

Going Places

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We're Growing

Greetings, after a long absence! The activities of the Micronesia and South Pacific Program (MSPP) have been growing, and staffing has not kept pace, hence the long time between newsletters. Since our last newsletter, we have acquired a new home, both physically and institutionally, and we have added some part-time staff members to help us keep up with our activities.

As a result of activities by a group of faculty members who are interested in issues of sustainable development, the University of Oregon has established the Institute for a Sustainable Environment (ISE). The envisioned center will hold several programs and projects that share a common interest in creating sustainable communities. The Micronesia and South Pacific Program is the first member of the new institute. We are now housed in a large area in Hendricks Hall, where we have room to display Pacific Islands artifacts as well as work more efficiently.

Julie Fischer continues to work part-time with the MSPP, concentrating her efforts primarily on recruiting, interviewing, and assisting with training graduate student technical assistants. Julie also reviews the reports produced at the end of technical assistance projects.

The Institute for a Sustainable Environment employed Julie Walker as financial manager for the

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New Computerized Library System Installed in Yap Library

In 1991-92, the MSPP Library Development project assisted a number of Pacific Islands libraries with the development of a strategic plan for their libraries. The first to implement their plan was the Yap State Public Library in the FSM.

This fall, Jane Barnwell, University of Oregon Knight Library Pacific Islands collection development specialist, installed a new computerized library system at the Yap Library. This system was earned by the efforts of the library staff and board of directors to

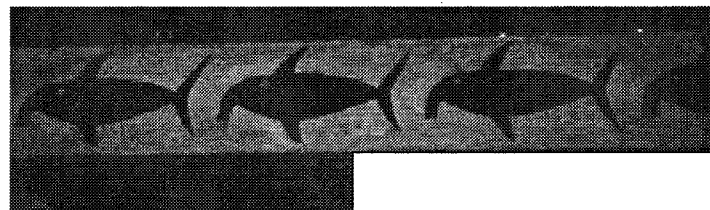
implement their plan.

Congratulations go to Isabel Rungrad, Yap state librarian, her staff and members of the library board.



Students work in the Yap state library.

Mary Ann Goodwin



Detail in Okau men's house.

Maradel Gale

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UO Affiliation Programs

The University of Oregon has two Pacific Islands-based affiliation programs funded by the U.S. Information Agency. Both affiliations were initiated by and are coordinated through the Micronesia and South Pacific Program. Each program involves faculty interchanges and professional development.

The affiliation with the College of Micronesia has undergone some changes, as the original entity with which we were affiliated has split into three parts: Palau Community College (formerly

Pacific Islands Languages Project

Scholars, researchers, and visitors to the islands are often frustrated in their efforts to learn something of the local language. The University of Oregon, through the Yamada Language Center and the efforts of Sydney Kinnaman and Russ Tomlin, is developing a new approach for self-study of island languages. A multisensory language module, which uses audio and videotapes and a workbook, is created for each of several island languages, beginning with Pohnpean and

Kosraean. The materials demonstrate to the language learner how to use a local language informant by offering basic skills in the target language. The learner can then advance more quickly in the setting where the language is spoken. The development of

the materials has been assisted through the efforts of Micronesian students attending the UO or resident in Eugene: Marie Olter and Rufino Mauricio (Pohnpean) and Aaron Sigrah and Joyce O'Daol (Kosraean). Next on the agenda is Yapese and Marshallese.

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institute's constituent programs. This means we now have a staff member to deal with the payments, travel authorizations, ordering, and grants management that take so much time.

If you are in Oregon, please come to the UO and visit us in our new home in 130 Hendricks Hall! We look forward to welcoming you here as so many of you have welcomed us to your islands.



Children in a pickup truck in Kosrae.

Brady Phillips

Micronesian Occupational College), the College of Micronesia/FSM (formerly the Community College of Micronesia) and the College of the Marshall Islands. The initial three years of the grant ended in 1992, and we have received authorization from USIA to extend the grant until August 1994. The affiliation currently enjoys the presence of Mel Henry at the UO. A faculty member at the College of Micronesia/FSM, Mel is pursuing a master's degree in international studies.

The University of the South Pacific and the UO are involved in the second affiliation program sponsored through the MSPP. Ganesh Chand pursued research at the UO during July 1993. Narendra Reddy, management, is visiting the UO for research and writing purposes from November 1993 to February 1994.

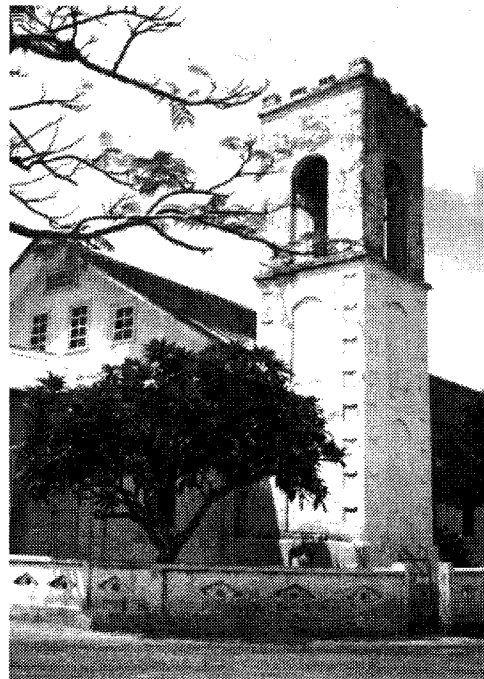
NEW PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities Available in Yap

There are two new technical assistance opportunities, both on Yap. The first is a land use survey for the island, which is an extension of a project that was carried out by a team made up of Technical Assistant Larry Vasquez (planner), Ned White (designer), and Project Supervisor for the Yap State Government Mr. Sebastian Anefal. The project consists of a comprehensive land use planning survey for the Colonia area.

The second is a follow-up to a cultural preservation plan for Yap. In phase one of the project, Chris Descantes worked with the Yap Historic Preservation Office to identify and document specific cultural attributes that communities on Yap want to preserve. Phase two of the project will develop a plan, including priorities for cultural preservation, and coordinate planning with agencies on the island whose activities could damage or destroy cultural artifacts or systems.

If you're interested, contact the Micronesia and South Pacific Program Office.



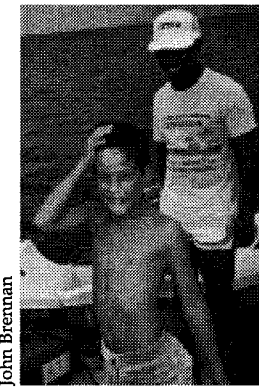
A Congregational church in Kosrae.

Maradel Gale

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Replanting in Arno, and Development in Kosrae

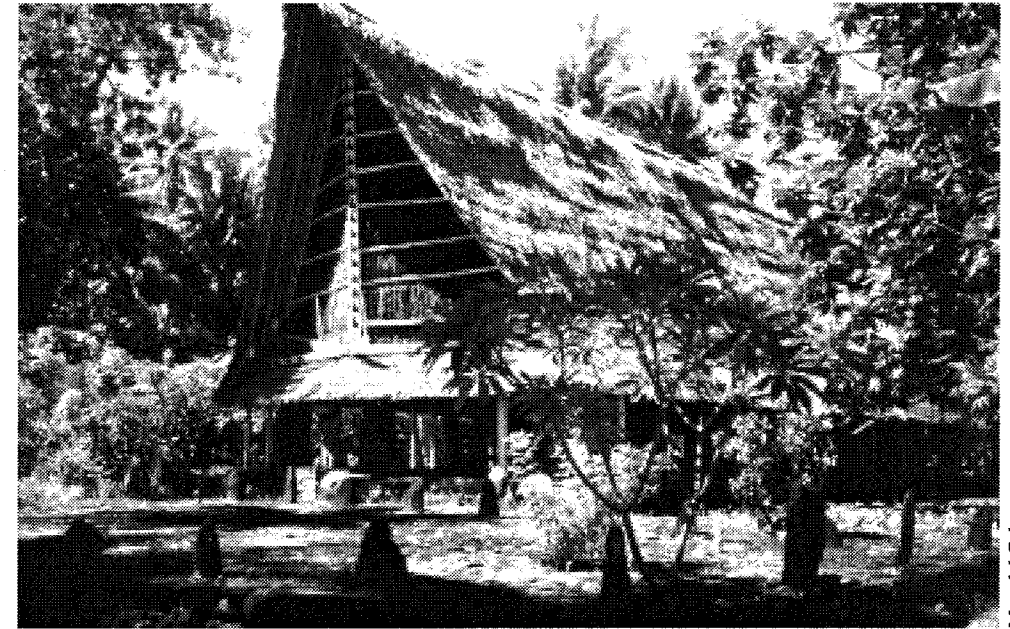
Technical Assistant Kevin Finney recently returned from Arno atoll, where he worked for the Marshall Islands Ministry of Resources and Development on a project called "replanting for self reliance." The project involved raising traditional food plants, including varieties of taro, breadfruit, and bananas, using traditional planting techniques in a demonstration garden context. It is hoped that these plants will someday populate the gardens of the people living in this isolated spot.



Father and son enjoy a day on the boat.

John Brennan

Conditions on Arno are sometimes difficult due to heat and mosquitoes; work in the atoll's hot sun had to be done in short stints with frequent rests in whatever shade was available to drink gallons of water. But all tribulations aside, Kevin considers the work worthwhile. "People have largely forgotten how to grow foods that were once traditional on Arno. They have become dependent on imported food such as canned corned beef from Argentina and white rice. Their nutrition has suffered and hopefully this project will help reverse the situation."



A meeting place in Bechiyal, Yap.

Maradel Gale

"For three straight months I never wore pants. Even when I went swimming I wore a dress!"

Beverly Moore

Beverly Moore and another technical assistant from the program, Laura Hafermann, worked for three months on the development of a land use plan for Kosrae. Their counterpart on Kosrae was Moleince Kephas, who works for the Kosrae Development Review Commission. Working on Kosrae was a valuable experience, although some cultural differences took getting used to. "There are very strict gender roles on Kosrae," Beverly says. "For three straight months I never wore a pair of pants. Even when I went swimming I wore a dress!" Beverly and Laura worked up a list of recommendations for the island, including areas that could be zoned for commercial activity and those that were of particular environmental concern, such as mangroves and coral reefs. Their report is now in the review process. Beverly and Laura returned to Kosrae this December to participate in meetings with the various branches of the Kosrae government. We'll have more about Beverly and Laura's work on this project in the updates section of a future issue.



Grasslands and pandanus, Yap

Maradel Gale

Stories of Hurricanes, Humidity, Heat, Geckos . . .

The Micronesia and South Pacific technical assistants returned to Oregon in September with stories of hurricanes, humidity and heat, geckos, wonderful hosts, rewarding projects, and lots of hard work.

The MSPP experienced another successful summer of activity this year. Nineteen graduate students from various disciplines spent three months working with their counterparts in public agencies throughout Micronesia and American Samoa. As in the past, we helped with projects related to land use, tourism, historic preservation, environmental issues, and education. We also assisted public agencies in the areas of women's issues and energy planning.

We have been hard at work reviewing the final reports, which are now edited, copied, and distributed to various individuals and institutions. In addition to copies at the participating agencies, you can find copies of the reports at the MSPP Office, Knight Library or the College of Micronesia/FSM in Pohnpei. The Office of Territorial and International Affairs, Technical Assistance Division, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., also has a set of the reports.

Future newsletters will include interviews with students about their projects. For discussions of the Kosrae land-use project and Arno replanting, see page 3.

We are accepting requests for technical assistance from agencies in Micronesia

and American Samoa for 1994. We will recruit students from January through March and prepare them for their work

attending and are not on our mailing list, call Julie at (503) 346-1425.

ISLAND/STUDENT (S)	AGENCY	PROJECT
Kosrae, FSM		
Beverly Moore & Laura Hafermann Kelly Wyatt	Office of Budget and Planning Department of Education	Kosrae Land Use Plan Counselor Training and Counseling Center Enhancement
Sarah Rosner	Department of Education	Library Improvement Project
Pohnpei, FSM		
Bob Roberts	Department of Education	School Policy and School Improvement
Eric Gilman	Port Authority	Model Environmental Impact State ment for Aviation Needs in Pohnpei
Amy Drought	Tourist Commission	Attractions Development and Maintenance Plan
Alison Weiss	Department of Education	Reinstating the Pohnpeian Studies Curriculum in the Public School System
Kathy Kersting	Office of Human Resources-- Women's Programs Division	Formation of the Pohnpei Women's Council
Yap, FSM		
Larry Vasquez and Ned White	Department of Planning and Development	Colonia Center Plaza Plan and Design
Chris Descantes	Historic Preservation Office	Historic Preservation Plan, Phase I
Republic of the Marshall Islands		
Aaron Henson Kevin Finney	Tourism Office Division of Agriculture	Marshall Islands Tourism Develop. Arno Farm: Replanting for Self Reliance
Republic of Palau		
Marianne Naess	Didil Belau Women's Organization	Didil Belau Summer Camp and Camp Manual
Steve Elliott	Environmental Protection and Quality	The Ngerikiil Watershed Inventory and Board Management Plan
Shea Bajaj	Department of Energy	Alternative Energy Options for Palau
American Samoa		
Celia Barry	Department of Planning and Development	Capital Improvement Program Review
Shannon Macey	Environmental Protection Agency	Anti-Litter and Recycling Campaign

from April to June. A general interest meeting for prospective technical assistants will be held the second or third week of January. If you are interested in

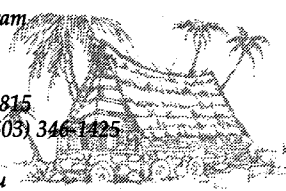
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This edition of *Going Places* was edited by Joe Franke, a new UO graduate student in environmental studies. Joe recently authored a guide book to the national parks of Costa Rica.

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