



Polynesian Cultural Center

UPDATE '91

Employee Newsletter

Friday, July 5, 1991

Center Welcomes New Acting President Eric Shumway!

On Friday, June 21, 1991, chairman of the board of directors, Elder Dallin H. Oaks announced the resignation of James P. Christensen as president of the Polynesian Cultural Center. Eric Shumway, Academic Vice President at BYU-Hawaii was named to serve as Acting President of the Center.

President Shumway comes to us from Brigham Young University-Hawaii where he has been the Vice President for Academics since returning from his term as Mission President of the Tonga, Nukualofa Mission. Prior to his mission he was also the Vice President for Academics at BYU-Hawaii.

Dr. Shumway received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from Brigham Young University. He received his Doctorate from the University of Virginia. His many publications include his most recent book, written for the Tongan Centennial Celebration, Titled: Tongan Saints: Legacy of Faith. Other works include many articles and papers and even a textbook titled Intensive Course in Tongan, which is used at BYU-Hawaii in their Tongan Language classes.

President Shumway is married to Carolyn Merrill Shumway and they have seven children and three grandchildren. The Shumways come to the Center as longstanding residents of Laie and familiar to us all.



**New Acting President
Eric Shumway and his wife Carolyn**

We are all very glad to have the Shumway's as part of our PCC family. One of the very first things instituted by President Shumway was to have a PCC Devotional. Look for a complete report of this first devotional in the next UPDATE!



Employee Happenings

Purcell Produces Authentic Canoe

Prepared by Edwin L. Kamauoha

Master Carver Tumu Purcell of the Samoan Village carved one of the most unique and authentic Va'alo, from two authentic woods--KOA and FAU--with no nails or glue.

This model depicts the original canoe to fish for bonitos for two men, two paddles, a bamboo pole with two miniature PA ATU (aku fish hook). The canoe measures 43 1/4" x 4 3/4" with an outrigger and is valued at \$3,000. It is being displayed in the Village Museum.



Master Carver Purcell accomplished this task in two months. Congratulations to Tumu Purcell for this valuable contribution and his great talent and skill.

Goodbye to Ula Rama

A fond farewell to Ula Rama of the Business Office. Ula left the Center on Friday, June 21, 1991 to accept a job at BYU-HI as their Capital Assets Clerk.

Ula will be missed greatly by her fellow workers for her ability to carry on a great conversation.

If you have an Employee Happening that you think should be in this column, please send it in...pictures too... and you could find yourself be in the pages of the UPDATE.



Village Corner

Marquesas Flag Raised

Prepared by Edwin L. Kamauoha

A special ceremony conducted by Sela Feinga was held on June 20, 1991, on the Tohua where the Marquesan flag was presented to President James Christensen by Eric Marchand, a BYU student and an employee on the Tohua.



After a brief history of the flag by Eric and an acceptance remark by President Christensen, the flag was raised by President Christensen and Pulefano Galea'i. A wonderful feast was then provided by the villagers.

This flag was given to the Polynesian Cultural Center in May 1991 by a committee of ten men representing the Marquesas government and the Motu Haka Association.

The Marquesas Flag is tri-colored with a tiki design on a white triangle background. The color--Yellow--represents the "Ena" or tumeric used by the people to beautify their skin and enhance their tattoo. It is the symbol of beauty. The RED refers to the royal lineage of Marquesas and the blood of their great chiefs of HAKAIKI. WHITE is the symbol of peace among all the islands of Marquesas which were divided anciently by language, culture, and wars.

The TIKI design within the white triangle represents the Marquesan culture and reinforces peace within the nation.

The Marquesas Island committee plans to return to the Center in order to present a whole week of cultural presentations, displaying all aspects of their traditions.



20%

Discount on America West Airlines for PCC Employees!

As a *Mahalo* to the Center for working closely in Promotional experiences, America West Airlines is pleased to offer a **20%** introductory discount to all employees of the Polynesian Cultural Center. In order to qualify for this discount you must travel by **December 15, 1991**.

The employee must provide America West with a company I.D. or a letter verifying their employment. The employee must travel. Immediate family (spouse, children, parents, and grandparents) may travel with the employee with a letter verifying family relationship.

To get this great discount follow these simple steps:

Do NOT call a travel agent for this fare

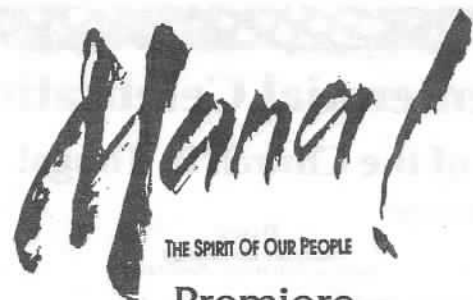
1. **Call in your reservations normally to the America West Reservations office at 1-800-247-5692.** You do not need to tell them you have a discount.
2. Obtain the **record locator number** for your reservation.
3. **Call the Honolulu Ticket Office 971-2810,** and advise America West of you employment at the Center and of the record locator number of your reservation.
4. **Follow instructions from America West** on ticket payment and pickup.

Conditions

- Travel must originate in Hawaii
- The 20% discount applies to any published fare available on America West Airlines; discount fares, full coach, business class or first class (where applicable). Discount is not available to Interisland flights.
- All rules governing the applicable fare apply, regarding advance purchases, payment requirements or other restrictions.

Laie Day Celebrations

Thursday, July 25	Community Variety Show
Friday, July 26	Formal Dinner and Dance
Saturday, July 27	
6:30 a.m.	Fun Run
8:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies (McKay Foyer)
9:00 a.m.	Parade
10:00 a.m.	Penny Carnival, Entertainment, Food Booths, Arts & Crafts, All Star Softball and Volleyball Games.



Premiere

Community Showing turns out 3,000

On Wednesday, June 26, a capacity crowd turned out to see the community dress rehearsal of the new night show. It was so crowded in the Pacific Pavilion that some people were even turned away. This night also marked the last performance of "This is Polynesia". The Gala Premier for "MANA, The Spirit of our Pople" will happen on Saturday, July 6, 1991.

Our congratulations to the many people who have worked so hard to make the opening of "Mana" such a dynamic event!

CONGRATULATIONS JASON CHEN!

As of January 1 of this year the Executive Committee had requested that all PCC Tour Guides introduce their guests to the center's video tape - Portrait of Polynesia.

During the month of June Jason sold 83 videos to the people on his tours. In addition to the hefty commission which Jason has added to his paycheck, he will also receive a gift certificate for two to the restaurant of his choice as well as a pair of movie tickets.

We would also like to thank the many other guides who work so hard to introduce the center's video. The offer at the right is still valid.

The challenge is out...can you sell more than 83 videos?

Help Sell a PCC Video Earn \$1.50



Every single guest should have an opportunity to purchase the video "Portrait of Polynesia". The Video Sales department need the help of all employees to make this goal a reality.

To make it even easier for employees to help with the sales effort, we are offering a **\$1.50 commission to any employee who contributes to the sale of a video.** Here's how it works: The Video Sales department has booths at the following locations:

- Tahiti Canoe Landing
- Gate 4 Entrance
- Maori Village Snack Bar
- Next to Photo Polynesia

When you talk with a guest, tell them about our award winning video and how proceeds go toward scholarships, if the guest expresses interest then escort them to one of these locations where the salesperson will take down your name and ID number. It's that easy!

Also, if you have never seen this great video or you would like a copy for yourself we are offering each employee the opportunity to purchase the video for **only \$5.00!** (One per employee) *The \$5.00 price applies only to English language VHS, Beta, and PAL tapes.* Foreign language tapes are available at a discounted price to employees also.

If you would like to become directly involved with the Video Sales department we have commission-only positions available, Contact Joe Berardy ext. # 3017.

Centennial Celebration of the Church in Tonga!

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1991

DANCE

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 Midnight
Old Gym, BYU-Hawaii - *Formal Attire*

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1991

SPECIAL TEMPLE SESSION

Sessions start at 6:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.
All current temple recommend holders are invited.

OPENING MEETING

All are invited!
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Cannon Activities Center, BYU-Hawaii

Speakers:
Elder John H. Groberg
North America West Area President

&
President Thomas S. Monson
Second Counselor in the First Presidency

From 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., complimentary "Admission Only" passes to the Polynesian Cultural Center will be available.

Join us for the afternoon by entering through the gate across from the Snow Admin. Bldg. on the Campus of BYU-Hawaii.

LUNCH

Lunch is on your own, however, there are three options:
1. PCC Snack Bar
2. BYU Snack Bar
3. Provide your own lunch

TONGAN CULTURAL DAY CELEBRATION

Special numbers & activities
from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at the BYU-Hawaii Front Field

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 1991

FIRESIDE

7:00 p.m. Pacific Pavilion, PCC
Speaker: Elder John H. Groberg

Security Corner

Alaiva'a Leapai Employee of the Month

Bro. Alaiva'a Leapai, PCC Security Officer, has been chosen as the "Employee of the Month" for May, 1991.

Bro. Leapai was hired on November 11, 1981 as an on-call employee. Then on December 1, 1981, his status was changed from an on-call employee to a full-time employee and is currently still serving in this capacity. He plans to retire from the Center sometime in November 1991.

Bro. Leapai can always be seen patrolling in the Security vehicle, raising the American Flag, and standing post at Gate 11. In the many years that we have known Bro. Leapai, he has always very serious in his responsibilities.



When standing past at Gate 11, you will very seldom find him smiling when checking ID's or monitoring pedestrian and vehicle traffic. On occasion, Bro. Leapai will accept a good joke when at that time, you would find him smiling and chuckling.

Bro. Leapai has always been a very dedicated individual, who takes pride in his responsibilities and tries to put forth his best efforts in completing his assignments. One thing that stands out with him is his attendance record. He is always punctual and is very, very seldom sick. Bro. Leapai is married to Peaulele Anna Leapai, who is employed at the Concession Department.

The Security Department is honored to have this man in our Security family and pray that he will continue to have success in all his endeavors and continuous health so he may continue to serve in this department and provide for his family.

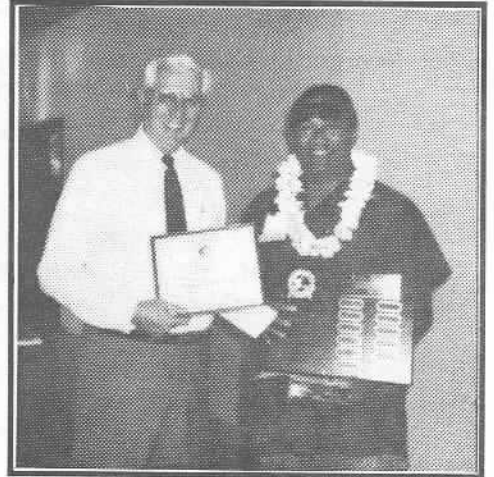
Congratulations Bro. Leapai! Keep up the good work that you do each day. We truly love and appreciate you very much.

Maintenance Corner

Employee of the Month

Leonard Peters was honored on June 12, 1991, as the Maintenance Department Employee of the Month for May 1991. President Christensen was in attendance at this meeting and presented Leonard with his award.

Leonard has been working for the Center since September 1989. He works in the motor pool area of the



Maintenance department as a Welder and an Auto Body Worker/Refinisher.

Leonard is a self-motivated person and is always willing to do anything that is asked of him without hesitation or supervision. Leonard proves to be a valuable asset to the Center.

Leonard is married to Phyllis (of the Theater Department) and is the father of five children.

The Maintenance Department is proud to have Leonard represent their department as an Employee of the Month.

Happy Independence Day!



Aloha Oe President Christensen

On Friday, June 28th, the employees of the Center got the opportunity to bid a fond Aloha Oe to the departing president of the Center Jim Christensen, his wife Metta and their children.

Employees were invited to say goodbye to the Christensens at the Schoolhouse where the Gateway restaurant had provided a wonderful brunch. Once the guests arrived they were able to see two fine Koa boxes that were presented to the Christensens.



The Christensens & Shumways, well decorated by the other villages.



The Samoan Village presented a beautiful Tanoa bowl.



In a very touching ceremony, Emosi Damuni presented a Fijian Club.



The Tongan Village presents a platter and basket in a formal ceremony.

Following the brunch/reception the Christensens joined Acting President Eric Shumway on a farewell canoe ride through the Villages.

Each village had the opportunity to present a gift from their village and bid the Christensens bon voyage. All who have worked with them for the past three years will miss the Christensens as they depart.

Of his time here Christensen said: "My three years at the Center are among the most enjoyable and memorable of my life. My family and I will deeply miss Hawaii and the friendships I have established here. I will certainly miss the Cultural Center, but I have other career opportunities I feel I should pursue."