

The American Red Cross this spring presented the HPA Youth Group with the 1999 ARC Pacific Region's National School and Community Award. And ARC's West Hawaii branch honored Senior Chad Ledson as its Youth Volunteer of the Year.

For the past two years, the Youth Group has presented first aid training for K-8 students at HPA as well as CPR training for young people and adults. The group was commended for that program and Chad for his leadership in developing and carrying it out.

Chad is the Big Island youth representative for the Hawaii State Chapter of the Youth Advisory Council and one of the youngest certified first aid and safety instructors in the state. With plans for a career in community emergency services, he also works as a volunteer at North Hawaii Community Hospital and is on call with mobile care unit paramedics.

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.



Ben Norris.

Famed Artist Treats Students To Preview of New Paintings

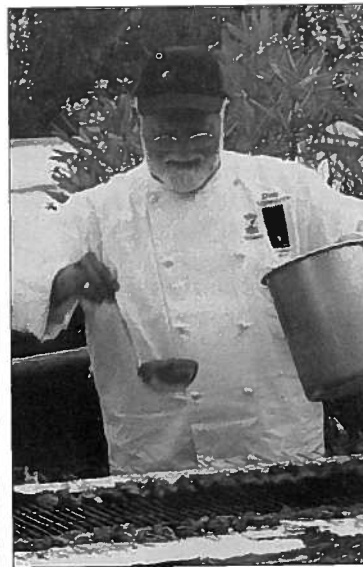
Art students at HPA got to preview the latest watercolors painted by the acclaimed Hawaii artist Ben Norris, who came to campus this spring to talk about the works and his highly detailed painting techniques.

The collection, dealing with the Hawaii rain forest, was painted by Norris in Philadelphia, where he now lives.

Professor emeritus and former chairman of the art department at the University of Hawaii, he was one of Hawaii's best known artists during the 40 years he lived in the islands.

Several enormous oils, also drawn from Norris's memory of the Hawaiian rain forest, are among the paintings now available for purchase through the school.

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 dished 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.