



"Back to School" Takes on Electronic Dimensions

With school days underway for the 1993-94 year, students will find more and more online services tailored to their specific needs. Thanks to Hawaii's electronic gateway, Hawaii FYI, and the facilitating services of HAWAII INC, students can turn to their computers for these programs and more:

There's a new way to work online on the skills students need to pass the **Hawaii State Test of Essential Competencies (%HSTEC)**. A recently implemented service allows students to take practice tests, review material, and prepare for the exam online at school, at home, or anywhere they can get access to a videotex terminal or computer with modem.

Career Kokua (%CKINFO), a service of the Department of Labor, offers a variety of files helpful to students and open to public access. "Local Schools" provides general information, admission requirements, housing information, costs, financial aid and student services information, and listings of programs of study and training for more than 100 post-secondary educational institutions in Hawaii. A related file helps users locate sources of post-secondary financial aid; 640 sources are listed, with information categorized by academic majors, grant amount, level of study, location, type of aid, and application deadlines.

The Hawaii Electronic Student Network, was opened for use by all interested students when school started up this fall. Sponsored by the Hawaii State Student Council, the Hawaii State Legislature, and HAWAII INC, the project promotes electronic networking and learning via online services. Originally open only to student body or class officers, the

network now serves all comers who want to follow the network's vision of "working together, supporting student organizations, and empowering students to make a difference." To apply for use of the network, students on Oahu should call 586-6250; neighbor islanders dial 1-800-468-4644 and then, when prompted, 6-6250.

Teen Forum (%TEEN) is a public electronic bulletin board service that was created last year as the result of a Waiialua High School program to involve students in the management of a statewide videotex service. The service airs teen problems and concerns along with input from professionals on what to do about them.

Hawaii High School Athletic Association (%HHSAA) opens high school sports to the Information Age with an electronic distribution system that gets the word out fast to schools and the general public. Information available through HHSAA includes sports schedules and annual tournaments for the various leagues.

Challenger Center Hawaii (%CCH) is an electronic brochure that tells about

the Challenger Space Center at Barber's Point Elementary School, a new teaching resource for Hawaii schools. The service also expects to offer training information, schedules, and resources from the NASA Teacher Resource Center, which operates in combination with the project.

The University of Hawaii continues to offer unparalleled access to research materials through its UHCARL service. Students, researchers, and the general public can link up to catalogs and databases located on UH campuses as well as Mainland campuses from California to Maryland and even beyond the USA. Also, available through UHCARL are the Bishop Museum, Hawaii Medical Library, Hawaii Data Book, and other databases and indexes.

The Hawaii State Public Library System (%HSPLS) databases are also online. New additions to the system now include keyword searching, full text availability for some articles, and the ability to request a book directly through the service.

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Phyllis Yuen, Rose Myers (seated, l to r), Kay Oishi, Yasuto Kaihara, and Irene Nakamura (standing, l to r) attended a Hawaii FYI train-the-trainer course for senior citizens offered this summer at Honolulu Community College.



Letter from the Executive Director

It was my great good fortune this past summer to meet the creator of "Star Wars" and Indiana Jones (see photo, page 4) at Skywalker Ranch in California. If ever there was a man who believed in the importance of education at any age, it is George Lucas.

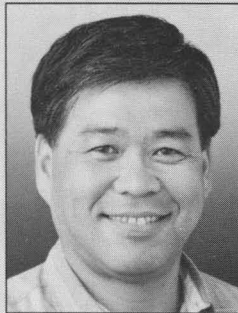
Lucas radiates the energy of his creative mind, one that never stops just because "nobody has ever thought of that before." It was his purpose at this meeting to facilitate the exchange of ideas among experts on the future of education.

Working through the George Lucas Educational Foundation, he sees an opportunity to transform teaching and learning and envisions a future "where students, parents, and others are more actively engaged in the educational process through the integration of emerging technologies with a rich, interdisciplinary curriculum." Through the development of dramatic video models defining the uses of emerging interactive multimedia and communications technologies, Lucas says he hopes to "invigorate the learning process, stimulate teachers to become real facilitators of learning, and prepare all students to meet the challenges of the global economy of the 21st Century."

I was inspired by this man's commitment to using his vast talents for the benefit of the future generations of our country. His vision promises to take us "back to school" and make us look anew at the way we teach and the way we learn and the tools we use to accomplish those ends. It is an exciting prospect. Equally exciting is the fact that Hawaii's educational systems are already actively pursuing the use of various technologies to expand the boundaries of the classroom. ❀



Arthur F. Koga



Dial These DBs Free

Users with their own computers and modems may wish to try these 1-800 databases:

HIMEX is the acronym for Hawaii Materials Exchange, a new program sponsored by the Department of Health, Maui County, and the Maui Recycling Group. The exchange puts people with an excess of materials or unwanted goods in touch with those who can use them. The bottom line idea: preserve the environment and save money for local businesses.

You can get in touch by calling 1-800-858-6625 to access the national data base. If you have questions about the program, call 586-8143 on Oahu, 667-7744 on Maui, or from other neighbor islands, 1-800-468-4644 and when prompted, 6-8143.

FEDIX (Federal Information Exchange) is an online information service designed to provide accurate and timely information to colleges, universities, and other research organizations. There are no registration fees and no access charges for using FEDIX. The system provides daily updates on federal education and research programs (descriptions, eligibility, funding, deadlines); scholarships, fellowships, and grants; available used government research equipment; and reports on new funding for specific activities. FEDIX incorporates MOLIS (Minority On Line Information Service), providing the latest information on Black and Hispanic colleges and universities. Dial 1-800-783-3349 for modem access.

The SBA bbs is operated by the U.S. Small Business Administration and provides information online about a variety of SBA programs and services. The 1-800 numbers for modem access are 697-4636 for 9600 baud or 859-4636 for 2400 baud. Among the accessible files are ones that present an overview of SBA, 30 most asked questions, business development, financing services, and government contracting opportunities. ❀

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On the private side, the **Alternative Education Program** at Kamehameha Schools/Bishop Estate has begun a pilot on Hawaii FYI to determine the feasibility and capabilities of using online services and networks to extend instructional support to multiple sites...**Iolani School** librarian Janine Volkmar is planning to explore the Internet...And we know the library at **St. Andrew's Priory** also uses a videotex terminal to access Hawaii FYI services.

As the year progresses, we will bring you further updates on exciting uses of technology in Hawaii's schools. ❀

Word from the Top

GOVNEWS is now online from the State Capitol, providing Hawaii residents with copies of news releases issued by the State's chief executive. The service can be accessed through videotex terminals in public schools and libraries or through personal computers equipped with a modem and appropriate communications software.

In another step toward making government more accessible, Hawaii FYI and HAWAII INC are now working to put the Honolulu City Council online.

"Hawaii OnLine" Offers New BBS, Services from Garden Isle

One of the newest providers to offer services through Hawaii FYI is "Hawaii OnLine," a computer bulletin board and online information service operated by Lynn and Thayne Taylor from the Island of Kauai.

"We saw a real need for an online service that would be able to meet the needs of the people of Hawaii," the Taylors said. "The local population, the business community, our senior citizens, health care and special interest groups, local and state government, artists, the education system, and the visitors to our islands will all be able to meet on and make use of Hawaii OnLine."

The bulletin board portion of the service includes live real time chat, games, global conferences, electronic mail, and online publications. "We have designed this system for easy navigation," they said. "Online help is available and even the novice user will feel comfortable on Hawaii OnLine. Our hope is that Hawaii OnLine will become a valuable resource for our state as well as a means for the people of Hawaii and the rest of the world to be able to become a little closer and better informed."

It also offers more than 60,000 shareware programs and files. There is an electronic publishing arm as well, maintaining a portfolio of work by individuals and groups of writers and offering marketing services for writers and publishers. Coming in the future: Marketing for Hawaii businesses and products through an online purchasing system, and "Reservations Room" offering an accommo-

tions selection and reservation system for vacationers and business travelers.

Say the Taylors, "Hawaii OnLine makes it possible for classrooms throughout the county and state to have online access to one another, not to mention the rest of the world. Local businesses can send and retrieve data and documents to and from across town, inter-island, to the mainland, just about anywhere. We

can facilitate business organizations, government bodies—anyone who has a need to communicate internally as well as with the public."

For a free trial week, dial in to Hawaii FYI, select Hawaii OnLine, and register with them now. ✂



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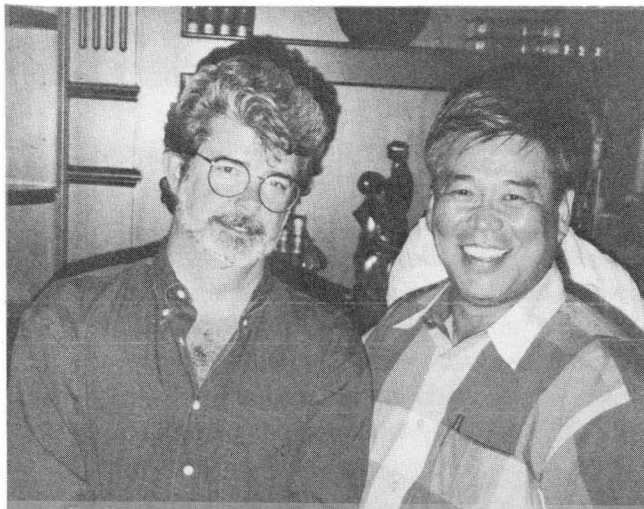
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Famed motion picture director George Lucas (right) this summer invited HAWAII INC Executive Director Arthur Koga to join discussions at the George Lucas Educational Foundation about the future of teaching and learning in the U.S. (See the director's column on page 2.)

This short but heartfelt note is from Joey Sheremeta, a young man on Kauai who has discovered the wired world. His letter is to DG Technologies, provider of the Portal service on Hawaii FYI:

DG,

Here is \$40 for the month of July. I can't thank you enough for bringing the Internet to the people of Hawaii via a flat rate pay plan. It's the BEST thing that has happened to FYI since %YORAPS!

Aloha, Joey Sheremeta

P.S. I assume the next best thing that will happen to FYI is the switch over to 8,N,1. But I guess I will still have to keep dreaming about that one.

Ed. Note to Joey: That conversion has occurred, so your dream's come true!



Hawaii FYI is your quick and easy way to information. To access Hawaii FYI services on your computer or terminal, use the modem to dial:

Oahu	536-7133
Hawaii	935-7133
Maui	242-7133
Kauai	245-7133
Molokai	1-800-243-7133
Lanai	1-800-243-7133

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Oahu	586-1919
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For general information on Hawaii FYI or HAWAII INC, call 586-4636.

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