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Polynesian Cultural Center

WELCOME, BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Members of the Center Board of Directors, left to right: F. William Gay, J. Willard Marriott Jr., Ralph G. Rodgers Jr., Jeffrey R. Holland, Fred A. Baker, George Q. Cannon, and Elder Marvin J. Ashton, Chairman.

The Center Board of Directors, under the leadership of Elder Marvin J. Ashton, will be with us tomorrow for their semi-annual meeting.

The Board will have already met on Maui, and will meet with managers and the Center administration in the Snow Admin. Building. Also on their agenda is a village tour tomorrow morning where they will see some additional displays such as the

process of copra-making and Tahitian skirt making.

In the Hawaiian Village, they will be able to try their hand at poi-pounding as they review the process of harvesting taro, cooking, and pounding the root into poi.

The Center Brass Band will present a short program to them, and after dinner, the members of the Board and their wives will attend the

night show.

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It is always a pleasure to have these special guests in the Center. We wish them and their wives a warm aloha!

Aloha oe Dr. Nephi Georgi!



Dr. and Sister Nephi Georgi accept plaque from CCH/BYUH Alumni members at Honolulu International Airport New Years Eve.

There were no BYUH faculty at the airport on the morning of New Years Eve, but there were a lot of students old enough to be faculty. A large group of CCH/BYUH alumni gathered from all over Oahu to gift Dr. and Sister Nephi Georgi an aloha that came direct from their hearts.

President and Sister Elliot Cameron joined the group and were able to meet many of the graduates for the first time. It was, like all island airport farewells, memorable for both laughter and tears, love, and flowers.

The group presented Dr. Georgi with a plaque that is a miniature of a larger one to be placed on campus soon. The greater gift, however, was one that only students can offer to a

teacher they truly love and respect.

It was the gift of unspoken thanks - of lives lived well because a teacher cared enough to challenge individuals beyond the classroom. The resulting respect and gratitude felt by the group for Dr. Georgi was obvious to all who were his fellow passengers that day.

Perhaps it was better that Dr. Georgi's neighbors and colleagues, for one reason or another, were not there to see him off that day. It left the final compliment to be paid by those who knew him best. There is little doubt that the "old" students of our community recognize that modern day heroes, too, may bear names like Nephi.

Employees who signed up for the Option B plan with DMBA, -- your new I.D cards are now available at the Personnel Office. Please call by there and pick them up.



The Visitors Write Letters:

To The Polynesian Cultural Center

We have just spent two incredible days at the PCC on December 7 and 10, 1981 and we wanted to write and say just how much we enjoyed ourselves. We tried out all the demonstrations (some of them twice). The evening show is absolutely spectacular. Thank you for giving us such a delightful taste of Polynesia.

While we were there we met one fellow in particular who was very helpful and we would like you to please pass the enclosed letter on to him. He worked in the Hawaiian Village. He is medium height, slight build, light brown eyes, straight brown hair, young and he lived in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada for a short while (on Lampson Street). He will know himself by that description. We met him on December 10. I hope this description will help you find him for us.

Thank you in advance for your help.

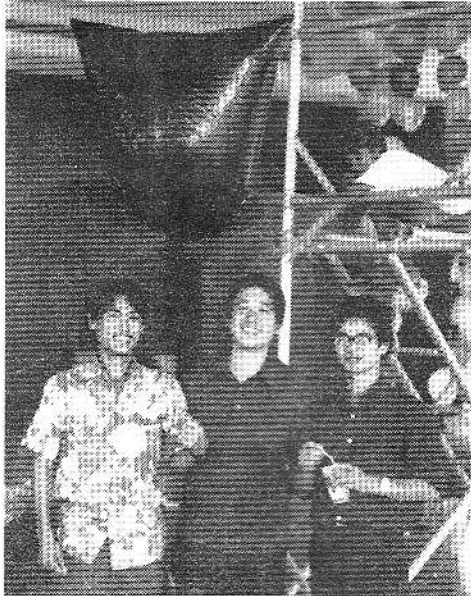
Adrienne Rossiter
Kathy DeBeck
British Columbia, Canada

MANA: the spirit of a people

AN EXHIBIT
OF CANDID PHOTOGRAPHS
SHOT ENTIRELY IN THE
POLYNESIAN CULTURAL CENTER
NOW ON DISPLAY IN THE PCC
EXECUTIVE LOUNGE, UPSTAIRS,
SNOW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

JANUARY 1982.

Center Launches "Space Shot"



Members of the Cultural Education Department decorated the ballroom for the Laie Stake New Years Eve dance. At left are the Center's new "space engineers" with their Trash Bag Balloon. Center, Raymond Mokiao awaits the big bang in the midst of balloons, and right, Joe Sokia and Jean-Luc add "snow" to the winter scene.

If you were puzzled New Year's Eve by an unidentified flying object over Laie that looked suspiciously like a flying trash bag, you will be relieved to know that that is exactly what it was!

Dubbed "the Chinese Balloon" by the rest of the Cultural Education staff, the unconventional space shot was launched under the direction of Liu Yu Fa, Luo Zhen, and Zhang Zhiwei.

The department brought helium to fill hundreds of balloons for the Laie Stake dance that night, and the three Chinese employees filled a large trash bag with the gas and launched it as an unofficial "experiment" in aerodynamics.

When last seen, it was a dark green speck in the sky sailing over Kuilima. Speculation as to the reaction of Alaska's UFO watchers most certainly omits any possibility of involvement by mainland China. Perhaps the new Center scientists should have added an "Aloha from Hawaii" sign!



Introducing:



Elder Neal A. Maxwell

Elder Neal A. Maxwell is a new member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The life-long educator served as Commissioner of Education for the Church Educational System from 1970 to 1976. From 1974 to 1976 he also served as an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles.

Prior to his Church callings, Elder Maxwell held a variety of administrative and teaching positions with the

University of Utah in Salt Lake City, including executive vice-president of the University. He earlier served as a legislative assistant to United States Senator Wallace P. Bennett of Utah.

He has written a number of books and has authored many articles on politics and government for national, professional and local Church publications.

In 1967 Elder Maxwell received the Liberty Bell Award for public service from the Utah State Bar, and in 1973 he was named Public Administrator of the Year by the Institute of Government Service at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Prior to his call to direct the Church's worldwide educational system, he had served in Church in a variety of positions, including bishop of Salt Lake City's University Sixth Ward, a member of the General Board of the Church's youth organization, a member of the Adult Correlation Committee, and as a Regional Representative of the Twelve Apostles. As a young man he served two years as a missionary in Canada.

Elder Maxwell is married to the former Colleen Hinckley. They are the parents of four children.

EDITORIAL

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Over the semester/Christmas/New Year break, I attended several of the Seaside's ball games. It was both entertaining and educational to watch good basketball played by skilled teams, and I was impressed time and again by what seems to be an unwritten rule of both basketball and life.

The Seaside's/University of Virginia game was the best example of this rule. No one who attended that game expected BYUH to win. What they hoped to see was some classy basketball by Ralph Sampson and his "fourth in the nation" team.

We were not disappointed. Sampson is every bit as classy as he is tall, and he plays with a natural grace that is beautiful to watch. However, the scrappy underdog home team we have often seen floundering in lesser games on the Cannon court, played Virginia with a style we hadn't known they owned.

There is something about a challenge that appears insurmountable that brings out the best in the human spirit whether it's a ball game or a life and death battle. I also had the privilege this week of joining with a large group of CCH/BYUH alumni, some of them Center employees, in saying what could well be our last goodbyes to Dr. Nephi Georgi.

Does anyone who has known him for any length of time really expect him to win his battle with cancer? Yet, because we know Nephi's spirit and character, we expect that he will face the challenge with dignity and rare grace. -- And we are not disappointed in that expectation.

It seems that the larger the challenge facing us, the greater our opportunity to grow. Playing Virginia drew the very best from our team so that they showed the quality of basketball they are capable of.

Fighting cancer, Nephi Georgi has gazed into the mouth of unspeakable possibilities but has done so with a courage and restraint that impresses all of us.

Our response to our ball team is a new respect and the hope for more challenges of the same calibre that will require the best they have, for we recognize what they have become because of their battle with Virginia.

Cancer may claim yet another individual life but whether that happens late or soon, we have Dr. Georgi's example that heroes are players who accept unconquerable challenges, and in that very acceptance, prevail.

BYU-HC Calendar

Thursday, January 8th

Devotional
President Cameron
Cannon Center, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 9th

Movie
"For Your Eyes Only"

Tuesday, January 12th

Basketball
Limestone College
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 13th

University Forum
John B. Harris
Little Theater, 10:30 a.m.

Basketball
Quincy College
7:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday!

January

Sophia Turaga	8
John Cornillez	8
Anthon Kaopua	9
Vernon Funderburg	9
Louis Wallace	9
Clayton Hanohano	10
Raymond Mokiao	10
Josephine Culas	10
Rorii McCulloch	12
Tupu Hunt	12
Rosella Flores	12
Alapati Atuaia	13
Lloyd Schmid	13
Josefata Tulele	13
Bret Chidester	13
Kathy O'Donnell	13
Marge Christy	13
Vaialua Ross	14
Charles McCarthy	14
Tony Lee	14
Angus Christy	14
Abraham Montalbo	14