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Polynesian Cultural Center

May Day is on the way!



Photos by Vernice Pere



Photo by Earl Millham

May Day 1982 actually falls on its correct date: May 1st.

Center staff have planned a lei-making contest to celebrate the day and it is open to both community members as well as Center employees.

There are several categories, and the judges comment that this year's prizes are "exotic."

Also on the program for the day are a canoe decorating contest, and a cultural program.

For further information concerning the contests, contact Vendy or Sophia through the Village Operations extensions.

NEWS

Mormon Pacific History Conference A Success



Edward L. Clissold speaks to the Conference group.



Inoke Funaki uses visual aids in his presentation.



Jay Fox was an early speaker on the program.

Sponsored in part by the Polynesian Cultural Center, the Mormon Pacific History Society's one-day conference last Saturday was considered most informative and enjoyable by all who attended.

In some ways it would have been a unique conference on Pacific history, because all of the participants were either Pacific-born or had spent a good part of their lives here. This being so, they brought to the subject of Pacific history a sensitivity born of genuine concern for this area of the globe.

An annual event, the conference brings together Church members who are interested in writing their own personal histories and journals as well as those involved in research. It is hoped that more community members will explore Polynesia's rich heritage of cultural history and contribute to subsequent conferences.

NEWS

Department Name Change

Internal Public Relations, described by some as "a contradiction in terms", has had a name change.

From now on the department which brings you the Update will be known simply as Internal Relations.

In the public relations field, it is recognised that there are always two "publics". One, of course, is the guest or customer, and a company must be constantly aware of his needs. However, there is another "public" just as important to the company, and this is made up of its employees.

It is impossible to draw a line where one area of good public relations ends and the other begins, but for the purpose of avoiding confusion, this name change will go into effect immediately.

Cultural Research Corner

Laie Point was formerly called Laniloa. In ancient times, it was believed that a giant mo'o or lizard resided there. He would stand upright, ready to kill all who passed by.

He claimed many victims until he was finally destroyed by Kana, (the mo'o killer), a young man who had just returned from the island of Molokai where he had rescued his mother from a giant mo'o there.

Kana cut the mo'o into five pieces and threw them into the sea. They can now be seen today as the small islands lying west of Malaekahana called Malualai, Keauakaluapapa, Pulemoku, Mokuaniwa, and Kihe-wamoku.

At the spot where Kana severed the head of the mo'o is a deep hole which has never been measured.

Lamanite Generation

The Lamanite Generation from Provo, Utah will be on the BYUH campus April 30 for a 7:30 pm performance in Cannon Center.

Prices for the campus concert are \$2 for front bleacher seats, \$2.50 for folding chairs, and \$3.00 for reserved seating.

Don't Forget!

Tuesday April 20 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm is the PCC-sponsored Hawaii Health Fair at the Kahuku Hospital.

All employees should take advantage of the free health screenings offered at the fair. In addition, health education will be available.

Personnel Notices

All interested Hawaii Central Credit Union members who are looking for possible special discounts in regards to auto insurance should check with the Credit Union through the PCC Personnel Office.

If any employee is planning to take a vacation to the mainland, the Personnel Office now has discount cards for Magic Mountain.

Magic Mountain is an amusement park which is fun-filled for the whole family.

Also available are discount cards for Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, Sea World, and Universal Studios.

Introducing



Elder Adney Y. Komatsu

Adney Yoshio Komatsu was ordained a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on October 3, 1976.

Elder Komatsu was born August 2, 1923, in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Jizaemon and Misao Komatsu, Buddhists who had come to Hawaii from Japan.

He served in the U.S Army's 441st Counterintelligence Corps in Japan and the South Pacific during World War II. In 1954, he joined the Honolulu Savings and Loan, where he became senior vice president and manager of the mortgage division.

Elder Komatsu joined the Church in 1940, when he was 17 years old. He has served in many leadership positions, including branch president, stake clerk, stake high councilor, bishop, and president of the Northern Far East Mission.

On May 1, 1970, he became the first member of Japanese descent to be appointed a Regional Representative of the Twelve Apostles. He was called as an assistant to the Twelve on April 6, 1975, where he served until his call to the First Quorum of the Seventy. He is currently the Area Supervisor of Japan-Korea Area.

His wife is the former Judy Nobue Fujitani, whom he baptized in 1948. They were married June 2, 1950, in the Hawaii Temple and are parents of four children.

EDITORIAL

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Early yesterday morning I walked through the Center grounds before the day's guests were due to begin arriving.

The maintenance workers had finished thatching the tram stop roof by the administration building, and were now clearing up the area around the cookhouse in the Samoan village which had caught fire while an umu was being prepared.

Already, the charred remains of the old thatch had been removed and a temporary "roof" of coconut leaves laid on the wooden framework which, for the most part, was still intact. Workers were spreading new clean gravel around the area and hosing away traces of charcoal that had settled on the sidewalk.

Immediately I was impressed that it was fortunate the wind had not carried sparks from the fire to other buildings in the village. When we also consider the hundreds of thousands of visitors who walk through the Center, and the fact that many of them like to smoke, it is remarkable that we have had no major fires.

It is a tribute to our guests that they willingly observe "no smoking" signs, recognizing that dry thatch is highly combustible. That thought prompted others on how clean and tidy the Center grounds are. Workers in every village were shaking out mats, arranging flowers, and sweeping sidewalks.

An early group of school children glided by on a canoe poled by a Chinese student. Their chatter sounded pleasant coming across the water as it mingled with the other "housecleaning" sounds of the morning.

I thought how authentic the Center's early morning sights and sounds are with people going about their chores and beautifying their village surroundings. I could have been in any one of hundreds of community villages throughout the Pacific on a typical morning.

It felt good to be where I am, and I was reminded that we do need to be watchful to keep the Center free of fire as well as any other influence that could be a threat to our purposes.



Happy Birthday!

Valerie Kalani	April 16
Harry Brown	16
Malaki Tuiaki	17
Susan Cravens	17
Alli Toelupe	18
Pita Faipea	18
Barbara Pineda	18
David Painter	18
Coley Gali	19
Leialoha Aana	20

BYU-HC Calendar

Friday, April 16

Ward Night

Saturday, April 17

Focus Club Movie

Little Theater

5:30 - 11:30

"The Great Muppet Caper"

Auditorium Movie

6:30 & 9:30

Sunday, April 18

Gospel Forum

Monday, April 19

FINALS

Tuesday, April 20

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Wednesday, April 21

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Club Night

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Concerts Impromptu

Auditorium

9:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 22

Club Night