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Polynesian Cultural Center
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Thursday Nite Special

Russian Ballerinas to Goliath

You may ask, "What is the attraction of a Thursday Nite Amateur Hour?" The overhead appearance of a flashing pink and green spaceship to the music of Star Wars, 2001, and Superman would be enough. But there was more, much more!!

Some 20 musicians, comedians and dancers brought the old theatre alive again with talent and entertainment that rival and in some instances even surpass the most popular Waikiki shows.

Spectators ranging from babies to grandmothers could find something to their liking in this show. You could dream to the clear notes of tenor Darren Nihipali or bounce to the polkas of accordion player Mark Woolsey. There was rock bands, modern dance, solo vocalists, Hawaiian traditionalists and scripture stories. Scripture stories you say?? Comedian Miller Soliai did his impression of David slaying Goliath, a bit fractured but very laughable.

Performers as well as spectators ranged in age and circumstance from



Dancers finish with a big applause from audience in last weeks Thursday Nite Special.

young Lori Scott singing 'Rainbow Connection' to Auntie Sally dancing the Maile Lei Hula. And don't forget baton twirler Bob Cummins or well known Laie Country Singers headed by Center employee Ester Arp.

The highlight of the evening was stolen by Justin Uale and Aaron Tufaga with their impression of Russian ballerinas that ended in a not

so graceful leap into the lagoon.

This was the third Thursday Nite Special coordinated by Jack Uale, Albert Peters, and Greg Tata for the purpose of giving opportunities to all those who would like to perform and share their talents. It is a great opportunity for performers and audience that we hope will continue. Watch for details on the next Special.

Concessions Business Booming

"I've never seen that building before!!!" Center employees are saying that as they turn to take a double look at the new concessions booth near the Tongan Village. One day there was just a big open space, the next day a beautiful new booth complete with snacks, drinks, delights and two smiling cashiers to serve you.

According to Concessions and

Deelights Manager Roland Logan, this is just the first of a total of five permanent structures that will be strategically placed around the village areas. The new booth opened during the week of July 24th and two more are presently under construction. Until the other booths are finished the six rolling carts will continue to be used.

Along with the new booth a new

concession item will be introduced: banana cake. Their regular menu includes nuts, candy, sodas, and pineapple deelight, which are enjoyed daily by over 3500 people. The great attraction of the concessions department is the pineapple deelight, a half pineapple filled with ice cream, of which approximately 1500 are sold daily, accounting for

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Stake Swim Meet

Laie Soaked In Big Waves!!

Center families were involved last Saturday in the Laie Stake Swim Meet held at the BYU-HC pool. Age groups from 12 year olds to 50 and over butterflyed, crawled, and back-stroked in a day filled with excitement as nine wards participated in both individual and relay events.

The highlight of the day was certainly the Bishops' tube race, in which ward bishoprics raced in a relay event by paddling the length of the pool in inflated inner tubes. Some bishoprics had difficulty staying afloat, and others provided spectators with laughs as they inadvertently tipped out in mid-pool. The Stake Presidency team came in a respectful second in one heat as President Cravens used a unique short stroke to paddle his way down-pool.



Timers and crowds cheer on their favorite swimmers.

Laie Sixth Ward took top points in the event, and many Center employees will go on to this Saturday's

regionals representing Laie Stake against others in Hawaii. We wish them well and much speed

New Faces

The Waikiki Sales and Marketing office has more than a new look, it has many new faces as well.

Newcomers to the Waikiki team include executive secretary Christina Aldanese who was recently an executive secretary for the Sales and Marketing Office at the Pacific Beach Hotel. Christina's husband is a flight attendant for Pan Am and they are members of the Kaneohe II Ward. Christina graduated from Leeward Community College in secretarial science after high school at Radford, but spent much of her childhood in the mainland due to the military status of her father.

Anna Homer is the new ticket office supervisor along with Bode Uale who is a 2nd year law student at U of H. Anna is a 1980 graduate of BYU-HC in Travel Industry Management. Anna was born in Korea but spent much of her childhood in Eugene, Oregon.

Other new faces are familiar to the Center such as that of Billie Davis former VIP guide who is now

Watch for details and photos on Samoan Cultural Day in next weeks issue.

working as an account executive. Bill served a mission for the Church in Japan and later attended BYU-HC where he recently graduated in Travel Industry Management. His wife is still attending school at BYU-HC. Billie is originally from the island of Molokai.

Tagi Faumuina is now working at the Waikiki ticket office as well as performing for the Night Show. Other new ticket office employees are Lei Fukino and her sister Reiko Pokipala who is the wife of Haili Pokipala, account executive for the Center.

And last but certainly not least is Willie Bucasas who also works at the PCC Prop. Inc. Travel Service. Willie is working at the Waikiki Office in connection with the travel services.

We welcome these new faces to the Center.

PALANI VAUGHAN

September 5, 1981

8:00 p.m.

Cannon Activities Center
Brigham Young University-Hawaii
Laie, Hawaii

Reserved Seating \$8.00

General \$5.00

Students w/I.D. \$3.50

Children under 12 \$3.50

For ticket information please call 293-3759

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.

Travel Winners Announced

Nearly 600 people visited the Open House hosted by PCC Properties, Inc. Travel Service last weekend in a two day celebration complete with refreshments balloons and door prizes.

Several Center employees and community members were winners in the door prize drawing held Saturday afternoon at the closing of the Open House. Winners include: Trip to Maui for two-Duane Johnston of the Reservations office; a travel bag-Iraani Bridges of the Business office; monkey pod carvings-John Muaina, the Personnel Manager and Dana Pere of Reservations. A box of candy each was won by Foita Muave and Avangelina Aguares.

Travel Service Manager Finau Pilimai feels that it was a very successful open house in that the people of BYU, PCC and the community are more aware of our presence and services available.

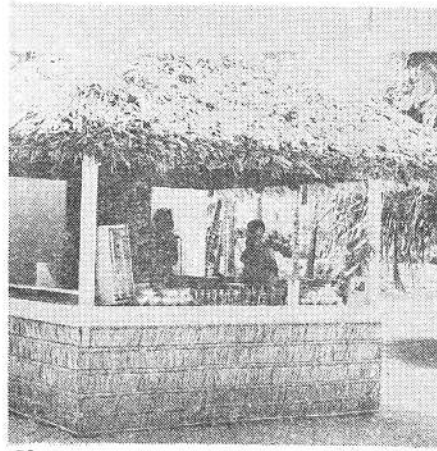
Many open house visitors took the opportunity to inquire about travel arrangements that they will be needing soon.

Plans are in the making to build three sitdown ticket counters in the new office to meet customers needs more quickly and efficiently.

Manager Pilimai also announced the tentative date of October for a Grand Opening Celebration.



Willie Bucasas and Manager Finau Pilimai.



Sharon Johnson and Piilani Kamacho smile as they work in their shady spot to get ready for hungry visitors.

Get Ready And Go!!

The Laie Hawaii Stake will be sponsoring a Family Preparedness Fair on Monday, August 31st from 5-9 p.m. in the Laie Stake Center.

Presentations and demonstrations will be given on many exciting and practical topics that include: home production and storage, budgeting, emergency procedures, family music and recreation, career development, and achieving success in marriage.

FREE MOVIES & GAMES for keikis.

Demonstration materials, gardening starts and refreshments will be sold at a small cost.

There is something for everyone so bring the whole family. It's a Family Affair!!!! See you there!!!



Guide Hisako Otani helps VIP Mrs. Paul Tso pick out gifts for her friends in Shop Polynesia.

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the consumption of 750 pineapples and some 300 gallons of ice cream.

Manager Logan has been heading the 34 person dept. for 2 years and says this about his very busy staff, "Business is good because the workers have done a very fine job. I want them to know how much I appreciate their work."

Do workers ever get to eat the leftovers? When asked this question, Sharon Johnson and Piilani Kamacho replied, "We wish!!" In actuality workers do get some of the benefits of working with concessions in that on sell out days workers are rewarded with snacks and for special occasions and honors 'candy' leis are given. As you walk around the Center keep your eyes open for new booths and don't forget to try their new banana cake.

Discount Offered

The Kau Kau Kitchen will be announcing an increase in prices effective August 10th. However, for employees only, they will be offering a discount on all food items upon presentation of PCC I.D. The discount will also be effective on August 10th.

ATTENTION USE OF BYU-HC FACILITIES STARTING AUGUST 10, 1981 ALL FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS and COMMUNITY

1. Each person must have the following from the Student Association or PCC:

- A. Up-to-date BYU-HC I.D.
- B. Up-to-date PCC I.D.
- C. Up-to-date Guest I.D.

They must leave this I.D. Card in the P.E. Cage while using the facility.

2. Everyone must pay \$2.00 for the P.E. fee for August.

3. Dress wear must be the BYU-HC uniforms for both men and women - to be obtained at the P.E. cage window before play and returned after play.

ANYONE NOT ABIDING BY THE ABOVE RULES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN ANY P.E. FACILITIES

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We have just honored an important guest in the Center in traditional Polynesian fashion. Included in that tradition was the principle of gift-giving. Throughout Polynesia, traditional gift-giving is a vital part of social exchange. One treats a guest with respect by giving him of the resources of the tribe or village. Rare and beautiful gifts of great value are kept and treasured and given away when appropriate and when deep respect is to be paid to an individual.

The event provoked thought on the giving of gifts. Sometimes we give gifts out of a sense of duty, or because it is expected of us, or because, by some measurement of time or purpose, we are informed that the giving of gifts is in order. In this manner we wait for Christmas to convey the gifts of love, of peace and brotherhood to those around us. We measure our gift-giving by birthdays and anniversaries, and dates that honor mothers and fathers.

Then too, sometimes we think that the value of our gifts is measured by the price-tags attached to them, and worse than that, sometimes we attach our own price-tag to a kind word, a good deed, or a favor. Then we think that others owe us something, as if there is a built-in reciprocity attached to all our giving.

Someone has said that the best gifts are given freely. Certainly, we know how delighted we feel to receive an unexpected gift that is as appropriate as it is unsolicited, and which is free of any strings attached. Such gifts are usually simple and can even be of little value in the world of dollars and cents. A note of encouragement, a flower lei, a fresh ripe mango, a special hello are all entirely appropriate to a non-occasion, and all reveal a sensitivity to others' needs that is itself a rare gift.

Scripture tells us that we should seek the best gifts in life. We are also told that all of us have spiritual gifts of differing qualities and that we should live in order to retain these things in our individual lives. Thinking on this, the question arises as to when a gift becomes a gift. Is a thing a gift unless it is given away? Is it possible to own the gift of healing without offering it to another? Can one be endowed with the gift of tongues without involving others as recipients of that gift?

It seems, somehow, as if there are certain responsibilities that go with gifts. Here in the Center we have an opportunity to give gifts daily to individuals from around the world. I sense the need to keep in mind that since it is the Church which sponsors this great Center, it is also the Church that is the actual giver of gifts to guests who come among us.

It is our responsibility to ensure that our guests know this,-- that we who work here merely bear the gifts and wish to do so graciously and in a manner that reflects our religious truth. And in all our gift-giving, we need to keep in mind that the greatest gift we can offer another is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It costs very little but blesses abundantly, and our offering it to others becomes, in one sense, a gift we return to God.

BYU-HC Calendar

Friday, August 7th

Silver Streak Disco
Aloha Center Ballroom; 9:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 8th

Movie: "Robin and Marion"
Auditorium; 6:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11th

Chinese Club Double Feature
Movie to be announced

Wednesday, August 12th

SA Wednesday Movie

Thursday, August 13th

Club Night

Friday, August 14th

Ward Night

Disney Festival

BYU-HC Bayanihan Club
presents
WALT DISNEY FESTIVAL
Tues. August 18, 1981
Showings at 5:30 & 9:00 p.m.
Auditorium

Coming Soon

The Personnel Department presents for your viewing pleasure, August 14th Friday, a free movie - "The Little Rascals" followed by "Trinity Is Still My Name". Showtime will be 7:30 p.m. in the Old Theater. Your PCC I.D. will be your admission for you and your family or friends.