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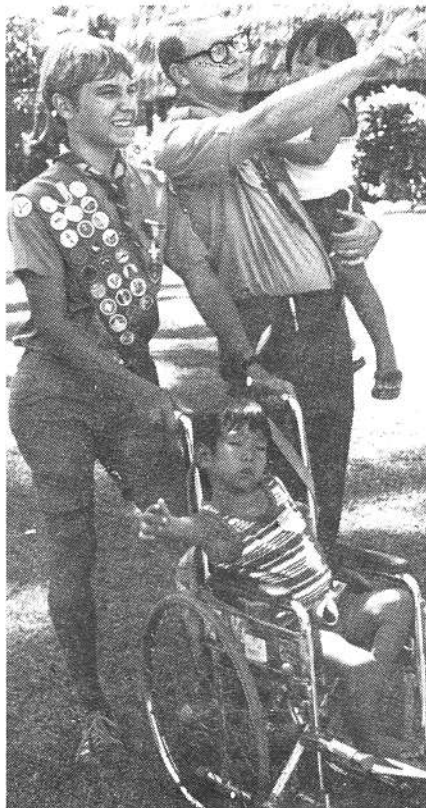
Polynesian Cultural Center

## FEATURE: Scout Guides Handicapped

Blindfolded and with one arm tied behind his back, is how 14 year old Eagle Scout candidate Rodney Miller is earning his merit badge for handicapped awareness. Rodney, a teacher in the Halawa, Hawaii Ward, searched hard to find a project where he could serve the community as well as attain his Eagle Rank this summer. After many phone calls and letters Rodney launched into a project that he felt would be both meaningful and uplifting, and where he could help other children less fortunate than himself and his Scout troop friends.

Rodney contacted the Sultan Easter Seal School for the handicapped in Honolulu and arranged to take 10 of the children on an outing to the church operated Polynesian Cultural Center in Laie.

The needed funds and arrangements for this excursion could have presented an impossible barrier if not for the great faith of Rodney and his family, who worked and prayed together to ensure the last minute details. Tickets were donated by the Polynesian Cultural Center and the Navy offered the use of a bus, which Brother Miller drove after being tested and licensed to operate the vehicle. Seaward Marine Services Inc. of Honolulu offered to finance lunch for the group which was graciously accepted. Rodney convinced his mother to do the shopping and she was amazed when she went to the store and began filling the cart with what she thought they would need for the people involved. When the clerk rang up the bill it was within one cent of her original guess estimate.



Rodney Miller and his scoutmaster point out PCC attractions to handicapped children.

The 10 children from the Easter Seal School are mentally and physically developmentally disabled children who range in age from 3 to 20. The main objective of the school is to deinstitutionalize the children, or keep them out of the institution and in their own homes while still providing social and educational opportunities such as this outing to the Cultural Center. In preparing for this activity, Rodney did more than take care of the arrangements for the actual outing, he wanted to be able to



Rodney learns a new skill, steering a canoe down the lagoon.

understand the children as well. To do this he simulated the experiences of a handicapped person by giving himself a handicap of being blindfolded, using earplugs or having an arm or leg tied back. Rodney says of his experiences, 'I gained some understanding of how people with a handicap must feel trying to do everyday things such as taking out the trash and walking up and down the stairs without seeing.' When asked what it was he wanted to accomplish for the children with this project Rodney explained, 'I wanted to show other people that there are handicapped children and adults in their communities and that they are not lonely unhappy people. Of course I wanted to give the children the chance to see the Cultural Center and get out for a day with others.'

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# CENTER & COMMUNITY NEWS

## Students Learn Customs



**Doubtful new students taste freshly squeezed coconut milk.**

Nearly 200 BYU-HC students toured the Cultural Center last Saturday morning for a new student orientation session. Students were escorted through the villages by guides from the Educational Services

Department. They also took a canoe ride and viewed the 'Music Polynesia' matinee show.

However the main emphasis of this orientation was to acquaint these new arrivals with the history and customs that still have a very important impact on the culture today. In some of these discussions information on modern social and dating practices were explained as well as the differences in manners and behavior of the various cultures, such as what it means to 'raise your eyebrows' at someone.

Educational Services Manager, Baden Pere, feels that new students should have this opportunity for cultural understanding to ensure that their experience here is a happy one both socially and educationally.

There will be another orientation session this Saturday, Sept. 19th at 8:30 a.m. beginning at the BYU Auditorium and proceeding to PCC. All those attending the orientation session will be entitled to one Evening Show Ticket.

## Five Photographers Focus

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.

## Missionaries Perform

Two hundred and twenty former Labor Missionaries from New Zealand will be welcomed in the Maori Village next Wednesday at 10:00a.m. The group is travelling to Salt Lake City to participate in an international reunion of labor missionaries and to attend General Conference.

Billeted by Center families during their week in Hawaii, the group will also perform in the community during their stay.

Their tour will take three weeks in all, and the large group will split up to take in the East Coast, as well as Southern Utah and California. They have trained under Center employee Tommy Taurima, and will present concerts wherever they travel. Their final performance will be in Los Angeles before returning home to New Zealand.

The Labor Missionaries throughout the Pacific remain a vital force in the Church. This particular group worked in the early years of construction of the Church College of New Zealand, and in addition, built hundreds of chapels throughout the country as well as the New Zealand Temple.

We extend a warm Aloha Nui Loa to these faithful and dedicated members from Ao Tea Roa.

## Kokua For Aloha Float

Aloha Week Float Chairman, Alice Logan, would like to have volunteers who are willing to work hard at an all-night decorating session, Sept. 25, to build the PCC float for the Saturday morning parade. Those interested should contact Laura or Jeanie in the Shop Polynesia office. Vans will be scheduled to transport volunteers to and from Pier 10 in Honolulu.

PCC floats have won before, let's do it again!!

## Furniture In Snack Bar

The Makaala Snack Bar would like to announce the sale of used dining lanai table and chair sets. Tables are selling for \$25.00 each. They seat six and have black steel legs and a gold formica top. There are 19 left and going fast. Matching chairs are also available at the price of \$3.50 per chair. These items may be seen and purchased by coming to the Makaala Snack Bar office Monday through Friday only, day-time hours.

So, hurry on over and pick up your set now. Perfect for family parties and luaus!

# NEWS

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This is Rodney's first experience with handicapped children but he says he would like to keep in touch with his new friends and has plans to start a handicapped boy scout troop.

While at the Center, Educational Services Guides, gave the 22 person group a grand tour, including canoe ride, villages and matinee show.

According to Rodney he has learned a great deal from this project.

Most importantly, he has learned that when you are in the service of your fellow man, Heavenly Father makes things possible.

## Spaces On Flight To Salt Lake. . .

Spaces for the General Conference Tour package have been filled. However it is still possible to buy round trip tickets to Salt Lake City for Conference weekend at the price of \$425.08. Tickets may be purchased at the PCC Prop., Inc. Travel Service Office located near the front entrance of the Center.

For your convenience their new hours are: Monday - Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. CALL NOW for all your travel needs.

## General Conference

The 151st Semi-Annual General Conference of the Church will be held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4 with the general sessions each day at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

In areas where only one Sunday session is broadcast, local officials have the discretion to readjust meeting schedules to permit their members to listen to or watch General Conference on radio or television, the First Presidency said.

**The Center will celebrate its 18th Birthday on October 12, 1981. Details will be announced later.**

## Pres. Kimball Recovering

Excerpts from 'Church News' Sept. 12, 1981

President Spencer W. Kimball remained in intensive care at LDS Hospital Sept. 10 after surgery was performed Sept. 5 to remove blood and scar tissue from under his skull.

Doctors said they expected him to be hospitalized for several weeks. The extent of any participation in the upcoming 151st Semiannual General Conference Oct. 3-4 is uncertain. Surgeons said it was doubted the 86-year-old Church leader would be able to give his usual talks.

President Kimball suffered some respiratory problems several days after the operation, but doctors said his condition was stable. The surgery was more extensive than two previous operations in 1979 to remove blood and fluid from beneath the skull.

Dr. Bruce F. Sorensen, the neuro-Editors Note:

Associated Press has reported that President Kimball is out of intensive

surgeon who performed the two-hour operation, said a 4-inch piece of skull bone above the right eye was removed so the accumulated blood and scar tissue could be taken out. The bone was then wired back in place.

Dr. Sorensen said it would be 'too much' to expect the president to be involved in the upcoming general conference.

The doctor said the scar tissue removed in the operation may have come from the earlier operations. Like the previous ailments, known as subdural hematomas, bleeding under the skull caused swelling, pressure on the brain, and increasing weakness for the president.

Some Church authorities have visited briefly with President Kimball since the operation. His wife, Camilla, is staying at the hospital to be near her husband.

care and is expected to remain in a private room at LDS Hospital for two weeks.

## Happy Birthday To You

There have been so many happy birthdays of employees that have gone by unnoticed, even in this month. Beginning now we would like to take the time to wish happy birthday to all those Center workers who will be celebrating their birthdays this week, from the 18th - 24th.

Vaelua Purcell	Sept. 19	Liipeti Uluave	18
Alope Faamoe	23	Bruce Bryant	21
Pepe Tanuvasa	18	Preya Kumar	23
Melenaite Tovo	20	Vaifoa Favia	24
Logoitino Apelu	24	Mark Woolsey	24
Sione Fonua	18	Mele Funaki	19
Bill Wardle	19	Api Paewai	22
Rosa Posala	21	Leslieli Favivailo	22
Isileli Vea	24	Faamasino Talatania	22
Luisa Soloai	22	Vaeopopua Fale	18
Cerez Lacanaienta	21	Verne Kiaha	19
Kuuiipo Lindsey	21	Michelle Ponder	24
Fesili Liu	18	Kun Her	18
Robert Maez	22	Lufia Masoe	21
Mereana Emose	24		

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# EDITORIAL & ENTERTAINMENT

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Recently, I watched a man tuning a piano. Although surrounded by the noise and chatter of a busy hour, he seemed oblivious to extraneous sound. He manipulated the wires, for once exposed to public view, the innards of the instrument, testing each key several times over and making adjustments until its particular note pleased the ear.

I was impressed. Not being particularly musical, I marveled at the talent that could distinguish between the right note and several not-quite-right ones, -- that could hear one off-note among many, - that could tighten or loosen a string to produce exactness of sound.

We sometimes speak of a person as having 'a good ear' for music or for languages, or 'a good eye' for design and focus in such diverse activities as photography and sharp-shooting. A draftsman needs 'a steady hand' and we hope all surgeons possess two each, while an individual choosing to walk either a tightrope or a straight and narrow path needs to be 'sure footed.'

It seems to focus our attention on a particular skill to isolate its function in one member of the body. I am certain the piano tuner needs a great deal more than just a good ear to do his job well, just as I would hope that the surgeon whose services I might need would have a lot more going for him than simply a pair of steady hands.

However, the importance of a particular member becomes apparent when we injure ourselves and must do without its use. Then, although we have two hands, if we have hurt the one we favor, we will be almost as disabled as if we had lost the use of both. Lest we disagree, we need only to try writing a letter with our opposite hands to discover how badly they perform the unaccustomed task.

All of our concentration can be brought to bear on the problem. The mind may be engaged, the emotions totally involved, and sufficient motivation present, but unless there is harmony in the action, the results are likely to be less than we desire.

Perhaps we all need to perform as piano-tuners occasionally. In our busy lives and especially in our jobs, perhaps we need to examine the structure and the inner workings of our instruments. We need to be in harmony with the total orchestra of which we are a part, -- 'to make one sound, to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord. . . with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick.' 2 Chronicles 5:13

## BYU-HC Calendar

### Friday Sept 18

Hawaiian Club Assembly  
Auditorium, 10.30 am

### Saturday Sept 19

Movie  
"Popeye"  
Auditorium, 6.30 & 9.30 pm.

### Sunday Sept 20

Gospel Forum

### Monday, Sept 21

Aloha Week Begins

### Tuesday, Sept 22

Women's Volleyball  
Cannon Center, 7.30 pm

### Thursday, Sept 24

Club Night  
Know Your Religion - Kaneohe

## More Than Disco

Would you like to see your son or daughter do more than sing along with the disco station on the radio? Help preserve your musical heritage and supplement your child's musical opportunities at the same time by enrolling them in the Teen and Youth Choir programs offered through BYU Continuing Education. For more information call 293-3780. Scholarships available!

## Out Of Tune?

Professional LDS piano tuner (tunes BYU pianos) will tune your piano for only \$30.00 during the last week of this month. Works daytime or early evening and can also repair broken or worn pianos. For appointment CALL Carolyn Shumway soon 293-9565.