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Polynesian Cultural Center

FEATURE: Welcome Back To

School



Photo by Loni Manning

Anxious students press towards the registrars office windows hopeful of getting into needed classes this semester. This years enrollment will be a record high at over 1900 students.

It's the beginning of a new year if you measure it academically, and we welcome back to the Center those students who summered elsewhere. The influx of new faces among BYU-HC faculty and staff in our community is more than matched by new student faces, many of whom will be joining the Center staff.

As always, their enthusiasm for the work and natural ability to make friends of our guests will be welcome. We extend a warm ALOHA to them.

Cooperative Education

Earn While You Learn

Cooperative Education is an educational service that the Center provides to BYU students. It was organized in an effort to help students become more employable upon graduation from the University.

Surveys, have indicated that many students who have had a related work experience in addition to their degree are more likely to be hired. The Cultural Center, therefore, provides a work experience when possible, which will coincide with the students major field of study.

It is possible, in this program, to earn up to 12 credit hours, which in

most cases, will count towards your graduation requirements.

At PCC we now have many students who are participating in this fully accredited program in which they are gaining valuable experience towards their future careers.

Students interested in this program should contact either Calley Haneberg, BYU ext 3526, or Bill Harris, PCC ext 3069.

In this age of economic uncertainty where jobs are at a premium, help yourself by looking into this program that could make your education more relevant to the world of work.

Kimball Ailing

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Mormon Church President Spencer W. Kimball remains in satisfactory condition at LDS Hospital, where he underwent a successful operation Saturday morning to remove blood and scar tissue from beneath his skull.

Church spokesman Jerry Cahill said that after the 2½-hour operation, doctors said they expected to keep the 86-year-old church leader in the hospital's intensive care unit for 48 to 72 hours. Kimball was expected to remain hospitalized for two weeks.

Kimball, leader of the 4½-million Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was visited Sunday by his wife, Camilla. Kimball was not in pain and was recovering well from the operation.

CENTER & COMMUNITY NEWS

Presidents Wife To Dance

A new youth class in tap dancing begins September 9 on the Brigham Young University - Hawaii Campus.

Boys and girls ages 9 to 12 may sign up for the class, which will teach basic fundamentals of tap dancing and tap routines. The class will run from September 9 to December 16 on Wednesdays from 3.00 to 5.00 pm in the BYU Ballroom.

Instructor of the class will be Maxine Cameron, who has had years of experience in teaching tap and creative

dance to children. She has studied dance under the late Virginia Tanner of the University of Utah, a pioneer in children's creative dance.

Cost of this non-credit class is \$20. Tap shoes will be required by those who register for the class.

For further information and registration, interested persons should visit the Division of Continuing Education, located in the new administration building, or call 293-3780.



No this is not one of Sister Camerons dance students, he is her grandson and he needs more practice walking before he gets into tap dance!!

Playing Musical Chairs

Three departments have changed location in the Center: Security, Safety, and First Aid (previously mentioned in last week's paper.)

All three of these vital departments are now located in the old administration building across the lagoon from the Main Theater.

The Safety Department is in the former office of Carl Fonoimoana and the new extension is 3019.

The Security Department now fills the old payroll office and their new sign posted to identify Security also indicates their location. Security guards are on duty 24 hours a day and may be contacted night or day by calling ext. 3094 or 3078.

Also relocated in the same building is the First Aid Dept. with ext. 3016, 17, & 18.

Village Operations announces that their department has had their phone reconnected and the new extensions are as follows:

3141 -- Village Operations (Vendy Oura)

3140 -- Time keepers, chiefs, and village supervisors.

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ATTENTION New Employees

The Personnel Department would like to announce Orientation Sessions for all new full and part-time PCC employees to be held each Thursday at 1.30 pm in the Personnel Office, New Administration Building.

The objective of the sessions is to explain the purpose and operation of the Cultural Center to new workers and to inform them of their benefits and opportunities as Center workers. The films "Aloha Experiment", and "The Polynesians" will be shown, after which one-day complimentary tickets will be issued to new employees.

Go Forth To Serve

Shop Polynesia supervisor Grace Dinsbach will be leaving the Center this Friday for her mission in the Salt Lake City South Mission. Grace will fly out of Honolulu to California on the 17th to visit with her family until she enters the MTC in Provo on Oct.1st. Grace has been a very valued employee in her work with Manager Alice Logan and has been a true friend to all those who know her. Good luck Grace! And Aloha!!!

Five Photographers' Focus

If you missed the visit of Malietoa, head of State of Western Samoa, come and see the photo display depicting the Samoan Cultural Day activities. An exhibit of black and white and color photos is currently on display in the PCC lounge on the second floor of the new Administration Building.

Employees may order 8x10 copies of photographs in the Malietoa exhibit by taking the number of the photograph to the PCC Business Office. Color prints will cost \$5.00 each, and black and white prints will be \$3.00 each.

Samoan Cultural Day will be Tues. Sept. 15th in the Samoan Village.

The crew from the national television show, PM Magazine, will be in the Center filming a documentary on Thursday, Sept. 17th to be aired on their Washington D.C. program.

PCC Prop., Inc. Travel Service has extended their hours to: Monday - Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. for your convenience.

EMPLOYEE NEWS

Employees Of The Month

The Cultural Orientation Dept. would like to announce their Employees of the Month for July and August.

Lloyd Schmidt was chosen as the outstanding employee for July. Trainer Grace Edmonds comments, 'Part of the reason Lloyd was chosen is because he is a perfectionist, if someone asks him to do something he does it and does it well. When he is on the job, he is really on the job.'

Lloyd has been working at PCC for about a year and is presently working as a VIP guide, his second language being Japanese. He feels that his success at work comes from the fact that he knows how to work in all the different areas of his department and readily volunteers when help is needed. As a VIP guide Lloyd has had the opportunity to meet many important and influential people and says this about his experiences, 'I have learned to deal with important people, to be tactful and to be sensitive to their needs'. He also feels that his work has helped him to think on his feet and to solve problems under pressure.

He works primarily with Japanese tourists, which he feels has helped him to become more fluent in the formal (polite) Japanese. Lloyd lived in Japan during his high school years where he met his wife Mie. Neither were members of the Church at that time. Later they were each converted to the Gospel and Lloyd again returned to Japan to serve a full-time mission after which Lloyd and Mie were married. They are now the parents on one son and are expecting another baby soon.

Congratulations to Lloyd whose overall philosophy seems to be, 'Close the credibility gap by knowing what you are talking about and treat everyone you meet like a VIP!!!'

Stanley Yau has been chosen as the outstanding employee for the month of August. Stanley is a mandarin



Stanley Yau

speaking VIP guide who also speaks cantonese and other chinese dialects as well as English and a bit of Japanese.

His fellow workers and supervisor say that Stanley is very neat and always tidy, and is an honest worker. Trainer Edmonds commented that she feels he is very much a gentleman and that he always gives his all to his work. When asked why he thought he was chosen as Employee of the Month Stanley remarked, "I work hard, treat the tourists well, and cooperate with other employees."

As a VIP guide Stanley has worked with such people as the Chinese National Gymnastics Team who visited the Center recently, and he has found that no matter who it is if you treat them well they will treat you well.

Stanley is attending school at BYU-HC in the field of Hotel Management and would like to get a second degree in Computer Science as well as a master's degree in business. He feels that working at the Center has helped to bridge the gap between school and society making it easier for him to learn to work with people, a valuable commodity in the work world. After graduation Stanley eventually intends to return to Hong Kong to work in



Lloyd Schmidt

business, help the church grow and be close to his family.

Stanley feels that to be successful at the Center we need to treat people well and smile, more of the 'Aloha Spirit'!!!

Congratulations to an outstanding worker!

Wedding Bells In Orientation

What happens when you get a group of 74 fun people who are nearly all single? Answer: People start getting engaged! That's what happened with Brett Chidester and Keiko Otani both employees of the Cultural Orientation Dept.

Brett has been working at the Center for about two years, since returning home to Laie from his mission in Japan. Keiko is also a return missionary from the Arizona Holbrook Navajo Mission, and is still teaching the gospel as a Laie Tour guide.

Brett and Keiko were married in the Hawaii Temple last Friday, September 4. Congratulations Brett & Keiko!!

EDITORIAL & ENTERTAINMENT

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This week's *U.S. News & World Report* contains a fascinating article that will be of interest to all Latter-Day Saints. Titled "New Finds Cast Fresh Light on the Bible", the article highlights a wave of archaeological discoveries that support the biblical record of events and Old Testament sites.

Of significant interest to us is one discovery called "unsettling" by the article's author. It is a series of inscriptions and pictures from a shrine in the Sinai desert which depict God accompanied by a female goddess. The Israeli expert who deciphered some of the ancient Hebrew is quoted as saying "Two of the pictures may even be Yahweh (Jehovah) and his consort -- a blasphemous concept never before suggested by an archaeological discovery."

In a time when the restored church is being assailed on all sides for belief in not only a Father but a Mother in heaven, it is of great interest to note such archaeological evidence in support of modern revelation.

One other point in the article is of particular interest to Polynesia because of its comment on the oral tradition background of the books of Genesis and Exodus. Enough evidence is being uncovered today to prove them historically true. This is surprising scholars who doubted the veracity of these books "because they were handed down for centuries by word of mouth."

Isn't this exactly the situation in

which Polynesia has remained for two hundred years now? Pacific scholars have rejected Polynesia's oral histories as "myths", preferring to argue over hypotheses of history and routes of migration that could have brought us to where we are today.

Yet the oral traditions persist and describe our ancestor/heroes in their dealings with the gods and their journeyings across an ocean much vaster than the Sinai. The stories of such men and women are well known to us, and their adventures in war and peace and discovery are no less remarkable nor miraculous than Exodus.

To reject our histories "because they were handed down by word of mouth" is to fall into the same trap as the Biblical scholars. Here in the Pacific we can not expect archaeological discoveries to provide the proof of our existence, for the geography of our islands does not allow artifacts centuries of preservation as in the Sinai.

Perhaps we may yet hope for more of a hearing, however, as we present our past in the light of these biblical revelations. Then the sacred truths of genealogy and relationship may stand accepted by those who formerly required their translation into written word before believing.

Hopefully, as new discoveries of old truths the world over come to light, they will serve simply to add to the convictions we already carry in our minds and hearts, -- biblical or cultural.

BYU-HC Calendar

Friday, Sept. 11th

Devotional
Activities Center
10:30 A.M.

Opera - 'Marriage of Figaro'
Auditorium, 8 P.M.

Ward Night

Saturday, Sept. 12th
Movie

'Kramer vs. Kramer'
6:30 & 9:30 P.M.
(I.D. required for 9:30 show)

Womens Volleyball
Activities Center
7:30 P.M.
BYU-Provo vs. BYU-HC

Wednesday, Sept. 16th

Film Classic
'Man of La Mancha'
Auditorium, 6:30 & 9:30 P.M.

Thursday, Sept. 17th
Club Culture Night

Free Movie

Yes, it is FREE MOVIE time again! By courtesy of the Personnel Department, Friday Night, Sept. 11 will be free movie night at PCC featuring an entertaining Walt Disney movie for the whole family.

Bring your friends and family with you by presenting your PCC I.D. at the door.

Classified and Personals

The First Aid Dept. welcomes Tele Hill back from her fun vacation!!

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