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Polynesian Cultural Center

## Historic Cultural Event Held in Center this week



**Samoan Village workers participate in ceremony of "bathing the fine mat."**

You may not have been aware of an historic event in the Center this past week. For the first time out of Samoa,

For what may be the first time out of Samoa, the ceremony called Fa'ataelega ole Toga was held April 21 in the Samoan Village.

Under the direction of Chief Tumu Purcell Tapusoa, Sui Aiolupotea, master weaver, with the assistance of Alofaaga Laumatia and Loreen Wong, presented a new fine mat for the ceremony. Others present were Fiataua Tanuvasa, Talavou Fitiseanu, and Malelega Atuaia.

The ceremony of Fa'ataelega ole Toga means, literally, "the bathing of the fine mat," and is held at the completion of each fine mat. This particular mat was started in September of 1980, and took some 19 months to complete.

During the ceremony, the mat is soaked in water, then stretched out completely and weighted with large rocks. The knotted fausa are taken off so that it can be uniformly trimmed. Leaves of the lau fau are put on the fringe, and the loose ends left in the weaving are carefully cut off.

This particular mat, called



**Chief Tumu Purcell clips the leaf ends from the mat.**

"Tasi ae afe" and "Pupo u ola" by its maker, Sui, will go on display in the Samoan Village.

Approximately 12 by 8 feet, the mat is considered an excellent example of what Samoan custom holds as the highest form of wealth. Each leaf used in the weaving was first boiled, stripped, soaked in the ocean for 3 weeks, and scraped to its fine, white, inner material before being used.

Many congratulations are due the Samoan Village personnel, especially Sui Aiolupotea, for a job done with excellence!

# NEWS

## PCC Team a Winner!

The PCC Women's Volleyball team is making a name for itself in local competitions. Coached by Purchasing Manager Jay Akoi, the team includes:

Kani Alohikea  
Hoku Haliniak  
Fia Moi  
Sheryl Char  
Laura Alohikea  
Pua Kua  
Laura Tu'ua  
Shari Hawelu  
Anna Goodness  
Vee Kahalewai  
Jo Keliikipa  
Debbie Hiapo

Proving their talent, these girls, although they are registered in the A division of local play, recently took fourth place in the prestigious Haili Tournament in Hilo which is limited to AA or Open division teams. This means that these girls, many of whom are novices, competed against alumni from the University of Hawaii Wahines and others of like experience.

There were 16 teams in the Haili Tournament, and the PCC girls were first-class contenders as they have already won everything in their own division to become the only A team to break into the winning column in the AA (Open) division.

The PCC team is the youngest team in the Open division, but coach Jay Akoi believes that competing against the more experienced players in that division helps his team progress. He has several natural athletes among his girls, and points to Kauai, Hoku, and Fia Moe as star volleyball players. Asked what one thing helps his team most, he comments that more than any other team competing in any division, the PCC girls have more discipline and team unity. Certainly, the gospel experience that the girls share provides that crucial factor.

## Employee Children in the News

Two children of employees recently won acclaim in very different fields of endeavor: Rosita Toilolo, eight year old daughter of Chief Vaaimalu and Makerita Toilolo, won the State of Hawaii poster contest for 2nd grade students on the theme of "Love Thy Neighbour."

Sponsored by the Realtors Association of Hawaii, the contest entries are now on exhibit in Ala Moana Center. Rosita's poster won for her a \$100 savings bond, and annual family passes to both Castle Park and Sea Life Park

Another winner, Valerie Cravens, daughter of General Manager Bill and Karen Cravens, was named to the National Women's Invitational Tournament team for outstanding play in the tournament held recently in Amarillo, Texas.

Valerie led the BYU Cougars with 7.4 rebounds per game, and is currently shooting 41 percent off the floor and 74 percent off the line for an average of 10.8 points per game.

A graduate of Kahuku, Valerie is majoring in Business while on a full athletic scholarship at the Y.

## "Samoaan Athletes in Action"

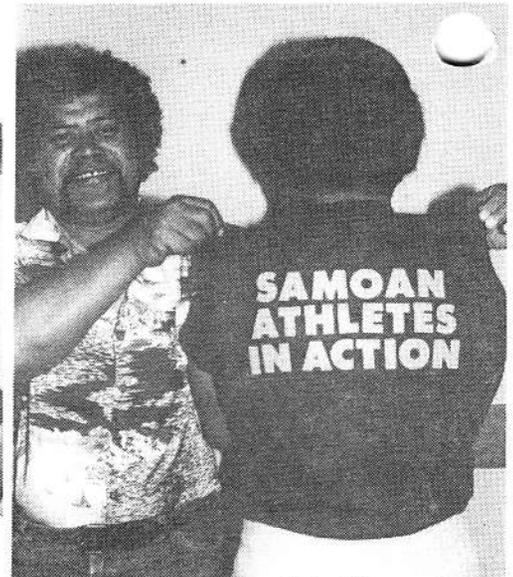
Photos by Vernice Pere



Three "Samoaan Athletes in Action" in Laie this week.

Three representatives of the Samoaan Athletes in Action group based in California but anxious to spread its influence to Hawaii, met this week with General Manager, Bill Cravens and other Center administrators.

The group is holding a Hawaii clinic from April 26 to May 1 in



Harry Fosia holds Junio's shirt up for a better view of the lettering.

Honolulu. They will be in Laie April 29, 30, and May 1, with information about their organisation and will hold basketball, volleyball, and football workshops at that time.

Heading the group is Harry Fosia, who is president. He is accompanied by Sai Momoli, a member of the board, and Junior Mamea.

# NEWS

## Congratulations "Bishop Simi"



### Waikiki News:

Maria L. Hardisty, a native of Guam who was raised in Honolulu and Orange County, California, has just joined the Polynesian Cultural Center's sales staff as an account executive, it was announced by Sharon M. Ishii, Director of Sales and Marketing.

Maria, who has been a flight attendant for the past six years, flying for Northwest Orient Airlines between Chicago and Japan, moved to Laie two years ago after marrying Rick Hardisty, a former Center employee who is now studying business at BYU-Hawaii.

Maria will work out of the Sales and Marketing office in Waikiki.

Maylynn Lehua Piimanu has been promoted to manager of the Waikiki ticket office, located on the ground floor of the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center on Kalakaua Avenue.

The Honolulu-born Maylynn, who now lives in Nanakuli, first joined the Center in 1976 as a food services helper. When she transferred from BYU-Hawaii to the University of Hawaii to study nursing, she began working in the Center's old Waikiki ticket office, which used to be on the ninth floor of the Bank of Hawaii building.

Most recently, Maylynn worked as secretary for the Sales and Marketing department. She is a graduate of Punahou School, and spends her spare time in church activities and Hawaiian dancing.

BYU Ninth Ward could only have been slightly more surprised than Simi Niumatalolo Easter Sunday when he was announced as the new Bishop of the married student ward in BYU Second Stake.

Bishop Niumatalolo recalls that the stake presidency really surprised him in calling him to the position, especially as it was not known that Bishop Munson was to be released.

Along with his two counselors, Sione Tamale and Wayne Nishimura, the new bishop presides over approximately 180 people who represent about 60 families of married students and their children.

We wish Simi well in his new and challenging calling.

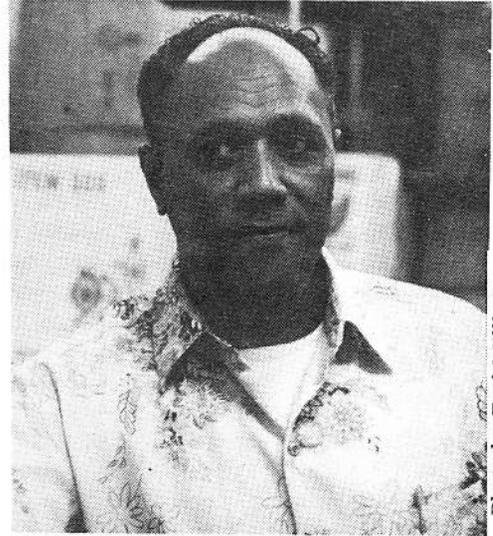


Photo by Earl Millham

**Bishop Simi Niumatalolo of BYU  
9th Ward, BYU Second Stake.**

## Introducing



**Elder  
George P. Lee**

Elder George P. Lee has been a member of the First Quorum of Seventy of the Church since October 3, 1975.

A Colorado native, Elder Lee, a full-blood Navajo Indian, was born March 23, 1943. He earned his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University, a Master's Degree from Utah State University, and holds a Doctorate from BYU.

Before being called by the Church to serve as president of the Arizona Holbrook Mission, Elder Lee was president of the College of Ganado, a two-year community college on the Navajo Indian Reservation in northern Arizona.

The Church leader and his wife, Katherine, have three children.

# NEWS

## Stake Conference Notes

Stake priesthood leadership meeting  
 Saturday 1:00pm Laie Stake Center  
 Adult (18 yrs & over) meeting:  
 Saturday 3:30 pm Laie Stake Center  
 Sunday General Session  
 Sunday 10:00 am Cannon Center

The Laie Stake Conference will be held this weekend at the above locations.

Presiding will be Elder Adney Y. Komatsu, of the First Quorum of Seventy.

The theme of this conference is from Isaiah 2:3 : "...let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob (Israel)..."



A Native American Musical Variety Show from Brigham Young University

**Don't Forget:**  
**The Lamanite Generation**  
**Friday April 30,**  
**Cannon Center**  
 Bleachers \$2  
 Chairs \$2.50  
 Cushioned Seats \$3  
**Show starts at 7:30 pm**



## Happy Birthday!

Elliot Ozu	April 23
Darius Napeahi	23
Sione Vailea	24
Amelia Latu	24
Taiafo Enesi	25
Richard Walk	25
Albert Peters	26
Chance Keliiliki	26
Charlene Kauahi	26
Alisi Alohi	26
Leimano Fukino	26
Elisa Teriipaia	27
Eleanor Ah Quinn	27
Pua Letoa	27
Shelly Smith	27
Young Kim	29
Afani Ho Kum	29
Sione Mapa	29
Shannon Hammond	29

## May Day is on the way!

**"Youth Garden"**  
**Saturday May 1**  
**Cannon Center 7:30 pm**  
 See your Ward Activities  
 Committee for tickets.  
**\$1.00 per person**  
**\$3:00 per family**  
**Tickets also sold at door.**  
 Proceeds to go to the Stake Youth  
 Conference expenses.