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Polynesian Cultural Center

Hijacked Tourists Feel The Aloha Spirit



Few Center Employees recognized the group of visitors who enjoyed a free day at PCC recently, yet they were famous people. They were the group of Japanese tourists who had the misfortune to be hijacked at Honolulu airport by two armed men.

Robbed of their money, valuables, and all camera equipment, the tourists were understandably disappointed at the welcome Hawaii gave them. However, all that has changed! Overwhelmed by the concern shown them by Hawaii's people, the visitors expressed delight at their full days activities at PCC.

Everywhere they went local people expressed their 'Aloha' and a large amount of money was donated by residents to help them enjoy their stay. This money was returned to the Hawaii Visitors Bureau by the group and will be used to help other tourists who may have needs in the future.

Outstanding Employee of the Month:

Keith Awai

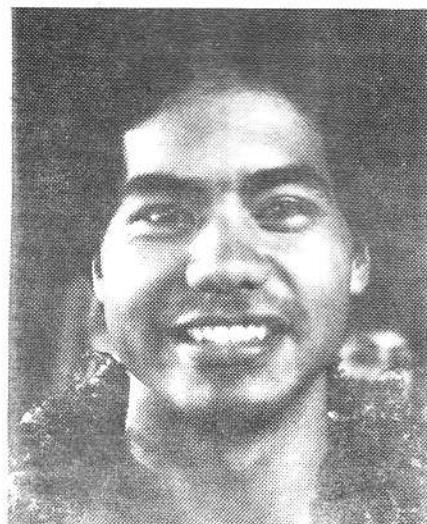
Keith Awai has been chosen as the most outstanding employee of the Laie Sales and Reservations for the month of February.

Keith was raised in Haleiwa. He has a brother and a sister.

He started as a demonstrator in the village area and a dancer in the evening show.

You will always see Keith at the front entrance of the PCC where he works as a sales guide for the Laie Sales and Reservations and is also the Hawaiian Instructor for the night show.

He loves to work for the Center for it has given him the opportunity to gain self-confidence as an individual and



Four PCC Personnel Called To Stake Callings



Pat Peters

Recent announcements from both the BYU-Hawaii and the Laie Stakes spotlight Center personnel in new church positions.

Pat Peters, Center Maintenance Manager, was called to serve on the Stake High Council and Cleo Smith, Maori Village Chief, was called as Stake Patriarch in the BYU-Hawaii Stake.

Wayne Wayas of the Maintenance Department, was called to the Laie Stake High Council, and Rich Christensen, Administrative Assistant, is the new Laie Stake Executive Secretary.

the opportunity to meet the general authorities of the Church.

He loves dancing, volleyball and swimming. He is one of four Kumu Hula for our PCC Halau.

Congratulations Keith!!

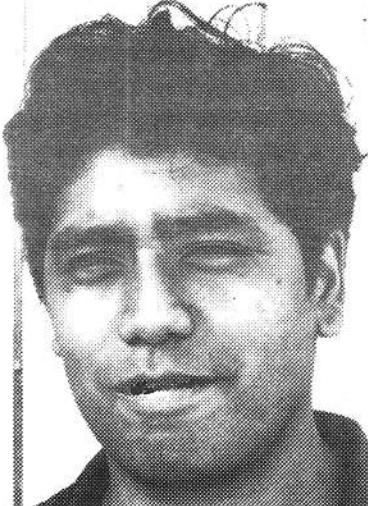
Delmy Lainez

Edelmira (Delmy) Lainez was chosen as January's "Employee of the Month," for the Cultural Orientation Department. She was chosen for her kindness, hospitality

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Cleo Smith



Wayne Wayas



Rich Christensen

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"Every person born into this world represents something new, something that never existed before, something original and unique. It is the duty of every person...to know... that there has never been anyone like him in the world, for if there had been someone like him, there would have been no need for him to be in the world. Every single man is a new thing and is called upon to fulfill his particularity in this world."

Martin Buber.

Martin Buber was a sensitive, far-seeing Jewish philosopher. Most of his writings dealt with the responsibility individuals have to treat each other with compassion and care. He insisted that it is essential to look at people as individuals and enter into true dialogue with them by way of the spirit.

This is Christ's truth, and many others have taught it including Buber. We have heard it many times before. The only difficulty contained within it arises out of our inability to practice what is preached. Sometimes it is too easy to lump people together into groups and generalize about them. Here at the Center the real danger of this kind of thinking is evident when we talk about tourists.

It is incorrect to say that "all tourists are the same," and if we think this it will show in our attitude towards them. There is no doubt that by the end of a Center work-day, some of us will have answered the same question over and over again. This can be tiresome, but when a new tourist approaches and asks the question yet again, we need to remember that he did not ask it of us all those times before.

"Tourists" is a group of people made up of individuals who deserve to be treated as individuals with equal kindness and courtesy. There is an Indian proverb that says one must not judge a man until he has walked one day in that man's moccasins. Perhaps the best way to learn how to serve the needs of our visitors is to remember those times we have been visitors ourselves.

How many of us have arrived at a new place we have never seen before? Didn't we ask some dumb questions? We asked the questions because we were curious and because we did not know the answers. Hopefully those hosting us looked past our naivete and gave us true insight and new knowledge in their replies. If they saw us as individuals we probably had an enjoyable stay among them and would have left grateful to have learned something.

In another sense, the way we treat the tourist is really a reflection of the way we feel about ourselves. If we see him as a person with dignity and a unique, God-given individuality, we very likely know ourselves in the same way. If we think of him as unimportant except as a part of the group which gives him his identity, we reveal a lack in understanding of our own stewardship in life.

A line from Buber bears repeating: "It is the duty of every person...to know...that there has never been anyone like him in the world..." We here at PCC could even have something of an advantage over Buber, for as Mormons, each of us has always known that "I am a child of God."



Public Relations Department

The appointment of Loni Manning to the Public Relations department as Secretary/Assistant will enable better coverage of Center news in addition to other PR areas. Loni has much experience in graphics, and design, photography, lay-out, journalism, and many other related fields which will also be of great value to Update production. We welcome Loni to the Center family.

Please note that Update news or articles can now be referred to either Vernice Pere or Loni Manning at extensions 164 or 158.

Monday -News deadline.

Delmy Lainez (cont.)



and friendliness towards our guests.

Delmy is a native of El Salvador and comes from a family of four children and has always been encouraged to do well by her parents, Louise and Sara. She is a senior studying Travel and Tourism Management.

BYU-HC Calendar

BYU Calender
Friday, March 13th

BYU Devotional
Auditorium
10:30 A.M.

Phillipine Music Ensemble
7:30, Auditorium
S.A. General Elections

Victory Dance
Ballroom, 9:30 P.M.

Saturday, March 14th

Movie
Xanadu
L.T. 6:30 P.M., Aud.
9:30 P.M. Ballroom

Saturday, 14th
Movie
Mary Poppins
6,9 P.M., Aud.

Monday, 16th
Blood Drive
Ballroom, 8:30 A.M.

Thursday, 19th
SA Song Festival
PCC, 9:30 P.M.

\$5, \$10 or \$500?

"I'm getting money from everybody I call!!" How would you like to be on the receiving end of pledges for \$5,\$10 or \$500? PCC employee photographer Earl Milham and wife Bertha liked it, and so did many other PCC employees who volunteered an evening out of their busy schedule to call BYU-Hawaii/CCH Alumni and friends for contributions to this years Telefund. Other PCC employees who served included Alumnus Verdetta Kekuaokalani and associates Laurie Wilson and Lucy Crowell of the maintenance department.

The Visitors Write Letters:

I would like to take just a few minutes to express to you my appreciation to the Center and all those people, students, administrators, etc. that made possible a very special day for me. I am a Captain in the Air Force stationed at Hill AFB, Utah. I am being sent to work with nine other Air Force men on a Civic Action Team serving those people in Moen, Truk.

I left a wife and four young daughters home about a week ago. On my way to the assignment, I had some time in Oahu and the most highly recommended tour was the Polynesian Cultural Center. Seeing the students perform there brought tears to my eyes and a lump to my throat as I learned to appreciate more the people from the islands of the sea. The shows were excellent, the food superb, the graciousness of the hosts very much welcome, and of course the entire idea behind the Center made it even more worthwhile.

It was difficult to leave my family in Utah, but your presentations gave me renewed determination to go forward in this Civic Action work. I feel the Lord has called me here and I plan to make the most of it. I was particularly proud to see the high standards set. No smoking, no coffee or tea at dinner, the young ladies all properly dressed. It was a real joy.

It's great to see the first class job the church can do with fine young people like I saw there. I was very proud to say that as a Mormon I played a small part in such a fine event. The day I spent at the Center after a morning session at the Hawaii Temple just made a perfect day on my brief stay in Hawaii.

May the Lord bless you in your work always, Aloha,

Captain Jeffrey M. Jorgensen
Civic Action Team
P.O.Box 28,
Moen, Truk E.C.I. 96942

Travel Oriented Volleyball League

The Recreation Dept. is now taking sign-ups for all interested PCC employees(men and women) to participate in the Travel Oriented Volleyball League (TOV). The TOV League consists of teams made up of employees from companies that are affiliated with the tourist industry. There will be a Men's division and a Women's division. All PCC employees(part-time or full-time) and their spouses, are eligible to participate. Please call or sign up at the Recreation office, ext. 153. First game is set for April 15th.

SIGN-UP NOW!!!!

PCC Raquetball Tournament Results

Feb. 25, 1981 (Wed.) Coed Division

1st Place-Robert Crowell & Delsey Milward
2nd Place-Ko Takming & Venice Kahalewai

Feb. 26, 1981 (Thurs.) Men's Division

1st Place-Ron Velasco
2nd Place-Harvey Alisa

Feb. 27, 1981 (Fri.) Women's Division

1st Place-Ellen Gay Kekuaokalani
2nd Place-Delsey Milward

Reminder

Golf Tournament on March 26, (Thursday) at the Kahuku Golf Course. \$1.50 green fee. Sign-up at the Recreation office.