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Farewell To Good Friends

We say many "Hello's" here in the Center. We say "hello", "we welcome you", "we are honored to have you as our guest" to people from all walks of life and from every country on the globe.

We also say "farewell". And many times individuals who came to us as strangers leave just a short time later as new-found friends.

Elliot and Maxine Cameron, however, fit neither of these categories, because Elliot and Maxine arrived here already good friends to us all.

Friendship is a gift that you must work at to keep. Elliot and I have worked together through some challenging times. We have rejoiced over the successes of programs and projects that benefit both school and Center.

We have sorrowed together sometimes. And many's the night we have taken long rides to 7-11 or along Kamehameha Highway when one of us was faced with a particular frustration and just needed to talk to a friend.

We have appreciated the kind of support Elliot and Maxine have given us in meeting and greeting the many heads of State who come to Laie for the Center experience! These world leaders are always impressed with the way that a university and business can cooperate as we do, and they go home envying the rapport and spirit we share.

Of course, loving friends requires that we overlook some faults and focus on the special traits and talents that the other person (or place) possesses which complement our own.

Elliot isn't much of a dancer and wouldn't look too good on the night show stage. It's probably best that he leaves performing to me. By the same token, I wouldn't be much of a university administrator. I'd want to change the organization and reassign all the faculty every few weeks. He's definitely a better University President than I would be.

What I'm most grateful for is that we have found that by working together we can cover almost any need that arises between us.

Someone has said that if a man can count on one hand a few true friends he is blessed. My wife and I count Elliot and Maxine as two of those in our lives. And PCC says farewell to genuine friends in Elliot and Maxine Cameron. For that friendship we are all blessed.

Ralph G. Rodgers, Jr.



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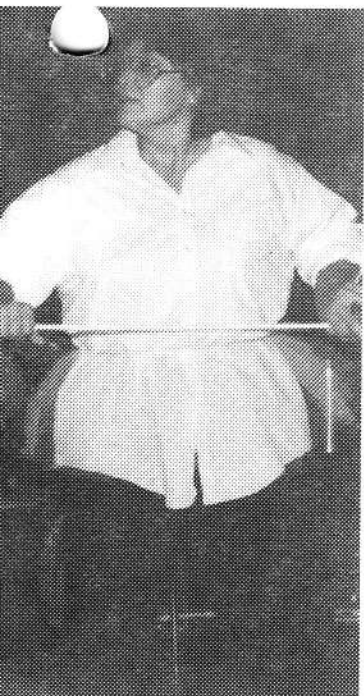
It was an evening of fun and reminiscence with the Camerons. An evening that touched the hearts of all present.

When President Rodgers, Bryan Bowles, and Winnie Nielson, who were the narrators of the skit, dumped old flowers on the Camerons because Sister Cameron was involved in a BYU Hawaii Campus Beautification Committee, and supposedly became very upset when the PCC ladies picked the flowers on campus, the fun began.

There was laughter when the audience was given a glimpse into the future to see Maxine Camerons' tap dancers, lead by Jane Garside, still performing after 20 or so years. And when President Rodgers grabbed President Cameron for an impromptu 'Lone Ranger and Tonto' routine the crowd was in stitches.

It was a touching moment when Rosy Wang, one of Sister Camerons' favorite piano students, played a marvelous solo which left many weeping. Sister Camerons hula performance for her husband, had the same affect.

The evening concluded with gifts being presented by the various villages of the Center and the audience singing aloha 'oe.



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Good Sports

President and Sister Cameron have both left a lasting impression on friends, co-workers, and colleagues here in the islands.

Joanna Thompson, Executive Secretary for President Cameron, stated that she "learnt a great deal from him; he was very pleasant to work for, a very intelligent man, fair in his dealings with people, and a really good sport." Another good sport being Sister Cameron, who would "often come tap dancing into the office and ask 'Is his highness in'."

B.J. Fuller, of the Alumni Association, said President Cameron is a man who "reasons well, loves to tell jokes, and loves any kind of food we feed him," adding that "we're the ones who hampered his weight loss." She also remarked that he is "congenial to everyone -- especially students -- and is a good public relations man."

Gene Crismon, Business Manager for BYU, also felt that he learn't a lot from President Cameron about how to work with people. He stated that President Cameron is "one of the finest men I've ever worked with; he's honest, sincere, concerned about peoples welfare, and he's also a great neighbor."

All were thrilled for the Camerons and their new calling, and though they will miss them they're glad that the Camerons "still have their fingers in the pot" and will be returning for graduation and board meetings.

President Camerons' good rapport with his colleagues could be seen when Father Roesch, the President of Chaminade University, thanked President Cameron for BYU-HC winning the championship basketball game against HPAC saying that "we've never had so many Catholics praying for you to win that game."

Our best wishes to the Camerons -- we'll be praying for them too.

