on misty white. Then, suddenly, you are stunned by screaming orange.

You wonder if anything like this has been attempted before. Turning to the prefatory material you learn that three such attempts have been made. There is "A Catalogue of the Different Specimens of Cloth Collected in the Three Voyages of Captain Cook," compiled by Alexander Shaw in 1787. This octavo volume displayed fourteen samples from the Sandwich Islands.

There is "Hawaiian Kapa from the Collection in the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum of Ethnography and Natural History," produced around 1893 by William T. Brigham, first director of the Museum. It is a quarto volume displaying one hundred specimens. One copy exists in the Bishop Museum, one in the Peabody Museum of Salem, and at least one other copy elsewhere.

Finally, there is "Hawaiian Tapa," produced by Julius S. Rodman sometime during the 1930s. It also contains one hundred specimens, reportedly secured from burial caves on the Von Holt cattle ranch on Hawaii. Seven copies are known to exist—perhaps a few more. Of all these books together, there are probably no more than forty copies extant. And so one can be sure that copy Number 20 of "Specimens of Hawaiian Kapa," locked in the Library's rare editions vault at a temperature not to exceed 72 degrees and humidity no more than 50 percent, will be zealously guarded. This prized possession may be examined—with white cotton gloves—by appointment.

CORNUELLE OUR BANQUET SPEAKER

We are fortunate in having Herbert C. Cornuelle, president of Dillingham Corporation, as our third annual dinner speaker. Mr. Cornuelle, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, graduated from Occidental College and attended the University of Denver on a Sloan Fellowship. He served as president of Dole Company and of United Fruit Company before returning to Hawaii ten years ago. He has served as trustee of Campbell Estate and as director of the Hawaiian Telephone Company, the Queen's Medical Center, and Punahou School, where he is chairman of the board. He has been a member of the board of governors of Kamehameha Schools and chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. In the latter capacity he was deeply aware of the importance of the research library as the heart of the University.

The title of Mr. Cornuelle's address will be "The Gutenberg Galaxy: Technology and the Explosion of Information Services." Among other things, he will refer to telecommunications throughout the Pacific over the University's PEACESAT satellite network and to the University's newly installed computerized process whereby needed library materials can be instantly located in libraries throughout the Mainland by means of a massive data bank in Columbus, Ohio.

ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, April 20, 1979

Kona Room

Hawaiian Regent Hotel

2552 Kalakaua Avenue

Speaker

HERBERT C. CORNUELLE

President, Dillingham Corporation

THE GUTENBERG GALAXY:

Technology and the Explosion of
Information Services

6:30 p.m., no-host cocktails;

7:30 p.m., dinner, \$9.75

(Tax and tip absorbed by the Associates)

Parking, on Ohua Street, 75¢

MENU

Breast of chicken with wild rice

Creamed spinach with champignon sauce

Garden vegetable Stuffed baked potato

Tossed green salad Freshly baked pie

Reservations should be made by Monday, April 16,
and sent with check to:

Theodore P. Woodin (tel. 948-8613)

Banquet Reservations Chairman

International Student Office

2442 Campus Road

Honolulu 96822

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please enroll me as a _____ member of Library Associates, for which I enclose my check for \$ _____, with the understanding that this amount is tax-deductible.

The categories are:

Student	\$ 5.00	Institutional	\$ 50.00
Regular	15.00	Sustaining	100.00
Contributing	50.00	Patron	500.00

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address _____

I would be interested in becoming a member of the following committees:

- Program Membership Forum
 Finance Publications

HEIGH-HO SILVER

Like the Library it fosters, Library Associates always goes first class. That is why it is putting out a call for a silver punch-bowl and ladle and other ritzy silverware useful in serving refreshments properly at our social gatherings. So if your children want only stainless steel, or if you are moving from a spacious mansion into a cramped apartment and find yourselves overwhelmed by the superfluity of personal possessions, do remember us, a tax-free organization, and earn tax relief as well as our eternal gratitude by shunting things our way and permitting us to diminish your frustration. It would make us very happy to be of any help we can.

BOOKS IN DEEP-FREEZE

On the fourth of last November, a ruptured water main flooded the basement of Stanford University Library. Some 40,000 volumes, many of them quite valuable, became waterlogged. The soggy books were rushed to commercial freezers to prevent them from molding. The next step was to line them on the shelves of a vacuum chamber at Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. in Sunnyvale, Ca., where the lunar land rover had been tested. There the moisture was sucked out of the pages under a temperature of from 80 to 120 degrees. The pages came out as brittle as potato chips. The process cost Lockheed \$50,000, but they rendered the service free of charge. The final stage in the transformation was to transfer them to an empty gymnasium in Palo Alto, where they were allowed to absorb sufficient atmospheric moisture to restore them to a state in which they could once more be handled. Hopefully they will be back on the library shelves by next September.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT
OF
THIRD ANNUAL DINNER MEETING**

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Hawaiian Regent Hotel
2552 Kalakaua Avenue

Speaker

HERBERT C. CORNUELLE
President, Dillingham Corporation

Subject

THE GUTENBERG GALAXY:
Technology and the Explosion of Information Services

No-host cocktails, 6:30 p.m.;
dinner, 7:30, \$9.75

(Tax and tip absorbed by the Associates)

Parking, on Ohua Street, 75¢

I plan to attend the third annual dinner meeting of the Associates. Enclosed herewith is my check for \$ _____ to cover _____ admissions at \$9.75 each. _____ I plan to bring with me a prospective new member. Reservations should be made by Monday, April 16. Checks should be made out to University of Hawaii Foundation, Library Associates, and sent to:

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96822 (Telephone 948-8613)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
