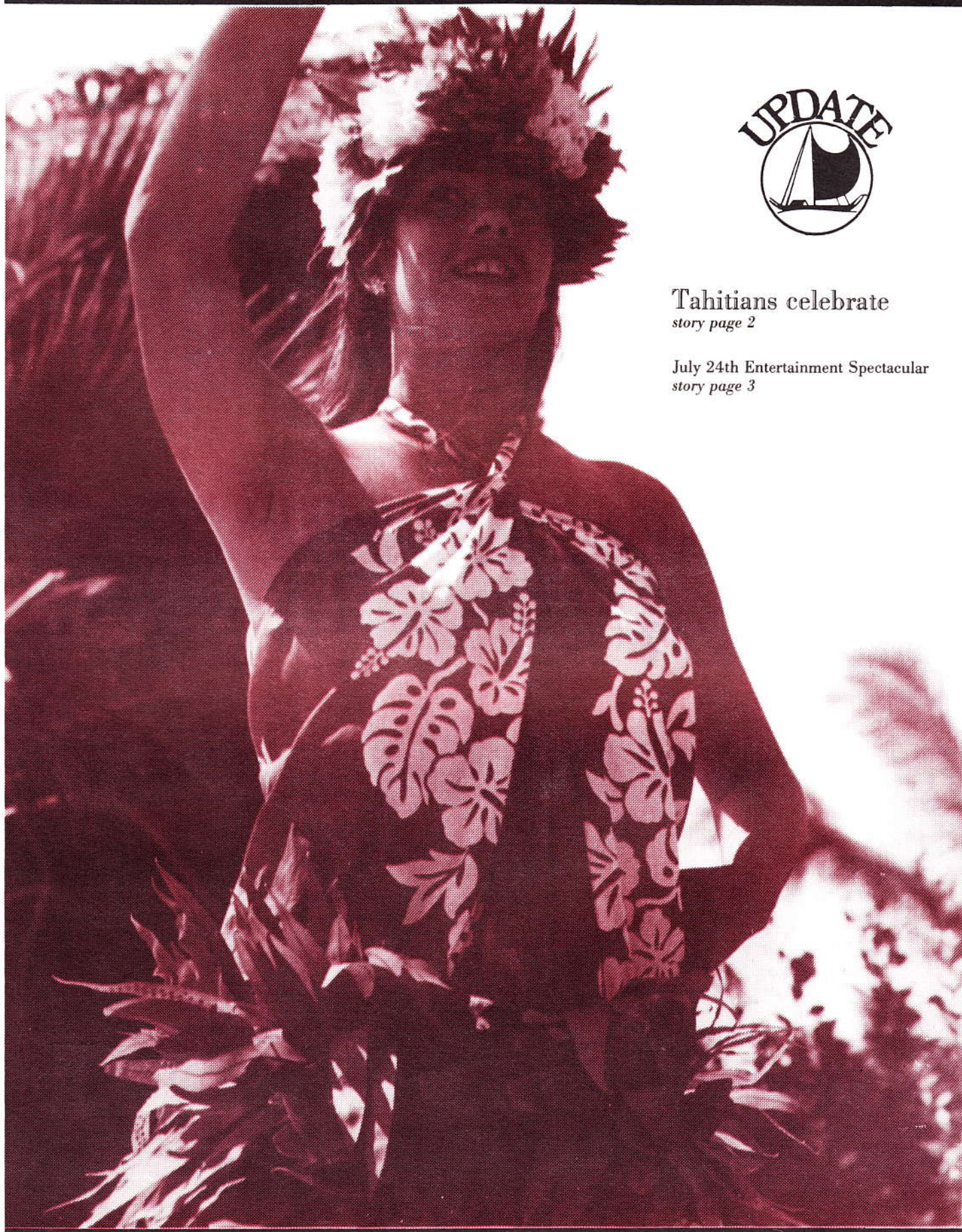




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Tahitians team up in To'ere



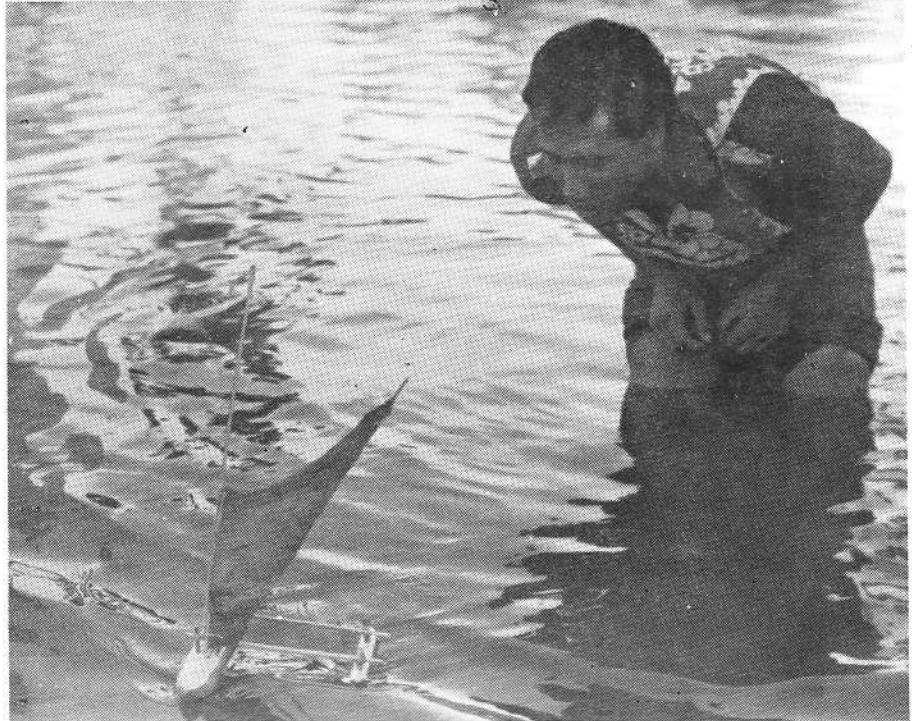
Former PCC employee Jay Medeiros and his Waikiki team win the To'ere drum contest.

Muralists depict missionaries



"Centuries of isolation in Polynesia shattered in the 1500's as bold Spanish explorers sailed their galleons into previously unknown South Pacific harbors. The end of seclusion introduced change as sailors, adventurers, traders, convicts, slavers, and whalers of many nationalities arrived on Polynesian shores bringing with them new customs, ideas, and beliefs. In this tide of change came the Christian missionaries."

This introduction written by Margo Inkley is part of the text accompanying the Christianity Display in the newly constructed mission complex. The display includes two 18 x 4 ft. murals depicting the history of Christianity in Polynesia. BYU-HC art students Debra Dauk and Cindy Perkins have been commissioned to paint the epic mural with latex on dry wall board backed with plywood and masonite. The display will be located behind the mission house structure.



Smells of scintillating, sizzling, spit cooked beef, the pounding of To'ere drums and roars of satisfied laughter, rolled across the lagoon capturing everyone in range of the Tahitian village. Saturday, July 14, acting supervisor Mahana Pulotu and workers in the Tahitian village celebrated the national holiday of Bastille Day.

The day began with an early morning devotional for workers, gearing up for the noon guest activities and the First Annual To'ere Drum Contest.

Two teams vied for the title of best Tahitian drum team in Hawaii. The PCC

team including Joe Monga, Lynn Scanlan, John Mako and Jake Numanga, was challenged by a Waikiki team headed by former PCC employee Jay Medeiros with team members Daniel Tapii, Daniel Sataraka. Judges announced the Waikiki team as winners with 130 total points over the PCC team score of 110. The winners received \$100 cash and a beautifully carved Tahitian To'ere.

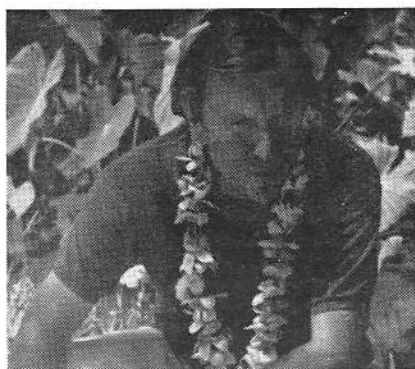
Highlights of the guest activities included making, and floating hau boats, dressing in Tahitian costume for picture taking, learning the Tamure and food tasting.



Above: Village worker Kim Makekau gives his hand carved hau boat a puff of air to get it started. Kim and other workers instructed guests how to make their own hau boat.

Bottom: Tahitian village workers entertain guests with lively musical numbers. From left: Mere Meha, Renee Tetuanui, Tehena Maritaragi, Taurua Mariteragi, Carl Tehaamata, and Ualani Moo.

British Frost Settles On Hawaiian Village



"Some people will do anything for a picture," you may have thought, if you were surprised by two TV cameramen filming waste deep in fish-filled lagoon waters. Crewman from the British "Ultraquiz" show hosted by popular David Frost, filmed the final segment of the TV game show, last Friday, in the Hawaiian and Samoan villages of the Polynesian Cultural Center.

Frost, who says, "I love diversity and variety," has hosted several specials, filmed documentaries and interviewed important political figures such as Richard Nixon, Prince Andrew and the Shah of Iran.

Pani popo hit at Champeaux's show

Pani popo and Fijian curry chicken are not the normal breakfast menu at the Ilikai Champeaux's restaurant, unless it is PCC Day with Michael W. Perry and Emme Tomimbang. Saturday, July 14, K59 and the Polynesian Cultural Center aired a live breakfast show from the hotel top restaurant, treating 80 guests to curry chicken and pani popo buns while musicians Pulefano Galeai, Lamar Benavides and Keith Awai delighted listeners with their fresh and enthusiastic performance of local music favorites.

Experienced in radio promotion and live performances, General Manager Ralph Rodgers treated K59 listeners to a taste of his professional wit and cultural expertise. Maori culture specialist Tommy Taurima was interviewed over the air, along with Este Kershaw and Keith Awai who gave on the spot hula lessons to deejays Perry and Tomimbang. Also attending were Executive Secretary Magi Keil and P.R. Manager Reg Schwenke.

Popular radio star, Michael W. Perry, said, "It was one of the most bizarre and entertaining weekend shows they have had." Monday, during K59's regular programming, listeners called in with enthusiastic response to the show, expressing how fun it was.

July 24th Extravaganza

Fun for the whole family

Breakers, poppers, tappers and fire crackers will be letting loose at an entertainment extravaganza sponsored by the Polynesian Cultural Center for employees, community members and families, Tuesday, July 24th on the BYU front field. In celebration of Pioneer Day and Laie Day, the PCC Brass Band will present a thrilling concert of patriotic tunes beginning at 7:45 P.M. and followed by a musical program including George and Moana Kaka, Taran Erickson, Kimo Huddy, Lupe Funaki, Maxine Cameron's tap group, the 'Awesome Funky Foursome' break group and much more. A short message from Ralph Rodgers and Elliot Cameron will be followed by a 9:15 pyrotechnic display (fireworks).

Seven foot star seen at Center



Basketball star Wayne (Tree) Rollins, visited the Center with his family on Wednesday. The seven foot Atlanta Hawks center is in Hawaii for National Basketball Association meetings. From left: Tecora Watts, Wayne's wife Kathy Rollins, Wayne Rollins, son Nicolas, Wilma Robinson and VIP guide Terry Panae.

News Bits



● "If you could purchase 6,000 acres of Oahu land for \$14,000 wouldn't you do it?" In 1865 the LDS Church did just that, and started the village of Laie. In celebration of that beginning the Laie Community Association is sponsoring all day festivities for Laie residents and their families on Saturday, July 21.

A 10:00 A.M. parade will begin at the old chapel near the temple, winding through Laie and ending at the Snow Administration Building parking lot. Games for children will begin at 11:30 A.M. on the BYU-HC front field along with entertainment and food booths. The PCC Brass Band and the PCC/BYU float will be highlighted in the day's activities.

Good friends get together in grubbies

All employees are invited to get on grubbies, bring rakes, brooms, and shovels and come help clean on Tuesday, July 24th from 6-10 A.M. All those who help clean will be paid for the extra hours they work, above their normal work day. A free breakfast will be served to those who come to the clean up. Those wanting breakfast must turn in the breakfast form to their supervisor by Friday, July 20.

Meet in the old theatre at 6 A.M. for instructions and clean up assignments.

Come work with your friends and enjoy a morning of fellowship and fun.

There will be an Open House for the public to tour the newly finished structures and view the beauty of the landscaping. The Open House will be held Wednesday, July 25th from 8-10 A.M.

Mapusaga High School Reunion

There will be a special meeting for all interested persons 6:30 P.M. this Sunday, July 22 at 55-529A Naniloa Lp. For questions call 293-2006. Hope to see you there!

For sale--Full and twin box springs and mattresses, hibachi, cloths and other household items. BYU townhouse 6A, Sat., July 21 8-12 A.M.

"Extra Mile" Award



This week the "Extra Mile" award has been presented to Eric Beaver, supervisor of the Laie Tours. Guides Manager Delsa Moe says, "Eric has shown a lot of initiative in his responsibilities." She complimented him on the creation of a new program, still in the planning stages, that will improve the format and script used by Laie Tour Guides.

Eric explains that he is working with Temple Visitor Center Director Bro. Durrant on a proposal that will give guests more historical information about the Polynesian islands and their legends. Eric says, "This new presentation will help guests bridge the gap between what they hear at PCC and the Temple presentation." He hopes that the new format will increase both Book of Mormon sales and referrals.

Eric has worked at the Center for 2 years and has been Laie Tour supervisor since April. A third year Business Management student, he supervises ten tour guides. Eric will receive a family pass to Castle Park.

General Manager's Award

Weaving supervisor Faleola Ofahengaue and weavers Atelaite Takafua and Maile Heimuli received the General Managers \$100 cash award this week during a presentation in the Weavers Hut.

The three expert weavers recently completed a 10 X 24 foot lauhala mat for the parlor of the newly constructed mission house. The project took the trio six days to complete, using 20 double rolls and 30 single rolls of lauhala stripping.