

# EMPLOYEE UPDATE

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# Renovation of Tongan village now underway

An extensive renovation project is currently underway in PCC's Tongan village. Initial work included refurbishing both the interior and exterior of Queen Salote's summer house, a four-month effort which was completed in April.

Now, the entire village is getting a facelift, with plans calling for new landscaping and replacing the huts' thatching, wooden support beams, and tapa wall and ceiling coverings.

According to Chief Tevita Taumoepeau, all work should be completed by January 10, at which time the village will be celebrating both its new look and cultural day (postponed from December 6).



Dark cloths cover the windows of the Tongan village's family dwelling, which is presently being refurbished.

## PCC hosts Chinese provincial governors



Chinese dignitaries watch intently as Hawaiian villager John Ah Quin demonstrates how poi is pounded from the cooked root of the taro plant.

A delegation of governors and other senior officials representing seven provinces of the People's Republic of China visited PCC last Tuesday, November 4. The distinguished group, which included 14 governors and six staff members from China's government headquarters in Peking, toured our country from October 20 through November 6 as guests of the National Committee on United States-China Relations.

While at PCC, the Chinese dignitaries enjoyed a tour of our seven villages and were also able to view the "Pageant of the Long Canoes" and participate in a few activities before returning to town.

This delegation from China was one of several that have toured PCC this year. You may remember Vice

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# Chinese governors enjoy tour of Center

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Premier Geng Biao's visit to the Center in June. We also welcomed the Cornell-China tourism industry development group during that month, and just a few weeks ago, we hosted another Chinese travel industry delegation.

Possibilities that are being explored as a result of these visits are the development of a Chinese Cultural Center in Peking and a study program whereby students from the People's Republic will attend BYU--H and work at PCC as part of their academic training.

# Golf tourney coming up

Another PCC golf tourney is coming up! The big day will be on Thursday, November 20, at the Kahuku golf course. Green fees are \$1.50 per person and tee-off time will be at 1 p.m.

All those interested in competing in the tournament should sign up as soon as possible with Tiloi Lolotai in the Recreation Department located near Hale Kuai.

As a reminder, if you'd like to play in the tourney, it's important that you receive approval from your supervisor or manager to take Thursday afternoon off if you're normally scheduled to work at that time.



There's nothing like experiencing the fun for yourself! Here, two of the Chinese governors exuberantly learn how to play the Fijian "derua" or bamboo resonator.

## 18 complete supervisors training

Congratulations to the following 18 employees for having successfully completed PCC's Supervisors Training Program. The five-week course, which ended last Wednesday, was taught by Morris Graham, associate professor of behavioral

sciences at BYU--H.

The graduates are Cleo Smith (chief, Maori village), Epanaia Christy (master woodcarver), Panesi Afualo (village training coordinator), Max Purcell (assistant manager, The Gateway), Kepi Uta'i (assistant supervisor, The Gateway), Stormy Fonoimoana, (supervisor, Food Services), Barry Young (supervisor, bakers), Sung Hak Kim (supervisor, general helpers) and Osamu Ozaki (supervisor, Japanese guides).

Also, Uele Vaaulu (supervisor, canoe tour guides), Tele Hill (supervisor, First Aid), Mary Scott (supervisor, Wardrobe), Tiloi Lolotai (recreation coordinator), Raymond Mokiao (supervisor, Cultural Education), Cynthia Schwenke (secretary, Cultural Education), Tigi Tapusoa (supervisor, Security), Siliva Brown (supervisor, Security) and Foa Moeai (supervisor, Cash Room).

## BYU--H Calendar

### Friday, November 14

- Women's volleyball team meets the University of Hawaii-Hilo, 7:30 p.m., gym.
- Ward Night. Contact your Young Adult representatives for more information on the activities planned.

## Saturday, November 15

- Movie, "Revenge of the Pink Panther," 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., Little Theater and 9:30 p.m., gym.
- Women's volleyball team faces the University of Hawaii--Hilo, 7:30 p.m., gym.

Oratorio, "The Restoration," 8 p.m., Blaisdell Concert Hall. Tickets are \$2.50 for balcony seating and \$3 for main floor seating.

#### Sunday, November 16

•"The Restoration," 8:15 p.m.,

## Tuesday, November 18

●World Adventure film, "Spain," 7:30 p.m., Little Theater.

### Wednesday, November 19

• Film Classic, "Far From the Madding Crowd," 7:30 p.m., Little Theater.