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Polynesian Cultural Center

## HAWAIIANA EXPERTS HERE



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**"Sol" Kaulukukui, Barney Christy, Helen Matsui, and Baden Pere conferred on DOE/PCC cooperative programs.**

Helen Matsui and Solomon Kaulukukui visited the Cultural Education Department from the Honolulu District of the Department of Education Monday exploring the Center's capability to assist the DOE with their Hawaiiana program.

Legislation now requires that Hawaiiana be taught through all grades of the public schools, and

"Sol" Kaulukukui is the Hawaiiana specialist for his district. He would like Cultural Ed's Cultural Specialists particularly the Hawaiian Specialist to teach Honolulu teachers how to incorporate Hawaiiana into their classroom activities.

In addition, the guests requested permission to bring the children from several schools to PCC to visit the

Hawaiian Village. The particular schools involved have a "kupuna" program that involves elderly Hawaiians as teachers of culture in the public schools.

A Makahiki is planned for next year and Cultural Education Department's help has been requested in the scheduling of activities and events.

In visiting the carvers' hut, Mr. Kaulukukui was especially interested in purchasing artifacts that will help in the program by giving the children some tangible objects they can touch, examine, and learn about.

The DOE team was most impressed with all the Center offers, and expressed pleasure at the fact that so much is presented in one place allowing a wealth of knowledge to be shared with guests in one visit.

An added bonus to their day was the renewing of old friendships with Brother and Sister Kama of the Hawaiian Village.



## Old Theater Taking On New Look

If you've identified the smell of boiling tar in the Center these days, don't blame it on a Food Service recipe gone wrong! It really is liquid tar that the A-1 Roofing Company, under contract to PCC, is pouring on the roof of the old theater complex.

Work began November 30 and will be completed in mid-December, according to the Maintenance Division. When the old theater began being used for shows recently, drilling was necessary in order to mount lights on the roof, and this meant holes in the roof

which allowed leakage in rain. When the roofing job is completed, the whole complex will be re-painted.

So, don't think dinner is burning next time you get a whiff of that smoke. It isn't old tires in an imu!

## New Appointments



**Glenna Togo**

Molly Niumatalolo is now Executive Receptionist for the Center administration office complex. She brings a warm personality to the position that brightens the impression visitors receive.

She is responsible for all callers, and employees are informed that anyone wishing to see the General Manager, his administrators, or the executive secretaries should check with Molly before proceeding through the executive offices. This will enable Center business to be carried out in privacy.

Glenna Togo has been appointed as Executive Secretary to Administrative Assistants Carl Fonoimoana and Bob Guest. Born and raised in Honolulu, Glenna lives in Hauula now with her husband and four-year-old daughter.



**Molly Niumatalolo**

She is the holder of two B.Sc degrees in three majors: Secretarial Science, Business Management, and Travel, as well as a Teaching Certificate. She taught part-time on the BYU-H campus before accepting this new position.

Her previous work experience includes Branch Coordinator of Title Guaranty Escrow Services Inc., and Executive Secretary with Signetics Corp. in Orem, Utah.

Glenna and her husband, an Accounting teacher on campus, are active in the Hauula Third Ward where she teaches the Merrie Miss B class. Her husband is Stake Financial Clerk for the Laie Stake.

We welcome Glenna to the Center, wishing her well in all aspects of her job!

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## Happy Birthday

December

Ray Lacanienta	19
Tevesi Leapai	20
Sharlene Kaina	20
Shirley Malu	20
Stormy Fonoimoana	20
Fuatino Hunt	21
Doris Jennings	21
Hannah Sundell	22
Kenneth Butterfield	22
Matile Finiasi	22
Grace Edmonds	23
Richard Edmonds	23
Susuga Finai	24
Sione Moleni	24



## Congratulations!

To David Eskaran from the carvers' hut and his wife Terry from Reservations on the birth of their identical twin boys December 10!!!

To Thomas Apo and Malane Makahununui from the Tongan Village on the occasion of their wedding in the Hawaii Temple, December 19.

To Kirifi Scanlan from Security who is marrying Olana Tyler this month.



## Christmas Trees Sprout in Center



The Business Office tree plus gold paper cranes.



A cosy Christmas scene in the Executive Lounge.

Photos by Vernice Pere

If you haven't been able to catch the Christmas spirit this year, a walk through several Center departments should give it to you in abundance.

There are Christmas trees all over Polynesia judging by the office decorations this year! Village Operations staff Logo Apelu, Inna Filiaga, and Oli Fiso went so far as to move a wall in order to show off their tree.

Executive Receptionist Molly Niumatalolo dimmed the executive lounge lights in order to display a lighted tree to advantage, while Jo

Moea'i hung disappearing candy canes on the tree that decorates her office.

The Business Office staff decided on twinkling lights and packaged gifts under theirs. According to elves Tai Macatiag, Wilda Paalua, and Iraani Bridges, however, there is nothing inside the "gifts."

A tour of the Center reveals trees in the Maintenance Office, Reservations, the entrance foyer to the Center, the Snack Bar, and Purchasing. According to Ulu Pilimai, the Restaurant's tree is "looking very sad", while Vendi Oura

reports that they have two trees in their office. She also wants everyone to know that while their tree was the last one up last year, "This year we were the very first to put up our tree!" She reveals that they accomplished this by preparing their tree on December 2nd.

So, -- if you are still feeling slightly "Scroogy", visit one of these departments to see their tree. Update reports, however, that it is no use "visiting" the tree in the executive lounge, as there are no more candy canes left on its branches!

## "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!"

Little children accept the Santa Claus myth without question, but as they grow older they begin to have doubts. One of them in 1897 wrote to the *New York Sun* asking whether there is a Santa Claus. Its answer, written by Francis P. Church and printed as an editorial article, has become famous.

Here it is:

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

Dear Editor--

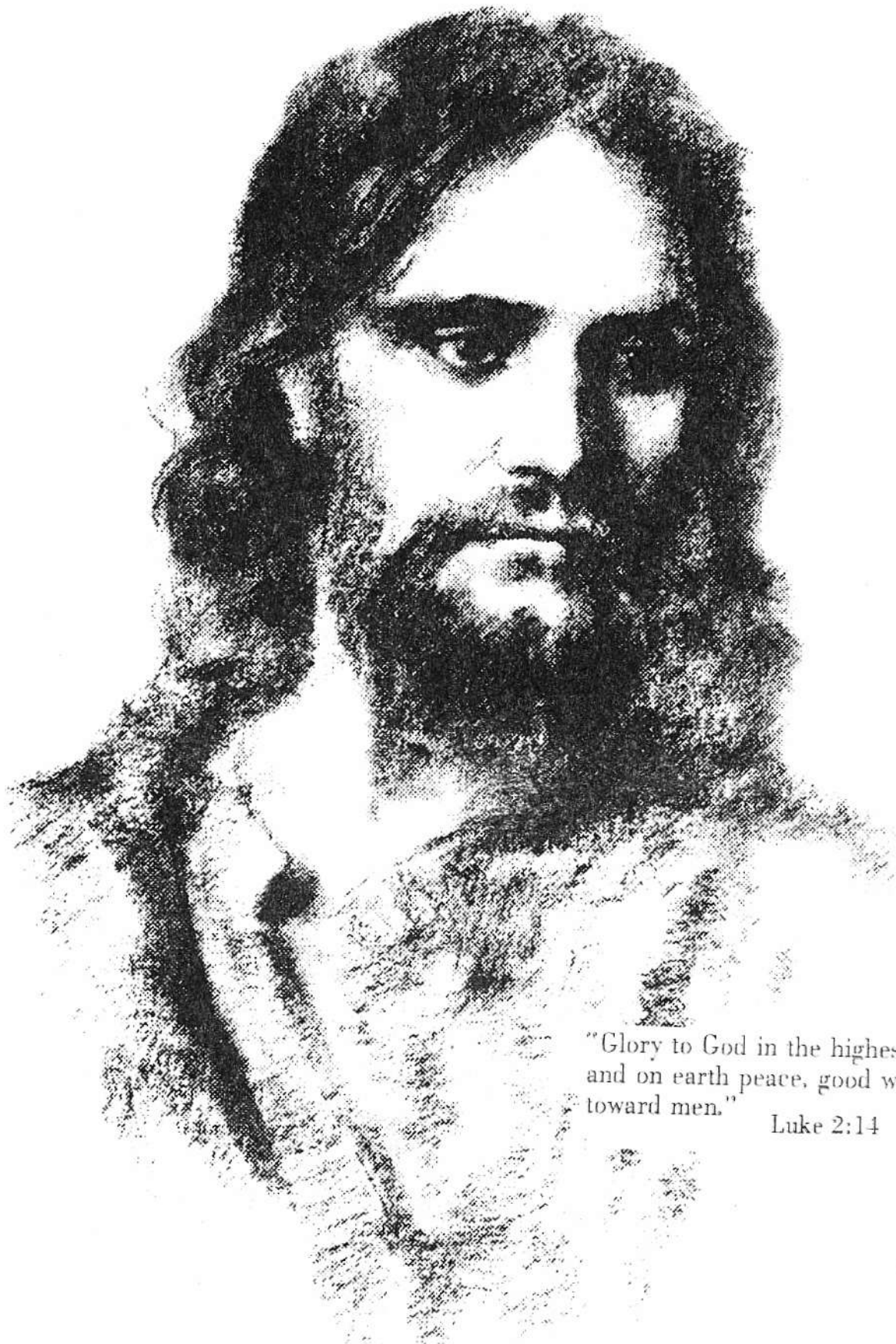
I am eight years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in *The Sun* it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

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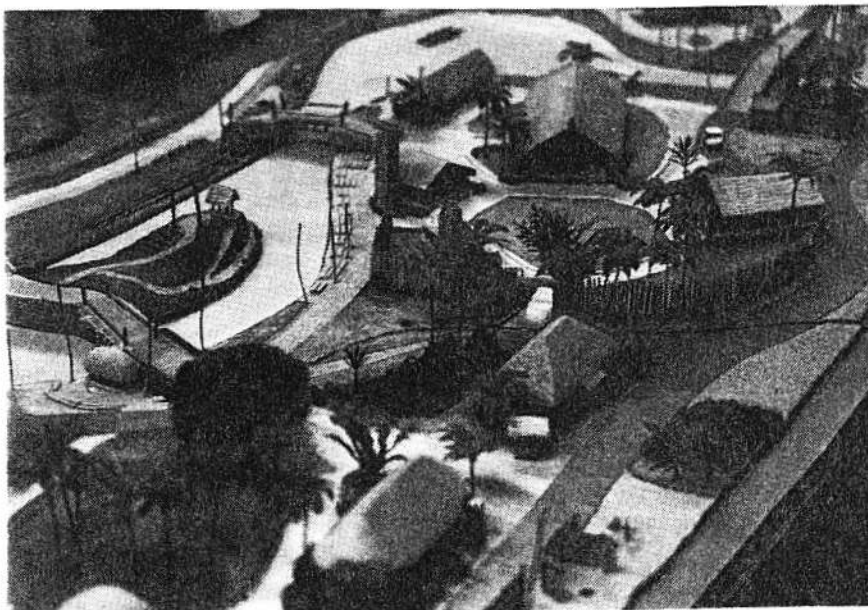


"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace, good will  
toward men." Luke 2:14

# Mini-PCC in the Making



Ed Kamauoha holds the whole Samoan Village in his hands!



Photos by Vernice Pere

Fitted together like a large jig-saw puzzle, the Carvers' Hut, old Village Operations office, and Maori Village look almost real.

Thatched buildings nestle about a winding lagoon, palm trees and other vegetation beautify the scene, and only people are missing from this exact miniature of the Center.

When artists Ken Coffey and Kyle Alo, under the watchful eye of Ed Kamauoha, learn how to make miniature people, no doubt they will then fill the walkways and houses, the canoes and trams with tourists. Until then, the scale model is used as a valuable aid in planning work growth and facility improvement.

New buildings can be placed among existing ones for an overview of traffic flow. The aesthetics of gardens and walkways and the lagoon are easily mapped in the perspective of such an over-view.

Made from styrofoam and balsa wood on a modelling clay base, the small huts are all hand-cut and shaped to scale, and painted painstakingly by the two artists.

Of all of us, it seems these two employees have a head start in learning how to "create worlds!"



## Save For NEXT Christmas

Are you having trouble finding enough money for your Christmas presents? Do something about it! Start saving now for next years' Christmas by putting away Christmas Savings at State Savings.

You can arrange to have any amount up to \$40.00 per pay period deducted and deposited in your savings. 26 (or more if you start now) pay check deductions could really add up to a great Christmas for you and your family. For more information about Christmas Savings call the Personnel Department.



# CENTER NEWS

## New Look For Old Area

The old Village Operations office is taking on a new look as the staff upgrades the facility. Vendy and the timekeeper are now located in one third of the building -- in an area that allows the elbow room their previous "closet" did not.

Where before they shared a tiny office, now each has adequate space to keep files and answer the phone calls that come in around the clock.

Another one third of the building houses the model village project that is part of Ed Kamauoha's responsibility, and the weaver's office.

Vendy hopes that the central area of the building will be re-done to provide a lounge for village employees where they may visit between work shifts and where they may also eat lunch and hold get-togethers that are important to good working relations within the seven villages.

It is good to see this facility taking on a new look that will provide both pleasure and service to Center employees.

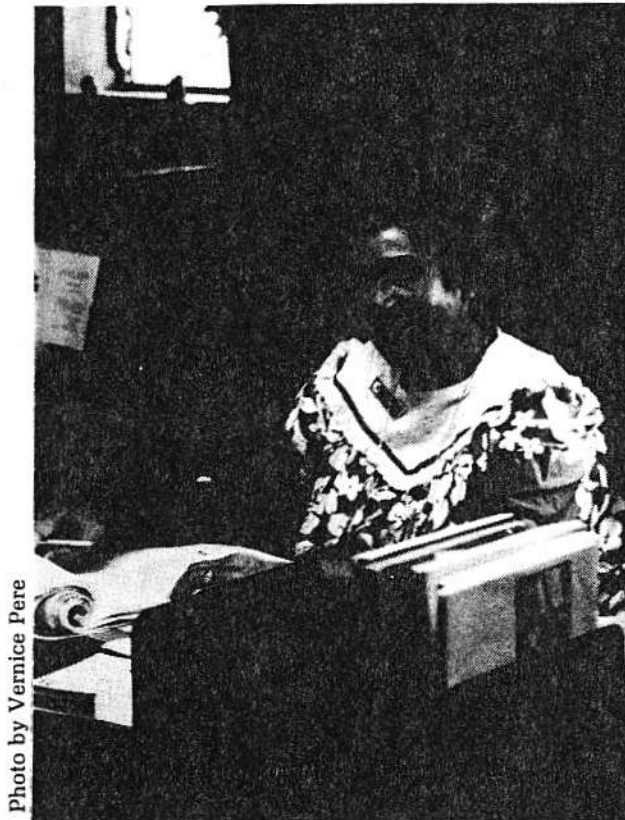


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Vendy looking happy with new surroundings.



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Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would

be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the

world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives forever and forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.





# NEWS

## Center's Own "Candid Camera"

The old Board Room will soon have a distinct TV studio appearance, as Technical Services manager Albert Peters and his staff climb out of their Old Theater volcano and move their equipment into the newly-renovated facility.

Alterations to the area include the removal of the ceiling, the shooting of sound-absorbant material over the walls, and the installation of a glass panel that will separate the control room from the main studio.

The future of video recording in the Center looks bright, as the administration recognizes the value of the media to modern day communication. Just as computers and their calculator cousins have taken over the business world, so video is seen as the best recorder of present events.

Video film can be stored in small, compact cassettes which eliminate the need for bulky reels. It is also a media which allows quick editing of material and the creation of feature programs from selections of tapes already on film.

The use of video within the Center is very promising as Technical Services staff combine their skills and resources with other departments to plan, script, and produce programs that could well tell our story to a wide audience of T.V. viewers.

President Kimball's observation that man's technological discoveries and advances of recent years have all come about for the purpose of spreading the gospel is taken seriously by PCC management, and we can look forward to Center exploration of this new field as a way of accomplishing that very goal.

## Bridge Repairs

If you have had to take the long way around in the Center recently, it is probably because some of the bridges have been under renovation. Rather than risk having you or a guest fall through the railings, maintenance personnel have been replacing old, rotted wooden fixtures with new material.

The "new" bridges look good as well as safe, and are neatly tied with sennit to blend with all other structures in the Center. To the maintenance crew who did the job, a grateful Mahalo!



Photo by Vernice Pere

## Introducing:

### Elder James E. Faust



Elder James E. Faust was called to the Presidency of the First Quorum of the Seventy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints October 1, 1976.

Born July 31, 1920 in Delta, Utah, he attended school in the Granite District of Salt Lake City, Utah and enrolled at the University of Utah in 1937. He participated as a member of the track team in 1938 and ran the quarter-mile and mile relays.

His college career was interrupted first to serve as a missionary for the Church and later by World War II, during which he served in the U.S. Air Force and was discharged as a first lieutenant.

In 1945, he re-entered the University of Utah by enrolling in the law school, from which he graduated in 1948 with a B.A. and Juris Doctor degree.

He began the practice of law in Salt Lake City and continued until his appointment as an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles in October 1972. He served in this position until his call to the Quorum of the Seventy.

He served as president of the Utah Bar Association in 1962-63, was an advisor to the American Bar Journal and served as a member of the Utah legislature from 1949 to 1951.

Elder Faust has served the Church as a bishop, stake high councilor, stake president, Regional Representative of the Council of the Twelve Apostles and Area Supervisor in South America. He is president of the International Mission.

He is married to the former Ruth Wright of Salt Lake City. They have five children.



## EDITORIAL

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*"Christmas is coming  
The geese are getting fat.  
Please put a penny  
In the old man's hat.  
If you haven't got a penny,  
A ha'penny will do.  
If you haven't got a ha'penny,  
God bless you!"* (Old English rhyme)

How often, as children, we recited this old rhyme without fully understanding its meaning! This past Saturday I joined the thousands of other shoppers who walked the stores of Ala Moana Center checking prices and, perhaps, buying Christmas gifts.

Judging by the cost of everything from food to clothing, Christmas 1981 in Honolulu promises to be one of the more expensive in recent years. News reports send us the dubious comfort that we are not alone in our predicament, that Christmas 1981 will be expensive everywhere.

There is wry comment in the last couplet of the old rhyme. Apparently, finances were difficult in early England too, so that if you hadn't even a half a penny, your only hope was for a blessing from God.

I have some friends who made a decision not to buy gifts this year. Instead, they pooled the money they would have spent on each other and, working anonymously with their Bishop, bought food and gifts for needy families in their ward.

It is good to hear, in 1981, of ordinary people willing to forego the pleasure of receiving for that of giving. Perhaps they will be the means of God's blessing some of those without a ha'penny this year.

Reference is often made to decades as "the best of times, the worst of times." Who among us would doubt that we now live under such circumstances? Perhaps no one Christmas season has ever been better or worse than any other, for even the blessed event of the first Christmas occurred in a time of repression and suffering. It also occurred among people who knew the need of a ha'penny's worth.

Somehow, the celebration of the birth of Christ speaks to the hearts of the needy more than to any other group. Perhaps our understanding of the word "needy" requires defining this year. Aren't all of us, regardless of circumstance, needing of Christ in our hearts?

How do we welcome him into busy twentieth-century lives? How gift him all the good things we intend? We have always known the answer. In early England we would have "put pennies in a needy man's hat," knowing the value of the coin equal to many dollars in our 1980's commerce.

What we choose to do this year is up to our individual consciences. We have always had the direction, worded by the Christ-child grown to Godhood: "Inasmuch as ye do it unto. . . my brethren, ye do it unto me."

May we earn blessings for ourselves as we choose to share with those around us this year -- and be the means of His blessing of them. Update wishes you a happy and caring Christmas 1981!

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Calendar

## Friday, December 18th

Aloha Dance  
9:30 p.m.

## Saturday, December 19th

Movie  
"A Christmas Carol"

## Monday, December 21st

Pre-Game  
Molokai/Waialua  
Cannon Center, 5:30 p.m.

Basketball  
University of Virginia  
7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, December 22nd

Pre-Game  
Molokai/Kahuku  
Cannon Center, 5:30

Basketball  
Montana State  
7:30

## Wednesday, December 23rd

Kahuku High Winter Ball  
Ballroom, 7 - 11:30 p.m.

