

## New Postgraduate Studies Room

By Dr Tracie Mafile'o,  
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The ten Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry thesis students have a new postgraduate studies room in which to work. The new space is where the Business Office was formerly located, above the library, and is a vast improvement from the small, dimly lit corner of the periodicals room under the stairs, where they have been up until now. In the new room, there is plenty of space where each of the ten students has an individual work area, a measure which will go some way towards assisting many of them to meet the deadline of submitting their thesis for examination by the end of March. The MA students have undertaken research related to pastoral ministry in their local contexts (PNG and wider Pacific), covering such issues as leadership, Bible teaching methods, strategic planning, occultism in schools, HIV risk, worship and pastoral nurture. While the new room is only temporary, awaiting for library renovations to begin mid-year, discussions are underway about where a permanent postgraduate studies room can be situated on campus. A quarterly postgraduate studies newsletter is being developed which will give more information on postgraduate studies developments at PAU. Please email Dr Tracie Mafile'o (tracie-mafileo@pau.ac.pg), if you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter. ¶



MA students with their coordinator- Dr Tracie Mafile'o (standing second left) in their new study room.

## Luksave Night showcases cultures



Apo ladies displaying Highlands bilumwear.

By Chucha Posman

The Luksave Night is a time where students get to know each other showcasing their culture through songs, drama and stories. It has been hailed this year as very enjoyable and exciting after stunning performances and appearances by the ten cultural groups that make up the student population at PAU.

On the 7th of March, the PAU community flocked to the amphitheatre to witness Luksave Night which kicked off at about 8:00 pm with a welcoming and eye-opening performance by the Southern region students.



that make up the region was shared by student representatives. The scene changed from the 'land of the unexpected' to the 'untouched paradise' of Vanuatu where the members patriotically sang a song depicting the diversity of their lovely home.



Momase Presenting their item

The Momase region which is made up of four provinces along the coast of mainland PNG then added flavour to the show by singing and dramatising the positive influence PAU has on its students.

The 'happy isles' of Solomon took the stage by introducing their first year students in which one of them said he is very happy to be at PAU, a Christian institution. Across

# Love: Love for God Our First Key Value



(From: Australian Christian Churches)

**‘IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED....’**  
**WHEN WE SAY THAT OUR FIRST VALUE IS TO “LOVE GOD”, OUR FIRST CHALLENGE IS TO DEFINE WHO GOD IS. WE ARE LIVING IN AN AGE OF SPIRITUALITY. MOST PEOPLE IN OUR SOCIETY CLAIM THAT THEY BELIEVE IN GOD, BUT UNFORTUNATELY MANY ARE TRYING TO CREATE GOD IN THEIR OWN IMAGE.**

The God that we love is not just an influence or a force. We believe in a personal God who is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He is one God, eternally existing in three persons. We may find it difficult to explain or define the trinity, but there are many things we know about God because he has chosen to reveal Himself to us in the Bible.

We could use many words to describe who God is, but some of His attributes that come readily to mind are love, holiness, mercy and justice. Another word that defines the God we honour is ‘Creator’. We do not believe that the universe came about as a result of a mindless ‘big bang’ or that life forms came out of a primordial soup as a chance accident of time and space. We believe in a divine architect who designed and created an awesome cosmos before looking at His creation and affirming

that ‘it is good’. Sin may have marred God’s creation, but it is still incredibly good! We believe that the greatest expression of God’s creation came about when he created humankind. All creation was good, but only Adam was created in the image of God. As men and women, we have a unique standing in God’s creation and we have the opportunity to live in a unique relationship with the Creator.

Because He created us and communicates truth to us about Himself, we have the capacity to love Him in a way that no other part of creation can love Him. That is why our first key value is to love God. We love God because of who He is and because of how wonderfully he has made us. To the extent of how much we experience and appreciate the love of God, that is how much we will give back of ourselves to Him. May we love Him more so we can give ourselves more to Him. His greatest gift to us is Himself. Our greatest gift to Him is ourselves. ¶

In the coming weeks, Harina will carry feature articles on the following: Love, Commitment, Courage and Obedience, Wisdom, Unity and Service. Look out for them.

the Solomon Sea, comes the New Guinea Islands region which is made of five unique provinces. The NGI students entertained all by showing a small video clip about the uniqueness of their province and they also showcased their traditional attire.



“*Malo lelei*”, which in the kingdom of Tongan means hello, was a familiar word that night which brought the Tongan community to the stage, showcasing Tongan cultural attire for various occasions like marriages and deaths. The ladies, elegantly and stunningly dressed, wrapped up their performance with a song

The Tuvaluans/Kiribatians then followed the Tongans by introducing the only student who joined their community this year and shared some insights on their homelands. “*Bula!*” Yes, this is hello by Fijians, who brought much entertainment with a video showing the diversity of Fiji, sang a traditional welcome song and assured everyone that their homeland is known as “the way the world should be”. Three ‘lovely pearls’ from the beautiful country of Samoa then took the stage with the famous song ‘Samoa, I love my country Samoa’. The last group to show case their culture was the Highlands region students who filled the amphitheatre to capacity with colour and style.



The night ended at 9:45 pm on a high note with the serving of ice-cream and the DOSS thanking all who had made the night a success. He announced the ‘best cultural group’ of the night, with the award going to the NGI regional group. It was indeed an enjoyable and exciting night because all who attended, especially new students, got to know and appreciate each others’ diverse cultures. ¶

# 'The Voice'



Core members of The Voice, UPNG

By Konea Ivaiaamat

PAU held its first assembly for 2009 on Tuesday at the Main Chapel. Leading out the assembly were, The Voice, students from UPNG, a youth led group working for positive social change in PNG.

Serena Sasngian, Ruth. Koddy, Moses David and Joseph Sumanop who are all graduating from UPNG in 2009, outlined the purpose of the group, their goals and their foundations.

'The Voice' started off as a group of students just meeting after classes under trees and trying to do something for the community as law students. It then developed into a Law Awareness Group, where they would go out to the community and inform and raise their awareness of their human rights. With all that momentum being built they developed into the group that they are now 'The Voice' where they look to empower young people, build partnerships and help the rural areas develop and sustain that culture and organization.

Their logo is also very symbolic. The hand implies the hand of God reaching out and the balance represents 'The Voice' and the ripples represent the effect that they aspire to create from their organization.

Their aims and vision are extracted from the PNG National Goals and Directives

where they strive to achieve Excellence in everything they do, Unity as a nation, Integrity of the highest level, Sacrifice of time and resources and to round it all up they look to achieve 'The Papua New Guinean Way'.

Their vision:

Using our education and working together to be a voice that will contribute effectively to our communities to bring about A positive social change

And true to their vision, they have projects in the works right now including a project to get funds to buy little lamps for students who are less fortunate at night so that they can complete their homework and study at night and this would lead to a better education opportunity, ultimately leading to literate, educated Papua New Guineans.

The presentation saw the students filling up the chapel and it was also very encouraging to see the students being so interactive and responding to the presentation.

In saying all of this, it is encouraging to see this group being proactive with their goals and their vision in trying to 'contribute effectively' to the community.¶

## PNGUM welcomes first years

By Jeannete Selep & Chucha Posman

The PNGUM students officially welcomed their first year students with inspirational speeches, delicious food and entertainment on Sunday the 8th of March at the C-School Hall. The hardworking PNGUM executives along with the cultural leaders and their members co-operated well to make the day a success.

The Faculty Advisor, Mrs. Benita Pano, led the speeches in addressing the students stating that University life is challenging and that responsibility is one attitude that will help each student to sail through school with flying colours. She further challenged the first years by posing the question "How can you achieve the most at PAU?" She said to achieve the most students have to formulate their objectives and work towards them by turning to God.

The students also had the opportunity to receive encouraging messages from Unia Api, an MA student who based his speech on 1 Corinthians 9:24. He said, 'having the privilege to enter university is like entering a huge race except the unique part to this race is that everyone will have to finish the race together'. To further emphasise his point he used the famous tale about the race between the turtle and the rabbit by saying; 'self discipline is vital for all to graduate successfully'.

To wrap up the speech segment, Mr. Benson Diave reflected about being here at PAU. He said 'having arrived here at PAU is God's true purpose'. He added to never underestimate oneself, as promised in Matthew 6:33, seeking God first everything else will fall in line with blessings that you may not even realise. He concluded by challenging the first years to open up, experience and share the vision and complete the Discipline which God has assigned them to. The PNGUM president, Mr. Martin Pete'e, formally welcomed the first years before the serving of the delicious food.

Finally, just before the program ended, the students were entertained by an item all the way from the beautiful island of Fiji. The Deputy Vice Chancellor later remarked and encouraged each first year student to get to know other nationalities and fit into the unique cultures at PAU.¶

**'It's good to be at the top'**



It was a lovely day as the first years cell group 2, under the peer mentors Nigel Taniung and Stephanie Oli, put on their hiking shoes and walked up Mt Eriama to close the Sabbath in nature. It was a test for perseverance for the first timers, but at the end there were smiling faces all around.

**Operating room tour**



The 4th year nursing students enjoyed a tour around the operating theatre at the Port Moresby General Hospital on the 10th of March. It was an orientation program to get them familiarised with the area before their practicum begins in June.



**"BIG FISH IN SMALL POND"**



No, it's not the first years up to mischief but our very own staff, Tracie Mafle'o, Pele Alu, Reuben Alu, Lester Asugeni, Taupo Tani, Simon Luke, Fulori Bola, Selison Faisi and 4th year, Dregwood Anep having a shower in the rain after the 1st Year Orientation Lunch\ got rained out.

**BERI MEARE DROP-IN TIMES**

**BERI MEARE WILL BE OPENING FROM 12PM - 2PM FROM MONDAY – THURSDAY STARTING 2 MARCH.**

What is the "drop-in"? Anyone can drop in to the room to check out resource information on study skills, youth issues, family problems, etc (books and pamphlets). There will be a peer mentor at the "drop-in" to assist you. The BERI MEARE room is a relaxing environment where you can chill out and relax on couches and bean bags in the middle of a hectic day... The Beri Meare room is under the library, lower lake side. God bless you all for the coming week!

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# Prayer is Power

By Jeanette Selep

February ended with a positive tone where PAU began her journey with her first Prayer breakfast ceremony. With her theme as 'Prayer Walk' the program began with a good start where both residential halls were divided into groups and were instructed to accompany the staff and married students. Although the program began at 5:00am in the morning, the turn up was very good as were the singing and prayers. Different prayer stations were set around the university with the purpose of allowing the

presence of Our Heavenly Father to be real around and within the campus including the leadership of His Son Jesus.

The procession progressed to certain locations till 6:00am sharp where everyone had to move to Battle field for the last bit of the program. There, the congregation was being addressed by Pr. Martin Sungu with an excellent message of the power of prayer. Yes, everyday different problems arise and bombard us so much that we

turn to no one but our Heavenly Father Who alone is the power and answer to all our problems.

The program ended with breakfast being served at the dining hall for students while the staff and married students went back to their respective homes and had theirs.✝

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