



# UPDATE '85



This week the UPDATE spotlights the Hosts and Hostesses who work in the Gateway Restaurant. These employees work hard to provide hungry guests with good service, a clean place to eat and a pleasant atmosphere. According to Manager Max Purcell, the Hosts and Hostesses are some of the most important people in the Gateway. They are the ones whom the guest sees, and they often can make the difference in the kind of experience which a guest has. He compliments them on a job well done, and we join with him in his tribute. Congratulations for your hard work and pleasant attitude.

### *Kam Day, Promo Drawing Project Big Day at PCC*

This Saturday promises to be a big day at the Polynesian Cultural Center as two exciting events are scheduled. The first is the traditional celebration of Kamehameha Day in the Hawaiian village. According to Bobby Akoi, the day promises to be full of exciting activities for guests and includes plenty of employee involvement. The activities will include:

**1:00 – 1:45pm – Special Aloha Festival.** Including a presiding royal court and special Kahiko dancing.

**1:45pm –** Special activities in the Hawaiian village include lei demon-

strations, quilting, carving, weaving, Tapa making, games for the guests and lots of music.

**2:10 – 2:50pm Guest Halau.** Darryl Lupenui, winners at this year's Merry Monarch Festival, will perform in the Hawaiian Village. This is a real treat and promises to be one of the highlights of the day.

**4:00 – 5:00pm.** Visit by representatives from the other islands in a finale fashion show.

Also on Saturday, the Polynesian Cultural Center will host the final drawing for the Polynesian Fantasy Promotion, and over 3000 winners from all over the state will be in attendance. At 5:30 the drawing for the Grand Prizes will take

place in the Theater. Prizes include **Two Cars**, a Trip to Tahiti, Hotel Rooms, Cruises, Rental Cars, Airline flights and many more. At 6:00pm these visitors will attend a special performance of **This is Polynesia**.

According to Reg Schwenke, this promotion has been the most successful in the Center's history. Over 800,000 entries were received, and hundreds of thousands of dollars of free advertising came to the Center, as well as a great deal of immeasurable good will. Reg also mentioned that because the Center is such a good product, promotions like this are more successful. He expressed his thanks to all the employees at the Center for doing their part.

# THE EVEN GREATER PCC TRIVIA MARATHON!!

Sam Langi was last week's winner with 10 points along with Mahana Pulotu, Lindy Tufuga and Pam Su'a. Due to limited space, you will have to call to get a point total.

Here are this week's questions:

1. What does Tahiti mean in Tahitian?
2. In Tongan tradition who was the person of highest rank in the entire kingdom (be careful)?
3. Why do Samoans tip a little kava out of the cup onto the ground before drinking it in a kava ceremony?
4. What main crop now accounts for well over 1/2 of Fiji's exports?
5. Which part of the body did the Maoris consider most sacred and most subject to tapu?
6. The Hawaiian proverb: **He kalo pa'a** which translates to Unpounded Taro refers to what male and female persons in everyday society?
7. What was the mystical island which lay in the unknown distance to the northwest of Tonga which was supposed to be the abode of the gods and Tonga's site of the hereafter?
8. The Maoris divided their year into how many months?
9. Name the 3 branches of the Government of American Samoa.
10. Pago Pago, the administrative center of American Samoa, is on what island?

Here are last week's answers: 1. Arioi 2. shaved head 3. Robert Louis Stevenson 4. Abel Tasman 5. Dinosaur 6. a. Kaiana and d. Kalanikupule 7. Niue 8. Rarotonga 9. Yaqona

## Mr. Rodger's Neighborhood By Debra Dauk

On June 8th, Hawaii will celebrate an event unique to this part of the country — Kam Day. King Kamehameha, his forebearers and descendants are remembered and honored on this day as members of the only monarchy ever to rule in the United States. Statues are bedecked with long, beautiful leis, families break out the briquets for the first barbecues of the summer season, the beaches are even more crowded than usual. Most any excuse really is found to have a good time on this day which celebrates a part of Hawaii's rich cultural heritage.

Over the years, the PCC has come to be synonymous with Hawaiian heritage in the minds of many. Residents and tourists alike find much to celebrate on our grounds daily. Mini trips through homes, surely similar to the ones in which King Kamehameha's subjects would have dwelt, are taken in the Hawaiian village. The villages of Aotearoa and Marquesas also feature artifacts from lifestyles of bygone eras, while strolls through the Fijian, Samoan, Tahitian or Tongan villages portray these countries as they're found currently. Enough similarities and differences exist between the villages to make them both comfortable and yet still exciting and innovative. The new addition of the Migrations Hut and Museum serves to tie the villages together, to depict the things that each culture adopted from the others for their own enhancement, while somehow remaining unique.

Haole transplants can learn a valuable lesson from the Polynesian cultures that surround them here: a genuine generosity of spirit exists among peoples willing to share with others. Special days celebrate that spirit, keep it alive and growing year after year. This weekend, browse the Hawaiian village to enjoy the spirit of Kam Day and more importantly, to learn to live it year-round.

### CALENDAR

#### Friday, June 7

Movie 7—9pm Little Theatre  
"Jaws 3" / ASBYU Culture Night  
Auditorium 9—11pm  
Breaded pork slices, brown gravy,  
mashed potatoes, peas and carrots,  
drink

#### Saturday 8

Movie AUD 6:30, 9:30pm "Jaws 3"  
Baked tuna, egg noodles, corn, biscuits, drink

#### Monday 10

Beef curry, steamed rice, tossed salad w/dressing, drink

#### Tuesday 11

Roast beef w/brown gravy, oven brown potatoes, mixed veg., drink

#### Wednesday 12

Salisbury steak, gravy, rice, mexicorn, drink

#### Thursday 13

Devotional AUD. 10:30am  
Pork chop suey, rice, tossed green salad w/dressing, drink

#### Friday 14

Baked butterfish, rice, buttered peas and carrots, drink

### Shop Polynesia

#### Father's Day Sale

15% OFF Plus your 25% OFF for  
40% off

#### ALL ALOHA SHIRTS

(June 10 — 15)

### EDITOR'S NOTE

In accordance with the current cut-backs at the Center, we have been requested to restrict the UPDATE to this smaller size. We'll do what we can to continue to inform the employees in the same manner which we have in the past in a more condensed manner. We are happy to comply with the needs of the Polynesian Cultural Center at this time and are confident that soon we will be overflowing with guests again.

## Legends of Polynesia

### The Origin of the Coconut Tale

Once a lovely maiden called Hina went swimming in her bathing pool when she encountered an eel which transformed itself into a handsome youth with whom she fell in love. One day her father saw him with her in the pool and ran to catch him, but he disappeared into the water. Quickly the father sent for some villagers to empty the pool, but all they found was an eel which they struck with sticks at which it cried out, "Kill me, if you will, but only bury my head." This was done and up grew a slender tree with a large fruit which was found when husked to have an eel-like face at one end. Within was a refreshing drink and a white flesh which provided food and oil for making perfumes. Thus, in death, Hina's lover left her a souvenir and various gifts to remind her of his love — all contained in the coconut, Polynesia's most useful tree.

From the Institute for Polynesian Studies