A Gathering of Kumu

A gathering of hula masters or kumu, those trained to teach the ancient hula, will assemble for a two-day workshop at the Ala Moana Hotel Nov. 28 and 29.

And to teach the kumu will be those even more learned in the chants and dances: Iolani Luahine, Lokalia Montgomery, Kawena Pukui, Edith Kanakaole and George Naope.

The morning of the first day will be devoted to a panel discussion by the respected teachers about the art, their own training and to pass on some of the history and kapus that were told to them.

The rest of the workshop will be devoted to "melody, motion, the footsteps; putting melody and beat together," according to Keahi Allen.

Invitations have been sent to teachers and masters in the Islands but Mrs. Allen is looking for those that she hasn't been able to reach.

Cost for the workshop, sponsored by the Kalihi-Palama Culture and Arts Society, is $100.