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Polynesian Cultural Center

## New Demonstration in Hawaiian Village



Hiva Lua makes an upena paipai in the Hawaiian Village.

Hiva Lua has retired from the Honolulu City & County Fire Department, and is now a Center employee. A Laie resident, he does a lot of fishing in his spare time, and has learned Samoan and Tongan fishing techniques as well as his own Hawaiian. He remembers that during his younger days he used to catch large fish in Laie waters, but there are none remaining now.

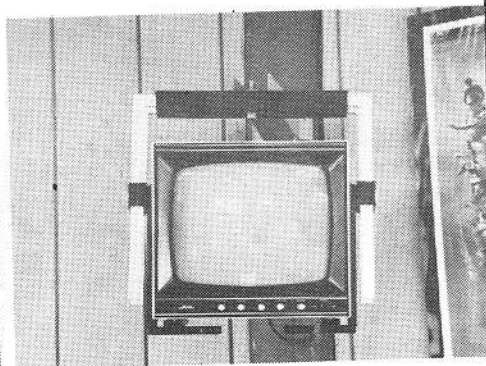
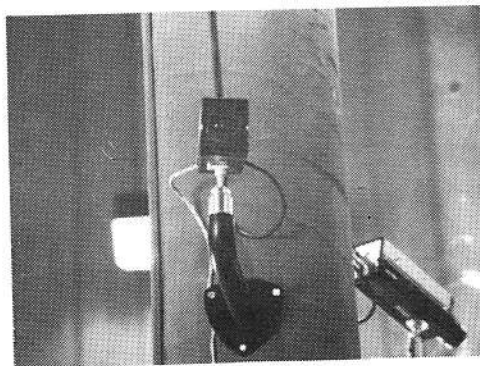
Brother Lua works in the Hawaiian Village as an upena maker. He hopes to encourage younger Hawaiians to learn the craft.

## “Candid Camera” now a Shop Polynesia feature

Shop Polynesia has now joined other commercial establishments in Hawaii by installing t.v cameras and a monitor to aid in store security.

Manager Alice Logan is glad to have the new equipment, noting that it was to have been installed some time ago but has just now arrived.

Maybe the Shop staff can figure how to get “Magnum P.I” when business gets slow!



## NEWS

## BYUH Faculty Enjoy Cultural Feast

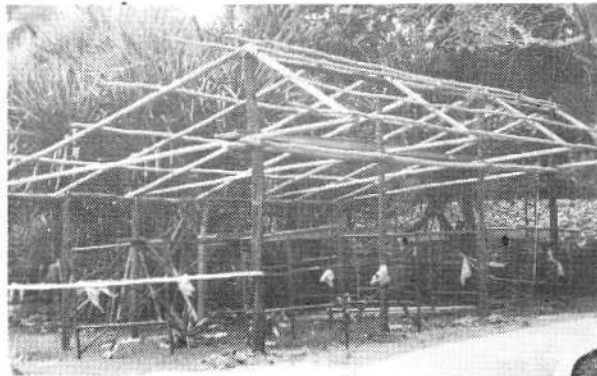
Center General Manager William Cravens hosted the entire BYUH faculty last night at a Tongan Kava Ceremony and a Luau. It was PCC's annual welcome to both the old and new university faculty.

The General Manager shared with the faculty his hope that they would seek the spirit of Polynesia, revealing that it may be found in humility, courtesy, and the respect that is common to all cultures.

The Kava Ceremony, presided over by Chief Alamoti Taumoepeau of the Tongan Village was a unique experience for many of the new faculty members, and a good introduction to ceremonies important to Polynesia. The Luau was held in the Marquesan Tohu, and presented a variety of foods prepared especially by the Gateway Restaurant and Food Services staff. The evening was typically Polynesian as a generous mix of food and fun was enjoyed by all.



William H. Cravens, Center General Manager.



## Center Employee in the News



## Carvers Move to Villages

The popular Carvers have been moved to locations within the villages. Tourists who formerly enjoyed stopping by the Carvers' hut to watch Barney Christy and his boys prepare weapons, large art pieces, canoes, etc., will now be able to see carving in each village as it is appropriate.

Shown here is a group in the temporary display area in the Maori Village, and the framework of a new shelter that will eventually house the Maori carvers.

Shop Polynesia's very own Nalani Redira is making quite a name for herself in the theatrical world. She recently auditioned and made the windward production of "Mame", a role she had with the Long Beach Civic Light Opera company. Nalani comes to us from Disneyland with a strong musical and dance background, having performed in many productions from Godspell to Pippin.

Aug 25 marked Nalani's debut with the Jazz Factory Dance Company (She was the only one chosen from a final field of 20), performing at the Hilton Hawaiian Village for the Aloha Airlines promotional spectacular.

# NEWS

## Employees of the Month



**Lloyd Schmid**



**Peter Johnson**

Cultural Orientation Employees of the Month for June and July are Peter Johnson and Lloyd Schmid.

Peter, from Maui, is a Junior majoring in Hotel and Restaurant Management. He comments that it's great meeting new people: "I'm enjoying my job because it's giving me an opportunity to talk to people and also to let them know about my culture."

Lloyd, from Delaware, is a Junior majoring in Industrial Art Education. He enjoys showing people around the Center, and comments: "It's fun to work in the rain, -- it's not one of the worst things to do!"

Peter is part of the Canoe Tours team, while Lloyd is a Tour Guide.

### *Whiz Quiz*

Is it possible to place ten baseballs in three straight lines, each of which has four baseballs?

It can be done and this suggestion should help: The three straight lines need not necessarily be vertical or horizontal.

**ANSWER**

See diagram on back page.

## Introducing:



**Elder  
Robert L. Backman**

Elder Robert LeGrand Backman has been a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy since April 1, 1978.

At the time of his call to full-time Church service, he was a member of Backman, Clark, and Marsh, a Salt Lake City law firm.

As a young man he served in the Northern States Mission, and in World War II he served in New Guinea, the Philippines, and Japan.

He married Virginia Pickett of Salt Lake City on July 5, 1941 and they are the parents of seven daughters. In 1949 he graduated from the University of Utah Law School.

He has served as counselor in the General Superintendency of the YMMIA, president of the Northwestern States Mission, counselor of the Salt Lake Parley's Stake Presidency, member of a bishopric and sealer in the Salt Lake Temple.

He also served two terms in the Utah House of Representatives.



# NEWS

## New Graphics Employee

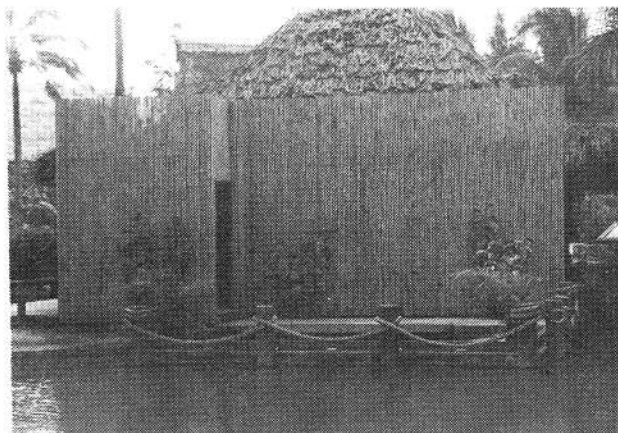


Joan Melim

Meet Joan Melim, the Graphics Department's new full-time secretary. The wife of Bruce Melim of the Cultural Orientation Department, Joan has lived in Laie since March of this year. She comes from Douglas Flat, California. She enjoys everything about her job and Hawaii (excluding the roaches.)

Departments are notified that all Graphics work orders should come to Joan from now on. We welcome her to PCC.

## New Look on Lagoon



An attractive stage area has been built on the lagoon for the first section narrators in the Canoe Pageant. Resembling a pier, heavy ropes and pot plants front the stage and a high bamboo backdrop now hides the bathrooms that used to be the center of attention during the pageant.

## Cultural Research Corner:

By Ed Kamauoha

### DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

The Kahili, or feathered staff of state was originally nearly 30 feet in height? The upper parts of each kahili was made of scarlet feathers beautifully arranged and attached to form cylinders 15 or 18 inches in diameter and 12 or 14 feet long. The lower part or handle was covered with alternate rings of tortoise shell and ivory, and highly polished. A pair of unusual kahili was presented to Queen Emma on January 2, 1993 as a birthday present from the women of Wailuku, Maui. This pair was made with sugar cane tips on plain poles 12 feet high. Today kahili are much smaller, reaching heights between 10 and 14 feet.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

The first town in Fiji was Vatu?

### DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

Ratu Cakabau's real name was Ratu Seru? He received the name "Cakabau" because of his prowess, just as certain letters are given to heroes who have performed feats worthy of honor in exploration or war.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

In 1643, Abel Jansen Tasman, of Holland, discovered Fiji but that he did not anchor at any island in Fiji? He sailed and anchored instead at an island which he named after himself: Tasmania, Australia.

### Whiz Quiz Answer

The diagram below proves it is possible to place ten baseballs in three straight lines.



## Penpal Wanted

If any employee is interested in corresponding with a penpal, Miss Shannon Jones of Natal, South Africa, is looking for someone to write to in Hawaii. She is a member of the Natal Stake of the Church, is 23 years old, and her address is:

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Woodlands,  
DURBAN 4001,  
Natal,  
Republic of South Africa.