Two Students Present Paper at Texas Turtle Symposium

HPA senior Erica Davis and sophomore Katherine Harrington attended the 19th annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation in March at South Padre Island, Texas. With Assistant Headmaster Marc Rice and turtle researcher George Balazs, the two students co-authored a poster paper presented at the symposium, “Green Turtle Diving and Foraging Patterns at Puako, Hawaii.” Research for the paper was done under scientific guidance of Balazs of the National Marine Fisheries Service in Honolulu. The students’ paper covered the diving and foraging behavior of two sub-adult green turtles at Puako and provided important information about the ecology and biology of the green turtle. To carry out the study, the students fitted the turtles with temperature-depth recorders which stored data on their diving behavior for 60 days. From the information gathered, they determined the amount of time each turtle allotted to feeding and resting behavior and when these behaviors took place during the day. During the symposium, the girls stood by their paper and answered questions from interested observers. “The paper was well received and reviewer comments were very positive,” Rice reported.

A Taste of the Range...

Taylor Commons was again the site of the 1999 “Taste of the Hawaiian Range,” staged annually by island and visiting chefs and the University’s Cooperative Extension Service. The culinary experts dish up wonderful goodies and HPA’s Special Programs director Rick Davis estimated that more than 1,200 people came to campus to sample their artistry with Hawaii-grown foods.