

## Hawaiian halftime performance keeps spectators in seats

By Joe Starita

How do you keep 76,000 restless natives tuned to a game that breaks with the home team five touchdowns ahead?

Easy. When the turf's up, just fill it with 18 undulating native dancers, sprinkle in seven musicians, add a pinch of Ti leaves and a Polynesian princess and see who's keeping score.

The recipe was baked to perfection Saturday afternoon midway through a less than suspenseful Nebraska-Hawaii contest at a sun-drenched Memorial Stadium.

For the first time in recent memory, the 28-member Hawaiian troop of dancers and musicians put on a show that dwindled the Coke trade, kept spectators perched seat-side, sent photographers scrambling for more film and reporters for pencil-sharpener.

"One woman said it was the first halftime show she couldn't see from the comfort of her box seat in 30 years of watching Nebraska home games," said Kalani Poomaihealani, the group's choreographer, at his Hilton Hotel room after the lopsided affair.

### NU invitation

Arranged through Hawaiian and United airlines after an invitation was extended by NU officials, the halftime show, Hawaii-style, was one of many promotional packages the group performs throughout the world.

All the performers, explained Poomaihealani, work for Hawaiian Airlines as a sales team designed to lure tourists to the Hawaiian Islands through song and dance.

Listening to the post-game banter in a room that looked like a soundstage for a Honolulu musical, one could predict that Hawaii may be seeing red this winter.

"The Nebraska fans were unbelievable," said hula-dancer Renee Asing, wearing a crimson-and-white Cornhusker cap that she proudly said was exchanged for six kisses and a lei.

"That's spelled l-e-i," said Poomaihealani amidst a roomful of goodhearted laughter that released the tension built up from the 14 shows the group performed during their day-and-a-half Lincoln visit.

### Hospitality extended

Everyone chimed in to recount the cooperation and hospitality that marked the visit.

"They loaned us a rug for our fire-eater to protect the Astroturf in case he dropped the baton."

"They had our state flag flying from the stadium 20

minutes after we asked if it would be all right."

"One guy proposed to my sister at halftime."

"The crowd was something to see. They made everything work."

"The football team gave us a box of Big Red candy—red gum, red suckers, red candy of every kind."

Asked if there were anything that didn't go right during their mid-nation stopover, the group was hard-pressed to respond.

"Well, we kept forgetting to put our shoes down in the Hilton coffee shop," piped Marlene Kalahiki Hugho, Miss Hawaii 1974, who has spent five years with the travel team and acted as the group's senior spokesman.

### Don't wear shoes

"We just never wear shoes," she said. "We keep for-

getting and I don't think they were too happy about it, but we'll try and remember next time."

After an hour of unwinding at the hotel, the bull session was over and it was time for some of the group to head for the airport for flights home; others were readying for Saturday night performances at Misty II Lounge and the American Legion Club.

How do you spend the grinding pace of Paris one week, Philadelphia the next? Hotels? Buses? Airports?

"Travel, meeting people, going to different countries. The wining and dining. It's all a lot of fun," comes the reply in unison.

"It's the only way to fly," says Poomaihealani, his glance sweeping the room of smiling, dark-skinned native dancers.

Poomaihealani is smiling, too.



Photo by Bob Pearson

Cornhusker fans saw a sizzling performance at Saturday afternoon's halftime show, when Hawaiian artists brought a bit of Polynesia to the Great Plains.

## Tommeraasen admits tossing Wagner-police report

By Brenda Moskovits

Miles Tommeraasen, UNL vice chancellor for business and finance, admitted to having thrown away a report claiming that

### Students cited for ticket fraud

Two students were cited Saturday during the Nebraska-Hawaii football game for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Sgt. Joe Wehner of University Police said the two were arrested for allegedly selling football passes to the game.

Such passes are awarded to stadium employees, members of the press, and other persons who have a specific reason for being there, according to Wehner.

The names of the two students will not be released until they are formally charged later this week. Wehner said the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses is similar to that of petty larceny.

NU Regent Kermit Wagner accused University Police officer and student security supervisor of not doing their jobs.

"There was no offense. Why would anyone want to keep a record of it?" Tommeraasen said.

He said that his office is "engulfed in paper" and that even contracts are not saved because the various departments save them.

Parking problems "are standard around here on (football) Saturdays because you've got thousands of people converging on about 20 square acres," Tommeraasen said.

Interviewed prior to Saturday's Nebraska-Hawaii game, he told the Daily Nebraskan he knew of similar difficult-

ies earlier in the day involving a Nebraska state senator, but refused to name anyone.

Tommeraasen questioned whether the average person would even remember such an incident if asked about it later on.

When asked how a public official should act, Tommeraasen said "they should act like all other human beings. What constitutes leadership, I don't know."

All but one member of the NU Board of Regents has said they will bring no action to the board. NU Regent Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff could not be reached for comment.

Regents Kermit Hanson and James Moylan of Omaha and Robert Raun of Minden had not heard of the incident before they were contacted by the Daily Nebraskan.

## Miss Nebraska dismantles pageant rumors

By Joe Starita

Rumors of fear and loathing on the champagne trail to Atlantic City were roundly scotched Saturday night at a Hilton Hotel reception welcoming home Miss Nebraska.

UNL student Guylyn Remmenga returned from a three-day regional film conference in Salt Lake City, Utah Saturday, then went about dismantling a week-long series of rumors connected with her Miss America pageant.

One report had a Miss America pageant official telling Remmenga five minutes before the new Miss America was crowned that Remmenga would have won had she paid the \$500 entry fee.

Another fingered Texas and Oregon state pageant directors for urging their representatives to spread ill will against Miss Nebraska for not going through proper state qualifying channels.

Yet another linked Remmenga and her family with lawsuits against Bert Parks and company for conspiring to prevent Miss Nebraska from being crowned Miss

America.

Not true on all counts, said the 21-year-old brown-eyed brunette.

### No facts

"I had heard some of those rumors from other contestants, but there are no facts to back any of them up whatsoever," said Remmenga, a senior broadcasting and advertising major.

"I'm sorry that I lost but I had a good experience. One that I wouldn't trade for anything," added the Elwood native, who used her background as a classical pianist to tie for top honors in the talent portion of last week's 58th Annual Miss America Pageant.

Remmenga said she would not have won the Wednesday night talent contest or qualified as one of the 10 finalists had there been any substance to the rumors.

Added Jerry Jensen, executive director of the Miss Nebraska Scholarship Pageant: "We're very proud of Guylyn and we think the whole state should be. If next year's representative is as good as Guylyn, we'll be in good shape."

Remmenga said the national TV

Regent Robert Prokof of Wilber said he felt the incident was "completely blown out of line," he said he thought that Officer Barbara McGill was looking for publicity in the matter, citing her participation in police union activities.

He also said that Wagner had broken no law or university policies.

Regent Robert Koefoot of Grand Island said he was familiar with the matter and said it should be dropped.

"He said it wasn't him and I believe him," Koefoot said.

UNL Chancellor Roy Young still refused to comment on the incident.

The Lincoln Journal Friday reported that Wagner was in Europe and was unavailable for comment.

exposure, scholarship money and contacts gained from the pageant have left her in good shape for pursuing plans.

Of the options available in the pageant's wake, combining screenwriting with a law degree look like the best bet right now, Remmenga said.

### Spring graduation

And Southern California will get the nod as the place to start after a scheduled spring graduation, she said.

"Law school would be a good backup even though it's not my first love. But I want to have it because it's (screenwriting and TV) a hard industry to break into."

Remmenga broke into smiles when she and Miss Hawaii, Elizabeth Kapu'u i-lani Lindsey, were reunited after each had spent a week hopscooting across the country.

While Miss Hawaii still faced a long flight home, Miss Nebraska was looking forward to downshifting into a less frantic pace.

"Let's just say I'm thankful to come back here and finish school. It really is good to be back home."

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