



"Te Maori"
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Three knights, 50 Maori leaders greeted with traditional ceremony

Three knights and more than 50 Maori leaders from New Zealand were greeted by local Maori's in a traditional welcoming ceremony, Tuesday, September 18, on the marae of the Center's village of Aotearoa or New Zealand.

Members of the group included Sir Graham Latimer, Sir H. Te Heu Heu and spokesman for the group, the prominent Maori and government leader Sir James Henare.

The group entered the Maori village through the main gate where they were challenged by a warrior in the traditional wero. Polynesian Cultural Center representatives Barney Christy and George Kaka delivered welcoming speeches in Maori followed by speakers representing the Te Maori group.

The group representing the core of Maori leadership in New Zealand, has just returned from the mainland where they have introduced the exhibition of *Te Maori: Maori Art from New Zealand Collections*, an exhibit of Maori art treasures never before permitted out of New Zealand. The exhibit opens at the Metropolitan Museum in New York on September 11th and completes this American tour at The Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco in July.

In a traditional *koha*, during the PCC program, Sir James Henare presented a gift of money contributed by members of the group, to the Cultural Center. Center Manager Ralph Rodgers returned the gesture of respect by presenting a gift of money to Sir James for the people of New Zealand. Also presented to Sir James was a koa wood bowl engraved with a Hawaiian greeting. Humorous exchanges were made in the speech making as Sir James Henare joked about this being the only marae where you had to have a ticket to get in, and later said that, "When my day comes, I hope that the good Lord will not ask for a ticket from me." Ralph Rodgers greeted the guests in Samoan and also relayed a plea to BYU--HC President Elliot Cameron, that the university include the Maori language in their curriculum.

PCC Maori performers sang and danced for the group: "Haere Mai," "Waitangi" by Tommy Taurima, and "Ete Iwi" a sacred song.



A delegation of more than 50 Maori leaders from New Zealand was greeted Tuesday with traditional ceremonies on the marae. The group headed by Sir James Henare, was returning from the mainland where they presented the exhibition Te Maori: Maori Art from New Zealand. Far right: Sir James Henare.

Chapel organist becomes repairwoman

Adrianne (Annie) Jensen never suspected that she would need screwdrivers and tools at her job as organist in the Center's Mission Chapel. But when the antique organ pedal straps broke (one after the other) Annie took tools in hand and repaired the temporarily unusable instrument.

Mission Home quilter Luseana made two burlap straps for Annie to install. According to Annie the installation was not difficult but a bit tricky. The straps

had to go up and over rollers and attach to the bellows. Without this connection a pump organ will not produce sound.

Annie, who has been playing the piano for 10 years, says she has learned the organ since beginning work in the chapel two months ago.

One of the most peaceful spots in the Center, Annie says many hot, tired guests like to just sit and enjoy the relaxation of the cool Chapel and the sounds of organ music.

European entertainer performs in "Aloha Festival"

Performer Dorian Moe has received the General Managers \$25 Award. Dorian performs in the "Aloha Festival," Brass Band, Evening Serenaders and "This is Polynesia." A very consistent and energetic performer, Dorian displayed her professionalism one day in the "Aloha Festival" as she quickly carried on the narration for her co-worker whose microphone had gone dead.

A very versatile musician and performer, Dorian comes from a family of professional performers. As a child she grew up in the world of theatre as her family performed professionally throughout Europe. Dorian began her career at age 5 in London and has since traveled and studied in Europe where she learned to speak German, French and Italian. Twenty years ago, her grandfather, also a performer, predicted that Dorian would some day entertain at the Polynesian Cultural Center, an idea that didn't seem possible then.

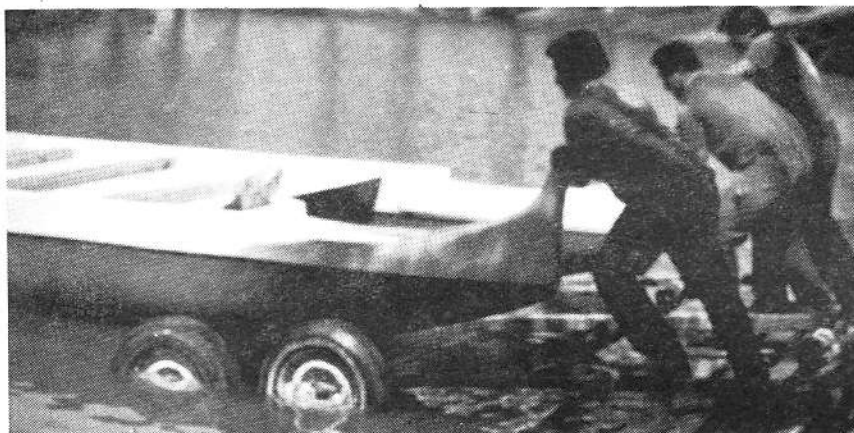
Dorian, who has worked here two years since returning from Europe, says she is very



Dorian Moe

grateful to be able to work at the Polynesian Cultural Center and be close to home.

Canoe fleet adds three...



Guides Manager Delsa Moe launched the newest addition to their canoe fleet Monday, as the \$8700, double hull craft slid into the lagoon.

The bright red and yellow fiberglass canoe is the first of three new canoes to arrive from the Diversified Glass company. The canoe is made of a wood frame covered with molded fiberglass and finished with a resin coated color base. The 1600 pound craft has seven built-in benches and will hold a total of 35 people.

Samoan Parliament enroute to meetings

Three parliament members from the nation of Western Samoa were guests of the Center this week. Members of the group included aides to the Prime Minister and members of Parliament: Fepuleai Semi, Polotaivao Fosi Schmidt and Tuipolaa Suisula. The men are part of a delegation traveling with Prime Minister Tofilau Eti Alasanga, enroute to the International Monetary Fund meetings in Washington D.C. and New York City.

Nine hikers visit

Nine of the 25 hikers robbed on the Sacred Falls trail last week, have accepted the Polynesian Cultural Center's complimentary invitation. Four of the robbery victims visited the Center last Friday, five more were on the grounds Monday. Other members of the group have already returned to the mainland.

Star Bulletin columnist Dave Donnelly, Honolulu Advertiser editors and the Hawaii Visitors Bureau have given very positive praise to Ralph Rodgers and the Center for their goodwill efforts in this incident.

PCC at Sheraton Hotel

Today, the Center's promotional team will perform and present demonstrations and displays at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel lobby from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. The performance is in conjunction with the Aloha Week festivities.

National Geographic photographs Center

Paul Chesley, National Geographic Books photographer, was at the Center this week in preparation for his assignment to do photos for an updated publication on Polynesia. It is estimated, that they will sell 600,000 copies of the new book that will include several photographs and information about the Polynesian Cultural Center. Mr. Chesley plans a return trip to the Center, accompanied by a writer. They are one of several National Geographic teams on assignment in the South Pacific.

KIKI promotes Center

KIKI radio personalities will be visiting the Center on Tuesday, September 25, according to Promotions Manager Reg Schwenke.

The Polynesian Cultural Center and KIKI--the number two radio station in Hawaii, will be joining together for an exciting on the air promotion during the month of October. Thousands of dollars worth of prizes will be given away to radio listeners who can identify recorded sounds from the Center activities. Visiting from KIKI will be General Manager Jeff Coelho, deejays Tom Moffat, Ron Wiley, Frank B. Shaner and Kamasani Kong.

'Open Saturday'

All employees wishing to have a personal conference with General Manager Ralph Rodgers, may do so the first Saturday of each month. 'Open Saturday' is an opportunity for individual employees to meet with Ralph Rodgers by making appointments the first Saturday morning of the month. The next 'Open Saturday' will be October 6 from 9 A.M. to noon. Call ext. 3006 for appointments.

Ala Moana hosts PCC

Ala Moana's 25th Anniversary celebration was highlighted by Polynesian Cultural Center performers who entertained more than 1,000 spectators last Thursday and an even bigger crowd Friday evening at the Ala Moana Centerstage. Thursday's program was televised on Channel 4 while Friday evening's performances were viewed on Channels 2 and 9. Friday evening spectators began reserving their seats at 5 for the 7 P.M. show. Fire-knife dancer So'o Tufaga highlighted the double performance.

Volleyball Championships

Come cheer for your favorite team Saturday as PCC volleyball players jump, spike and dive into the quarter, semi-final, and final championship games of the season.

Games start at 7:30 A.M. in the old gymnasium. Women's teams include Village Operations, Theatre and Gateway. Men's teams include Guest Services, Theatre, Gateway, and Grounds.

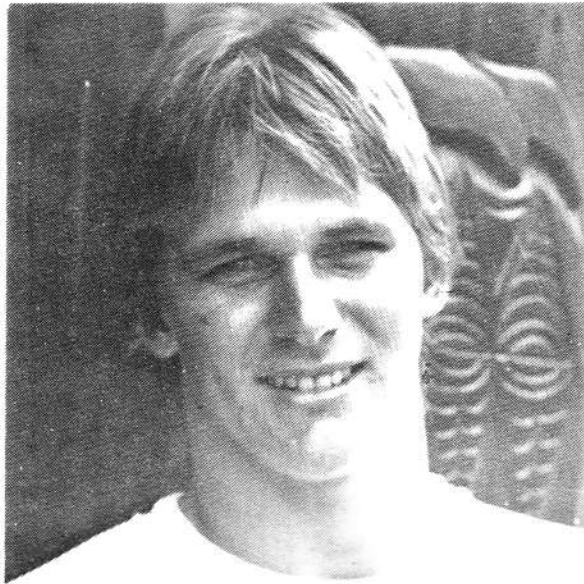
Championship finals will begin with the women at 9:00. Awards will be presented after women at 9:00. Awards will be presented at the completion of the games, for 1st 2nd and 3rd place teams.

Policies

Personnel Policies: Beginning immediately, all applicants applying for full-time non-student positions at the Polynesian Cultural Center, will be notified of their hire or no-hire by the Personnel Department rather than the department in which they are applying.

All employees should be dressed in their uniform with nametag before reporting to their assigned work area, in order to present a professional appearance to guests.

"Extra Mile" Award



Jason Rivers

Jason Rivers has received the "Extra Mile" award for his outstanding work and attitude as fleet service attendant in the Motor Pool Department. Manager Collin Shelford comments that, "Jason is willing to work all day and all night if necessary, and is very cheerful and good natured." During the revitalization of the Center, Jason gave his all to keep the vehicles and heavy equipment operating, often returning at odd hours of the night to do work on equipment needed for 24 hour projects. As leadman for the fleet service attendants, Jason supervises other workers who ensure that each Center vehicle is filled with gas and serviced each day.

Jason, who has worked at the Center since 1980, is a hard worker with the 'extra mile' attitude.



Merih Cobanoglu

Merih Cobanoglu, multi-purpose guide, has received the "Extra Mile" award for his outstanding service to guests. Merih, who speaks four languages including French, Dutch, Turkish and English, has worked as a guide at the Center for two years.

Guides Department Manager Delsa Moe comments that, "Merih is very guest oriented and helpful." She also commented that Merih often comes early or on days when he is not working just to lend a hand and give extra help. Group Services Manager Raymond Mokiau says that, "Merih is very informative and knowledgeable with the guests. He enjoys working and having fun with other employees. Merih is consistently cheerful, shows great initiative and contributes to the department."

Says Merih, "When I am in my uniform all of my worries disappear. I love it here, and enjoy giving service to the guests. That is the way it is suppose to be."