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Polynesian Cultural Center



May Day is Here!

Tomorrow we continue the tradition of May Day as we join with Hawaii to celebrate what has become a favorite day with locals and visitors alike.

The Center's presentation of hula and other island dances will be among the finest on the island tomorrow. Let your friends and families know that everyone is welcome to help us celebrate in true Polynesian style.

Wear a lei and a smile and join us for May Day!



Photos from the Center historical file.

NEWS

Meet John Olszowka ...

An interesting employee with the Center is a familiar face to many guests who enjoy his night-show performance. He is John Olszowka, who is Polish-Hawaiian, and who has worked here since 1977. Other than one summer job folding programs with the print shop and a stint as matinee show narrator, John's only job in the Center has been his night show spot.

Although he sings a little, he confesses that it is not his voice people see him mouthing words to in the show. "Some studio employee in L.A sang the song on the tape that we use," he smiles. Asked if he ever gets sick of doing exactly the same thing night after night and season after season, John says "Not at all. I never tire of the role. It's short, and I really enjoy playing it."

John has two alternatives in case he gets sick. Asked if he's ever fallen down as he runs on stage he told of falling once. More embarrassing how ever, was the night he arrived on stage and the girl who partners him in the duet wasn't there!

Photo by Tapae Haurua



John takes time backstage to brush up on his performance.

His most nervous evening? -- The time that President Kimball attended the show. John says he can't see the crowd without his glasses, but knowing that the prophet was out there

somewhere really made him want to do his best.

At 6 feet tall, the "haole" with the coconut hat is an addition to the show that visitors enjoy!

Cultural Research Corner

Did you know...

That the average height of a menehune was only two feet six inches to three feet? Yet, they were intelligent, possessed great strength, industrial, and always obedient to their leaders.

Their favorite foods were haupia-pala'ai (a mixture of squash and coconut) and elepalau (sweet potato pudding.)

Update notes that modern-day menehunes like kaneburgers!

Did you know...

That near the water hole at Malae Kahana, between Laie and Kahuku, lived Mano-niho-kahi, a man who was half shark, and had a shark's mouth behind his back.

Whenever he saw the beautiful women swimming, fishing, or gathering limu, he would call out, "Are you going fishing?" Upon hearing their positive reply, he would take a short cut through the river and bite them to death with his one shark tooth.

Many beautiful women were killed and the chief of the region became alarmed. He therefore gathered all the people of his region at Male-Kahana and commanded them to disrobe.

All of the people complied except Mano-niho-kahi. When the people took off his tapa cloth, they discovered the shark's mouth on his back. He was immediately put to death, and now all the women in Laie can swim in safety.

Employee to Ombudsman

Hari Nadan Chetty, who has been with the Cash Room for three years, left recently to take on the responsibility of Ombudsman with the BYUH campus.

Hari is thanked by his fellow workers and supervisors for the excellent job he did with the Center. He was especially valuable in the changeover from manual to computerized controls.

His fellow workers wish him well and observe that: "We know he will do a fantastic job as Ombudsman!"

Mahalo and Good Luck Hari!

NEWS

Former Employees Off To China

Former employees and Laie students are among the Lamanite Generation entertainment group in town today on their way to Mainland China.

Justin Uale, Sonny Dee Kekauoha, Herman Lavatai, and Pasi Danielson are all travelling on this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

Justin, who worked in several areas in the Center, is no newcomer to travel. He was raised in Louisiana, Japan, Okinawa, and Texas in addition to Hawaii.

A graduate of both Cole High School in San Antonio, Texas and Kahuku High, Justin also attended BYU-Hawaii and the Provo campus. He served a mission in South Dakota Rapid City Mission, and has worked in the Osmond Studios as well as other places.

Employees are reminded of tonight's concert by the group in Cannon Center at 7:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door.



Photo by Earl Millham

Justin Uale indicates point of interest to Mike Douglas of national TV fame in Center last year.

New Display Hut in Tahiti



Photo by Tapae Haurua

New hut in Tahitian visitor attracts attention to flower leis and food display.

Employee of the Month

Josephine Kahiapo is Employee of the Month for the Cultural Orientation Department.

Too shy to have her photo taken for Update, Josephine works as the department secretary, having been in her job for two years.

She travels by city bus to and from Kaneohe where she lives. She is the mother of six children ranging in age from 8 to 27, and she is a Primary Librarian in the Kaneohe 2nd Ward.

Prior to joining the Center, Josephine worked at Honolulu International Airport in the communications area. She comments: "I have done secretarial work before, but I'm learning a lot from this new responsibility. It's a great job, and I enjoy working among the students."

FEATURE

Several Honored as Valued



Chad Keliiliki
Carvers

"Working under Brother Christy's supervision is giving me other elements of art."



Meleane Apo
Tongan Village

"It's a great opportunity to work in the Tongan Village. This, of course, is helping me to learn more about my own culture."



David Breck
Fijian Village

"I have been working for six months now and it's very interesting."



Lilian Kama
Hawaiian Village

"I have been moved from the Hawaiian Village to Hale Kuai. It doesn't really matter where you work, it's the feelings of friendliness and the smiling faces that count. At Hale Kuai I can feel more fresh air. I miss working with the girls at the Hawaiian Village."



Oliana Fiso-Tuia
Cultural Research

"My job is the most interesting and exciting job at PCC. There has never been a boring moment."

Photos by Tapae Haurua

The Village Open House had a three-way tie for Employee of the Month. However, David Breck of the Fijian Village, was defeated by Winton Ria and P. However, they made the votes close by winning votes from their support department personnel.

A new area, that is, the clock, was included in the Earning Hour. The new area was Kaiti L. However, Kilikiti an apology was overlooked when she took the photos for the

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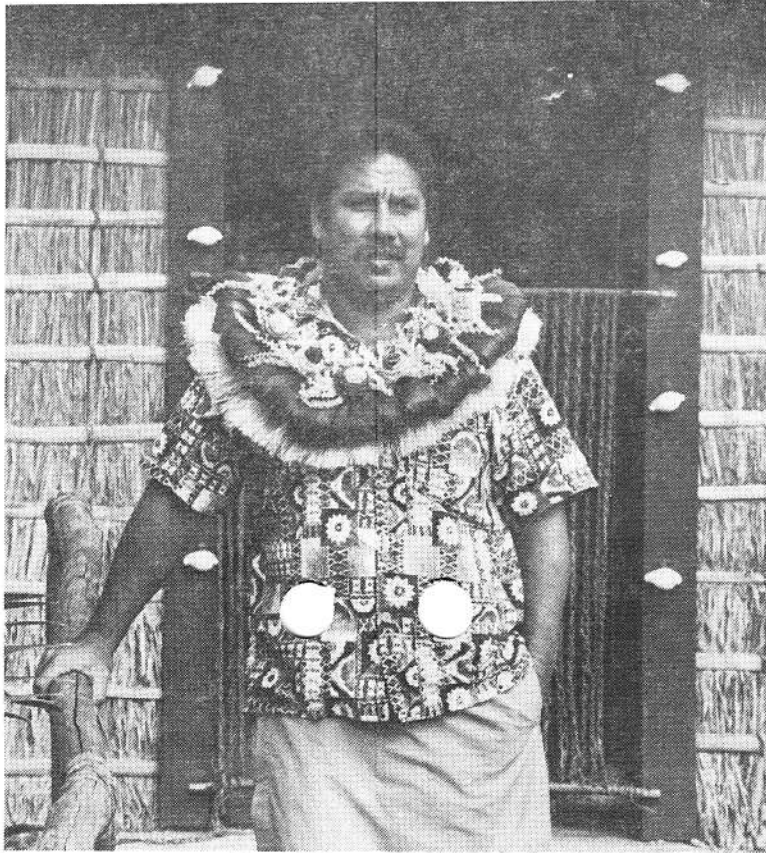


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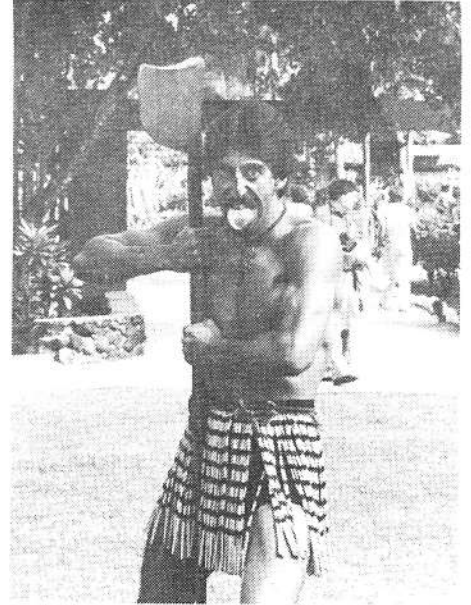
David Brecterfield
Fijian Village

"I have been working for the Center for six months now, and it is very interesting.

The Village Operations Division had a three-way tie this month for their Employee of the Month.

However, David Brecterfield, of the Fijian Village, was declared the winner. Winton Ria and Pumataiva Tihoni made the votes close as they all earned votes from their supervisors and department personnel.

A new area, that of Village Timeclock, was included for the first time. Earning Hourly Ment from that area was K...ti Louma... Update owes Kilikiti an apology, since she was overlooked when our photographer took the photos for this page.



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Maori Village

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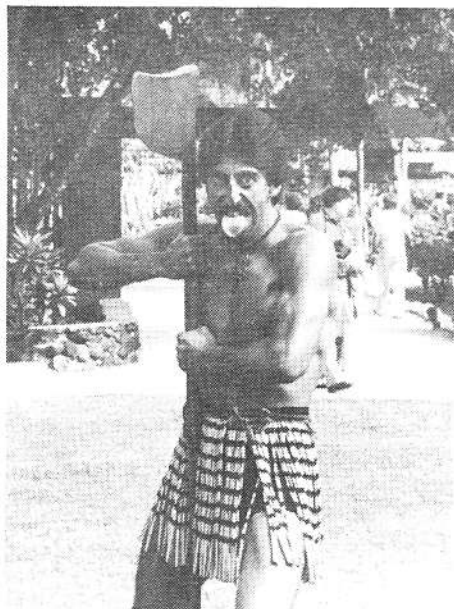
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Emma Langi
Weaver

"Weaving may seem boring, but I feel proud when the tourists watch and admire my weaving techniques."



Pumataiva Tihoni
Tahitian Village

"This is my 18th year with the Center. I have worked in the Tahitian Village Maintenance, Weavers, and now I'm back in the Tahitian Village as a demonstrator on the farm. I consider myself a student too. I have both learned and shared my own culture."

NEWS

Keiki May Day Here Today

Future PCC employees will be trying out on the stage of the Main Theater today as they present the Laie Elementary School's annual May Day program to their parents and community.

In past years the Center has donated its facilities for the use of community groups whenever it is possible to schedule around the regular Center programs. A popular day is when the children of the community come in to perform for their families.

Many Center employees are represented today as their children participate in the program, which will present traditional and modern dancing from Hawaii, a Royal Court, and other items.

Through the years the Laie School program has always been an excellent production as Center personnel help out with teaching dances, making costumes, and supporting in other ways.

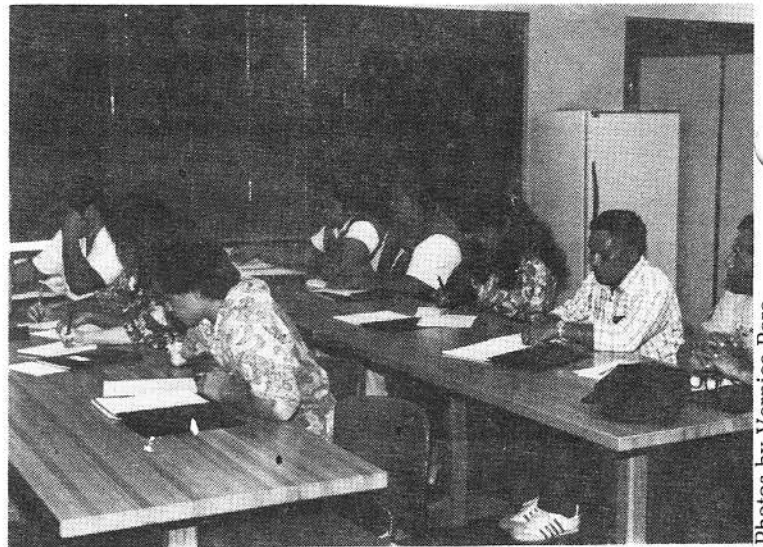
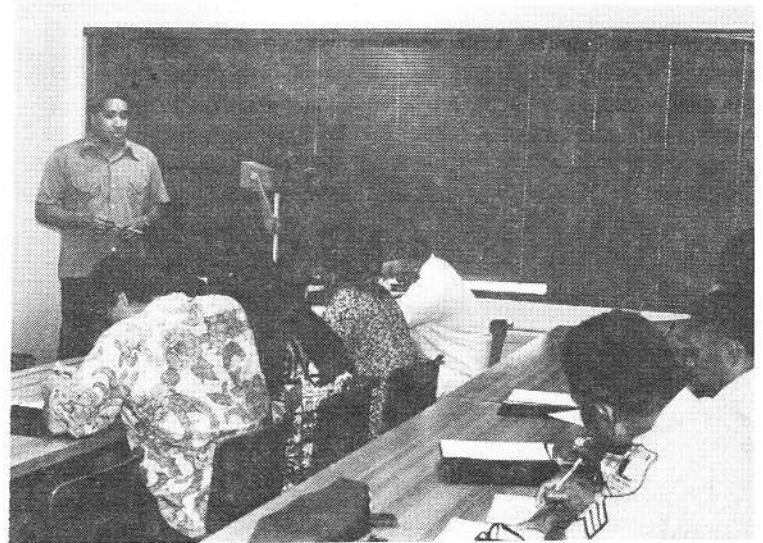
We wish the community a great May Day today, and the children a fun time on the big stage!



Photo by Vernice Pere

Corey Scott, daughter of Sone Scott (Technical Services), and Mary Scott (Wardrobe), dances in last year's Laie School May Day program.

New Training Program Underway



Photos by Vernice Pere

John Muaina lectures the first group from several departments this week.

A new training program has started in the Center under the direction of Personnel Manager, John Muaina.

Concerned with the proper orientation of all employees, including managers of departments, the training program answers questions pertinent to the Center's purposes and goals as well as management expectation for their staff.

Departments will be notified as to their participation in this program which will benefit everyone who attends.



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Waikiki News:

Recently hired to head up the sales promotion team in Waikiki, which performs three times a week at the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center as well as at other functions, is Larry Reis.

Reis, a talented musician and Hawaiian chanter, first worked for the Center in 1974 as a member of the old Coconut Island Serenaders.

Backing up Reis in the promo team is Rudy Dolfo, who also doubles as a ticket agent in the Waikiki office. Dolfo originally began working at the Center in 1972 as a canoe guide. He recently completed a mission for the Church in the Arizona-Tempe area.

Also making pretty music for the promo team is Center oldtimer Tiave "Robert" Tiave, who has finally come back from Korea where he has been entertaining for several years.

Other new oldtimers in Waikiki are Tom Edmonds and Enock Kaina. Edmonds, former Maori Village chief and head of village operations at the Center in the late 70's, is now a part-time ticket agent in Waikiki so he can gain practical experience in tourism to go along with the Travel Industry Management degree he's finishing up at BYU-Hawaii.

Enoka Kaina, the much-respected former kumu hula for the Center's hula halau, is taking a few evening hours a week out of his busy law studies to work as a part-time ticket agent. Kaina, a former Honolulu police officer who speaks Hawaiian, has been associated with the Center since the late 60's, and most recently worked in the Cultural Education department.

Center Volleyball League

If you are interested in playing volleyball for your department in a new PCC Volleyball League, talk to your department supervisors today and sign up a team.

The League is open to all Laie, Kahuku, and Hauula community members as long as they play for a department within the Center. Teams must have no less than five and no more than twelve players on them, and departments may enter as many teams as they wish.

Separate games will be held for men and women teams with trophies



as the prizes. The games will be held on the BYUH campus at 6:30 pm. All players must wear gym shoes.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday May 4 for team representatives in the Admin. building lunchroom (upstairs) at 10:30 am. Representatives may contact the following for further information:

Afani Ho Kum, Cultural Orientation, Teri Lei Napeahi, Cultural Education Charles Johnson, Cultural Orientation, Ed Kamauoha and Harry Brown Cultural Research, or Carl Fonoimoana, Administration.

Introducing



Elder Yoshihiko Kikuchi

Elder Yoshihiko Kikuchi was called to the First Quorum of the Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on October 1, 1977.

Born July 5, 1941 in Hokkaido, Japan, Elder Kikuchi is the first native-born Japanese to join the ranks of the Church's General Authorities.

Elder Kikuchi attended Shimizu-gaoka High School in Muroran and graduated in 1968 from Asia University of Tokyo.

He served 30 months as a missionary for the Church in the Northern Far East Mission and later completed a Church building mission there.

Upon graduation from college, Elder Kikuchi began selling kitchen utensils for Rena-Ware Distributors Company. Later, he was promoted to division, district, and regional manager for the entire Japan area.

His Church responsibilities have included service as president of the Tokyo West Branch, counselor to the president of the Tokyo Japan Mission, and stake president of the Tokyo Japan Stake.

He is married to the former Toshiko Koshiya of Hokkaido, Japan. They have four children.

NEWS

MEMO

Shop Polynesia is having a combined May Day, Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day and Graduation Day Sale.

A 40% discount will be effective April 26-June 12 during the hours of 10:00am to 4:30pm only. It will not be honored on Saturdays. All PCC employees must present their I.D to receive their discount. All cameras, film, and perfumes will be given the regular 20% discount.

Please be aware that the 40% discount is a privilege extended to PCC employees only. It is not to be extended to friends, tourists, and non-PCC employees. The Shop Polynesia supervisors have authorization to deny any discount to employees who abuse their privilege. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Mahalo,

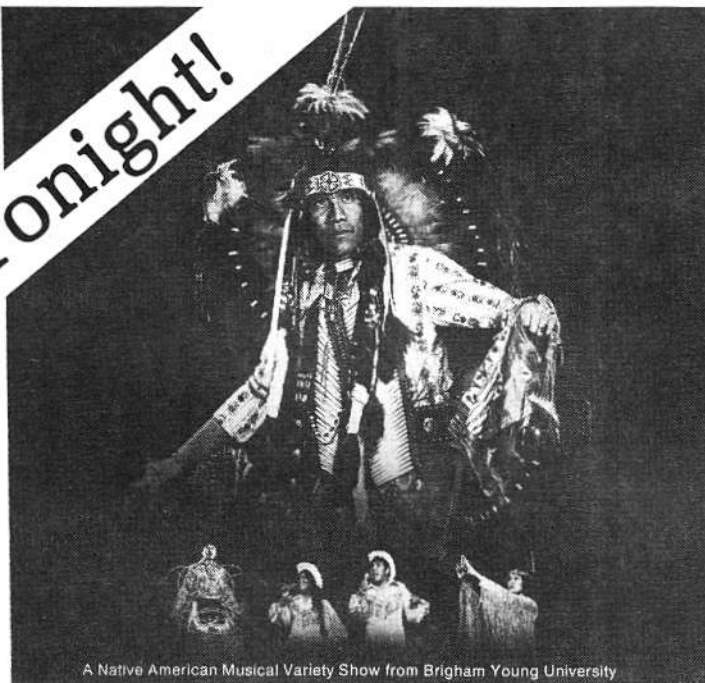


Manager

Happy Birthday!

John Nauahi	April 30
Loloa Asuao	30
Tongia Siteine	May 1
Hiroaki Hayashi	1
Darek Kuehl	1
Fatafehi Tuifua	2
Fesili Elekana	3
Maanaima Toilolo	4
Emily Kaopua	5
Usolelei Tagoa'i	5
Don Smiler	6
Pepe Faavale	6

Tonight!



A Native American Musical Variety Show from Brigham Young University

The Lamanite Generation

Cannon Center

Bleachers \$2

Chairs \$2.50

Cushioned Seats \$3

Show starts at 7:30 pm



Soccer Registration

The AYSO, (American Youth Soccer Organization,) will be registering interested boys and girls from ages 4 through 14 for this season's games soon.

All interested parents should contact Ben Nihipali or Chuck Rivers for detailed information.

Registration will take place at the Village Food Mart, May 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. If you are interested in helping out in the league, coaches and referees are needed in all age groups.

