

Copy for Mrs. Kelly

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Dr. Henry Tominega,
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Dear Dr. Tominega:

It occurred to me that you might like to know that Anthropology #450, with 77 teachers registered and ending January 1969, has been inspirational, educational, informational and sensational (I use this latter term advisedly and in the sense of meaning "very exceptional and delightfully challenging").


Since this type of course can be on-going because research keeps adding new knowledge (for example the just-off-the-press Studies in a Hawaiian Community: Na Makamaka O Nanakuli by Ronald Gallimore and Alan Howard, editors), and since most teachers whether or not they teach on an elementary, intermediate or high school level or are responsible for subject matter areas in Hawaiian Social Studies English or any other part of the curriculum, have found #450 essentially functional, and since tremendous interest and desire to be better informed seems to have evolved from the lectures of #450, some of us in the class hope you plan a continuation of the course. This would take us to a more recent date in anthropological studies of the Polynesian people and you could call it #451 or any number and again select Mrs. Marion A. Kelly, instructor par excellence, to continue teaching it.

I believe the University and the members of the class have profited--one, in gaining an instructor of Mrs. Kelly's caliber, and the members, in broadening their horizons. I have found Mrs. Kelly to be a warm, friendly, enthusiastic, knowledgeable person, with an enviable sense of social consciousness and the possessor of a desirable, but seldom found facet, humility. It truly has been a privilege as well as a provocative experience sitting at the feet (and I don't mean clay) of Mrs. Kelly because, she, unlike many others aligned with the periphery or on the periphery of the Ivory Tower and its tenants, has never lost the common touch.

Aloha and thank you.

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