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POLYNESIAN CULTURAL CENTER

Center - School Meeting Accents Cooperation



A large number of Center full-time employees turned out for the first-ever joint staff meeting held between PCC and BYU last week.

BYU President J. Elliot Cameron and PCC President Ralph G. Rodgers Jr. opened the meeting with a hilarious skit which pitted employees against each other in the opening songs. As BYU employees sang "Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel," PCC employees opened with "We Thank Thee Oh God for a Prophet." The resulting confusion was an example of what happens when people fail to cooperate with one another.

Hosting the meeting, President Cameron observed that cooperation is desirable in our highly specialized society but that it can only be accom-

plished through trust and he expressed the hope that the two organizations would work together towards harmony.

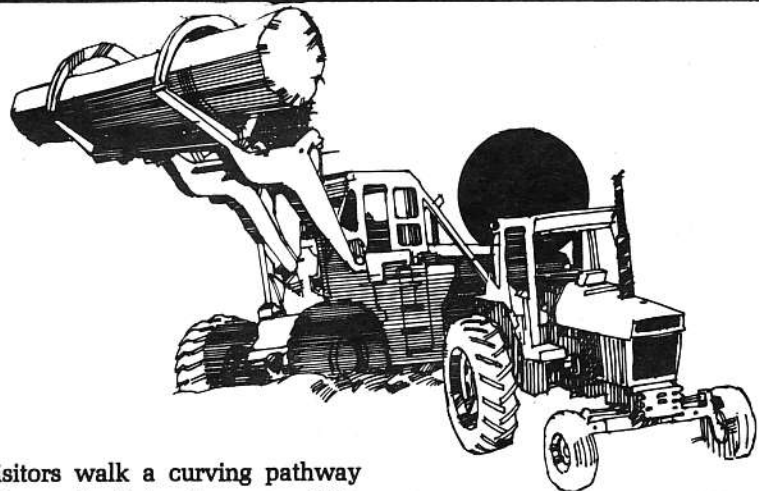
President Rodgers shared statistics which showed that PCC has given BYU more than \$44 million in its 20 years of existence while BYU has provided some 13,000 student employees over that period of time. Asking the question "Which would you do away with?" he commented that we now live and work in a new day and should let bygones be bygones between the two institutions.

As the meeting concluded with prayer the audience reaction was one of unanimous support and the devotional proved to be a great way to start a new day.

"Village Revamp"

One project getting a lot of attention these days in the Center is labelled by PCC staff "Village Revamp". This is a shortened term for what is literally a mountain moving task as maintenance and grounds workers, artists and architects, plumbers, electricians, and planners join forces to create real mountains in the village areas.

The first huge mountain, made of large boulders and earth, now separates the Maori and Samoan villages and the resulting change in appearance and character of these villages is remarkable. At once Samoa seems more like the real thing with a character truly its own.



Visitors walk a curving pathway from Samoa that takes them around the mountain and lagoon to cut back to the palisaded gateway of the Maori Village. Suddenly, this new, different experience awaits behind the mountain and guests are immediately aware of the distinctive cultural differences between the two villages.

The project will move from village to village over the next six weeks and will eliminate the use of carts and other vehicles within the village areas. All vehicles will use the perimeter road and guests will walk from stops along that route to the respective villages.

MEET MAGI KEIL



You may have seen a new face around the Center lately. It's Magi Keil, a new assistant in the Special Projects department.

From Apia, Samoa, Magi worked for the Presiding Bishopric's office in Samoa for the past six years where he was most recently in charge of Materials Management and Member and Statistical Records.

He has lived in New Zealand, Hawaii, and California where he graduated from high school and completed course work at Cyprus College. He served a mission in Samoa from 1972 to 1974.

Magi is married to Stella Ferguson from Taranaki, New Zealand, and they have three children.

PCC On Maui

President Rodgers and a group of Center entertainers will fly to Maui on two days next week in response to an invitation from the Balcor-American Express group.

The investment group invited President Rodgers to address their conference on the heritage of Polynesia and the ways in which the Center perpetuates its cultures. Center musicians and dancers will present a traditional program along with his address.

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Starting Monday, March 19, 1984, the Employee Lunch will be served in the Hauula side of the Gateway Restaurant from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

As this lunch is subsidised by Food Services to 25%, no discount will be offered at the windows in the Snack Bars. All employees will be charged full price if they decide to eat at the Snack Bars.

Please note also that employees must not enter the restaurant through the front doors. This is confusing to our paying guests. Admission to the discounted employee lunch will be through the makai Hauula door only.

\$\$\$ Awards \$\$\$

Center President Ralph Rodgers has been giving away money to surprised employees of late. In recognition of their consistently excellent work and friendly, helpful attitudes on the job, several employees have been the recipients of \$25 cash awards.

Those already honored in the ongoing campaign for excellence are:

- Ben Nihipali Snr. - Village Plantation
- Oliana Tautu - Reservations
- The Frycooks - Gateway
- The Saladcooks - Gateway
- Sun Jo Coburn - Deelites

President Rodgers will continue to make these surprise awards in his daily rounds of the Center. Could you use an extra \$25? Well, it's possible!