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## **SAVE U.H.! STOP U.A.R.C.!**

### **PROTESTS TARGET CHANCELLOR'S "CONSULTATION" SESSIONS ON THE PROPOSED CLASSIFIED MILITARY RESEARCH CENTER**

A diverse coalition of students, faculty and community groups opposed to the establishment of a Navy University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) at the University of Hawai'i will protest the first of three "consultation" sessions on the proposed UARC. They will hold a press conference to explain their opposition to the UARC and to the dishonest process of "consultation."

**Wednesday, April 6, 2005**

**1:30 pm            Rally**

**1:45 pm            Press Conference**

**Steps of the UH Architecture Building facing the Quad**

Speakers will include:

- **Lilikala Kame'eleihiwa**, Professor of Hawaiian Studies
- **Ruth Dawson**, Professor of Women's Studies
- **Ikaika Hussey**, Graduate Student in Political Science
- **George Simson**, Emeritus Professor of English
- **Kyle Kajihiro**, Program Director, American Friends Service Committee
- **Others to be announced**

### **Background:**

The UARC is a military research center that would be authorized to conduct classified Navy research at the University of Hawai'i. A key mission of the university is to create and disseminate new knowledge. A center for classified military research violates that mission and prevents discoveries from being open to the public and subject to peer review.

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Historically, military secrecy has been harmful to communities and the environment. Examples include testing of Agent Orange on Kaua'i by UH personnel, some of whom became ill and eventually died, 67 nuclear tests and their horrible legacy of health and environmental effects in the Marshall Islands, the secret releases of chemical and biological weapons by the military in Hawai'i in the 1960s, and the firing of depleted uranium munitions in Vieques, Puerto Rico. A UARC would increase the danger to the public because there would be little or no public accountability for potentially hazardous activities.

The ongoing Navy criminal investigations of the UH and Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i (RCUH) for alleged mismanagement of classified military research contracts highlights the danger of lucrative military contracts under a UARC corrupting the University's educational mission.

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