

EMPLOYEE UPDATE

Polynesian Cultural Center

May 23, 1980

Welcome Elder Ashton



Elder Ashton

Elder Marvin J. Ashton, member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles and president of our Board of Directors, is currently in Hawaii to meet with General Manager Bill Cravens, BYU--H- President Dan Andersen, and other PCC managers and supervisors. (Presidents Cravens and Andersen, of course, also serve on our Board of Directors.)

Tomorrow, Elder Ashton will tour PCC, have dinner in The Gateway, and then view the evening show. On Sunday, he will speak at the Laie Stake Seminary graduation ceremony.

Elder Ashton has served on our Board of Directors since 1975 (having replaced Elder Howard Hunter who served as president of the board since the Center was founded in 1963). He makes periodic visits to the islands (in addition to the regularly scheduled board meetings held at PCC semi-annually) to offer guidance and assistance to those who handle the day-to-day affairs at the Center.

Memorial Day holiday on Monday

Memorial Day -- to be celebrated nationally on Monday, May 26 -- is one of the holidays full-time PCC employees are eligible to receive. However, the Center will be open that day, and if you are scheduled to work, please be sure to see your manager to schedule compensatory time off on another day. Your "make up" holiday must be taken within 30 days.

On Memorial Day, Americans pay tribute to the men and women who gave their lives fighting for our country. It is observed annually on the last Monday of May.

Evening show starting time to change

Did you know that our evening show starting time will be changing in June? Beginning on Monday, June 2, "Invitation to Paradise" will start at 7:45 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. (The show gives off its fullest dramatic impact when it is dark and as the time of sunset changes throughout the year, subsequent changes of the show's starting time are made.) The Hibiscus buffet dinner will be served prior to the show from 4:45 to 7:15 p.m.

The current production of "Invitation to Paradise" premiered on

Hawaiian show at Kuilima

An exciting show featuring popular Hawaiian entertainers Moe Keale, the Emersons, and the Makaha Sons of Niihau will be presented at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Hyatt Kuilima Resort's Kahuku Show Room.

Tickets are available in advance at the BASS outlet in the Aloha Center, at the Kuilima's activities desk, or through BYU--H Hawaiian Club members for \$5 apiece. Groups of 10 or more may purchase tickets for \$4 each. Tickets will be sold for \$6 at the door. July 14, 1978 -- the first major revision of the show since the Center was founded more than 16 years ago.

During its early years, the show was presented only twice weekly. Now, of course, it is performed nightly except Sunday, with two shows a night not being uncommon during peak season. Since its inception, our evening show has thrilled millions of viewers. Last year alone, more than 1,300,000 saw the show in our spacious amphitheater.

The production was written by Ralph G. Rodgers, a member of our Board of Directors and managing director of the Promised Valley Playhouse in Salt Lake city. Rodgers has been a professional performer for years in television, radio and the theater.

Contemporary numbers in the show were composed by Robert F. Brunner, president of BMC Records and a well-known figure in the national music scene. Brunner, who produced our "Invitation to Paradise" record album, is currently working for Walt Disney Productions.

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PCC's amphitheater stage is lighted with the smiles and enthusiasm of our brothers and sisters who perform during the rousing finale of "Invitation to Paradise."

New show time in June

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Because of our evening show's increasing popularity, a new 2,600-seat amphitheater was built in 1976. (The old theater could accommodate only 1,200 guests.) This growing popularity and subsequent demand for evening show tickets necessitated increasing the theater's seating capacity to 2,750 in late 1978. About two dozen more seats were added in 1979, bringing the theater's total present seating capacity to 2,775.



Players from Food Purchasing and 99¢ Special fight for the rebound in their game played Wednesday night. Food Purchasing emerged the winner of the match, the final score being 66-51.

Cars, refrigerators for sale at BYU--H

BYU--H's Purchasing Department is now accepting bids for four used cars and 15 used refrigerators. The cars for sale are a 1973 Chevrolet station (\$600/best offer), a 1974 Plymouth four-door sedan (\$800/best offer), a 1975 Chevrolet Impala station wagon (\$1,000/best offer), and a 1978 AMC four-wheeldrive jeep (\$5,000/best offer).

The cars may be inspected in the parking lot area of the Physical Plant building on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The used

refrigerators are being stored in the Physical Plant Department's receiving warehouse, near the tennis courts. They also may he looked over Monday through Friday during regular working hours.

Bids for the cars and refrigerators must be sealed in an envelope and delivered to the Purchasing Office, Room 160 near the auditorium (no phone calls, please). No bids for the cars will be accepted after June 6. Purchasing will consider bids of \$60/best offer for the refrigerators.

Basketball playoffs begin next week

PCC basketball league playoffs will begin next Tuesday, May 27, in the BYU--H gym. Kings (seeded third in the Open Division) will face the Kahuku High School varsity squad, seeded fifth. Preceding this playoff game will be the last two regularly scheduled matches -- 99¢ Special vs. Recreation at 6:30 p.m. and Da Hui vs. Cultural Orientation at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 28, the playoffs will continue with Show-time (seeded fourth in the Open Division) meeting In the City (seeded second) at 6:30 p.m. Winners of these playoff games will battle for the right to play Food Purchasing, the top seeded team, for the Open Division championship.

Masters Division playoffs will begin on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Teams to be participating will depend on the result of Tuesday night's Da Hui vs. Cultural Orientation game.

BYU--H Calendar

Saturday, May 24

● Movie, "Royal Hunt of the Sun," auditorium, 2, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Admission charge.

Sunday, May 25

Stake Fireside, auditorium,7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 26

• Memorial Day holiday. No classes!