



PAU Education – A Lifetime Asset: By: Dr Branimir Schubert, Vice-Chancellor

In recent weeks there –has been some debate in the national PNG media over the quality of tertiary education in PNG. Newspaper articles have been published based on leaked draft reports from the Tertiary Commission that has been working for the past year or so. Selective use of those reports -has painted a very bleak picture of the quality of tertiary education in the country. But this is not the whole truth. The leaked reports do not include the private universities such as PAU and DWU. In many respects PAU and DWU are leading when it comes to quality, commitment and value-oriented education. This is the reason why the Vice-Chancellors have responded in the newspapers with a one-page explanation -that provides a more realistic assessment and gives the public a more balanced view. While it is true there are many areas that desperately need improvement, it is also true that there are many areas in public and private universities where great things are happening

The PNG tertiary sector is relatively young. It has been born -amidst adverse circumstances and -minimal resources; and yet, it has produced many quality graduates who are now making a

difference world-wide. It has to be understood that tertiary education is being debated in other countries, particularly Australia and United States. Selective picking of articles currently published in the print and e-media would give the impression that in those developed countries the tertiary education is falling apart. All this is telling us that the need for high quality tertiary education is growing and that only those universities who are at the cutting edge will be able to produce the kind of graduates that will impact the world in a positive way.

So, what is the role of PAU in this larger picture? PAU is and must remain different to all other universities. It must be committed to quality and values that prepare our graduates for jobs that have meaning. PAU must continue striving towards its vision of being the BEST without ever giving up or compromising our resolve. There will always be much we will need to improve on, but at the same time we must be proud of what has already been achieved. More must be done so that PAU degrees are recognised across the Pacific. More must be done so that all our graduates are respected for the skills and degrees they have acquired; -however at present we

already have the highest employment ratio of our graduates compared to our competitors. This tension between where we are and where we ought to be should be a “motivating -force” - pulling us towards a better tomorrow rather than demoralising us because we are not already at some higher level. Every new generation of PAU students must be instrumental in helping us climb to that new and higher level.

As we work together, as we grow in numbers and facilities, as we expand our influence and as “PAU brand” becomes increasingly known for the excellence of education and moral values we impart, PAU will indeed become the BEST provider of quality Christian education. It all starts today with me. It all starts today with you, and each of us individually. BEST is not a corporate attainment – it is a unified attainment of US as a community. As individuals we give our best, and this results in PAU being the BEST.

I am confident that all who graduate from PAU -with a degree bearing the logo that represents the light of the Christian education, have earned -an asset which will serve them for the rest of their lives – and –in turn will enable them to serve others. This is the “magic” of PAU.¶

Our Vision and Mission Statement

“Our Vision is to be the **BEST** provider of quality tertiary **Christian education** in the Pacific Islands”

“Our Mission is to prepare **GRADUATES** who are equipped and willing to serve their **Community, their Country, their Church and their God.**”

7 selected to represent PAU at the inter-university debate in Madang

Six students and a reserve who took part in the pre-debate staged last Sunday, May 23, have been selected by the PAU debate committee to take part in the inter-university debate in Madang. The names were announced on Tuesday 15th May during assembly. The PAU student debaters who'll be travelling to Madang are:

1. Angela Prior – SOHS
2. Samson Koity– SOT
3. Stanford Tokoya– SOB
4. Tawi Agea– SOE/AH
5. Julie Dean– SOE
6. Linta Aquillah– SST
7. Julieth Ohuesaho– SOHS
(reserve member)

They will be accompanied by Hannington Savaiko (Coordinator) and Mr Garry Oa and Mrs Esther Pelly as faculty members assisting with adjudicating and team coaching.

The selection was done after the successful PAU pre-date on Sunday 23rd of June. 18 students took to the stage to debate on various debate topics relating to HIV. The overall winner for the afternoon was the affirmative team debating on

the topic “that two people who are HIV positive should be discouraged from having children”. Consolation prizes included best speaker with the award going to Angela Prior, a second-year health science student, best team award and many more. Topics debated were: “that condoms promote promiscuity, “that two people who are HIV positive should be discouraged from having children” and “that HIV positive people who knowingly have unprotected sex should be charged.”

Dr Wilfred Kaleva, Research Manager from National AIDS Council Secretariat (NACS) was the special guest adjudicator present and in his closing remarks he told the debaters the overall performance was up to standard. He encouraged the students to have as much general knowledge of any given topic as possible. He also told the students not only to be confident while debating a topic but also to be passionate about what they are debating on.

Dr Kaleva in closing wished all those who will be selected to participate in the national debate to do their best for PAU.

Congratulations to team PAU and best wishes in your preparations. ¶



Top: Debaters of the first topic.



Bottom: Angelor Prior stresses a point. She is also one of the candidates for the PAU team.

Bringing hope to prisoners

By: Chucha Posman

The Pacific Adventist University's Prison ministry department under the leadership of Mr Reuben Alu has been very active in sharing the love of God to the inmates. Last Sabbath, Mr Alu, Josaiah Adaea and the writer visited the Seventh-day Adventist inmates and blessed them with uplifting words of encouragement and songs. Isaac Morimai, an Adventist and his family plus an elder from the Bomana church also paid a visit and added to the blessing of the inmates through messages of hope and comfort.

The inmates were always ever welcoming with handshakes and smiles that tell of the joy they receive when church families visit them on Sabbaths. Inmate, Benjamin Nambate, the church elder said, 'I feel happy when church families come and worship with us. They bring both physical and spiritual blessings.'

The visitors were given such a warm welcome and enjoyed the inspirational Sabbath school program that was conducted by the inmates from Gulf province. The theme of the program was based on God's love. One of the Gulf inmates sang a song in his mother tongue about the infinite love of God. He said, 'None of my family members has visited me ever since I entered Bomana prison but I know that I am not alone because God is with me.'

Mr Alu encouraged the inmates during the song service and lesson discussion. All the encouragements were wrapped up by a powerful message that was delivered by Isaac Morimai during the divine service. His message was based on the story in Luke 46-50 about the argument among the disciples as to who was to be the greatest. The lesson he drew from that story was; 'humble yourselves before God and He will change you.' He concluded with John 3:16, the famous text about the love of God. Morimai said, 'You may not be recognised in society but remember, God loves and knows you more than any person in this life. That is why He sent His Son to die in order for you to be saved.' An inmate, Jesse Suah said, 'My life in prison has changed me for God.' ¶

10 helpful tips for exams



Tests and exams are a regular part of the school environment. It is important that exams be kept in proportion - they are important, but not the end of the world. Some things can be done to make exams a more valuable, worthwhile and less threatening experience for students.

1. Have all necessary material with you

You can't borrow items such as pens, pencils, rulers or special equipment while in an examination.

2. Have a relaxing night before your exams

Have an early night, and try to have a healthy breakfast.

3. Read the entire paper.

Where you have choices, decide which ones you plan to answer.

4. Plan your time.

Spend some time drafting a plan for the questions you choose to answer.

5. Jot down ideas as they come to you.

While you are answering one question, information about another may suddenly occur to you. Jot it down somewhere because when you come to that question perhaps an hour later, you may have forgotten it.

6. Don't leave any questions unanswered.

If you are short of time, use note form. Remember, you can only be marked on the answers you give.

7. Never leave the room early.

If you have time at the end, go over your work, add information (eg in the margin). You can't return if you suddenly remember a fact after you have left.

8. Do not spend too long on multiple choice questions.

With multiple choice questions it is best to cover the answers and work out your own before looking at the choices on paper. If you can't answer the question come back to it later - have a guess.

9. Never omit an entire question.

No matter how well you answer other questions, you must leave time for all questions - a perfect answer can still only earn a certain number of marks. If you write nothing, you can't receive any marks and you have lost all your marks for a particular question. Write something - it may at least give you a few points.

10. Maintain a stable energy level.

Eating foods such as chocolate bars before an exam might give you an energy boost to begin with but your blood sugar levels will drop within an hour and your energy will plunge dramatically, making it hard for you to concentrate.¶

PAU to participate in the Walk Against Corruption

PAU will participate in this year's walk against corruption on June 6, 2010. Governor General, Sir Paulias Matane will lead the walk. The purpose of the walk is to

Firstly, provide a community activity that generates awareness on the issue of corruption. Secondly to enable ordinary citizens to express their opposition to this disease and thirdly to provide TI PNG to a direct engagement with the wider community whilst raising money for the Siaguru Endowment Fund.

Visitors from the South



That's right! do not be mistaken. They are not the three wise men from the East that followed the star rather they are from the South who travelled in an aeroplane to get to Port Moresby.

These three gentlemen, pictured above from left, Dale Richardson, Roy Richardson and Gordon Merrit are no strangers to this land as they have been here at different times on different missions. Dale and Roy lived in PNG in their younger days from 1962 to 1974 when their father was an Adventist missionary in Milne Bay, Gulf, Central and other places. Ten years later Roy returned to teach at Kambubu Adventist High School. Then he came to teach in PAU from 1988 to 1995. He worked in the Industrial Technology Education Department. Apart from lecturing he also served as Associate Business Manager-Properties and PR Department director. His brother Dale left PNG when he was 14 and returned twenty years later to visit Roy and his family here. At that time Dale took the opportunity to go to the Gulf to visit people who had worked with his father in Kikori. During that visit Dale took some shots of himself sinking in a dugout canoe which became a favourite in the Australian TV program The Funniest Home Video.

Gordon Merrit was in PNG in 1987 as a teacher in Kambubu High School. A year later he came to PAU and served for two years in the Building and Electrical Department with late Bob Botong and Moses Ipa before leaving for Australia. When asked how it feels to be back, he replied with a big smile, "Returning back after 21 years, I am extremely shocked and pleased at how much PAU has grown. From what used to be about 200 students to 600 plus now".

The three gentlemen arrived last Friday to witness the opening of the Hula SDA church which took place last Sunday. They played very significant roles in raising funds for the construction of that church. They are currently in Kambubu for a visit to see their 'footprints' and old friends and will return to Australia on Sunday.¶

EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 28

Maintenance Department
6:45pm @ PAU Church

SATURDAY, MAY 29

Women's Ministry
6:00am @ PAU Church

Sabbath School

**Coordinator -
Lesson 9**
9:00am @ PAU Church

Divine Service

Pr Vince David
11:00am @ PAU Church

Bible Study

Dr Scott Charlesworth
**"Experiencing Salvation-Abide in
Christ**
3:00 - 4:00pm @ T6

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Musical
4.30pm @ PAU Church

Adventurers

4:00pm @ C8

Pathfinders

4:00pm @ T5

SPORTS NEWS

Barata-Champions of PAU Soccer league

By: Chucha Posman

From a humble beginning to becoming the king of PAU soccer, Barata Football Club proved too good for the Island Boys by thrashing them one nil in the PAU soccer grand final on Sunday 23rd May at the PAU main field. Supporters of both teams turned up in large numbers to cheer and give morale support to their respective teams.

Barata's mid-fielder, Edwin Mark, a first-year education student lifted the Barata's spirit when he easily slotted the ball into the Islands goal mouth in the first half of the match. Islands attempts to level the match in the first half were to no avail.

At second half, both teams displayed superb tactical ball work and goal scoring attempts. Barata maintained a strong defence all throughout which kept the Island forwards from scoring till about three minutes before full time when a hiccup happened between the referee and the island boys. This disrupted the game resulting in the referee calling off the game and pronounced there is no winner.

Players from both teams walked off the field feeling disappointed. After talks and apologies from team leaders and officials,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Academic Office

Some important dates to remember:

May 28 - Classes end for 2nd - 4th year nursing.

May 31 - Study break for 2nd-4th year nursing:(31/5-4/6)

June 1 - Classes end for all other courses and

1st year nursing

June 2 - Study break for other courses and 1st year nursing.

June 4-14th - Examinations begin for other courses and 1st year nursing

June 7-11th - Examinations for 2nd-4th year nursing.

June 14 - clinical practicum begins 2nd-4th year nursing (6 weeks)

June 16 - Examinations Boards and Senate (16th-18th)

June 21 - Mid-year break and practicum for other courses.

a consensus was reached and Barata was proclaimed winner of the match given that they had scored a goal and that the game was to end three minutes before full time when the hiccup eventuated. Barata captain, Matthew Walter upon receiving the Barata trophy thanked their players, officials and die-hard fans for their support through out the season.

PAU Football Association President, John Tapo in his closing remarks thanked the two teams in ending the grand final match positively despite the hiccup. He also extended and appreciation to those who were involved one way or another in making the semester one soccer season possible.☺



Barata Soccer team just before the game

Former PAU graduate donates uniform

By: Chucha Posman



Patrick Talu, left with Besta team members in their new uniform.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Pastor's Office

1. Church Board Meeting

Date: Sunday May 30
Time: 7pm – 8pm @ C8
Please be on Time.

2. To all parents of PAU Pathfinders

Many pathfinders have not been registered yet. Registration is K20.00. K15.00 for Insurance which is a must pay fee and K5.00 for membership.

Please ensure your child is insured and is a member of the PAU Pathfinder club before s/he can participate in outside activities.

3. Preacher for next Sabbath, June 5

Pastor Jeffrey Paul
Topic – "Church Membership v/s Discipleship" You are all encourage to attend and be blessed with this life changing message.

4. Baptism

Saturday, 5th of June
Two candidates- Reuben Pelly and Franky Lapim. This will be subject to Church board is approval on Sunday night meeting.

5. Health Awareness

July 23 – 30th, with Dr. Chester Kuma.
Venue – Sir John Guise Stadium. Please pray for this program. We have a special health message that the citizens of this country must know. Beautiful message of health is one of our fundamental doctrine. Let's pray and cry aloud and spare not.

Journalist and former PAU education graduate, Patrick Talu donated a set of uniforms to Besta players and officials on Monday 24th May in a small presentation ceremony held at the PAU training field. Founded and sponsored by Patrick since 2007 while a student at PAU, Besta is one of the teams that's taking part in the PAU touch rugby season.

Patrick said as the founder of team Besta, he feels obligated and committed to continually support the team. He encouraged the team by saying, 'I expect nothing much from you but to cultivate the true spirit of unity through rugby.' He also welcomed on board to the team two female players and added, 'having women and men interacting positively through sports is one way of promoting gender equity.' Team member, Ishmael Simon, a fourth-year business student on behalf of the team thanked Patrick for the donation and said as the people of their newly formed province, Jiwaka they will learn and continue to play with the true spirit of unity.

Patrick Talu graduated from PAU in 2007 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education, majoring in English and History. He is currently working for the National newspaper as a journalist. He remarked that PAU has been and still is producing the best graduates in an atmosphere of care and that caring spirit has been instilled in him that is why he is contributing back to PAU through sports.☺