Dear Alumni,

ALOHA! ON BEHALF of the BYU-Hawaii Alumni Association I extend greetings to you from our board of directors, our Alumni Office staff and also our alumni in residence. We express our love and gratitude for your trust in affording us the privilege to serve you and this magnificent institution of higher learning that we love so dearly. We wish to thank you for your support of our reunions, firesides, visiting university leaders and performing groups, and, of course, our fundraising efforts. We invoke that same commitment for future alumni events within your respective chapters. We particularly wish to thank all past and present chapter chairs for your willingness to volunteer your service in bringing the mission of the alumni to fruition.

This is an exciting time for BYU-Hawaii alumni. It is a time to reflect on the great accomplishments of the 20th Century and to welcome the many opportunities ahead of us in the 21st Century. As we enter the new century we wish to pay tribute to our out-going president, Bobby Akoi, and all past presidents, board members, and coordinators of the Alumni Office who have served so diligently in laying the foundation for us to advance the development of our Alumni Association into the new millennium. Thank you so much for your contributions both to the Association and to the University.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the labor missionaries who generously donated their time, money, and skills to build this fine university. Your contributions have benefited and will continue to benefit many individuals who desire tertiary studies at BYU-Hawaii. You are an integral part of the fulfillment of the prophetic destiny of this institution, and have provided an opportunity to educate the minds and spirits of all who attend this university. Many of these student graduates have already become “leaders of nations and ambassadors of peace.” We want you to know that your efforts and love have not gone unnoticed. Every graduate of BYU-Hawaii is a living testimony of your dedication, unselfish labor and fine example.

We are also mindful of past and present faculty members who valiantly serve the university. You have touched the lives of many students in your efforts to educate their minds to resolve complicated issues in the world in which we live, and also to mold their spirits to become good productive citizens of their communities and peacemakers to the world.

As alumni the university needs us and we also need the university. Let us be a strong force for good in fulfilling the prophetic destiny of this institution through capturing the essence of our mission and accomplishing our objectives. Let us reflect on the lives of those who have gone before us who have blessed our lives and also the lives of our children. As we do so let us also think of this profound statement by Elder Simpson: “We have drunk from wells we have not dug, and springs we have not found.” Let us rally round to maintain the flow and the freshness of cool clean water from these wells and springs. Let us contribute to the growth and development of the university and its alumni in residence who will become leaders for tomorrow’s Church and nations. Let us light the way for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who will select BYU-Hawaii as their university of choice for their education. Our new board is very excited and committed to the cause. We pledge our love and service to you and the university.

As we plan to celebrate the new millennium, the Alumni Board of Directors extends an invitation to you to join us during our Homecoming week from February 2–12, 2000. We hope that you will find time in your busy schedules to enjoy our celebration. It will be an excellent opportunity to renew past friendships and stay connected to campus.

Once again, thank you for your support, your love, and your loyalty to BYU-Hawaii. May the Lord’s abundant blessings be upon you in your individual endeavors.

God Bless!

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BYU-Hawaii president, Eric B. Shumway, is between meetings in his second-floor office in the Lorenzo Snow administration building this morning. It is the time of day when Hawaii residents wake early to clear blue sky, soft tradewinds, and mountains and sea of incredible beauty. The office looks over green lawns and colorful gardens surrounding campus buildings, and the early-morning light sparkles in the leaves of palms swaying gently in the warm sun.

President Shumway answers my first question with cheerful confidence: “The Polynesian Cultural Center and BYU-Hawaii are among the great ‘come and see’ institutions of the Church,” he says. “When someone says ‘Tell me what Mormonism is,’ all we have to say is ‘Come and see!’”

He is exuberant in defining the partnered role of the two institutions: “President McKay described BYU-Hawaii as a ‘training center’ to embrace the people of the islands and Asia, and he mentioned by name the Chinese and Japanese. Some people think these statements are ‘just nice words’ but they are words which have become prophetic in a dramatic way.” As sister institutions, he avows, “The Polynesian Cultural Center and BYU-Hawaii together are the perfect display to Asian visitors. They can read the Church, probe the Church, and understand the Church through their relationships and friendships with people at the PCC and at BYU-Hawaii.”

He illustrates this process with the experience one Chinese alumni of the campus and cultural center revealed to him of “the startling introduction” he encountered when he first arrived on campus and which he described to the president as a mental and psychological adjustment.

In his own words, the young man related: “When I arrived in Honolulu, I had been told I would be picked up at the airport, and, accordingly, a driver met me. He put my bags in his car and opened the front passenger door for me. Then he went around to the driver’s seat and we began the drive around the island to Laie. Along the way I discovered that he was a senior vice president of the Polynesian Cultural Center—it was then that I realized I was in a different country, a different system, a different hierarchy.”

President Shumway smiles broadly in the telling: “The young man continued with his story: ‘then I met President Moore. He was so gracious and interested in me. He invited me to walk with him through the grounds of the PCC. As we came out of the building he noticed a piece of trash on the ground and he picked it up and put it in the trash bin—then I realized that I was in a country where vice presidents are drivers and presidents are trash collectors.”

Cheerfully, President Shumway contemplates, “We can talk about love and the
Aloha Spirit but these people come here and feel it. They feel the Spirit of Christ and call it the Aloha Spirit. It is very easy for them to make that connection. What we have here on the campus and at the PCC is a harmony of minorities and a ‘servant leadership’ status of leaders.”

There is great interest in the countries of Asia, he notes, “in having us prepare men and women on one year internships and having them go back home with new knowledge. This is a gift which we offer them. We do it out of the goodness of our hearts. Even if the Church doesn’t get into some countries for 50 years it is still a worthy investment. The Chinese sense that the Aloha Spirit and leadership are directly connected to our ultimate concern which is the preparation of students for future leadership in their home communities.”

Describing such visitors’ experience at the PCC, he observes, “The Chinese background and cultural heritage is the lens through which they see the PCC—and they see its mission and activities relating to themselves, not alien to themselves. When they come here they sense their importance as individuals. Our culture and education lifestyle resonates with them. The professorial caring, the compassionate teaching that goes on seems wonderfully caring and impressive to them.”

For these and other reasons, President Shumway is vigorous in pursuit of his goal for faculty, staff, and students together: “I want every person who is here from our target areas of Asia and Polynesia identified and brought into someone’s circle of influence who can really help them. It’s about mentoring, about sharing the gospel, the Aloha Spirit. We will reach to the people of these countries through these individuals. They will become literal ambassadors of the experiences they have here with us. Together BYU-Hawaii and the PCC are a center of learning, and many Asians who trained here have absorbed the culture and the gospel then returned home to become ambassadors of the Church—whether they are members of the Church or not.”

His conviction matched by characteristic optimism and warmth, he personalizes his vision of the university and cultural center partnership in the new millennium: “We must prepare our hearts for the coming year 2000 and beyond. We need, both personally and collectively, to pray for and receive a portion of President McKay’s vision. His vision needs to become our own. We must be constantly renewed and invigorated. We can’t be let down in front of our students. We must learn about all these Pacific Rim countries and make contacts both for placement and recruitment of our students.”

As another group gathers to meet with him, we conclude our visit and he shares a letter just received from a young student from Hong Kong who worked in media services while on campus. It reads in part:

“So many times I read, listened to, and even worked on media which portray the mission and vision of the university. Those words and ideas that flowed through my consciousness were simply intellectual words and ideas. They have now taken on a new life. As a student I sometimes sat through classes and lectures that felt like near death experiences. But at the same time, how many times my soul has been touched by the Master and his servants’ hands! How many times my intellect has been pushed and led to new limits. The fire of learning and the spirit—while at times dimmed due to personal choices—will always be there if we do our part. Of course there are challenges and difficulties in any community and society, but what a wonderful blessing to be involved in such heavenly work, to make a positive impact on young people of the Church while at the same time making an earthly living.”

On this early morning of tropical beauty and warmth, as students cross the campus outside it is easy to perceive the promise in President Shumway’s inspired vision as he encapsulates both the mission and spirit of the university with characteristic conviction: “This campus,” he quietly affirms, “is dedicated to the internationalization of the Church.” ■ Vernice Wineera
IN THE FALL OF 1962, Dr. Nephi Georgi and the Arts and Sciences faculty of the then Church College of Hawaii (later Brigham Young University-Hawaii Campus) determined to establish an annual lecture series designed to further the purposes for which the university was established, namely expanding academic insight and teaching moral values on a universal stage. With its establishment a local platform was created from which new knowledge and vital issues could be discussed by a distinguished member of the faculty, including key administrative personnel who had come through the faculty ranks. By approaching the subject matter with intellectual courage and vigor the designated faculty member would exemplify the inspired leadership of David O. McKay, then president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, under whose hand the university was established.

On February 19, 1963, Richard T. Wootton, then serving as the second president of the school, presented the first David O. McKay Lecture. From this beginning, the David O. McKay Lecture has become a campus tradition which continues into the 21st Century. One goal in selecting lecturers over the years has been to honor faculty members whose association with the university has been extensive. Of the nineteen original faculty members of The Church College of Hawaii, seven eventually delivered lectures.

In 1981, two previous lecturers, Jay Fox and Eric Shumway, jointly conceived the idea of publishing the first twenty lectures in a single volume and Fox began the task of locating type-scripts, transforming them to copytexts, and developing drafts suitable for editing purposes. The project languished for a period before Jesse Crisler, a BYUH faculty member, drew on Fox’s earlier work and began editing the first 30 lectures while also recovering as many of the original sources as possible. Later, in 1998, Crisler and Fox together renewed interest in the project with the support of Shumway, now president of BYU-Hawaii.

The completed volume, almost 500 pages in length, includes the edited lectures, sources, notes, bibliographies, and lists of illustrations as well as photographs and short biographies of all presenters. It’s title, “From This Place,” is taken from an idea expressed in the address given by President David O. McKay at the dedication of CCH: “You mark my word, . . . from this school, I’ll tell you, will go men and women whose influence will be felt for good towards the establishment of peace internationally.”

The volume’s cover features two photographs of President David O. McKay, one of a portrait by Roscoe A. Grover in the BYU-Hawaii art collection, and the other of President and Sister McKay during an early trip to Hawaii. The book is available through the BYU-Hawaii bookstore for $28.75. Orders may be placed over the Internet through kamiyad@byuh.edu or by fax to the campus bookstore (808) 293-3598.
opportunities and challenges as he assumes his leadership role at the dawning of a new millennium. “The ongoing challenge as we move into the next century lies in remaking ourselves,” he observes, “how do we respond to the complex world of our various student constituencies? How do we help every student be as effective and as successful as he or she is able to considering the backgrounds they come from? We need to be very sophisticated in helping all of these students.”

A university, he maintains, is “a place where we have a faculty, academics devoted passionately to their realm of knowledge who concern themselves in dialogue with colleagues in their field around the world, who also interact with the next generation of students who are, in a sense, participating with the faculty in the generation of this discipline of knowledge. Students learn to abstract themselves from their normal patterns of thinking and learn to think about the world in ways they never thought of before.” The challenge for BYU-Hawaii, he continues, is “trying to build faith and testimony and devotion to the restoration of the gospel.”

Dean Belnap senses that BYUH and other schools in the Church Education System will play a unique role in the globalization of the church. He feels it is particularly exciting to see the interface between academic knowledge and the growth of the Church. “For example, how does a Mormon professional think about family therapy in this context? How about if we apply this to the dynamics of Japanese or other cultures? Here [at BYU-Hawaii] we can perform a very specific and exciting role as the Church unfolds during this last dispensation. We do this by applying President McKay’s phrase about becoming ‘a living laboratory’ of what it means to be ‘Mormon’ in an international environment.

“How do you integrate your faith with your secular knowledge on one hand, and how do you translate that across languages and cultures on the other? My hope is that we can become an avant-garde, cutting-edge institution that looks at issues relevant to globalization and international culture from as many disciplines as possible, so that we then can contribute insights not only to our students directly, but also to the ongoing question of how Mormonism is going to look.” This, he notes, is a service that this institution can provide. “It’s like the metaphor of the leavening: BYU-Hawaii can be part of the yeast in the bread; it can provide some of the meaningful life of the church.”

Describing the strengths of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Belnap relates, “We are well situated academically to take advantage of our unique environment. We have a fanatical faculty who are devoted to their disciplines and who are deeply concerned about their students’ welfare. My concern is how do we help support the faculty so they can more effectively expand their own minds and, therefore, impact the lives of their students?”

Noting various challenges facing BYUH graduates after they leave the influence of this campus, he asks, “How do we
help the students learn and remember that the most important thing is to keep the commandments and build their testimonies as they move into more aggressive environments? The safety net isn’t always there; challenges of a profession, family and financial insecurity are ever-present. Our graduates need to meet these challenges in a faith-filled way.”

Believing that it is within the mission of the university to guide students and provide them with a facilitating environment where each student can progress academically, the dean is convinced that BYU-Hawaii is well-situated to accomplish this mission. “Laie represents Mormon expansion in the Pacific just as Mexico represents its influence in North America, outside the United States. With six to seven generations of Church members in the Pacific now, the university can take advantage of its central location.”

Even with his new responsibilities, Dean Belnap continues his own research in his areas of expertise, Mexico and Cuba, and is committed to publication projects and international conference presentations on these subjects. Thoughtfully questioning his new role as the century turns, he observes with a smile, “My personal challenge is how do I become as cosmopolitan as our students?”

Theresa Bigbie
Continuing Education

THE ASSOCIATE DEAN of Continuing Education, Theresa Kalama Bigbie, is a 19-year BYU and BYUH employee and alumna. Theresa, who has been heavily involved as president of the Laie Community Association since 1991, defines the mission of Continuing Education as “education for everyone, anytime, anyplace.” She feels that people in general and Church members in particular are growing more interested in education, and that Continuing Education’s challenge is to anticipate and meet these needs by extending the spirit and services of Brigham Young University-Hawaii.

Bounded only by the resources and creativity of the staff, the scope of Continuing Education is widening. Included in its responsibilities are degree and non-degree programs for non-traditional students, evening classes, remedial Math 90 and 99, community education and all CES programs including “Education for Daily Living Week” which is part of “Education Week”, “Super Especially For Youth”, “Women’s Conference”, and youth conferences.

In addition, Continuing Education works in partnership with the Polynesian Cultural Center supporting the Elder Hostel and Aloha Summer programs, as well as with the School of Education in sending faculty to the South Pacific to provide education courses to teachers in the Church Education System. Another partnership with the U.S. Armed Forces provides a program of intensive Chinese language courses. Working with the Division of Social Sciences, the Continuing Education division will convene a Pacific Islands conference in May 2000, and also co-sponsor a number of sports programs on campus with the Exercise and Sports Science division.

With the explosion in communications technology, opportunities for non-traditional education abound and global use of the Church communications network opens new possibilities for individual students. In this way, while physical enrollment at BYUH is limited, there is no enrollment cap for Continuing Education. Another strength in the Division is the natural attraction of Hawaii as a destination site. People are eager to experience Hawaii’s unique culture, and programs which respond to this desire are very popular.

Continuing Education also works in partnership with commercial entities, most recently with the China Tourism industry, in hosting students from Mainland China for immersion into American culture. Associate Dean Bigbie confesses that this type of program is severely limited due to difficulties in obtaining visas, but by continuing efforts she hopes to secure more participation.

CES programs are modified for our specific area. Especially for Youth, a popular BYU Provo program, will be coming to Hawaii in the year 2000. The program will be reduced from one week to four days, and program costs will be held to a minimum allowing students statewide to participate. Depending upon its success, Theresa envisions the program expanding to become an international event with the potential to reach young people around the entire Pacific rim. The LDS Women’s Conference will also be modified to fulfill local needs. Held in conjunction with the same conference at BYU in Provo, two days of keynote addresses and sessions from the Provo event will be aired by tape delay and integrated into local sessions. Additionally, with the renaming of Education Week to Education for Daily Living Week, CES faculty will be able to participate along with local faculty to meet specific community needs.

One of the more exciting innovations that Theresa is implementing is the BYU Provo Division of Continuing Education registration system. This will allow more rapid and efficient processing thus greatly expanding the Division’s capability to serve customers. State-of-the-art systems and excellent programs now available to BYU-Hawaii are due to the recent merger of the BYU and BYUH Divisions of Continuing Education. Theresa’s office reports to Dean Richard Eddy at Provo and Vice-President Olani Durrant at BYUH. She sees this as a definite step in the right direction and attributes the division’s increasing success to members of her staff as well as her colleagues on the Provo campus.

Theresa envisions the Division of Continuing Education as an ever-expanding platform for growth, limited only by resources and time. A mother of five, grandmother of sixteen, and Relief Society president of her home ward, her new position as Associate Dean of Continuing Education is guaranteed to keep her busy well into the 21st century.

■ Dianna Neal
Glassware glitters, silverware sparkles, the menu includes fresh homemade bread, Cantonese lemon chicken, Mongolian beef, Mexican flautas, American hamburgers, and an all-you-can-eat salad bar with dozens of items. Is it a fancy North Shore restaurant? No. It’s the BYU-Hawaii cafeteria, preparing another 900+ lunches. That’s around 3,000 meals a day during the school year, all under the able direction of diminutive but energetic Doyle and Lola Walker. By the turn of the new year the Walkers will complete eight years of service to BYU-Hawaii and return to Idaho.

The Walkers came to campus in 1992 as a result of a series of coincidences which told them that “the Lord wanted us here,” they reveal. While Doyle flew to Hawaii to begin work Lola remained behind to pack up and sell their home. She joined him in late August. Two weeks later Hurricane Iniki blew through the islands giving them cause to wonder what they were getting into.

Besides being responsible for planning and preparing thousands of meals daily, the Walkers also oversee the Seasider Snack Bar, the Plantation Store, Game Room, and Cannon Center concessions; regulate all campus vending; provide meals for the Hawaii temple; and cater numerous special events on campus. As catering leadworker, Lola confers with the administration to plan and carry out banquets, receptions, open houses, parties, and guest luncheons. In the past year she has coordinated as many as seventeen events in one week. She notes, “our biggest challenge was the Together for Greatness celebration, requiring five days of catering, including five events for more than 900 guests.”
Brigham Young University-Hawaii Campus

Both are quick to credit the operation of everything to their staff.

Doyle manages twenty-five full-time employees and 140 part-time student employees. Early every morning the Walkers greet students as they enter the cafeteria for breakfast. “We love getting to know the students and watching them grow and develop,” Doyle says. And, his workers point out, he leads by example. When there is a spill, more often than not, Doyle is there to help with the clean up. “After all,” he says smiling, “I know where the mop is.” He also comments that he especially likes to work on the dirty dish line to see what the students are not eating, to find out why they didn’t like a particular dish, and to change the menu accordingly. This caring style of management has gained the Walkers permanent friendships among the students they serve and work with, and is a reflection of Doyle’s early experience in the catering business.

His family has been in the restaurant business since 1948 when they established several Walker’s Cafes throughout southern Idaho. He recalls being fascinated as a child by watching the cooks work and noting their satisfaction when they served customers. His first eight-hour shift came when he was 13 at a Pioneer Day pancake breakfast. The first shift cook called in sick so Doyle came in early and stayed the whole eight hours, turning 35 gallons of batter into 6,000 pancakes. He still loves to bake, and experiments with bread recipes in his bread maker at home every night then gives away the fresh loaves the next morning to friends he meets on his way to work.

Doyle and Lola met while in high school in Rigby, Idaho. Lola had stopped at Reed Drug Store for a soda on her way home from school. With a twinkle in his eyes Doyle tells how he found the wallet she left and used returning it as an excuse to ask her out. They are the parents of three sons, eleven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. None of their sons has followed them into food service, but all have followed them to Hawaii for visits. One of the compelling reasons Doyle and Lola are returning to Idaho is to spend more time with their family and enjoy getting to know their grandchildren as they miss supporting their grandchildren in school and community sports and other events.

In Doyle’s words, the biggest challenge the Walkers face at BYU-Hawaii is “trying to meet the needs of all the students and keep them coming back.” Committed to the idea that no one will leave the cafeteria hungry, one of their innovations has been an “all-you-can-eat” cafeteria. While students may select only one entree at a time, they may return for as many as they desire. The results of this policy have been happier and healthier students, a more open environment, and less waste.

The Walkers want students to feel that “control is the best thing you can have.” Students can control every aspect of their campus food service experience which generally leads to healthier choices. Doyle feels one always “gets better results when you treat people like you would want to be treated.” And the results are evident in the way current students and alumni love the Walkers. As Chris Lowe, a student baker, explains, “they are the nicest managers I have ever had.” Past workers often bring their families back to meet Doyle and Lola, and a chorus of “Alohas” always greets them as they walk about campus.

Another food services challenge is how to deal with the diversity on campus, how to appeal to all ethnic groups by providing variety in the menus. Mexican food seems to be popular with almost everyone, and the ubiquitous hamburger is a staple. The Walkers have found that students from Mongolia relish the beef dishes, Cantonese students love the lemon chicken, and Polynesian students enjoy the sweet potatoes. For those with specific food needs, the Walkers provide special diets of vegetarian, lactose intolerant, and other menus. They also carefully counsel with students who suffer from allergies, often making special individual meals just for them. After all, Lola says, “these kids are just like ours.”

The work also has its ups and downs. Lola remembers the day 425 off-island students unexpectedly appeared at the cafeteria for lunch. She says, “things were a bit hectic for a while and you’ve never seen sandwiches made so fast, but we managed to feed them all.” Then, there was the day the Banyan Room’s ceiling collapsed a half hour before a special luncheon, burying carefully set tables and centerpieces under inches of rubble. Lola changed the venue to another room, mar- shalled her staff, and the luncheon went off on time with scarcely any glitches. Another incident involved a student who was moving two 55 gallon drums of punch to the ballroom. The food cart caught on the kitchen door sill and both punch and student ended up on the walkway. Uninjured but still lying prone, his first question:
“Will we have to make more punch?” sent both the Walkers and the catering staff into gales of laughter.

In 1998 Doyle convinced his brother and sister-in-law, Clyde and Alice Walker, to leave the Food Court at ZCMI in Salt Lake City and join him in Laie. The Clyde Walkers came as LDS Church missionaries and immediately went to work in a new scheme. Doyle had been wanting to start a sandwich bar but just hadn’t had the time to get it organized, so Clyde and Alice established it. The huge loaves of white, wheat, multi-grain, herb and other breads, cut in thick slices and piled high with favorite fixings, are a great success and among the most popular items offered by the campus food services staff.

Yet another improvement is taking place under their management. Since his arrival on campus Doyle has lobbied to have the Marriott training kitchen become part of the university cafeteria and has finally gained approval. Soon the existing campus bakery department will be moved into the top-of-the-line facility to produce more and better delicacies. This will also relieve general crowding in the fresh food preparation areas.

Hawaii has become home for both Doyle and Lola. From their two-storied duplex on Kamehameha Highway they enjoy watching the ocean for the rare and spectacular antics of whales migrating along Oahu’s windward coast. Lola recalls rounding a corner on the highway one day and seeing her first whale in Kahan Bay. “I almost ran off the road,” she laughs.

Doyle served seven years on a BYUH student stake High Council. Lola served four years on a stake Relief Society board and three years as stake Relief Society president, and in their many round-the-clock work and campus activities, it is evident to all who come in contact with them that the Walkers share the gift of charity. Their love for the students is reciprocated as the students, often prone to homesickness, find surrogate grandparents in the genuine caring the Walkers give them. For their part, they both express admiration for the unique ways that BYUH students magnify their callings. In the Laie multicultural activities, “I soon learned that the Idaho/Utah way is not the only way to do things,” Lola reflects.

Their BYU-Hawaii experience has blessed their lives in other ways too, as Lola asks, “Where else could we mingle with kings, princesses, heads of countries, and prophets and apostles?” In addition to the thousands of students and special guests they have catered for over their time on campus, they have served President Hunter twice and President Hinckley more than half a dozen times.

As they leave BYU-Hawaii they plan to spend time with their grandchildren before responding to an invitation to assist with the opening of food services at the BYU Center in Nauvoo, Illinois. According to Doyle, no matter what the future holds for them it will continue to include some aspect of food service. “I eat and drink food service,” he says, beaming his widest “aloha” smile.
This year BYU-Hawaii was recognized as a first tier institution by U.S. News and World Report's 2000 edition of America's Best Colleges. We were ranked 14th among the 61 liberal arts colleges in the 15 western states of the United States. This ranking included all of the public and private liberal arts colleges and universities from Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

The first tier ranking is important to us because it acknowledges the quality of the education provided here in Laie. We have always known that this special campus has provided a unique spiritual and cultural quality but this ranking verifies that the BYU-Hawaii experience also provides academic quality. Robert J. Morse of U.S. News & World Report states “But we believe it is possible to objectively compare schools on one key attribute: academic excellence.” He discusses the ranking in the U.S. News publication. “It relies on quantitative measures that education experts have proposed as reliable indicators of academic quality.” What is most important to us at BYU-Hawaii is that the rankings are based upon what Morse calls “our impartial views of what matters in education.”

The first criterion that U.S. News used to determine academic quality was academic reputation. On a five-point scale, we improved from 3.3 last year to 3.4 currently. This reputation is determined by academic leaders in our 61 peer colleges and universities. Although we are ranked 14th overall, we are tied for eighth in academic reputation.
This reaffirms to us that our academic reputation has been growing over the years. We have established a planning process within the university that has identified Key Performance Indicators to measure our progress toward excellence. Many of these performance indicators are also used by U.S. News to determine academic excellence. We have become strong in several areas in addition to academic reputation. Our student selectivity rank has improved from 11th last year to 1st this year. This means that our student body continues to improve. This is especially important because we have been able to do this while maintaining our cultural diversity. The university’s intention in the future is to increase the number of foreign students on campus while continuing to improve the quality of the student body.

The Church has supported the university financially and we continue to be thankful for that support. We have moved from 4th last year to 3rd this year in financial resources. This represents the total amount of money spent per student without consideration for regional cost of living differences. In a related indicator, our faculty resources rank has improved from 56th to 36th overall. The financial portion of the faculty resources indicator takes into account regional cost of living adjustments and the high cost of living in Hawaii severely restricts this variable for us.

Two areas where we need improvement are in our graduation & retention rate and in our alumni-giving rate. The university planning process has addressed our graduation and retention. As a result, many initiatives have been implemented to improve and support the individual student’s progress toward graduation. The results of these efforts will become obvious in the next five or six years. With patience we will see the ranking of the college continue to improve as more of our students stay and graduate. Our alumni association is involving more alumni in fund raising and the percent of graduates who have contributed to the university has increased from 2% two years ago to 4% this year. We are currently ranked 50th in alumni giving. This ranking is disappointing and certainly doesn’t represent what is in the hearts of our graduates. Our goal is to increase our alumni-giving rate to at least 25% of our graduates. We feel that this can happen in the next two years.

With this in mind, our goal is to be in the top ten in the next few years. The top ranked liberal arts college in the west was Albertson College in Idaho, in the Midwest it was Hillsdale College in Michigan, in the north it was Stonehill College in Massachusetts and in the south it was Berea College in Kentucky. The number one ranked national liberal arts college was Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. BYU-Hawaii was the only university in Hawaii ranked in the top tier in its category. The only other university in Hawaii that was in the same category was the University of Hawaii-Hilo. UH-Hilo was ranked as a second tier liberal arts college in the west, although it was third of the 12 or so public liberal arts colleges in that category. UH Manoa was in the third tier of national universities and Hawaii Pacific University and Chaminade University were third and fourth tier respectively in the regional university category.  ■ Keith J. Roberts, Assistant to the President, Institutional Research and Planning

### Top Ten Academic Reputations

**Sixty-one Liberal Arts Colleges in the West**

1. Evergreen State College (3.8)
2. Texas Lutheran University (3.7)
3. George Fox University (3.6)
4. Albertson College (3.5)
5. Oklahoma Baptist University
6. LeTrouneau University
7. Texas A&M-Galveston
8. Brigham Young University-Hawaii (3.4)
9. Carroll College
10. Schreiner College
James William Harris 1936–1999

JAMES WILLIAM HARRIS received the University’s prestigious Distinguished Service Award for 1999 given posthumously at the December commencement exercises. The award reads as follows:

Today we honor a graduate of this university who is a singular example of President David O. McKay’s prophecy that “this school will produce men and women whose influence will be felt for good toward the establishment of peace internationally.”

James William Harris was born in Neafo, Vava’u, Tonga. He was schooled both in Tonga and New Zealand, and graduated with honors from this campus in 1962. He passed away three weeks ago on November 23rd at the height of a remarkable life of achievement and service. William was Student Body President of this campus in 1961–62, and named Valedictorian of his graduating class of 1962. He continued his education at BYU in Provo, earning an M.Ed. in Education Administration and Curriculum Development. Turning his back on career opportunities in the U.S. which would have provided him a secure financial future, William chose, instead, to accept an assignment from the Church to return home to Tonga and teach in the Church School System.

In 1973–74 he served as principal of Liahona High School, and from 1974–79 was an administrator over schools in Tonga, Niue, and Kiribati. He taught Political Science on this campus and worked at the Polynesian Cultural Center from 1979–82 when he began many distinguished years of service with his appointment as Director of Central Planning for the Kingdom of Tonga. He was Secretary for Tourism from 1985–91 and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, Commerce, and Industries from 1985 until his death. Among his many duties in this capacity he was responsible for industrial development, domestic and international trade, and labor legislation.

In addition, he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Royal Tonga Airlines and of the Dateline International Hotel, as a member of the Management Advisory Committee of the Tongan National Center, and as an officer of the Tonga Industrial Corporation. In these several capacities he travelled Europe successfully securing world trade in vanilla and other Tongan products.

In his personal life, William was a loving father and devoted husband to Fane, his wife. He was a scholar of both secular and gospel studies all of his life, and delighted in intellectual exploration and discussion. He had a clear vision of the meaning of life and our individual purpose in the Savior’s great plan for the salvation of mankind. William once said, “I believe we have several missions in life. When one is finished we move on to another. There are times when we do not fully understand when one mission is completed and another about to begin. Sometimes the Lord gives us a nudge; a helping push to get us started, but if we will listen to the “small, quiet voice”, if we are honest to the promptings of our Heavenly Father, there will be no uncertainties.”

He often expressed gratitude for his experience as a student here at BYU-Hawaii, noting on one occasion, “BYU-Hawaii has made me realize that education, that intelligence, is not just the acquisition of knowledge. At BYU-Hawaii I became much more aware of a need to be committed, not only to the acquisition of knowledge, but to the application of knowledge within the parameters of service and truth.” William conducted his life of truth and service to his family, his Church, his king and his country with unquestioning certainty. In the Legislative Assembly of Tonga he is remembered as a talented linguist, a capable person with both excellent analytical ability and dry wit who “loved Tonga with tenderness, honored [Tonga] with respect, and cherished it with devotion.”

For his keen, inquiring mind and lifelong thirst for knowledge, for his loving service of his family and Church, for his years of work in service of his country and the people of Tonga, for his absolute devotion to his Lord and Savior; and for his exemplary life as a representative of all of us at this university, Brigham Young University–Hawaii Campus is pleased to present its December 1999 Distinguished Service Award to James William Harris.
Pacific Tour

TWENTY-THREE BYU-Hawaii students performed for audiences in Samoa, Western Samoa, and Australia over a 29-day tour this year. Three performing groups, the Jazz Ensemble, Pacific Power Horns and Rhythm, and the Frontline Singers performed in public schools, universities, concert halls, and an internationally acclaimed jazz festival. They also held five musical clinics with area school children, and were featured on three radio interviews and a TV show. The students provided four different musical firesides for multi-stake areas in Sydney, Perth, Apia, and Pago Pago to capacity crowds of LDS youth at which every student on the tour was assigned to give talks and musical numbers. The programs also included area Church leaders.

Some highlights include the Sydney Darling Harbour Jazz Festival where the BYU-Hawaii bands were the only non-professional groups invited to perform in a two hour 45 minute spot concluding with a seven minute synchronized fireworks show accompanied by the jazz ensemble. The performance brought rave reviews from both the audience and festival organizers. Fireworks technician Sal Sharah commented he had “never seen a synchronized show turn out so well . . . the timing perfected with the last glowing burst, and the music so appropriate for such an event.” He noted, “the whole audience could feel that something special was happening up on stage during the entire performance.”

Many personal responses to the students, their spirituality, and their talents were expressed by exuberant audience members, particularly by inactive members and non-members alike. At the Sydney Town Hall, three generations of an inactive family were impressed by the quality of the performance, its message, and the gospel spirit they enjoyed, noting that “it got them talking about the gospel again in their home.”

Phillip Baker, Church Public Affairs Director for the Perth, Australia area commented “This jazz band tour has had a greater impact on the non-LDS population than any previous tour to the area, including the BYU-Provo Singers two years ago and even the Tabernacle Choir a year before that,” noting that “over half the audience were non-members, and many were deeply touched by the performance.”

The 23 students gave 25 performances over their 29 day tour leaving audiences in three countries with an indelible impression of BYU-Hawaii, the Church, and the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Mahalo nui loa!
Sports Update

THE WOMEN’S tennis team brought home BYU-Hawaii’s first NCAA Division II national title this past Spring. The Lady Seasiders capped an undefeated season by blitzing the field at the national tournament in May, losing only one individual set during the tournament. It was the third consecutive national championship for the team, the first two coming in the NAIA.

The Seasiders also received several prestigious awards at the tournament banquet. Head Coach David Porter was named ITA West Region Women’s Coach of the Year and ITA NCAA Division II National Women’s Coach of the Year. Freshman Petra Gaspar was named ITA West Region and NCAA Division II National Rookie of the Year. Sophomore Helena Nordwall was named ITA West Region Player to Watch.

Petra Gaspar was also named a finalist for the prestigious Honda Award given annually to the top female athlete in each division. Being named the finalist from NCAA Division II tennis recognizes her as the top player in the division.

Gaspar continued her winning ways during the ITA/Rolex fall season. She won the NCAA II ITA/Rolex national singles title and went on to claim the “Small College Super Bowl” of tennis. The “Super Bowl” pits the winners of each of the small college divisions (NCAA II, NCAA III, NAIA, NJCAA) against each other for the right to join the top 19 NCAA Division I players in a tournament after the first of the year. Gaspar teamed with new doubles partner Tagifano So’onalole to win the same two titles in the doubles competition.

In other Spring sports, the Seasider men’s tennis team completed the season with a 23-7 dual-match record and narrowly missed a trip to the national tournament. Senior Wei-Yu Su was honored as the ITA West Region and ITA NCAA Division II National Senior Player of the Year. The women’s fast-pitch softball team went from 10 wins the previous year to a glossy 30-18-1 record, which included an 18-game winning streak.

This Fall the women’s volleyball team has been ranked in the top two in the nation in every national poll and completed the regular season as the Pacific West Conference Champion with a perfect 14-0 conference record. The Seasiders were toppled in the conference postseason tournament by Hawaii Pacific in five games, but both teams moved on to the NCAA II Regional Tournament.

Senior Arlete Silva became the all-time kills leader in Seasider history and senior setter Juliana Lima, who started the season as the all-time assists leader at the school, continued to add to her record.

The women’s cross country team just completed their most successful season ever by taking fourth place at the NCAA II Pacific Regional Meet. The Seasiders finished third in the PacWest Conference. The team featured no seniors so the future looks bright. The men’s cross country team did not fare as well but showed considerable improvement over past seasons.

The men’s soccer team stumbled to a 3-7-1 record this year that was a bit of a disappointment after last season’s winning record. However, the level of competition the Seasiders took on this year was significantly better than in the past and the team is still making progress.

BYU-Hawaii’s only winter sport, men’s basketball, is set to tip-off another season and optimism is high with returning All-American David Evans listed as one of the nation’s “Sweet Sixteen” Division II players. A highlight of the season will be the second annual Pearl Harbor Invitational to be held December 21–23. This year’s tournament will feature the storied program of UCLA along with Colorado State, San Jose State, The Citadel, Maine, South Florida, Florida A & M, and the host Seasiders. ■ Scott Lowe
RESIDENT Eric B. Shumway notes that “Friends, alumni, students, and strangers have opened their hearts freely to help secure BYU-Hawaii’s future in the form of scholarships, learning enhancements, and the Hawaiian Studies program.”

But, he maintains, “it wasn’t just funding these priorities that has been so satisfying. It has also been the opportunity to see the university’s impact on donors, particularly those who visited our campus, interacted with students, and learned how the university is fulfilling its prophetic mission set forth by President David O. McKay in 1955. That mission embraces particularly the young people of the Pacific and Asian Rim countries, many of whom have little hope of higher education without the financial support of the Church and private donors.

“The capital campaign has given us more focused reasons to ponder deeply the school’s past achievements. We can see more clearly its vast opportunities for the future as a training ground for Church leaders internationally, as a major force with its companion institution, the Polynesian Cultural Center, in preparing LDS young people to function with competence, sensitivity, and an appreciation within the multicultural contexts worldwide. Unity in the faith and harmony in cultural diversity are the central components to BYU-Hawaii’s educational experience.

“The capital campaign has linked us more tightly to our sister institution, Brigham Young University, in Provo. Each are seen more as a mainstream contributor to Church education and to the Church as a whole.

“Finally, the campaign has put BYU-Hawaii in closer touch with people of goodwill all over the world. It has tied us more closely to our alumni and fostered testimonials regarding the value of their educational experiences that have created a new vision and enthusiasm for the Lord’s future purposes.

“I believe we all have a greater awareness of our stewardship as a result of the campaign. There is also a deeper sense of partnership with those whose investments will make the campus even a greater light to the world in the 21st century.”

A TIME TO SHINE
Unlike many capital campaigns, Lighting the Way for the 21st Century is not a means to an end, but rather the means to a beginning. We know there is much yet to be done, and although we cannot see all that the future holds, we can clearly see that today is a defining moment in BYU’s history. In celebrating a new beginning filled with growing potential and great optimism, it is a time to vigorously and more effectively share our special light of hope with the world.
“As sister institutions, PCC and BYU-Hawaii have, in the last 15–20 years, literally become what I call ‘Zion’s bridge to Asia.’”