

PAU experiences record enrolment at Koiari Park Campus

This year PAU has accepted a record number of students, and the total enrolment is approaching 700. This is great news and we are delighted that our student body is growing. By 2020 our student numbers on Koiari Campus will double. Together with our Sonoma and Fulton campuses, we will have over two thousand students working towards a PAU degree.

This growth means that current resources



First day! first years waiting in line for registration



Despite the long line some took to the shades to relax and talk on the phone.



will be shared by more people, and therefore patience and maturity will be needed by all. The Food Services Department, the Computer Labs, Library Resources and other vital aspects of the University will be stretched to maximum. PAU is working hard on plans to see this growth adequately resourced.

When frustrations emerge due to this growth, ALWAYS attempt to solve the issue at the lowest possible level. Be a solution person – do not just “throw

the problem” into someone else’s lap. These experiences will also shape you and provide you with aspects of education that cannot be gained in the classroom.¶



Vice-Chancellor’s Challenge to the Student Body

During his address last Tuesday at the Assembly, Vice-Chancellor, Dr Branimir Schubert, mentioned something that perhaps warrants further emphasis: the challenge for students to become a “self-regulating” community.

The emphasis should be on students not only understanding PAU’s values and rules, but also actively promoting them among themselves. He suggested that if students choose to behave in such a way so as to respect others, we will have a community that indeed CARES for one another.

This can in practice be demonstrated by not taking more food than reasonable, thus leaving sufficient food

for others.

Usage of “shared resources” such as computer labs, library, Student Centre, etc... can be enhanced if done with respect for others. Students should develop principled behaviour and also actively encourage others to demonstrate such behaviour.

PAU is different, and it is this unique “community feeling” where we coexist in harmony and support one another that demonstrates that we are getting ready to serve.

The VC’s challenge is to go beyond the “rules” and apply them as principles that will demonstrate our commitment to be the BEST for God.¶

God, Grant me
the serenity to
accept the things I
cannot change, the
courage to change
the things I can,
and the Wisdom
to know the
difference.

Reinhold Niebuhr



Judy Elisha Graduates at AIAS with MA in Education

It is with great joy that we inform the PAU community that Mrs. Judy Elisha completed her MA in Education from the Adventist Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines. We are very proud of her achievement and the report that came to PAU says that “she has worked consistently and conscientiously, and had done a masterful job of her thesis.” In fact her major professor, and her research methodologist have both indicated that what she has written is very close to a doctoral dissertation. We congratulate Mrs. Elisha and wish her all the best as she prepares to return to PAU. We are also anticipating with excitement the return of Mr. Leroy Elisha who will be completing his PhD in the very near future. We anticipate that they will join PAU for the 2nd Semester 2010.

PAU Vice-Chancellor Participates at Tertiary Review Seminar in Madang

Dr. Schubert has spent five days at Madang attending the Tertiary Review Seminar, and also attending the Divine Word University Graduation. The Seminar was very informative and specific recommendations to the PNG Government and the Australian Government will be forwarded by Sir Rabbie Namaliu and Professor Garnaut by the end of this month. The Seminar was closed by the speech given by Sir. Michael Somare, PNG Prime Minister. The Prime Minister also hosted a formal dinner at Madang Resort to which all the participants were invited. We anticipate that PAU will benefit from some specific recommendations that will be made. The acute need PAU has is in the area of accommodation capacity and infrastructure.

PAU To Be “Visible” at the General Conference in Atlanta

PAU will have a large display feature at the upcoming General Conference Session, scheduled for July this year in Atlanta, USA. The display will be three meters high, featuring stunning pictures of the PAU campus and people. It will also have an LCD panel built into the display, where a DVD featuring PAU will be screening. Upon the completion of the General Conference proceedings, the display will be shipped to PAU and will become a feature in the Library. It will also be used for various promotion events in Port Moresby.

Vice-Chancellor Encourages Students to Think, Speak and Act

During the Assembly period last Tuesday, Dr. Schubert drew the attention of the students and faculty to the fact that God is a “creator” and when He creates, the result is very good (refer to Genesis 1). The formula of success for us is to “imitate” God, as we are also made into His image, and therefore are “creative” by nature. If we want to create “very good” results, we need to think, speak and act in harmony. It is the discrepancy between what we think, speak and act that destroys our impact. The formula of success is to act in harmony with what we say, and speak in harmony with what we think – assuming that we think of success and achieving great things for God.

Ms. Edna Worri Participates at UNIFEM Conference

Our Dean of Women, Ms. Edna Worri has just completed a month-long training course in Women’s Human Rights, Advocacy and Crisis Centre Management in Suva, Fiji. The training covered the following topics:

- Women’s human rights
- Violence against women in the Pacific context
- Counselling Services management
- Lobbying and Advocacy
- Information & Data Collection

We are delighted that Ms. Edna could participate at the conference and appreciate the UNIFEM’s support and the scholarship they have provided.

Festival of Faith 2010

This year PAU Festival of Faith is scheduled for 26th September – 2nd October. Our guest speaker will be Dr. John Skryzpaszek

who is currently serving as the Director of Ellen G White SDA Research Centre, located at Avondale College, Cooranbong, Australia. He also lectures at Avondale and we are looking forward to making him welcome at PAU.

Teamwork – believing in common purpose and ability of people

This year we focus on teamwork. I will attempt to regularly share thoughts on this topic through Harina. For this edition, just a simple thought expressed by Douglas K. Smith, who said that effective leaders “simply need to believe in their purpose and their people.” PAU is a great place for teamwork. We have a very clear purpose: To prepare GRADUATES who are equipped and willing to serve their Community, their Country, their Church and their God. We also have great people who are skilled and have the desire to make a difference in the lives of our young people. I would like to suggest that most issues we struggle with are related to either taking our eyes away from our purpose, or from not allowing the skills and passion of our people to emerge to the surface. So, let’s be intentional: focus on our purpose (mission), and work with our colleagues by trusting their intention and helping them fulfil their desire to make a difference by being accountable.✚

TEAMWORK?

TOGETHERNESS

EFFICIENCY

ACHIEVEMENT

MANAGEMENT

WILLINGNESS

ORGANIZATION

RESPONSIBILITY

KEENNESS

What would it take to relocate the new “yellow” admin building from the present site to a new location?

By: Reeves Papaol

DIGGING A DEEP TRENCH AROUND THE BUILDING’S FOUNDATION AND THEN CRANE-LIFT IT?

Just imagine if we could? With the building built with concrete, there are possibilities of parts cracked from the lifting, water pipes burst, windows shattered, telephone cables broken and even the paint job scratched.

Aren't we glad that is not going to happen in our life time?

Since Oct/Nov of last year 2009, a great deal of work had been done in preparation for

such a similar but real “relocating “of our computer network.

This “relocation” is referred to as migration because it involved moving of user accounts, computers and services from an old domain (PAU) to a new domain (PAUPG).

This was necessary to allow expansion of our growing network, which would cover multiple campuses situated over three countries in the south pacific. (PNG, Solomon and Fiji).

Most of these changes have happened since and you would have noticed.

Migrations can often be done smoothly with minimal hiccups however sometimes that is not the case when you have a mix of machines, people and change in general and so a clean-up/repair time is often scheduled concurrently or after such process.

It will take awhile until all systems are functioning as we want them to but the important achievement to note in this successful venture is we have kept abreast with the latest technology relevant for our institution in 2010.

You dig?

PAU Signs Grant Agreement with AIGS



Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Dr Glynn Galo (left) and AIGS Coordinator, Mr Peter Ross pose for the camera after the signing

Pacific Adventist University (PAU) has signed a grant agreement with the Agriculture Innovative Grants Scheme (AIGS) under the Agriculture Research Development Support Facility (ARDSF). Through AIGS, an AusAID grant of K244,700 was awarded for a project submitted by PAU's Media Department and the PAU Farm.

The project title is “Out-scaling of best farming practices employed at PAU farm to target communities with similar food crop growing conditions” and it involves partnership with National Agriculture Research Institute (NARI) and the Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA). The duration of the project is 2 years and PAU will be the lead partner.

The purpose of the project is finding out in a research way whether the peri-urban farmers in the semi-arid communities around PAU can benefit from adopting the food production practices developed and used at Pacific Adventist University Farm.

Farming practices will be collated and documented on media products. Workshops and on-farm training will also be conducted throughout the surrounding identified communities around PAU. The AIGS project will be achieved through four outputs. These are:

1. Farming practices collated & documented
2. Media products packaged
3. Knowledge & information disseminated
4. Project final reporting process

AIGS coordinators Bernard Pilon and Peter Ross were delighted to have partnered with PAU. They expressed that partnerships with Universities like PAU was very important for the ARDSF program as Universities are the “think-tank” of the nation.

They also stressed that the stringent project management procedures that will be adopted if proven to be effective, will one day be used across government departments and agencies throughout the country.

The PAU-DVC, Dr Glynn Galo and Bursar, Mrs Karo Matainaho, signatories to the grant agreement, were pleased that the project has the potential to benefit the surrounding communities of PAU. The AIGS is a competitive grant scheme administered as an integrated component of the Papua New Guinea – ARDSF, an innovative and flexible funding mechanism jointly administered by the governments of Papua New Guinea and Australia.

One of the main aims of ARDSF is to support and provide opportunities for rural smallholders in Papua New Guinea to generate income and maintain food security by:

1. contributing to strengthening the capacity of the National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) to improve the effectiveness of delivering research outcomes to benefit farmers and
2. supporting the dissemination of agricultural innovations to rural smallholders

The AIGS project was initiated by the PAU Development Office under the guidance of former Director for Development, Dr Fifaia Matainaho. ¶

PAU Soccer “fever” begins

By: Chucha Posman

PNG and other Pacific island nation students especially from Vanuatu and Solomon Islands (internationals) opened the 2010 soccer season on Sunday the 7th of March at the PAU main field with a strong game that saw the Internationals become the favorites of the day. Spectators included staff, faculty, students and other members of the PAU community.

The game started off well with both teams trying to score at the first half. Unfortunately, attempts to score were to no avail. The first half of the game was sealed with both teams having a nil all score.

At second half, the internationals came good with ball work which gave pressure to the PNG back-liners, resulting in a penalty kick. The kick was taken by one of the international strikers which he easily slotted the ball into the goal mouth. PNG’s attempts to level the match were unsuccessful. The game ended with the internationals thrashing the PNG side with one goal to nil.

Meanwhile, the PAU soccer pre-season knock out begins on Sunday 14th of March and will run for two weeks before the proper season.

GREETINGS

Thank you for your sending the Harina newsletter. It’s great to hear some of the news from that part of the world and especially the development at PAU. I still remembered clearly when the name Harina was given for the newsletter. It was during the time when I was there as a student and this name always gives me memories of the place. As a matter of fact there is a Samoan girl named after the word Harina and I also taught her here at Auckland Seventh-day Adventist High School (ASDAH).

Please send my regards to all the friends at PAU and I know many of them.

Talonga Pita
Deputy Principal
Auckland Seventh-day Adventist High School

Thank you very much for sending the first harina issue for this year. I enjoyed reading and learning new insights and developments that are happening and also forthcoming for this great institution. It is good to take time off to refresh ourselves with news of the place some of us call

FRIDAY, MARCH 12
Vespers - Reuben Alu
6:45pm @ PAU Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 13
Sabbath School
9am @ PAU Church

Divine Service
Pr Matupit Darius
Worship Team 2
10.45am @ PAU Church

AY
4.30pm @ PAU Church

Adventurers
4pm @ C8

Pathfinders
4pm @ T5

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
Prayer Meeting
7:00pm @ PAU Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 20
Ordination of Minister Peter Korave
PNGUM Officials with officiate in this Service.

SUNDAY MARCH 21 - SATURDAY MARCH 27
Jesus Saves Program - Pr Jeffrey Paul

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
Child Dedication
 Any parents wanting to dedicate their child/ren, please contact the church pastor’s office on telephone 328 0220 for more information.

home for the past 20 years. I’m proud to be a product of PAU. I’m anticipating more of this so please keep us posted. God bless,

Layten Jacob
Solomon Islands

I am just writing to say thank you and congratulate your effort for the wonderful Harina newsletter. It is wonderful to hear what God is doing in our awesome Pacific Adventist University. As a former student, I always treasured PAU in my heart although I am in this distant place and institution but the memories of PAU lives on. It was good to see my teacher Dr Schubert leading the university, I learnt alot from that man of God. May God bless PAU.

Looking forward to next week’s news from our university.

Blessings....Kolia Afamasaga
Andrews University, USA

The last day to register for Semester 1, 2010 is this coming Friday, 12th of March 2010. If you do not register by this Friday, you will have to:

- For Continuing Students – withdraw from studies. Collect a Withdrawal Form from the Academic Secretary and complete promptly
- For New/Returning Students – reapply for 2011.

For those of you who had started with the Registration process and had not completed it, you will need to complete your registration promptly and return the completed form to the Academic Reception by this Friday also so that your name is checked to attend classes and have access to the University facilities.

As of next Monday, 15th of March, only students with a check mark beside their name on the class list will be allowed into classes. And only those with current student ID will have access to the University facilities. Anyone who is not registered will be asked to leave the campus immediately.

Also, as of next Monday, there will be no more editions to students’ subjects for this semester. Whatever subjects you had been registered with, you will attend to for the rest of this semester. Only in the case where you would like to withdraw from a subject, you can do so before the end of Week 8.

Dear PAU,
 Thank you for the update on our beloved PAU. We feel at home after reading all the posts and articles knowing that PAU never gives up striving for Success in every facet of life - academically, physically and spritually. Keep up the good work, we are proud of You.
 Congratulations to all of you who have been appointed to a new set of responsibilities, May God continue to use you as great ambassadors.

Wishing all of you students a successful year of academic performance.

To the Faculty, may He grant you more wisdom and strength in whatever you do. Special one, to all the Tongan Students, “Ofa ke kau ‘a e ‘Otua he feinga ‘oku mou fai - ‘Ofa atu Once again keep us posted.

Malo ‘Aupito and ‘Ofa lahi atu
PAU Graduates (Tonga)