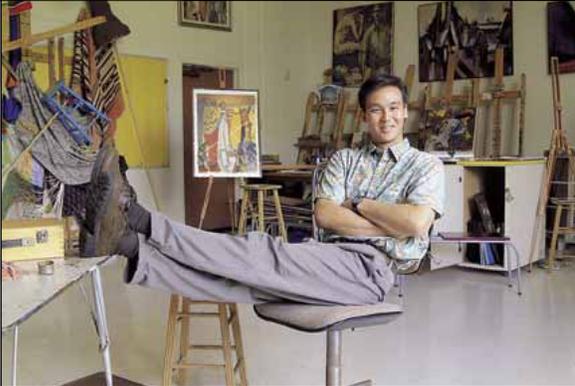


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## Meet the team

AS WE WORKED on this current issue of the Magazine the horrific events of September 11 intruded into all of our lives. In one sense they highlighted our remoteness—located as we are in the middle of the earth’s largest ocean. Yet, overwhelmingly, we feel included, embraced, and a valued part of the diverse family that is America.

We are grateful for our prophet, Gordon B. Hinckley, and his loving counsel that sustains us in these turbulent times. We are grateful, too, for an earlier prophet, David O. McKay, who, in his founding vision of BYU-Hawaii, defined our mission and destiny. In the spirit of our time and place we express our gratitude for the freedom, peace, and purpose we enjoy in our lives and work as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and take heart from President Hinckley’s advice to the young adults of the Church given September 9, 2001: “Believe in yourselves as sons and daughters of God, men and women with unlimited potential to do good in the world . . . Believe in one another as the greatest generation ever yet to live upon the earth.”

From one of the earth’s most beautiful islands we send our Aloha to you, our readers and friends everywhere.

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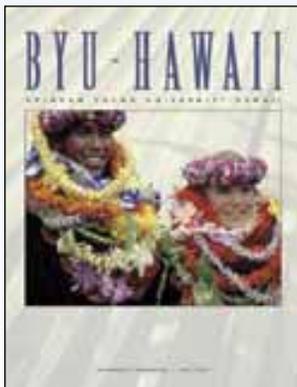
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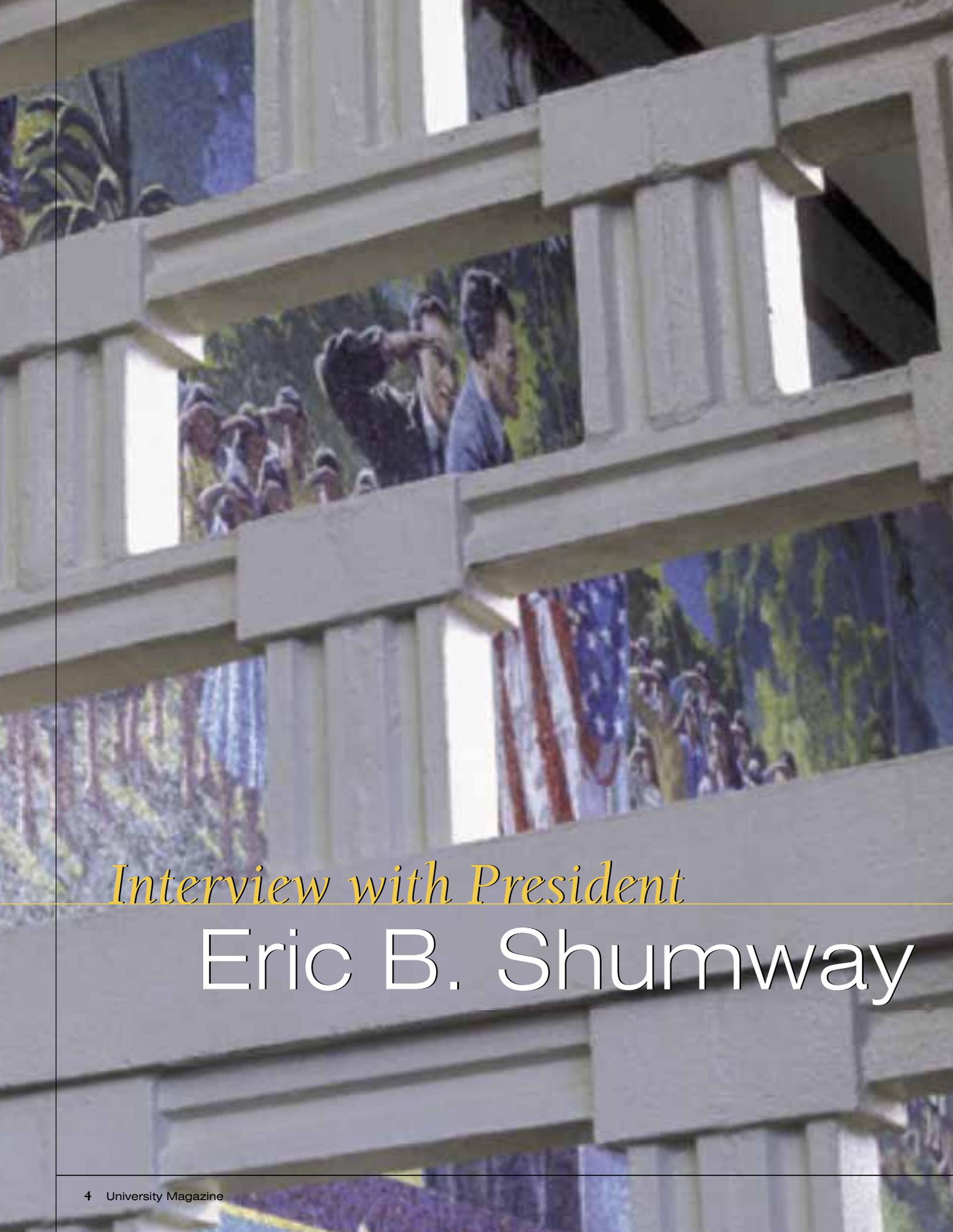
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*Interview with President*

# Eric B. Shumway

*Exploring the  
role of the  
University in the  
21st Century:  
President Eric B.  
Shumway answers  
most-asked  
questions*



**1**

**Do you have a vision of what BYU-Hawaii will be on its 50th birthday in 2005?**

I envision our academic programs being stronger and stronger. Our ties with Provo will become more and more seamless. We draw from their resources, they draw from our experiences, and both of us are better for it. While we are described as “one university—two campuses”, our BYU-Hawaii mission will continue to be specific.

The Church is growing in many Asian countries and we have their students here. Other nations are not yet represented on campus but we will continue to have more diversity. Ten years ago there were no students from Mongolia here. This year we welcomed our first students from Cambodia, our first from Papua New Guinea. Wherever the Church is planted it grows and young people see BYU-Hawaii as a legitimate option in their lives. I sincerely believe that the prophetic charges given by our leaders over the years will continue to resonate in everything we do. The numbers of U.S. mainland students will decline as Asian students increase. The U.S. students who do come will be older. They will stay and graduate because of the strength of our programs, not because of the beauty of our beaches.

We will have stronger majors in Business, Information Systems, Computer Services, Teaching English as a Second Language, and International Teacher Education. The university may offer graduate degrees in selected areas by 2005.



# 2

**How important  
are the Arts in  
the mission of  
this school?**

Extremely important! The fundamental strengths of a liberal arts education is to develop the mind, to increase broad general knowledge, to develop thinking and communication skills, to foster in all of us a sense of artistic and natural beauty, and to learn through a number of experiences in the arts and sciences what it is to be human. And in the context of a gospel-centered environment to understand more thoroughly what it means to be children of God.



## Historical Timeline

BYU-HAWAII/PCC

### July 21, 1954

The First Presidency announced the establishment of a college in Hawaii. Dr. Reuben D. Law, former Dean of the College of Education at BYU, was appointed President.

### February 12, 1955

President David O. McKay presided at groundbreaking services.



### April 1955

Military war surplus buildings were moved to the site as temporary facilities.

# 3

**In what significant ways does BYU-Hawaii contribute to the communities surrounding the campus?**

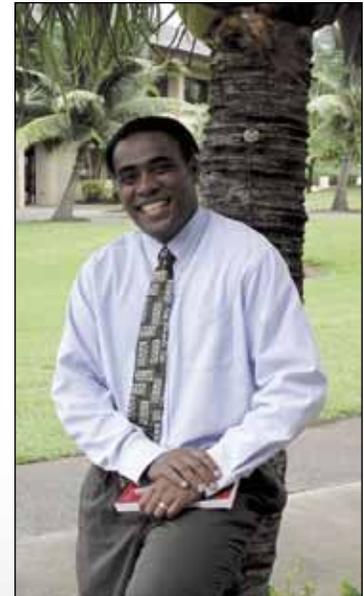
Immensely. We produce many teachers for the state Department of Education and many social workers. BYU-Hawaii and the Polynesian Cultural Center remain most exciting places to visit for locals as well as tourists. We are very important to the community economically. The combined budgets of BYU-Hawaii and the Polynesian Cultural Center and their construction projects presently underway make a significant contribution to the state economy.

Kahuku High School enjoys the benefits of using our facilities as they hold their graduation ceremonies in our Cannon Activities Center, our pool for their swimming activities, our fields and other facilities as needed. Our Hawaiian Studies program provides community outreach, and other University entities enjoy a program of service-learning which embraces the community in projects such as planting taro at Kahana Bay, building a fish farm, working with the Bobby Benson Institute. As always, many of our campus activities are open to the community.

# 4

**How does BYUH prepare its students to return to homelands that may be economically, politically, or in other ways in turmoil?**

One of the main things BYU-Hawaii does is provide a sound education within the context of gospel values which produce people of integrity and confidence. As Ambassador Choinhor from Mongolia to the U.S. said, "BYU-Hawaii is valuable to the future of nations like Mongolia because intelligence and morality are the outcomes of an education here." As with other institutions which international students attend, we teach many skills but beyond this our students learn what morality-based leadership is; what the principles of democracy are; and the importance of fairness, justice, and the rule of law to free societies. Furthermore, the returnability of our international students to strengthen their people and "build up Zion" in their homelands is a top priority for our campus.



# 5

**Can the University assist its students towards graduate studies to help prepare them for their future community roles?**

We will offer our first graduate school scholarships this year. At least three BYUH graduates this fall will receive them to do graduate work at Provo.

**September 26, 1955**

The Church College of Hawaii officially commenced operation.

**December 9, 1955**

The first student body elections were held. Donald Manoa was elected president.

**January 1956**

The first varsity basketball team was organized. Frank Condie was the coach.

**April 12-14, 1956**

The first school play, "Father's Been to Mars" was staged at the old Hukilau Building. Woodruff J. Deem directed the play.

**June 1, 1956**

The first commencement exercises were held, with ten students receiving Associate degrees.

# 6

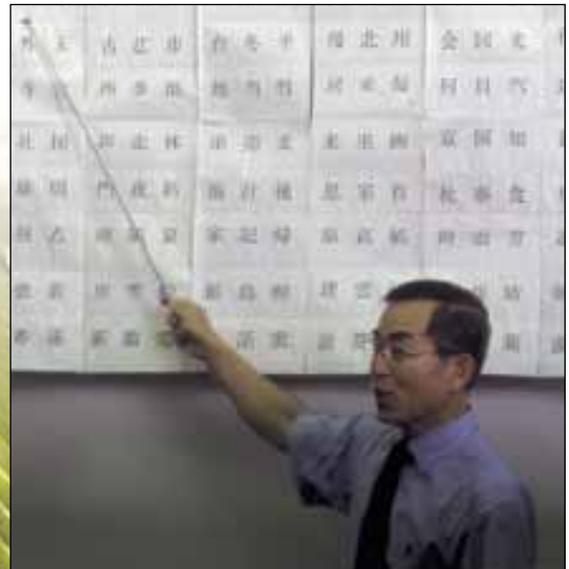
**What is the most exciting or significant aspect of BYU-Hawaii?**

To me there are at least two things. One, what I call the miracle of transformation among students who before BYUH had so little hope or opportunity and who now seem to be perfectly fit for this kind of environment. They change and improve. Two, BYU-Hawaii is a wonderful blending of the multicultural, the intellectual, and the spiritual dimensions of learning—and in this regard it's true in the Church that learning increases religiosity rather than decreases it. This was eloquently expressed by Innocent Shumba at graduation last year. Honored as a Summa Cum Laude graduate—which he achieved in less than four years—he said: “Thank you for honoring me for these things but I hope that I will be remembered for my testimony of Jesus Christ.”

# 7

**In what ways can BYU-Hawaii employees—faculty and staff—help contribute to its mission?**

The best thing they can do is be excellent role models. Our students tend to look up to teachers and model their behavior, work habits, and interests. Faculty and staff should be mentors in everything they do. Nearly all of them have students around them every day. They can be advisors and correctors. I've seen some work supervisors influence students so profoundly that when they graduate they go into that field of work.



# 8

**What part of your job gives you the most delight?**

Several things, first, the students—their strength, their testimonies, their gratitude. Second, telling the BYU-Hawaii story. When I look back at what President McKay and others saw in their vision of this University I have to ask how much more did they see? We are fulfilling the prophecy but on the meager end of it. There is much more ahead. A third delight is to see the conversion of friends of the University who knew nothing about BYU-Hawaii before—but who are now avid fans. A fourth is to see the students handle schoolwork, jobs, and new families with faith and grace.

● **September 1956**  
The first students from Tonga and Samoa arrived.

● **1958**  
The first students from China and New Zealand arrived this year.

● **December 17, 1958**  
President David O. McKay dedicated the permanent campus.

● **March 1959**  
The Polynesian Institute was organized to promote interest in and the study of Polynesian cultures under the chairmanship of Jerry Loveland.

● **August 1959**  
Dr. Richard T. Wootton was appointed President of CCH. He served until 1964.



**March 1960**

The Polynesian Institute of CCH produced "Polynesian Panorama", directed by Wylie Swapp, at Waiki-ki's Kaiser Dome. This program was the forerunner of the PCC shows.

**February 23, 1961**

WASC grants full four-year accreditation to CCH, noting "Church College provides an excellent environment for a small liberal arts college."

**January 30, 1962**

President Hugh B. Brown dedicated four newly constructed dormitories which brought the college's boarding capacity to 928 students.

**February 19, 1963**

President Richard T. Wootton presented the first David O. McKay Lecture.



**August 2, 1964**

Owen J. Cook, newly appointed third president of the college arrived.



# 9

**Having come to administration from out of the faculty, how would you describe your relationship with the faculty?**

(Chuckle) You probably should ask the faculty this question! Let me say that I have a great reverence for what they do and take great satisfaction in knowing that I was part of the process in bringing some of the finest teachers in the Church to this campus. These are teachers who are devoted to students and have a profound commitment to the Savior and to their covenants.

The faculty need to see their position as a sacred stewardship where the lives and future of each student represents a whole posterity, perhaps generations. They need to be faculty who can sort out for the students the good from the evil. We have a faculty who are not afraid to call evil evil rather than some euphemism that caters to one form of political correctness or another. They are faculty who recognize the over-arching comprehensive reality of the Atonement of Christ and His mission in the world and the universe, and who can help create in students a sense of awe and gratitude. They can help our students see that conscientious learning is an act of worship. They are faculty who model every Christian principle in their lives, in their homes, in their classrooms and in their offices.

# 10

**If you could wish one thing for BYU-Hawaii what would it be?**

I can't say one thing—maybe three things! One, that we would enthrone the notion of integrity and competence in all that we do. Good people who are incompetent, not prepared or faking it, are really without integrity. Two, that we maintain a profound sense of mission in the light of President McKay's vision. Three, that we cultivate a willingness to update ourselves, to always change for the better, to meet challenges, to progress.

● **April 23, 1968**

The library was officially named the Ralph E. Woolley Library. Brother Woolley, a successful architect and engineer, served as Hawaii Temple president, the first Oahu Stake president, and as a member of the first Board of Trustees of CCH. He helped design and direct the construction of the Hawaii Temple and several other buildings in Waikiki, including the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

● **July 1968**

The first summer school program was conducted under the direction of Wylie Swapp. This year the first issue of the TESL Reporter was published with William Conway as editor.

● **February 17, 1969**

The Asian Language Training Mission was officially opened to teach Oriental and Polynesian languages. Kenneth J. Orton was called as mission president of the LTM, which was first located in Hale Malo dorm and later moved to Hale Pukuniahia.



# 11

**In what ways can/does BYUH function as a bridge to Asia, the Pacific Islands, and Provo?**

We are a bridge to Asia based on long-time relationships of trust. Relationships are so important in our target area. Our relationships are proven, friendly, and on-going. I think we will always be a source of knowledge and understanding of diversity and the value of it to Provo. We will also continue to have opportunities to expand and validate international things and contribute to the global dimensions of the gospel.

# 12

**How do you define the University's partnership with the Polynesian Cultural Center in this new century?**

The Polynesian Cultural Center is an extraordinary extension of our campus. Its mission is linked to the mission and destiny of the University. It not only preserves and portrays Polynesian cultures - it also provides valuable employment for hundreds of our students. This employment is both financially rewarding and profoundly educational at the same time.

At the Polynesian Cultural Center the students learn valuable job-related skills in all areas of the business, from the accounting department to marketing, cultural presentations and performance. They learn customer service skills, time management, and are able to develop the habits of mind and job performance which will carry them through their lives. Many of our graduates have claimed that their work experience at the PCC was as valuable as their course work on campus. I see it all as one comprehensive educational experience.

**May 15, 1969**

The first Honorary Doctorate awarded by the Church College of Hawaii was presented to Edward L. Clissold for his many valuable contributions to the school.

**1969-1970**

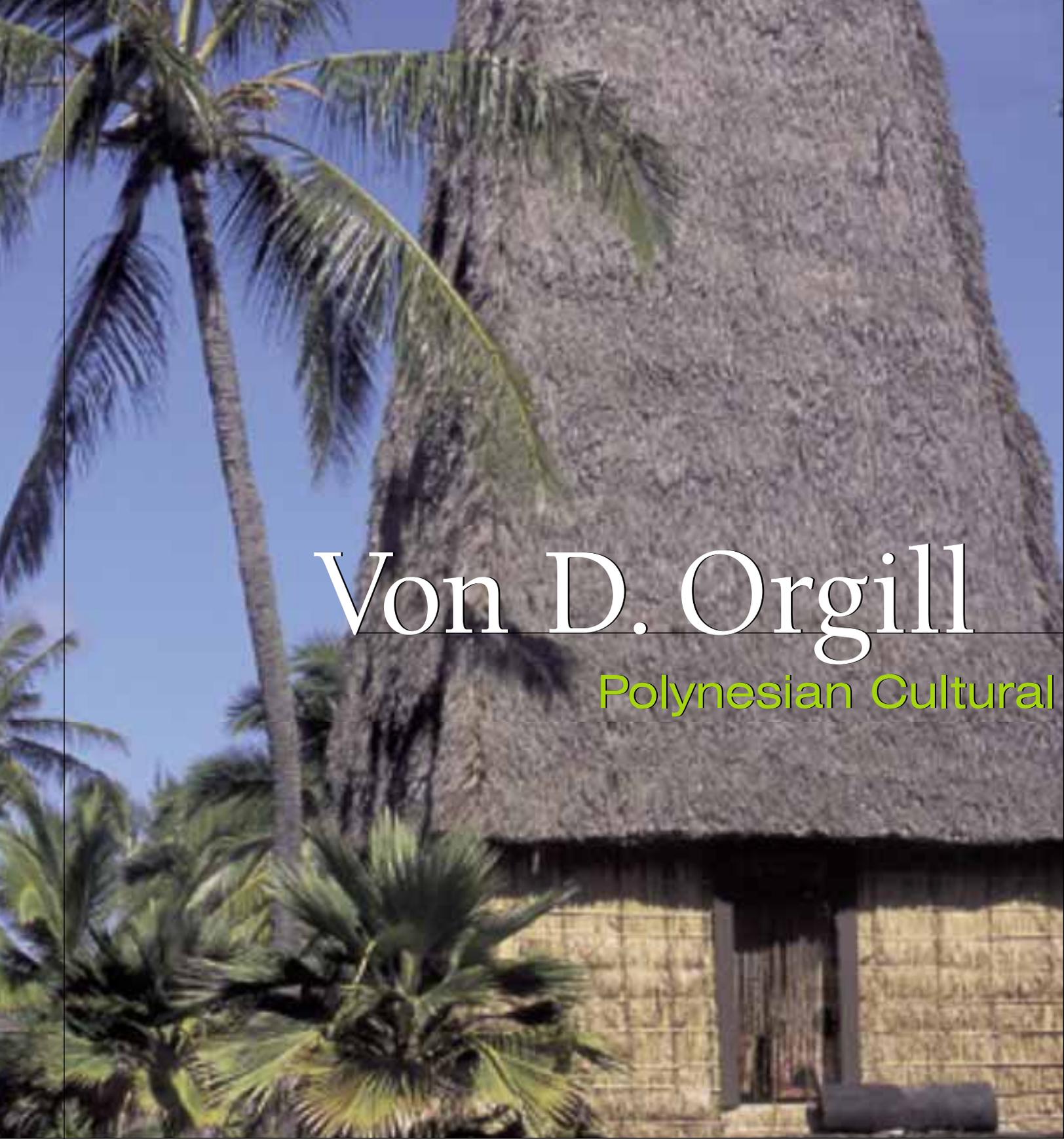
Pete Velasco of the CCH volleyball team was named to the Helm's Volleyball Hall of Fame. Velasco played on two U.S. Olympic teams and was an All-American ten times. Also in this period forty-two married student apartments were opened for occupancy. They later became known as Temple View Apartments.

**September 11, 1970**

President Joseph Fielding Smith visited campus to help commemorate the 15th birthday of the college.

**October 16, 1970**

Tupua Tamasese Lealofi IV, Prime Minister of Western Samoa, visits CCH and is impressed with the Church's efforts to help Samoans and other Polynesians gain an education.



# Von D. Orgill

## Polynesian Cultural

• **April 1971**

The CCH men's volleyball team won the NAIA championship at the University of Dallas. Under the coaching of John Lowell, eight CCH players were named to the all-tournament team: Pete Velasco, Dennis Largey, Jay Akoi, Ed Kalima, Rick Olmstead and Hide Aieda.

• **April 2, 1971**

Owen J. Cook retired and Stephen L. Brower was named as the new president of The Church College of Hawaii.

• **February 11, 1972**

Stephen L. Brower was inaugurated. Elders N. Eldon Tanner, Howard W. Hunter, Marvin J. Ashton, and Neal A. Maxwell, Kenneth Beesley, Dallin H. Oaks, Henry Eyring, Ferris Kirkham, Senator Hiram Fong, and Hawaii Governor George Ariyoshi were in attendance.



## Center President

**T**HE NEW president of the Polynesian Cultural Center has accepted the pace of the job gracefully and this morning as we meet between airline flights—his arrival from the mainland and my departure for the Pacific—his office is a quiet haven in our busy schedules. The morning light filters through slatted blinds to fill the room with a comforting peace. We settle down for a visit we have anticipated for some weeks.

Von Orgill grew up in Grantsville, Utah, where, surrounded by relatives and friends he worked on a farm operated by his uncle. He played all sports most particularly basketball and track and field, and he notes that he got his first “paying” job at the ripe old age of five, when he took over a newspaper route from an older brother.

Following his mission to Tonga he attended Brigham Young University, receiving his Bachelor’s in Accounting (1974). Upon graduation he was employed by Arthur Andersen and Company in Los Angeles, and worked as a senior tax specialist when he entered graduate school. He received his Masters in Organizational Behavior (1980) from BYU, and worked with IBM for the next nine years in management roles in the plant, division, and corporate levels in Virginia, Maryland and New York.

### January 26, 1973

President Marion G. Romney dedicated the Aloha Center, stating that The Church College of Hawaii is “a living laboratory in which individuals who share the teachings of the Master Teacher have an opportunity for developing appreciation, tolerance, and esteem for one another.”



### October 2, 1973

The Aloha Center bowling alley donated by Dr. Ray and Nellie Reeves was opened.

### April 12, 1974

Dan W. Andersen was appointed to head the college replacing President Stephen L. Brower.



He left IBM in 1989 to operate his own consulting firm before accepting a position three years later as managing consultant and then senior vice president with the Covey Leadership Center in Provo, Utah. Following Covey's merger with Franklin Quest, he served as executive vice president in charge of Franklin Covey's Professional Services Group.

Von Orgill was appointed president of the Polynesian Cultural Center June 1, 2000. At this 15-month mark of his administration, I ask him whether he brings any emotional, intellectual or spiritual connections with Polynesia to his leadership role at the PCC, and he explains that his two and a half year mission to Tonga as a young man was an experience that “fundamentally altered” his view of life and the world.

“Initially,” he says, “I found myself thinking I was going from one of the most advanced societies on earth to one of the most backward countries. As I look back on those days now, I feel embarrassed to even admit I had such thoughts. I was so very naive. I simply didn't understand what I was in for and what I was going to learn and experience.

“During my time in Tonga, I learned that all the advancements in electronics, computing, transportation, communication, and medical research can never replace what is such a natural part of the culture for the people of Tonga, such a natural part of their lives every day. They have, as a natural and normal part of their lives, that which is really the essence of life, and the reasons for our mortal experience. I learned in profound ways that material things matter little, if at all. In fact, I learned that the very advancements and material advantages of modern society can be huge distractions from what really matters.

“These wonderful people taught me that people, relationships with one another, and our relationship with God are really the things that make a difference in the end. Of course, I knew this already, but in Tonga I saw the evidence of these convictions in action every day. I saw a general selflessness that I had not experienced previously . . . a willingness to give totally and completely to help another in need. I saw a joy in living that was different from what I had experienced before.” He pauses, “I saw faith exercised in ways that were to me miraculous, while to them, these incredible people, well, it was normal. The very fact that this way of living and being was so normal to them was part of what taught me so much.

“I feel as though the Tongans adopted me as one of their own and as a result, I have felt a special connection with them and with all the people of Polynesia. That sense of connection grows every day. These experiences and the strong feelings I have about these people and this place bring me a deep sense of humility and gratitude for the privilege of being here. I truly feel blessed by this opportunity.”

The PCC employees, he observes, “do a marvelous job balancing the multi-faceted dynamics” of the park, and he notes that the team includes “true experts in the various cultures, in business, in finance and accounting, in facilities and maintenance, in food and beverage, in cultural performances, in sales and marketing, in human resources, and in computer systems—just in everything across the board.” He is particularly

**“I saw a joy in living that was different from what I had experienced before.”**

**April 13, 1974**

President Spencer W. Kimball presided at commencement services held at the PCC theatre and announced that CCH would now be known as BYU-Hawaii Campus.

**June 12, 1974**

Dallin H. Oaks, BYU president, visited campus to work on the transition of the school from CCH to BYU-HC.

**January 13, 1975**

Wendell B. Mendenhall received an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities for his work in the world wide Church building program.

**February 13, 1976**

President Spencer W. Kimball presided at the groundbreaking of a new library facility.

**October 19-20, 1976**

HRH King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, monarch of Tonga, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from BYU-Hawaii Campus.



pleased with the company-wide commitment to sharing expertise, understanding the Center's mission, and employees' willingness to engage in constant assessment, recalibration, and redirection of the Center's goals and strategies.

"Our first and foremost desire is for each guest to feel the spirit of God while they are on the grounds of the PCC" he says. "This happens as each of us lives the principles of the gospel and is an example of righteous living because by so doing the experience guests have here will be taken to a level that otherwise would be impossible. Of course, we want them to develop an appreciation for Polynesia and the special cultures that make up this part of the world. And we want them to enjoy themselves while they are here and desire to return again and again."

In accomplishing these ends, he explains, Center employees want to provide visitors with the opportunity to interact with people from the islands and to taste, however briefly, what it might have been like to live in a Polynesian village long ago. In this way, in many ways, he wants the visitors' experience at the PCC to be very different from other experiences they might have in Hawaii. "We want it to be more authentic, more representative of Polynesia than other experiences available in Hawaii. Much of what we are doing and what we have planned for the future is designed with this in mind and our research indicates that most of our guests feel that the PCC has the most authentically Hawaiian and Polynesian experience available in Hawaii. They also rate their satisfaction higher here than with any other attraction in the islands."

Through consistent guest surveys, the Center staff has been able to determine that the primary reasons guests visit the PCC are that they want (1) an educational experience, (2) a cultural experience, and (3) an entertaining experience.

"Our objective is to deliver on all three of these expectations," he says. "We contin-

**January 23, 1977**

Elder Marvin J. Ashton presided over the Laie Hawaii Stake conference and announced the formation of the BYU-Hawaii Campus Stake, with Eric B. Shumway as president, and Herbert K. Sproat and Weston J. White as counselors.

**October 21, 1977**

Elder Bruce R. McConkie presided at the dedication of the new library facility, a Parent Child Center, and physical plant buildings.

**Winter, 1978**

The BYUH Institute for Polynesian Studies and the PCC published the first issue of *Pacific Studies*, a cross-discipline scholarly journal with Robert D. Craig as editor.



ually strive to do each well and to balance these sometimes competing dimensions. Our hope is that each guest will find in their experience much of value and interest, and will have done so in a most enjoyable and memorable way. In the process, we fully expect guests to have an enriching cultural experience.”

The PCC/BYU-Hawaii connection is crucial to the Center’s success, he notes. “There would be no Polynesian Cultural Center without the BYUH student employees. One of the primary purposes for the establishment of the Center was to provide a means whereby students from throughout Polynesia could work their way through school, while helping to preserve and portray the cultures from which they come.

“These students, who make up 60–70% of our employee population, bring energy, vitality, and an abundance of the aloha spirit with them. They communicate to all who visit here a warmth, friendless, kindness, hospitality, and love rarely seen or experienced in other places. Most of our guests say they would love to take the feelings they have while visiting here and package them up and take them home with them. These feelings

## The Center and the University

THE TWO PRESIDENTS, Von Orgill of the PCC and Eric Shumway of BYU-Hawaii, meet regularly to discuss challenges the two institutions face and how best to optimize opportunities for progress. President Orgill explains this relationship: “There is very little that we plan or do that is not closely coordinated. We recognize that neither institution could exist

without the other. Of course, this isn’t just the case at our level. At all levels of both entities we work hard to create a mutually beneficial, productive, and rewarding relationship.

“The PCC is one of the most unique and wonderful places on earth. It plays an important role for BYUH, in the Church, and in the world-community. There is a spirit here that is unequalled anywhere I have been or seen. The people are truly exceptional in a million ways. Diversity is genuinely celebrated here and it works. I think it works the way the Lord intended. Laie is equally unique and wonderful. The heritage of this place and those who have helped create the fulfillment of prophetic words here makes Laie a one-of-a-kind community. The influence of this tiny place extends throughout the world. It is a blessing and privilege to be here and to be associated with the incredible people here.” ■



### June 1978

The BYU-HC rugby team, coached by Inoke Funaki, toured the Pacific and played in Fiji, New Zealand, Tonga and Samoa.

### June 13–25, 1978

The First Presidency and seven general authorities attended the Hawaii Temple rededication after major renovations. After the first dedicatory service in the Temple, other sessions were held in the BYU-HC auditorium.



### August 30, 1979

Elder Marion D. Hanks presided over the groundbreaking for the new 5,000-seat activity center.

are largely due to guests' interactions with our students.”

The experience is also beneficial for the students employed in the Center, as many develop an appreciation for their own heritage as well as a deep respect for the cultures of other people from around the world. “The student employees are necessarily and appropriately the core and the focus of all we do at the Center,” he says.

Von Orgill is passionate about the partnership the Center and the University share. “The University is committed to building leaders who will have an impact for good in all the world. We are equally committed to building effective leaders. Students have a marvelous opportunity to apply their talents, skills, and knowledge while working at the Center. Confidence is gained as they learn to perform their roles and responsibilities. Many have the opportunity to work directly in their particular fields of study here in the Center, acquiring valuable experience which will better prepare them for their future careers.” The two institutions are also now working together to dramatically increase internship and cooperative work opportunities.



● **September 6, 1979**

BYU President Dallin H. Oaks announced an official change for Dan W. Andersen, from Executive Vice President to President of Brigham Young University - Hawaii Campus.

● **January 25, 1980**

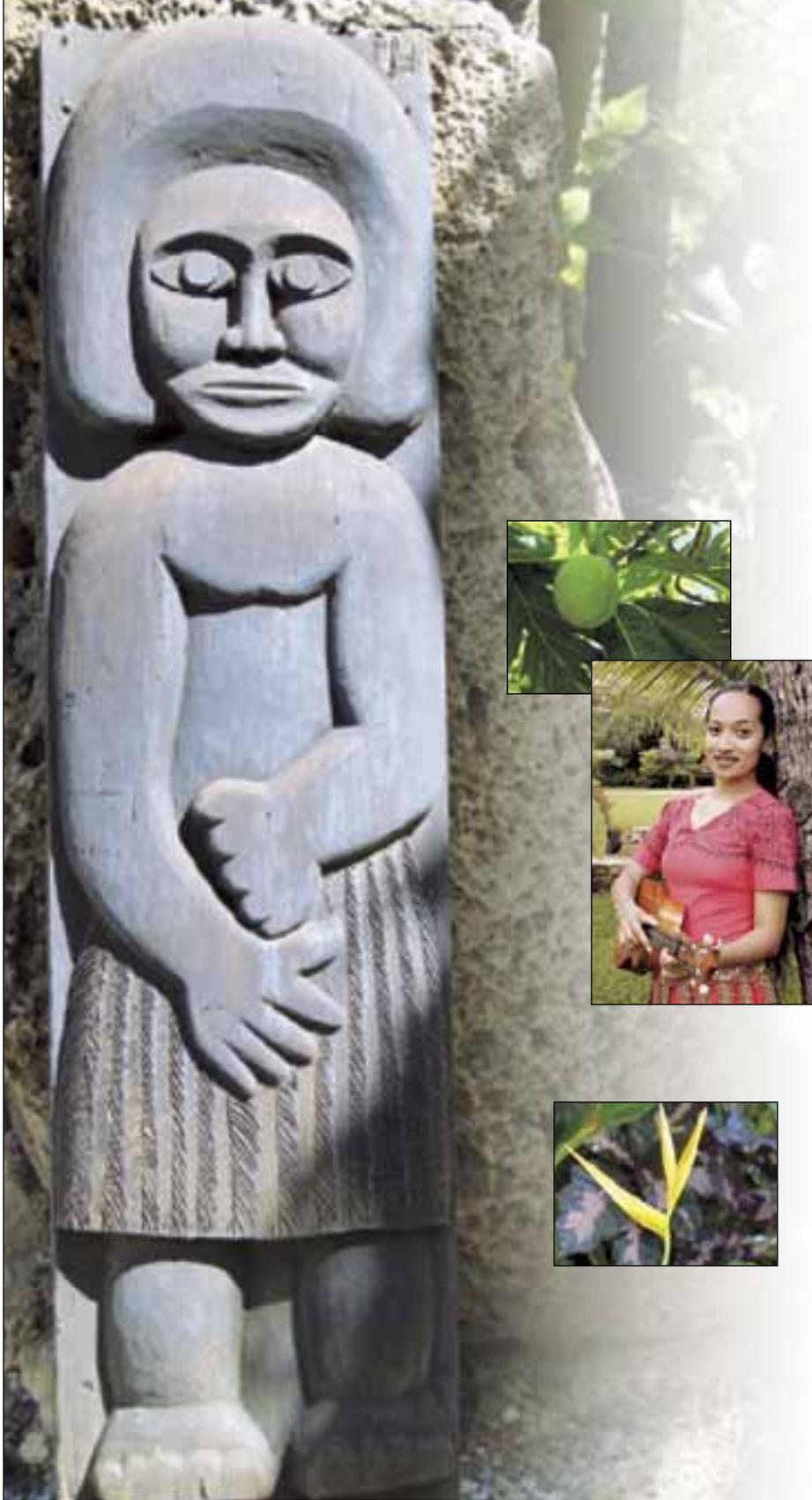
During the groundbreaking for the new joint BYU-HC and PCC administration building, President Dallin H. Oaks announced that President Dan W. Andersen would be receiving a new assignment within the Church Educational System and would be leaving during the coming summer.

● **March 19, 1980**

The University celebrated the sesquicentennial of the Church with a program titled “Na Makua Mahalo la” (the Venerable Ones We Honor), with Dr. Ishmael Stagner as chairman.

● **August 1, 1980**

Dr. Elliot J. Cameron succeeded Dr. Dan W. Andersen as president of BYU-Hawaii Campus.



In addition to these areas, the PCC has, from the very beginning, proved to be a significant source of financial support to BYU-Hawaii. The total of all direct and indirect financial support since the Center opened in October 1963 now totals over \$132 million, while more than 11,000 students have received their education by working at the PCC while attending BYU-Hawaii. “By itself, this is a commendable feat,” he says, “we all owe a debt of gratitude to the many who sacrificed so much and gave so much to make this place possible. It is exciting now to see second and third generations of these early pioneers following in the footsteps of their ancestors.”

Von Orgill also feels a serious commitment to helping preserve the Pacific’s unique cultures by providing visibility in the PCC. “We are beginning to expand our representation from the current seven island cultures of Hawaii, Samoa, Tahiti, Fiji, Tonga, Marquesas, and the Maoris of New Zealand to much more of Polynesia. While we will not be adding new villages to the Center, we will be sharing more about other island cultures on the PCC website and in the new front entry building, which will be re-designed as a Polynesian migration museum. Additionally, we will be looking for ways to portray more of the unique cultures of these Polynesian nations through performances offered in the Center. We are now working on these important additions. Our hope is that by these means we can make a significant contribution to the legacy of these important peoples and cultures.

President Orgill also intends for the PCC to take a contributory role in the Laie and other local communities, seeing this as a very important part of

● **August 1–2, 1980**

The Mormon Pacific Historical Society held its first meeting at BYU-Hawaii Campus.

● **October 12–18, 1980**

BYU-HC hosted the first LDS Women’s Conference in Hawaii.

● **November 15, 1980**

A 200-voice choir performed the Restoration Oratorio under the direction of Dr. James Smith as part of the University’s Silver Jubilee celebration.

● **December 6, 1980**

Elder Adney Y. Komatsu of the First Quorum of the Seventy and Area Supervisor for Hawaii rededicated the newly remodeled and enlarged Hawaii Temple Visitors Center.

● **February 1981**

Elder Gordon B. Hinckley dedicated the Laie North Stake Center.

the PCC's contribution. "We are very actively engaged in coordination efforts in the local community with BYUH, HRI, the Laie Temple, and the Laie Community Association. We are committed to doing our part in turning the Laie Community Master Plan into a reality. Our current redesign of the front entrance landscaping is just one example of this commitment."

PCC will also continue to support education, not only at BYUH, but in the local Ko'olauloa communities, and give recognition to Hawaii's top scholars through the Sterling Scholar program. The Center is also actively involved in many industry-related efforts as it participates with other members of the Hawaii Attractions Association, the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau, and the Chamber of Commerce. "We work diligently to enhance the visitor industry in Hawaii, as well as the overall climate for business in the state."

President Orgill sees his greatest challenges as related to balancing the needs of the present and the future with required and available resources. "It is a constant juggling act," he says with a laugh, "but we know we have to devote significant resources to maintaining and/or refurbishing physical assets that are aging, while still focusing on new opportunities for growth and development."

"With all of the challenges, however," he pauses to share a heartfelt thought, "I feel nothing but optimism and hope for the future. Competent, professional people, who have great faith and incredible dedication, surround me. With this combination, we can accomplish what needs to be accomplished. We can do what needs to be done. These people, this place, our mission—each are a source of great excitement for me."

President Orgill and his wife, Sherri, are the parents of seven children and grandparents of four. Four of their children and one grandson live with them in Laie, where he also serves on the Laie Stake High Council. □

**"We all owe a debt of gratitude to the many who sacrificed so much and gave so much to make this place possible."**



**February 20, 1981**

Dr. J. Elliot Cameron was inaugurated as the sixth president of BYU-Hawaii Campus.

**April 19, 1981**

Reuben D. Law, first president of The Church College of Hawaii, passed away.

**July 17, 1981**

Elder Marvin J. Ashton dedicated the Snow Administration Building and the Cannon Activities Center.



**Fall Semester 1981**

BYU-HC admitted the first six students from The People's Republic of China.



## Foundations of a Quality Education

**Keith J. Roberts**  
*Vice President for Academics*

**T**HE ACADEMIC caliber of BYU-Hawaii has always been high but now it is starting to get recognition. This year we are very pleased to have our peer institutions identify us as having the highest academic reputation of all schools in the western colleges with a ranking of 3.7 on a 5.0 scale. In fact, out of 322 comprehensive colleges in the United States only one has an academic ranking higher than us.

I am also very pleased by the diversity of our newest faculty. Over the last two years we have managed to hire more females and more members of minority groups than in the past, so the look of our faculty is becoming more and more similar to the look of our student body. What is so fantastic about this is that these new faculty are people who are active in their disciplines and who have come to us from good universities such as Columbia and Berkeley, and who have previously worked in other outstanding universities. In addition, we are very fortunate this year to work with the Marriott School and BYU in Provo to develop strategies for BYU-Hawaii's future, and those strategies help us identify four programs to better serve the church in our target areas.

First, we are strengthening the School of Business and are very excited about our new dean, Brent Wilson.



**Brent Wilson**  
School of Business  
Dean

Brent has an outstanding reputation and experience. He

comes to us from the Marriott School, has a doctorate from Harvard University, and we see him as a strategic figure in placing our School of Business at the forefront of those that are serving Asia, particularly developing Asia.

We are also in the process of forming a new school of computing in response to faculty input regarding the best ways we can serve Asia. The resources of our Math and Computer Science departments, which were formerly part of the College of Arts and Sciences, have combined with the Information Systems department from the School of Business to form this new and very vital school. Again, we feel that we are uniquely positioned to serve the Pacific Rim with the combination of these three disciplines and our unique student body with multiple language capabilities. We are also beginning to look at our School of Education in a different way and broadening its focus. It has been very successful providing high quality teachers for Hawaii but we think it is time now to add programs that serve our target areas, especially the emerging nations of our target areas where there are shortages of teachers.

One of our strengths over the years has been our long experience in teaching students who do not have English as their first language, so a fourth area of emphasis that we plan to refine is our Teaching English as a Second Language program. We are reorganizing that and will likely establish a center for English as an international language that will not only train TESL instructors but also provide a masters degree for people who want to teach English as a second language.

No one can talk about the academic activities at this university without including the remarkable gains that have been made at the Jonathan Napela Center for

● **November 22, 1981**

Elder Thomas S. Monson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles divided the BYU-Hawaii Stake to create BYUH 1st, and 2nd Stakes, with H. Kamaka Sproat, president and Robert Goodwin and Sione Niu as counselors of the 2nd Stake.

● **February 19, 1982**

The second Na Makua Mahalo Ia program was presented.

● **March 3, 1982**

Japan's Prince Hitachi and his wife visited the PCC



## NEW FACULTY

Hawaiian Language and Cultural Studies. In five years it has grown from an idea into a fact and a well-established center and is in the process of launching a traditional Hawaiian canoe that is not only a beautiful canoe, but also an outstanding work of art. This project is the accomplishment of our faculty, Bill Wallace, Kamoā'e Walk, Kawika Eskaran, and Terry Pane'e. These faculty members have been under the instruction of a master carver, Tuione Pulotu, in the design development and construction of this handsome and wonderfully functional canoe.



**Bill Wallace**

Bill Wallace has represented the university well in teaching Hawaiian cultural activities and also in interfacing with colleges and Native American groups on the mainland, and as a result of this the President's Council awarded him the 2000–2001 Teacher of the Year Award. In the same way, Dr. Inoke Funaki, from our psychology faculty, was chosen Teacher of the Year by the university faculty and as the prestigious David O. McKay Lecturer for 2000–2001. These two brethren represent our faculty and university well.



**Inoke Funaki**

Now, in highlighting these four areas doesn't mean that all of our academic activities are not also developed and strengthened. Our signature course in our general education program, the World Communities course, is an outstanding addition to the curriculum, and its newly published World Communities Reader as an adjunct text for this course is also outstanding. It represents the high quality of work produced on this campus. In addition, several of our faculty members have published this year and some were key speakers at major conferences representing their disciplines. These kinds of representation are the things that help our peers understand the quality of academics achieved at this institution.

Our Futures Committee suggests that we explore the possibility of offering a few very carefully selected masters degree programs that will have a high impact, and two under discussion are an MBA program for the School of Business and a master's degree for TESL. We are considering a four-year bachelors program with one additional year for the masters. While we may look at additional programs, the main thrust of this campus is going to continue in the near future to be an undergraduate focus.

In all of our planning we are coordinating with the other two campuses of BYU—in Provo and in Idaho, and our place in the overall Church Education System will become clearer and more productive as we increase this coordination. The important news for our alumni is that they are graduates of a university ranked as the fourth overall comprehensive college in the West with the highest academic ranking. It is the university that has the most international students, and the university with the most selective student body. We are proud of all that we accomplished in the academic year 2000–2001. These achievements are the result of every member of the university family seeing President David O. McKay's vision and by their efforts contributing to both the church and the students. And the most significant result of this effort is giving the students what they deserve—a quality education. □



**Brandyn Akana**  
Assistant Basketball  
Coach



**Donald Barnes**  
Special Education



**Chiung Hwang Chen**  
Cultural Studies



**Kimberley Gibby**  
English



**Patti Hartford**  
English as an  
International Language



**Alexandra Paul**  
Biology



**Timothy Richardson**  
Spanish and Chinese



**Joseph Stokes**  
English as an  
International Language



**Halaevalu Vakalahi**  
Social Work



**David Wade**  
Information Systems

### March 12, 1982

Governor George K. Ariyoshi addressed the University community.

### March 21, 1982

A major Sunday morning flood caused considerable damage in Laie.

### November 23, 1982

Hurricane Iwa temporarily closed the University, temple, and the PCC.

### January 16, 1983

Elder Marvin J. Ashton divided the Laie Stake creating the Laie Stake and the Laie North Stake. Willard K. Kekauoha was sustained as president of the Laie North Stake while William H. Cravens continued as Laie Stake president.



## D I S T I N G U I S H E D   A L U M N I   A W A R D

# Joe & Susie Berardy

**J**OE AND SUSIE Berardy are the recipients of the CCH/BYUH 2000 Distinguished Alumni Award. Susie attended BYU Hawaii 1980–1985 before serving a mission in Ventura, California, and earning her Associate degree in Travel Management in 1985. Joe attended BYUH 1985–1989, graduating with a degree in International Business Management with a minor in Mandarin Chinese. The couple was named Entrepreneurs of the Year 2001 by the Small Business Administration of America Filipino Chamber of Commerce. “Both

Susie and I have always had an interest in business,” Joe explains, “while growing up in the Philippines Susie would take food to school and sell home-cooked dishes to her classmates. She also helped in the family business in the local marketplace.” Joe began his entrepreneurial career even younger, when, at age five, he collected “deposit” bottles that were three cents redeemable. “Knowing that these old soda bottles lying around had a value to them intrigued me,” he says. He sold greeting cards door to door at age nine, had a paper route at ten, delivered

handbills offering to mow lawns, shoveled snow, and picked fruit in orchards all before he turned twelve. “Little did I know,” he laughs, “that halfway around the world, my future bride was also developing business skills and that we would come together fifteen years later to form a successful family and partnership.

Both Berardys attribute their desire to work hard to their respective parents who taught the importance of an honest day’s work and working hard to accomplish goals. “We were never afraid to take chances and calcu-

### April 11, 1983

A new branch of the U.S. Post Office opened in the Aloha Center on campus.

### May 1983

James William Harris, alumnus of CCH, was appointed Director of Central Planning and Development for the Kingdom of Tonga.

### August 1983

Focus Film Club won first prize from the Hawaii Film Board for their film, “The Chill”. Glen Kau served as advisor to the club.

### Academic Year 1983–1984

BYUH basketball player Elijah Jackson was named NAIA Academic All-American. Also this year the BYUHC/PCC soccer team won the state title, and the Seaside women’s volleyball team was ranked #2 in the nation.

lated risks,” Joe explains, “knowing that our efforts and hard work would help drive success.” Their faith in this simple formula led them into the import/export business where they felt they could pursue their own style of business.

“We wanted to focus on specific ideals which we hold in common. First, to help those around us whenever possible. We also wanted a business that would allow us frequent travel to visit our respective families, and we wanted to help people in other countries find economic success through developing markets in the USA.”

They started their business one year after Joe’s graduation. As a student Joe was a very successful manager of retail sales at the PCC, and he took what he had learned there to start a small retail business in downtown Honolulu selling Polynesian arts and crafts, some of which they had learned to make themselves. They also traveled throughout the Pacific collecting items that would appeal to their customer base. Soon they opened a second location in Waikiki—then took advantage of an opportunity to sell both leases and turn from retail to a wholesale and manufacturing role.

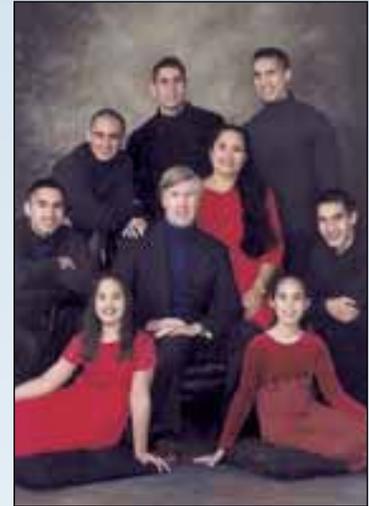
For the past seven years they have manufactured and sold Hawaiian-style quilted products with over 300 items in their merchandise line. They also make an American quilting line, educational soft-sculpted toys, a line of baby goods, a bronze sculpture line, and are currently developing a furniture line. They travel to the Philippines three or

four times a year where they maintain an office and employ more than 700 people. Their business now takes them to the Philippines, Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Japan and the mainland USA.

“The BYUH/PCC partnership is truly inspired by the Lord,” they say, “it allowed both of us to work our way through college while supporting our small family. PCC enabled us to learn important skills of doing business here in Hawaii, skills that we took with us when we left the Center.” They also have fond memories and attribute their success to the people they worked with at the PCC. “The leadership and direction we received as employees helped form and shape our lives—particularly as we both worked with people who encouraged us to think out of the box and allowed us to grow through our interests.”

Joe and Susie are establishing an endowment to help other students enjoy the same opportunities that BYU-Hawaii gave them. “It is our duty to give back,” they say, “not only monetarily but through service and helping others realize their dreams of progressing and expanding their horizons. It would be selfish of us not to give back.

The Berardy’s have served in many Church capacities including Susie’s callings as a Relief Society counselor and Achievement Day instructor, and Joe’s callings as Sunday School president, Elders Quorum president, YM secretary, and instructor. They are the parents of three children, Jordan 14, Megan 12, and Angelo 8. □



### Lucia Lealaitafea Westin, 1976

LUCIA (LUKA) graduated with a BA in Elementary Education. She is an EBD (Emotional Behavioral Disability) teacher in St. Paul, Minnesota. Immediately following her graduation from BYUH, she served a mission in the Samoa Apia Mission. She is married to Scott Westin, a business/computer consultant, and they have seven children, five boys (Scott, James, Lester, Jonathan, and Andrew), and two girls (Cherish and Karin). Luka is pleased that she graduated debt-free because of the opportunities available to her as a student to pay her way through school. While a BYUH student she worked at PCC as a tour guide, night show performer, and musician. She expresses fond memories of BYU-Hawaii, explaining, “it literally changed my life.” □

### January 7, 1984

The People’s Republic of China Premier Zhou Ziyang visited BYUHC and the PCC. Elder Marvin J. Ashton met with the premier and his party.



### February 1984

Jilin University in The PRC requested that BYUHC send English teachers to China for one year.

### March 23, 1984

The MNST Division provided a workshop for faculty in using new Apple Micro-Computers with Magic Window word processing.

### April 22, 1984

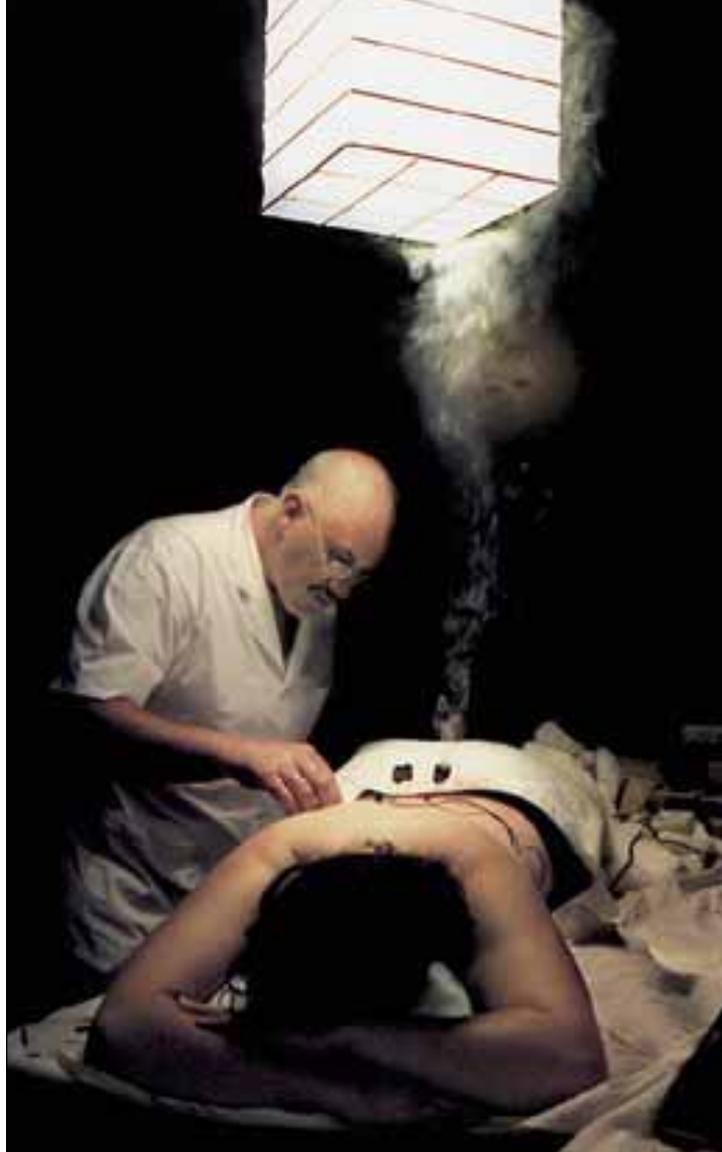
Elder Howard W. Hunter of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles sustained Sione H.M. Feinga as the new president of Laie Stake.

**Burton K. Freitas, 1974**

BURTON GRADUATED in 1974 with a BS in Electronics. He served a mission in the Western Canada Mission. He married Elizabeth K. Kaiawe and they have two sons, Preston (now attending BYUH), and Elton. His most memorable experience at BYU-Hawaii was when President Spencer W. Kimball attended commencement in 1974 and officially changed the name of the university from Church College to BYU-Hawaii. It was, he says, “a wonderful way to end my university experience!” Burton works in the Defense Information Systems Agency as an electronic engineer at Wheeler Army Airfield on Oahu. □

**Antonio Petero, 1980**

ANTONIO GRADUATED with a BS in Business Management. He married Ilaisane Ati, and works as a senior accountant in the LDS Church Pacific Regional Office in Australia. □

**Grant Pearse, 1978**

GRANT PEARSE transferred from BYUH to Cal State University-Dominguez Hills. A Social Work major, he followed a social services career path before becoming interested in herbal medicine. He studied at China’s Guangzhou University of Traditional Medicine from August 1995 to July 1999 studying acupuncture while teaching Western medical terminology. He was also an intern in the university clinic and at the Guangdong Provincial Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Grant soon learned that his non-Chinese patients wanted an alternative to allopathic medicine and Western drug therapy. “They also want to be heard, and understood, and as in Western medicine, want all the options presented to them.” he notes. “Each patient has different outcomes within a larger theoretical framework” he explains, “I try to make them understand this, and work within both the modern and ancient systems to alleviate their anxiety and lead them to wellness.

**July 25, 1984**

The PCC dedicated its new mission complex featuring an 1850s-era mission home and chapel with a bell originally from the Pulehu LDS chapel on Maui.

**October 1984**

BYUHC acquired its first satellite dish.

**December 1984**

Dr. Hong-Shu Dong, Director of Higher Education, PRC, visited campus with five Chinese government education leaders.

**January 18, 1985**

Arnold Sasaki, a ten-year-old, became the youngest student ever to enroll at BYUHC.

**November 5, 1985**

President Spencer W. Kimball passed away in Salt Lake City, Utah.

For the most part,” he adds, “my patients are lovely people, open minded and grateful for medicine that works.”

From his East Winds Clinic of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture in Frankton, New Zealand, he fondly recalls his time at BYUH. “BYU-Hawaii was a highlight of my young life. I thoroughly enjoyed it and look back on it as a force that guided me in my life. Even though I didn’t stay longer than one year, I found something very valuable there. I found the value of life-long friends and the sincerity of people who really cared about others. I fully support the ideals of BYU-Hawaii. Sometimes as young people we look at the standards on the campus as a little homogenizing but through the Church we can find a happiness and simplicity that others long for. The world has become very complex but the Church gives us meaning, community, love, understanding, and security that is lacking in the world. Within LDS theology we find true equality, egalitarianism, and the understanding of a supreme God who will forever love us and embrace us no matter where we are from or how we define ourselves. For that knowledge I am forever grateful.”

Grant met his wife, Barbara (Seymour), at a Church singles ward where “the activities were great and helped many of us form lifetime friendships.” They have two children, Raine, and Reef. Grant has served in many Church positions, including Branch President, home teacher, and, as he describes it, “nearly everything including but not limited to handing out the hymn books, custodian, and Primary pianist.” □

### Michelle Moana Hippolite, 1981–1984

MICHELLE MOANA is married to Evan Hippolite. A Social Work major at BYUH, Michelle is now a policy advisor to New Zealand’s Prime Minister. Her parliamentary portfolios cover a range of social policy areas including education, employment, women’s issues, Maori language and development, and youth issues. A working mother of two (Marcella 5, and Tame 4) Michelle also does voluntary work helping people learn how to find their way through the bureaucracy of governmental regulations. She is interested in promoting family-friendly environments with flexible work time and parental leave provisions. She is also an advocate for Maori in government, and considers many perspectives in her drive to improve the lot of all people including Maori. In this desire her arguments must demonstrate benefits for people of diverse needs, and as a public servant she must be perceptive in her role in preparing contractual arrangements with specific provisions sensitive to Maori identity.



Michelle came to BYUH to complete her undergraduate education. She credits the general education courses with making her a well-rounded person. “It was a unique experience to be with other cultures,” she says, “and I really appreciated the spiritual element of my BYUH education, particularly after I returned to New Zealand. Church learning is the basis of one’s life, and as such is as important as other learning.”

Michelle, who received her Patriarchal Blessing in Hawaii, encourages other New Zealand students considering attending BYUH, to apply. “Become independent,” she tells them, “grow, be brave, take the next step. You’ll meet so many nice people there and the experience will help you set goals and make wise choices in your life.” Michelle is half-way to completing her Master’s degree at New Zealand’s Massey University. She is currently an early-morning seminary teacher, and has served as Relief Society president and taught Gospel Doctrine class. □

#### November 10, 1985

Ezra Taft Benson succeeded Spencer W. Kimball as president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

#### February 20–21, 1986

BYUHC Board of Trustees met on the Hawaii campus for the first time. President Thomas S. Monson, Elders L. Tom Perry, Neal A. Maxwell, Henry G. Eyring, and Harold Western attended. President Jeffrey R. Holland and Elder Carmack also attended.

#### March 16, 1986

Lloyd M. Munson succeeded Eric B. Shumway as president of the BYU-Hawaii 1st Stake.

#### May 8, 1986

Dr. Alton Wade was announced as the new president of BYUHC.

## Deaths in our ohana

Aina, Mildred  
(Graduate, 1958)

Blevins, Elsie Asayo  
(Graduate, 1968)

Gillespie, Jeanette  
(1982)

Hooper, Lamia  
(Graduate, 1970)

Latu, Pita  
(Graduate, 1980)

Luke, Monika Scilla  
(2001)

Matagi, Faimafili  
(2001)

Niu, Mary Pere  
(1978)

Prescott, Joy Leinaala  
(Graduate, 1996)

Pula, June Schwalger  
(1979)

Suga, Ronald  
(1991)

Tuia, Lloyd Po'a  
(1978)

Kalles, Bershida  
(2001)



### Frank Hippolite, 1979

FRANK TRANSFERRED his BYUH credits to Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, where he graduated with his Bachelor of Law degree with a focus on Public Law, particularly constitutional and Waitangi Treaty issues. He works as a consultant with private firms as well as with the government's Ministry of Health and Maori Trust. However, the Treaty work is what he enjoys the most. His personal desire is to "Make a contribution in some way to my *hapu* (tribe) and *iwi* (people), keeping in mind that my own *whanau* (family) is the center of my focus." Even more than this, the father of six, Frank says, "I hope my family stays together, that the boys go on missions and that they all marry in the temple."

One of his children definitely wants to attend BYU-Hawaii and BYU in Provo. "All of my memories of BYUH are good, happy, and often humorous," Frank says, "I also have a lot of good memories of PCC from working on the canoes with the tour guides. BYU-Hawaii was great. I think it was a tremendous growth time for my testimony—it was while I was there that I resolved to go on a mission." He served in the Dallas, Texas Mission, 1981–82. He credits "fantastic student activities" and the fact that all the students were LDS with making his experience significant in his life. "At Victoria University the education is good but the experience can be challenging without the same moral standards we enjoy in the gospel."

Frank has served in a bishopric three times, as well as in a stake presidency. He has also served six years as a Young Men's president. He is married to Karina Parai Hippolite and lives in Takapuwahia Pa, Porirua, New Zealand. He is accompanied here by his four-year-old daughter, Iwingaro. □

#### July 1, 1986

Dr. Alton Wade became the 7th president of BYU-Hawaii Campus.

#### Fall Semester, 1986

Fall registration reached 2008.

#### November 1986

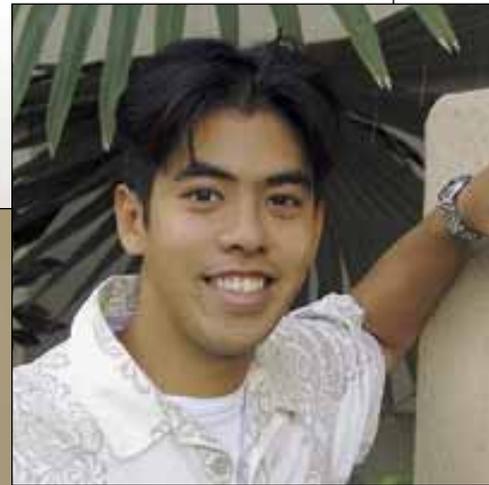
BYUHC women took the NAIA national volleyball championship.

#### November 14, 1987

The women's volleyball team repeated as national champions.

#### December 1987

The Education Division presented their Outstanding Service Award to alumnus and state Superintendent of Education, Charles T. Toguchi.



## Meet Tomorrow's Leader's Today at

# BYU-HAWAII

by Ron Taylor

*Today they dream dreams filled with faith and hope. Tomorrow they will wield a great influence for peace.*

I ENJOY SPENDING time with the students here at Brigham Young University-Hawaii. They are serious and interesting students. They are on a mission. They are here in school to prepare to serve their families, communities, and nations. They come having already experienced the spirit's powerful influence in their lives. And each has an amazing story to tell. ►

• **January 17, 1988**

Gregory Newell, CCH alumnus, returned to campus as U.S. Ambassador to Sweden.

• **July 1, 1988**

James P. Christensen succeeded Ralph G. Rodgers Jr. as president of the PCC.

• **September 21, 1989**

BYUHC held its first Academic Convocation.

• **June 23, 1990**

Faculty member, Jerry K. Loveland, was awarded the University's Distinguished Service Award.

• **January 18, 1991**

Elder Thomas S. Monson dedicated the PCC's new IMAX theater.

## THE FIRST SISTER MISSIONARY FROM CAMBODIA



AS THEANY REATH speaks of her hopes and dreams for the future, her eyes sparkle. The soft-spoken young woman from Cambodia studying International Business Management remembers how she desired to know who God was and to know the purpose of life.

“I always thought to myself there is supposed to be one God and one church. But I did not know which one. Still, when the LDS missionaries began to teach me I fought against it. One day when I came home after a discussion with the missionaries I felt bad because I had made them so unhappy by my mean and uncooperative attitude. I asked myself why do I do this? How come I just don’t ask God if I want to know if it’s true or not?”

“I went to my room by myself. I had a feeling I needed to pray. Always, when I prayed to Buddha I never felt that I had a close relationship. I just prayed and I didn’t know where he was or if he cared. There was no feeling. Just talk. But on that particular night I felt I should pray. As I thought about God and what the missionaries had taught me, I had a feeling come over me that I knew God before. I was not scared. I wanted to talk with God like I talk with my father. I just kneeled down and looked up. I said, ‘God, if you are the more powerful God, please let me know. I don’t want a sign. But can I at least feel you and know that you care?’

“After I said that an amazing feeling descended over me, all over my body. Then, I thought, ‘Oh, Wow! He let me know. I was overwhelmed by the spirit. I said to myself, ‘He is the powerful one and He cares about me!’

“At first my parents, especially my dad, tried to stop me from going to church. Again I prayed to Heavenly Father. I said, ‘You know I found you. I have been waiting for you for a long time, almost my whole life. I need to go to church. I need to strengthen my testimony. I need to be a good example to my family. I know that through my example they will recognize the Spirit.’ Later on I told my dad that I was going to

church. I told him that as soon as I joined the church I’d be a better daughter for him.”

Theany soon joined the church and eventually became the first sister missionary from Cambodia by accepting a call to serve in California. “I always wanted to finish my education” she explains, “Things

are not good in my country right now. It is still struggling with politics and a lot of bad situations, so I wanted to come to America to get my education.

“My boss [the chairman of the Cambodian Investment Board] wants me to come back to work there when I finish my education. But I’m not sure. I need to pray hard. I want to do what Heavenly Father wants me to do. I believe I have a chance to help develop my country. I have a dream and I know it will come true one day. That dream is to see Cambodia come back to being good and successful—to bless the lives of its people.

“I know the gospel is there,” she says. “So even though it is bad now, I know that things can change. As long as the gospel is there, people can change.”

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### June 21, 1991

Eric B. Shumway succeeded James P. Christensen as president of the PCC.

### August 22, 1991

Alumnus Bode Uale wa appointed to the bar and began serving as a Hawaii State Family Court Judge.

### October 1991

Elder Dallin H. Oaks, named Lester W.B. Moore as president of the PCC.

### May 23, 1992

Charles Goo was sustained as president of the BYUHC 1st Stake.

### September 11, 1992

Hurricane Iniki struck Hawaii. The Laie community suffered some damage.

## YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT'S AROUND THE CORNER

"I DID EVERYTHING I knew how to do while I was in high school to prove myself and to earn a scholarship to a university," says Charles Fa'afō'i Tuigamala, who was born in a remote area of Western Samoa. His youthful appearance belies the years of experience and leadership opportunities he has already enjoyed in the Lord's service.

"Getting a university education was my only hope of making something of myself. I worked hard enough that by the time I graduated, I was offered two scholarships—one from Fiji, to the Fiji Institute of Technology, and one from a university in Texas. As things turned out, however, I had to cancel both in order to keep a promise I had made to the Lord. It hurt to let them go, because once you turn down a scholarship it's gone. There are many other students who need scholarships. Anyway, I turned them down and went on a mission. I have no regrets. I loved it."

Following his mission, Charles went back to work in American Samoa. About three years later he met a young woman, Shirley, from Papua New Guinea, who had come to Samoa to visit a friend and her family. Charles felt there was something special between them and it wasn't long until he followed her back to Papua New Guinea. Not only did he marry Shirley and baptize her, but within weeks of arriving on the island he was called to be a counselor in the mission presidency in Papua New Guinea. During the next few years he traveled from one end of the country to the other. He visited with the saints, taught the missionaries, and taught investigators. During this same time Charles taught and baptized Shirley's parents—and her father is now serving as a bishop in Papua New Guinea. He also influenced her relatives—uncles, aunts, cousins, and other family members including a brother-in-law who is now serving as a stake high counselor. Along the way were scout troops and street kids he befriended and baptized—including one young man who was part of a gang that robbed Charles at gun point taking his shoes and socks. That young robber is now a returned missionary thanks to Charles's willingness to befriend him.

"Papua New Guinea is a dangerous place," Charles notes. You never know what's around the corner. But I found that these kids were just trying to take care of their basic needs and they found they could trust me—that I was a friend they could count on."

Charles is now a scholarship student at BYU-Hawaii. He has a double major: International Business Management, and Information Systems. He serves as a counselor in the stake presidency on campus, the second time he has had such a calling. He is 28 years old and he and his wife now have a son, Charles Jr. When asked about his dreams for the future, Charles talks about Papua New Guinea. He and his family intend to return to the island.

"My wife and I want to go back and do what we can to help, whatever that might be. I hope I can build a business to provide jobs for the people. I hope I can contribute to the success of the Church there in the years to come. I just want to help in any way I can.

"When I got this scholarship to BYU-Hawaii it was a dream come true. The Lord has opened this door for me and I want to make the most of it. The prophecy of President David O. McKay is being fulfilled. I'm sure Papua New Guinea will benefit from the contributions of all its young men and women who come here and then go back to build and strengthen that part of the Lord's Kingdom."



### October 5, 1992

Napua Baker was appointed as the first woman university vice president in the Church Education System.



### April 14, 1994

Eric B. Shumway was named the eighth president of BYUHC by BYU President Rex E. Lee.

### June 5, 1994

Howard W. Hunter succeeded Ezra Taft Benson as president of the Church. Also this month, T. David Hannemann was named as president of the Hawaii Temple.

### November 1994

President Howard W. Hunter installed Eric B. Shumway as the eighth president of BYUHC.

## EVENTUALLY I WANT TO GO BACK TO CHINA

KEJIAN JIA WAS BORN in the northeast part of the People's Republic of China in Jilin City, about 800 miles from the North Korean border. Due to family problems, from the time he was about one year old he was raised by his maternal grandparents. "My grandmother was loving, but very, very strict. There was much to do between homework, feeding the chickens, and so on," he recalls, "there wasn't a lot of time to play with the other kids. But," he says, "it was good for me. I learned the value of work."



By 1999 "Chester" was married, had a degree in English language and literature from a university in China, and was working for the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company in Guang-zhou in Southern China. He had also met and become good friends with a young man from Hong Kong who was a BYU graduate.

"Because we worked together we had the opportunity to talk a lot about life, work, and the future," Chester remembers. "At the same time, our company was downsizing, and my whole department was let go. I was out of a job and found myself wondering about some pretty serious things—things like who am I and what do I really want to be? I really wanted to have something come into my life and change me, but I didn't know what that might be. I just knew that something was missing in my life. There was an emptiness in me. I knew I had to have a career or a job because I had a wife to take care of, but something else was needed. So I talked about this with my friend.

"He said that maybe I just needed to let the spirit guide me, but I really had no clue as to what it meant to have the spirit guide me. I thought a lot about it, but I couldn't figure out what he was talking about. When I later asked him to explain, he said, 'You know that I went to Brigham

Young University. You know that I am a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.' Then he asked if I had any concept of God. I told him that I thought I knew what God is. I was a literature student and we had read some of the Bible in a literature appreciation class. Then he asked if I would be interested in reading more about it. I said I would and he told me that he would bring me something the next time he went to Hong Kong.

"Soon I was reading Gospel Principles and I was really impressed by the plan of salvation and the idea of eternal life. But I was also asking myself if there was such a thing as God and an eternal plan for families. It challenged me and soon I was faced with this idea of having faith and praying to a God I could not see. That's how it all started. My friend introduced me to other members of the Church and to the Book of Mormon. My wife and I decided that we wanted to attend Sunday meetings.

"Soon I was feeling the spirit. I was really, really touched. And then I was saying to myself, 'Well, what am I still looking for? This is it. I have felt the spirit and it told me that this is the guidance I have been looking for all my life. What am I still waiting for?' That was when I decided to get baptized."

After his baptism, Chester decided he needed to obtain an MBA. He soon learned that in order to be accepted into a U.S. MBA program he would need two more years of undergraduate education.

### March 12, 1995

Gordon B. Hinckley became the 15th president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### February 18, 1996

President Hinckley addressed 14,000 Saints in two mini conference sessions in the Cannon Activities Center.

### April 28, 1996

American Mothers Inc., named Carolyn Shumway National Mother of the Year.

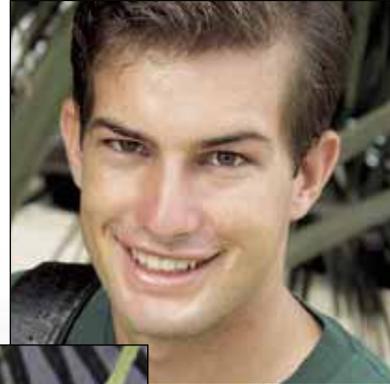
### October 7–11, 1997

Several thousand Church members gathered on campus for the Pioneers in the Pacific conference as part of the Church's sesquicentennial celebrations. President Gordon B. Hinckley attended and addressed several sessions.

“I discovered that BYU-Hawaii has a very good academic reputation, plus it is a Church school, and it has a work-study scholarship program that would help me earn the money needed to sustain my wife and me,” he reflects. “Now that I’ve been here two years, I can tell you that BYU-Hawaii is actually the best school I’ve ever attended. The professors are of the highest caliber, many of them have PhDs from places like Harvard and Yale. In addition, they blend gospel principles into classroom discussions so your testimony grows along with your academic skills. I could not have obtained the same quality of education anywhere but here.”

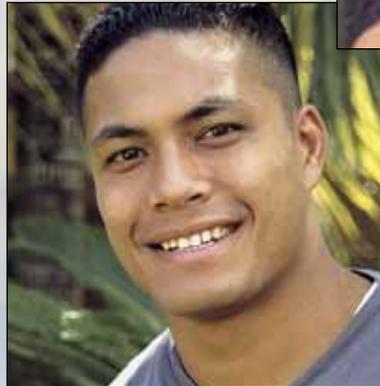
Since arriving on campus, Chester has baptized his wife and they have been sealed in the Laie, Hawaii Temple. He also baptized his mother-in-law when she came to Hawaii for a visit.

His goal is to return to China. “One fundamental part of my education here is to support and promote peace and better relationships with people from all over the world. I would be really, really thrilled if I can be part of that someday in my home country. The spirit will help me understand what my role is and I want to be there and do my part—whatever it is. When the Church is admitted to China I believe the people there will open their arms and embrace it. I believe it’s just a matter of a little time. Won’t that be wonderful?”



### YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT CHANGES LIVES

WHAT MORE IMPORTANT work could we possibly participate in than to help young men and women like Theany, Charles, and Chester to experience the Aloha tradition on the Hawaii campus of Brigham Young University? Thank you for making it possible. If you have not yet been involved and you are interested in being a part of this life-changing work, please contact us at: BYU-Hawaii Development Office, 55-220 Kulanui Street, Laie, Hawaii 96762, or phone: (808) 293-3912. □



**February 12, 1998**

BYU-Hawaii launches the Center for Hawaiian Language and Cultural Studies academic program with William K. Wallace III as director.



# Hope and Consolation

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

**I**N SPITE OF this terrible tragedy there is hope. There is assurance. There is peace. There is comfort in the word of the Lord who said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live. And he that liveth and believeth in me shall never die.'

I have an absolutely solid faith concerning the eternity of life, concerning the fact that we are all sons and daughters of God, regardless of our religious persuasion, regardless of our nationality. We are sons and daughters of God.

He expects good things of us. He expects us to live lives of accountability and the right kind of pursuits, not to be destructive, not to be evil, but to rise above these terrible things and deport ourselves in a manner that will bless mankind and bring to pass that peace which all the world longs for."

*President Gordon B. Hinckley, September 14, 2001*

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