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William H. Cravens-General Manager

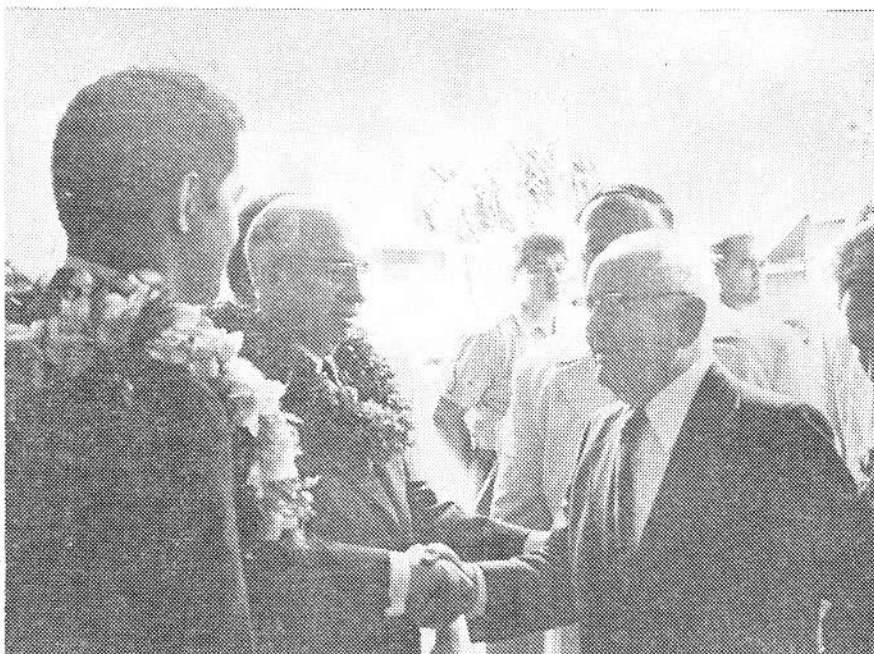
President Calls Third Counselor

The announcement was made yesterday that Elder Gordon B. Hinckley of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles has been named to the First Presidency of the Church as an additional counselor to President Spencer W. Kimball.

A friend of the Polynesian Cultural Center, Elder Hinckley visited with us just months ago on the occasion of a special Stake Conference at which President Kimball presided.

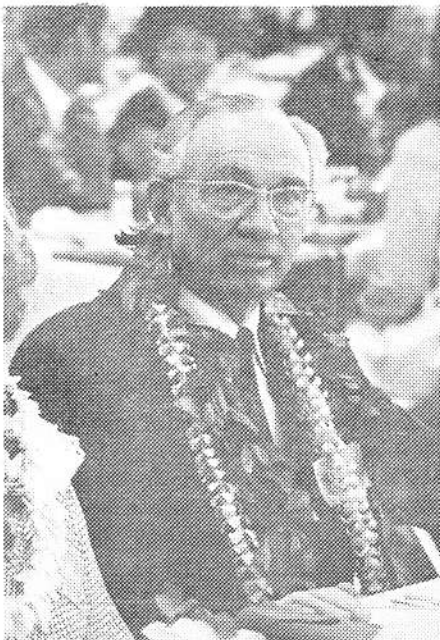
Elder Neal A. Maxwell has been named to fill the vacancy in the Quorum of the Twelve left by this appointment.

With the Church world-wide, we rejoice in this announcement, pledging our aloha and support of these two great men in new assignments that can only advance the gospel cause.



General Manager Bill Cravens talks with new counselor Gordon B. Hinckley and President Spencer W. Kimball on a past visit to the Center.

Photos by Earl Millham



\$5,000,000 - BYU-HC Thanks PCC

PCC Board of Directors and Administrators helped celebrate the completion of the BYU-HC Capital Campaign at a banquet Friday, July 17th in the Ballroom.

A \$5,000,000 fund raising goal was set in 1978 by former University leaders, President Dan W. Anderson and former Development Director Dave McDougal, both of whom were in attendance at the recent banquet.

Current Development Director Irving Chun expressed, during an

interview later, his deep gratitude to Polynesian Cultural Center Administration for their overwhelming support and hospitality afforded to 'Friends' of the University who come here contemplating giving large gifts in response to the Campaign for funds. He also wished to thank all those many PCC employees who consistently and generously contribute to the Together For Greatness Program through payroll deductions and other contributions.

Visitors Throng Around Colorful Performers



Photo by Vernice Pere

Performers

A faithful few gathered early last Saturday to raise the flags of the United States and Tahiti on the Center's Bastille Day celebrations.

In a day packed with special events, it was difficult to highlight individual presentations, but certainly the main program of dance and spectacular costumes was something to be remembered.

The Samoan Village took first place in the canoe pageant, winning a handsome prize donated by Tihati of Waikiki. However, it was the Tahitian Village that earned the prize for excellence in all aspects of their cultural day. A big Mahalo to chief Teriipaia and his people for an unforgettable Bastille Day!



Photo by Loni Manning

Enthusiastic Canoe dancers smile at judges during Bastille Day's very competitive and elaborate Canoe pageant competition.

PCC - How Do You Get Your Mail?

From Pony Express To Electric Carts

Everyone likes to get mail, even at work. We often take it for granted that the mail service is automatic, but in these times of postal strikes and threats of strikes the very necessary and convenient service is becoming more and more appreciated.

Here at PCC we have two of our own mail clerk/couriers who pick up, deliver and 'handle with care' our letters, packages and important information that we need to get out. They are Hannah Sundell and Imilani Lindsey. Hannah and Imi have been working as mail clerks since spring when the new phone system was initiated which closed down the old PCC switchboard where they had been working as switchboard operators; Imi for 5 years, Hannah for 8 months.

In their new positions as mail clerk/couriers they sort, bundle and meter all PCC mail to go to the U.S. Postal man each day. They also pick up Center mail from the BYU-HC post office and deliver mail between all of the many departments at PCC. Three times daily at 10:00, 1:00 and 3:30 you may see Imi or Hannah driving a cart, walking or possibly 'running' (depending on how much mail there is) to 'get around' the Center with everyone in the different departments.

How will a postal strike affect Imi and Hannah? "We'll still be here, there just may not be as much mail to deliver!"

If you were wondering how your mail gets from office to office, now you know!



Photo by Loni Manning

Happy but busy PCC mail clerks: Imilani Lindsey (sitting) and Hannah Sundell (standing).

Samoan Head Of State Visits

Western Samoa's Head of State, His Highness Malietoa Tanumafili II, will be a Center guest on August 6. He is

returning to Samoa from London, where he will be a guest at the wedding of Prince Charles.

Credit Union Benefits Available

You and your family are eligible to belong to the credit union associated with the Polynesian Cultural Center. What is a credit union? A credit union is a group of people sharing a common bond of association who save together to make low cost loans to each other from the accumulated funds. The combined savings deposited by each member becomes the source of funds for the credit union. Each credit union is an individual no-profit organization supervised by either federal or state government. It is owned and operated by its members and services only its members.

Who may join the credit union?

1. Only full-time employees (30 hours a week on up.
2. Full-time employee who has been working at least 1 year.
3. Resident of Hawaii and not a member of another credit union.
4. Members of eligible employees families.

How do you join? You may join by completing a membership card, depositing a minimum of \$5.00 into your savings account, and paying a one-time membership fee of \$1.00

Polynesian Cultural Center is providing you the benefit of Payroll Deduction. You may authorize your company to deduct funds from your paycheck to send to the credit union.

There are savings, insurance and loan programs available through the credit union. For more information contact the Personnel Department.

Update

This publication is printed as a service to Polynesian Cultural Center Employees each Friday. Your comments, criticisms and ideas are welcome. Please contact Vernice Pere at 3012 or Loni Manning at 3041.

The Employee Update is printed by the PCC Graphics Department.

Two Women Win Cash Prizes

Two Laie writers have won top prizes in a national contest sponsored by the Center for Christian Values in Literature at BYU in Provo. Rubina Forester has placed first in the Personal Essay category with a sensitive and moving story of her childhood experience in Samoa. Titled "The Waiting Place", the essay explores a year in her life during which her family lived with their grandfather and an aunt in Samoa while awaiting immigration to New Zealand. The personal relationships within the family are seen through the eyes of the child and the unique way of life that is Samoa.

Rubina is the recipient of a \$300 prize along with the recognition of her writing. In addition, Vernice Pere, Update Editor, has won second place

in the Poetry section of the same contest. The recipient of a \$100 prize, Vernice's entry was a five-sectioned poem called "Passage" which also explores the themes of childhood and culture, this time in the Maori Pa of Porirua, New Zealand. Both writers entered the contest in an attempt to express to the wider community something of the unique heritage and way of life that Pacific peoples share.

Over 300 entries were received by the contest organizers, who commented that the quality of the writing submitted was excellent. Many top writers, both LDS and non LDS submitted work, and it is significant that while entries came from across the nation, little Laie capture two of the top prizes! To Rubina and Vernice we say "Na heke o napua!"

Elder Marvin J. Ashton Prays

Community members were urged to put the new facilities of the Activities Center and Administration Building to good use by Elder Marvin J. Ashton at this past week's dedicatory ceremony.

"See to it that this building is used, not allowed to stay empty," he advised the crowd of members, Stake and Ward leaders, missionaries, and students who gathered in the Activities Center. He suggested multi-stake road shows, athletic events, and all other activities that can be used for improving lives such as cultural events, displays, and music and drama.

In the prayer Elder Ashton dedicated the buildings in total to the cause of righteousness, and asked that the spirit of honor, integrity, and good sportsmanship would prevail over all events and work performed therein. He prayed for unity and cooperation in all things, that the buildings might be an ensign of strength and character in the community.

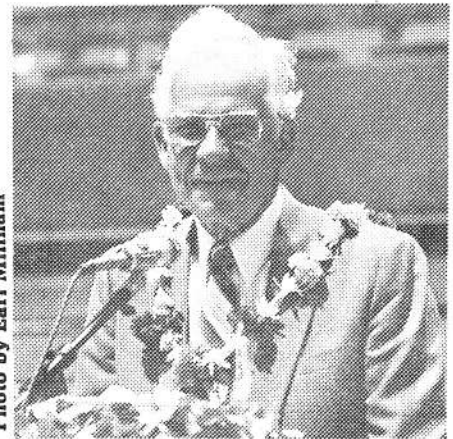


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Test Your Health I.Q.

The time for our health week is here again!

The days are July 28th, 29th, and 30th, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Come celebrate good health with us and make this a profitable week for all.

Our Schedule Is As Follows

July 28th - Cancer Day

July 29th - Blood Drive Day

July 30th - Heart Day

Sorry, We Goofed!!

An apology to Update readers for the confusing headlines in the dedication story last week. The Activities Center and Administration Building names were transposed. Please note that the correct names are: George Q. Cannon Activities Center, and Lorenzo Snow Administration Building.

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"Children, we are the pioneers of this country, ... we established the first printing press in every state from here to the Pacific Ocean, and we were the first to establish good schools; we were the first to plant out orchards and to improve the desert country, making it like the Garden of Eden."

Brigham Young 19:60

So said President Brigham Young of the early saints who walked out of the mountains down Immigration Canyon into the valley of the Great Salt Lake. He raised himself from his sick-bed to gaze from the wagon at the wide, flat, dry land which lay at the base of the Wasatch mountains. There is no doubt that he carried in his mind the vision of the place to which he must lead the Church, and the first sight of the valley matched this vision so that his announcement that "This is the place" was not so much prophecy as affirmation of the vision.

He could say no less. Today is Pioneer Day in 1981. LDS communities throughout the mainland will celebrate the heritage they have received from the men and women and children who followed a prophet of the Lord towards the establishment of His world church.

We have had our own pioneers in the Pacific. They have been good people who were willing to give up the ease of the comfortable life to suffer the indignities of persecution and hardship for a gospel they believed in. In many cases they also gave up cultural traditions and family ties to become not Tongan, nor Maori, nor Samoan, but *saint - Latter Day Saint*.

In 1981 we need not think that pioneering within this gospel and our community is over with. Demands will yet be made upon us as we enter new lands to teach the gospel and as we explore new ways to accomplish the Lord's purposes in our time and place.

Brigham Young's reminder of the saints' energy and foresight in establishing schools and publishing houses also reminds us that in the carrying out of the Lord's work, we are limited only by our vision. We can be pioneers in our own right as we seek to use creativity in fulfilling our assignments in our Pacific world.

As we do so, it would be well to keep in mind the humility and honesty of President Young's example, for he constantly acknowledged the hand of the Lord in the affairs and destiny of the Church in his time:

"I do not wish men to understand I had anything to do with our being moved here, that was the providence of the Almighty; it was the power of God that wrought out salvation for this people, I never could have devised such a plan."

It is still only a matter of hours since Elder Gordon B. Hinckley was called to the First Presidency of the Church. In announcements such as these we observe that daily we are part of history-making events not unlike those pioneers we honor today. May we conduct our lives with as much strength of character and testimony as they.

BYU-HC Calendar

Friday, July 24th

SA Activity
9:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 25th

Movie
The Attack of the Killer Tomatoes
6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Auditorium

Sunday, July 16th

Stake Fireside
Auditorium

Wednesday, July 29th

Movie
On a Clear Day You can see Forever
6:30 and 9:30 p.m. Auditorium

Thursday Nite Special

Talent Show

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For further information
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