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Polynesian Cultural Center

Pacific Personality Visits PCC

Marjorie Crocombe, Coordinator of Continuing Education at the University of the South Pacific was a recent Center visitor. She was particularly interested in exploring the possibilities of exchange between USP, BYU-HC, and PCC in areas such as publishing, videotaping of lectures and materials, and in women's programs.

The author of several books, including historical works, as well as creative writing, Marjorie was the foundation editor of *Mana* magazine, a popular literary publication read widely throughout the Pacific. Set up in 1973, *Mana* is published twice a year by the South Pacific Creative Arts Society.

Marjorie's job includes a great deal of Pacific travel, as a big part of her concern is the encouragement of Pacific poets and writers. The Institute of Pacific Studies at USP has helped over 200 Pacific writers to publish their works. This is seen as making a contribution towards national literature as well as encouraging the confidence of the writers themselves. A measure of the success of the program has been the fact that the State of Hawaii DOE has asked permission to reprint 25 selections for the 12th grade students of the state.

Because USP cannot afford to produce its own library of video materials, BYU-HC is seen as a possible source of instructional materials of this nature. The region encompassed by USP includes Fiji,



**New pacific neighbors share talents and expertise.
Marjorie Crocombe and President J. Elliot Cameron**

Tonga, Samoa, Niue, Cook Islands, Tuvalu, Kiribati, the Solomons, and Vanuatu. In order to reach students in each of these areas, USP maintains contact with them daily by the Peacesat satellite. Tutoring, administrative business, conferences, are all conducted by way of the satellite. With a campus population of 1800 plus some 5,100 extension students in the satellite programs, USP has an enrollment of approx 6,900. Of these, about 2,000 are diploma or degree seeking students, and the rest are pursuing external studies.

Asked what she considers the Pacific's greatest challenge to be in this decade, Marjorie barely hesitates before replying: "Women's concerns!" She explains that there is a great deal of development now

under way in all areas of Pacific life, and that one of the biggest problems in this development is the "lack of understanding by the men in power of the woman's role."

"I think that it has to change. Papua New Guinea has put Women's Issues in as one of its ten-point blanks for future government action. Politics is the only way it can happen, and women have to take a part in future events."

Marjorie sees PCC as "Highly educational! The only center of its kind that I would recommend people to see. It is enjoyable, clean, -- really well done."

As a parting comment she observed that it would be good to see

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*"That they all may be one; as thou, Father,
art in me, and I in thee..." John 17:21*

It was the poet Robert Frost who maintained that "good fences make good neighbours." He is correct insofar as people wish to remain forever neighbours. There should come a point in our relationship with others, however, when we "love our neighbours as ourselves." Then the geography of a relationship should change. Walls do not exist between close friends, and it is not easily possible for people to be "one" with fences between them.

In the next few weeks, the administrations of both PCC and BYU will move into a beautiful new administration building. The move is more than a geographical one, and it has been a long time coming. We have all been in situations on either side of the fence which presently separates us wherein we have heard comments directed at the neighbour "over the fence." In both camps it has seemed too easy to contract a disease by the curious name of "myopia." In such cases, it isn't that vision becomes permanently impaired, but that we are more comfortable focusing on things near rather than using the far-sighted view necessary to true perception.

We should keep in mind that looking through fences requires charity in order to see things as they really are in the neighbour's yard, and that, on all occasions, it is infinitely better to see not only beyond the fence, but even beyond the neighbour. If our "oneness" includes our neighbour, then surely our vision should widen beyond our selves to the community in total, as well as to that total context of time we call eternity.

There are two schools of thought that apply to this subject. One holds that we are better off "staying in our own backyards" but it implies a lack of willingness to cooperate with the neighbours and a rejection of the opportunity to learn and grow as we widen our experience. The other view

is that which is termed Regional Cooperation among the many nations of the Pacific. This is a realistic view which recognizes that there is strength in cooperation and in the sharing of resources and talents.

Dr. Hugh Nibley, one of the Church's recognized scholars, observes that there are two types of minds in the world today. One he calls the "contracted mind" and a person of this group narrows his influence either because he feels a threatened loss of advantage over others who may learn what he knows, or because he feels that his superior knowledge gives him status over others. Dr. Nibley quotes from Brigham Young:

Against this, "You see the noble man seeking the benefit of all around him, trying to bring...others to his knowledge, to like blessings that he enjoys, to dispense his wisdom and talents among them and make them equal to himself."

Dr. Nibley defines this as divinely characteristic of the "expanded mind." There is no doubt that expansion, progress, growth, development, indeed, all advancement towards perfection is best possible as we share with one another, enjoying one another's successes, and bearing one another's burdens "that we might fulfil the law of Christ." (Gal 6:2)

Certainly, oneness is desirable for the perfection that can result from it, and clearly, our new facility offers the perfect opportunity for us to work on this principle of oneness. We must expect some adjustments in the move. When barriers are finally broken between people, it is human nature to notice most the differences between us. It is good to see that the new building is furnished, as far as possible, the same throughout. In a very real sense, we will soon have the opportunity to practice that law required of a Zion people wherein all things are held in common for the common good of all.

Crocombe (from page 1)

more representatives of the Center and BYU-HC sharing their expertise and talents with the rest of their Pacific neighbours at conferences and seminars which are hosted regularly by USP. "It is good to know each other and share our skills with each other to benefit the Pacific area."

It is also good to be reminded of our responsibility to our people in the rest of the Pacific. Marjorie Crocombe serves as an able ambassador of the area.

May Day T's For Sale

Check out the attractive t-shirts hanging in the Village Operations office and the Kau Kau Kitchen. They are the Center's design celebrating the forthcoming May Day events.

Owing to great demand for the recent Hokule'a t-shirts, May Day workers have arranged for payroll deductions for those who wish to purchase these new t-shirts. The deductions will be made from the April 24 paycheck for those signing up for shirts, and the shirts will be available for pick-up on that day.

So, if you would like a new t-shirt with an eye-catching design, -- something different to what the rest of Oahu is wearing, stop by Village Operations for further information.

PCC Missionary Sells Books of Mormon

"Mormon missionary shares gospel with hundreds, sells 18 Books of Mormon in one day!!" That's incredible! That's Seiko Ohba of the Laie Tour Guides, who has earned the record for selling the most Books of Mormon and for getting the most direct referrals.

Services offered by the Laie Tour Guides include taking tram tours to the Temple Visitors Center where the film "Man's Search for Happiness" is shown. Guides bear their testimony several times daily to as many as 450 curious visitors, many of whom, seek deeper understanding of the Church's principles by questioning tour guides and purchasing literature and Books of Mormon.

All Laie Tour Guides must have served full-time missions before being employed in this capacity. Seiko is a returned missionary from the Sapporo Japan Mission and says about her job: "I really love my job...it is a great blessing to be able to bear my testimony every day. Working in this department is just like being in the mission field. It is fun to answer people's questions." Seiko takes her job very seriously too and feels that it is a great responsibility to further missionary work and present a good opinion of the Polynesian Cultural Center and the Church.

Laie Tour Guides have many inspiring experiences to relate of visitors they have met on the tours to the Temple. Seiko related her experience with a man from San Francisco who worked for a nutrition firm. His curiosity in the Word of Wisdom prompted him to take the Laie Tour, ask many questions about the gospel, and eventually buy a Book of Mormon.

A girl from the mainland once came on the tour, and later missionaries were referred to her home. She was baptized and attended



school at BYU-HC. Just recently a man from Singapore who had had Seiko for a guide was so impressed that he returned with his family requesting that she give the tour to all of them.

In this day of the great growth of the Church, many non-members have member friends who are ex-

amples to them but there are many others who are yet waiting to hear the gospel. Seiko sums it all up with her final comment: "I hope more people at the Center will feel the importance of their work in the villages, in the restaurant, and elsewhere, and will put missionary work first."

Sign Up for Lights

As administrators and workers at the Polynesian Cultural Center, signatures on the Petition for Flashing School Warning Lights, indicate support for the effort to acquire flashing yellow school warning signs on Kamehameha Highway near Laie Elementary School.

The need for these lights is evidenced by the accidents, especially one involving a fourth grade boy who was killed and one more recently in which a second grade girl was hospitalized.

The effort to acquire the lights is an Eagle Scout Project of John Elkington, a Laie Community Boy Scout.

Many of those associated with PCC have children who attend the Laie Elementary School and their children or friends of their children are among those who have to walk along the highway on their way to and from school.

Anyone wishing to sign this petition can do so at the personnel office.

PTA Drive

Reach down in your pockets and help yourselves! That is what you will be doing if you give to the door-to-door volunteers who will be asking for contributions to this year's Laie Elementary PTA Donation Drive.

Laie Community Association and the PTA are combining efforts to raise money to send delegates to the state PTA convention which is to be held on Maui this June.

Attendance at this convention can profit the entire community by providing training sessions for delegates and give them better working knowledge of the PTA. They would like to send 1 delegate for every 15 members, but they need your help. When your friends and volunteers come to your door next week, help yourself by helping them.

Makaala Snack Bar

Beginning Wednesday April 15, new taste treats will be added to the menu:



Chef Salad

Kanedog (jumbo frank)

Kaneburger (1/4 lb. of meat on a homemade bun)

Easter Special:



Tender chicken in a fresh-baked bun topped with crisp fresh lettuce and a special sauce.

Homemade ham chowder

Orange whip

April 17 only \$2.50



PERSONALITY PUZZLE

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