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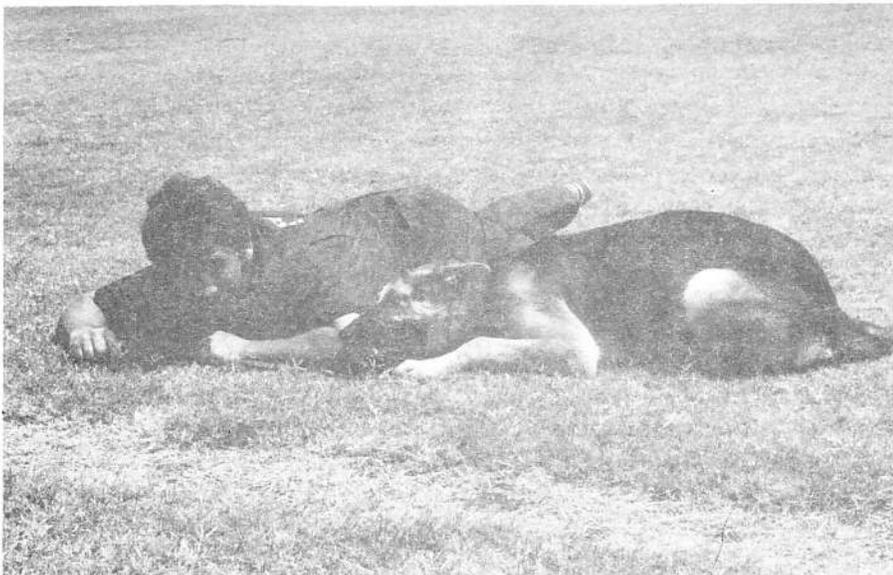
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Krash Kealoha (with glasses), station manager and disc jockey at KCCN, shared his aloha with several of our canoe pageant performers last Thursday.

Security finding out it's a dog's world



No, security officer Don Sibbett really doesn't think he's a member of the canine family. He and Duke are demonstrating one of the exercises that will help make them a cohesive team for night patrol duty at PCC. See page 2 for more on Security's latest recruits.

July 28-August 3 was "Aloha Week" KCCN Radio-style, and PCC was able to get a friendly taste of it last Thursday. (KCCN, 1420 on the AM dial, is the only all-Hawaiian music station in the islands.)

Personally passing the aloha spirit on to 100,000 people via smiles, handshakes and chit-chat during that seven-day stretch was the goal of KCCN's disc jockeys.

In the three hours they spent at PCC on Thursday, Krash Kealoha, Kimo Kahoano, Iaukea Bright and Braddah Kele were able to share their aloha with more than 900 people -- visitors and employees alike.

According to Linelle Mathre, KCCN's promotions director, the final tally of aloha greetings made by the DJs during the week was more than 110,000. The KCCN group also chalked up alohas at Queen's Hospital, the State Capitol, City Hall, the Aloha Stadium Flea

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...and mahalo

Also sharing their aloha last Thursday were 129 PCC employees who participated in the Blood Bank of Hawaii's all-day drive at the Center.

According to First Aid Supervisor Tele Hill, PCC donors contributed a total of 97 pints to the Blood Bank that day. "Everything went smoothly," Tele said. "I want to thank all the donors who contributed to the Blood Bank. Everyone was just super!"

Cultural Center literally to go to the dogs

Sometime in the next few weeks, PCC will be literally going to the dogs.

Four German Shepherds are currently being trained for guard duty by Rick Ashton of our Security Department. Rick, a retired Air Force officer, had extensive experience working with watchdogs while in the service.

When their training is completed, the dogs will accompany night security patrols at PCC. According to Bart Chickering, chief of Security, it is hoped that they will be a deterrent to after-hour trespassers and burglaries at the Center.

"The animals are being given obedience training first," Bart said. "After that, they will be taught how to defend their master or trainer. This discipline, along with their already keener sense of vision and smell, will be a great help, for example, in tracking down someone who's hiding in the shadows after closing hours at the Center."

The rigorous training sessions are being held weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on BYU--H's rugby field. Three of the dogs have been "teamed up" with an officer from our Security Department, who is training the animal under Rick Ashton's direction.

Tevita Muai has been teamed up with Tiny, Don Sibbett with Duke and Jimmy Mapu with Max. Rick Ashton is working with Jaws. The teams are well into their third week of training, and Bart predicts that they will be ready for duty in about a month.

Free movie

"El Cid," starring Charlton Heston and Sophia Loren, will be the featured movie tonight at 7:30 p.m. in PCC's old theater. There will be no admission charge, and you're welcome to invite your friends and family.

One important reminder -- in order for you and your guests to enter the theater, you must show your PCC identification card.



Taking a break during a recent training session are (from left) Bart Chickering, Don Sibbett with Duke, Tigi Tapusoa with Tiny, Jimmy Mapu with Max and Rick Ashton with Jaws. Tigi will be working with Tiny until Tevita Muai returns from vacation.

Peres off to World Conference on Records

Baden and Vernice Pere of our Cultural Education Department have been invited to participate in the Second World Conference on Records sponsored by the Mormon Church. The conference will be held at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, Utah, from August 12-16, with participants coming from Asia, Europe, the Pacific, North and South America, and other areas around the globe.

The focus of the conference is on cultural heritage, genealogy and history. It will feature presentations on such diverse topics as Ireland's Great Potato Famine, a look at a Scandinavian soldier's life and the effect of historical events on the American family.

Vernice, a researcher and writer in our Cultural Education Department, will present two papers at the conference. One will be on legends, "tapus" (laws) and myths, and their effect on family life in the Pacific. The other discusses the line of chiefs throughout Maori history.

Cultural Education Director Baden Pere will present a research project he completed on Maori "huis" or gatherings. He also will participate in a panel discussion on Land Tenure throughout the Pacific.

Other speakers during the five-day conference include noted author

Alex Haley, who traced his family's genealogy in the widely-acclaimed "Roots;" Olive Osmond, matriarch of the famous Osmond family performing group; and President Spencer W. Kimball, head of the Mormon Church.

KCCN spreads spirit of aloha

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Market, the Kam Drive-In Swap Meet, Hickam Air Force Base and Hawaiian Electric, among many other places.

The event culminated on Sunday night with an Aloha Concert at Honolulu Zoo featuring such popular island performers as Frank DeLima, Jon and Randy, Genoa Keawe and the Makaha Sons of Niihau.

"We wanted it to become an 'aloha pyramid,'" said Krash Kealoha, KCCN's station manager. "We figured if everyone we passed aloha to would in turn pass it on to two other people, we'd end up with 300,000 happier people."

How true that is! Let's remember to extend our hand of friendship to all of our visitors. Where would be a better place to spread aloha than at PCC, where that spirit is our way of life.