

MICRONESIA PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Spring and summer were very busy times for the Micronesia Program. We selected students to participate in the technical assistance program, taught two courses: Experiencing Crossing Cultures and Micronesia Orientation, and dealt with program logistics such as plane tickets and housing. Director Maradel Gale traveled to Micronesia in mid-May and spent one month visiting public agencies and firming up project and housing details. In addition to administering the technical assistance program, Maradel also submitted a grant proposal to USIA to develop an affiliation program with University of the South Pacific. We also arranged summer study at the UO for two College of Micronesia faculty members under our current USIA University Affiliation grant.

THE "MICRONESIA PROGRAM" EXTENDS TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC!

We are delighted to announce that the U.S. Information Agency has recently awarded a grant to the University of Oregon (UO) for a three year affiliation program between the UO and the University of the South Pacific (USP) in Suva, Fiji. Nine faculty from USP will offer courses in Pacific Islands Studies at the UO and five faculty from the UO will offer coursework in community development at USP. Faculty from both institutions will work jointly on projects in Fiji which exemplify concepts of environmentally sustainable development.



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Our request to the US Department of Interior for continued program funding was approved for the third consecutive year. We received \$143,000 to assist with up to 17 planning and public policy projects in Micronesia this year. UO graduate students conducted thirteen projects this summer, and another three projects are beginning this fall.

We had an excellent pool of qualified candidates (over 50 graduate students applied to the program), and students were selected based on their professional skills and ability to work in a cross-cultural context. The students selected for the program participated in two courses spring term: Experiencing Crossing Cultures (two credits) and Micronesia Orientation (one credit). In Micronesia, they are working for a period of three months on projects requested by the government. Emphasis is on skills transfer, so they focus on working closely with agency personnel on a daily basis.

We have been unable to find a qualified candidate for a nursing project in Majuro. The Department of Health has asked for assistance

developing nursing management policies for the local hospital. *If you know of a qualified nurse interested in three months of overseas work (expense-paid), let us know!* Following is a list of this summer's projects and participants (all are students with the exception of Jane Barnwell, who is a faculty member with Knight Library):

Republic of Palau

Kerry KenCairn, Landscape Architecture, is working with the Department of Agriculture on an agriculture land use master plan for the Republic of Palau.

Eileen Marie, Urban and Regional Planning and Anthropology, is assigned to the Department of Cultural Affairs to work on improving their historic preservation program.

Sam Pierce, Architecture, is working with the Micronesian Occupational College on their physical development plan to expand and improve the campus.

Holly Freifeld, Geography, is developing a wildlife management plant with the Department of Conservation and Entomology.

Jane Barnwell, UO Knight Library, returned to continue her work with the development of three collections: the Belau National Museum, Conservation and Entomology and Marine Resources. Jane had spent January - April in Palau working with these collections and training the librarians responsible for them.

Federated States of Micronesia

Jeanne Block, Health Administration,

is assisting the Department of Education and a Yap State organization, Youth Rap, to develop a substance abuse prevention program.

Coleen Fox, International Studies, is working with Madolenihmw Municipal Government in Pohnpei on a community development plan.

Ted Bogle, Recreation and Tourism, is working with the Pohnpei State Tourism Department on tourism marketing strategies.

Lance Bailey, Urban and Regional Planning, is working with the Pohnpei Division of Historic Preservation on the historic register process.

Monique Wahba, Urban and Regional Planning, is helping design a land use and protection plan for Nan Madol, a historic site in Pohnpei.

Greg Ringer, Geography, is assisting the Kosrae Department of Tourism with tourism development and education.

Brady Phillips, OSU Marine Resources, is working with the Kosrae Office of Budget and Planning on their integrated resources management plan.

Republic of the Marshall Islands

Chris Chesire, Business, is assisting the College of the Marshall Islands to develop financial management policies and procedures.

Lydia Kaye, Landscape Architecture, is working with the College of the Marshall Islands to design a landscape management and solid waste plan.

LIBRARY PROGRAM

Since 1988, the University of Oregon Micronesia Program has assisted twenty-three of the small public and school libraries in Micronesia. We have conducted an assessment of the various libraries (phase one), followed by a three-week intensive training program on basic library skills, held in Eugene, Oregon (phase two). In a follow-up program, we have worked individually with a number of the libraries to reinforce the skills learned in Eugene, and assist the libraries to develop their own plans of action for further improvement and development (phase three).

One part of the third phase was the commitment by our program to supply a computer and relevant software to the libraries which successfully implemented their action plan during the 1991-1992 year. We are now at the point of fulfilling our end of that commitment, and OTIA has pledged to help us with the purchase of a computerized library system. We are currently investigating the purchase of the necessary hardware and software.

UO-COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA AFFILIATION PROGRAM

Two faculty members from the Micronesian Occupational College in the Republic of Palau studied at the UO this summer. Juliana Medalarak and Alvina Timarong focused on courses in education. A well-attended reception was held for Alvina and Juliana on Thursday, June 25. Thank you everyone who came to welcome Julie and Alvina to the UO!

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ALUMNI PURSUE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT

Several former technical assistants with the Micronesia Program have pursued other overseas opportunities.

Julia Demichelis is ending a one year assignment with the Red Cross in the Ivory Coast, Africa. **Larry Ward** has just accepted an environmental planning position in American Samoa. **Liz Matthews** is currently working as a consultant on a marine resource survey in the Republic of Palau. **Valmik Ahuja** has been involved in community development work in India during the past year, and will soon be heading to Japan.



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