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American Samoa

In the Fall of 1995, **Kevin Donald** will be helping the American Samoan Office of Archives and Records Management on an archives planning and public policy project. Kevin is pursuing his Ph. D. in anthropology and has worked at the Bishop Museum and Smithsonian Museum in curation, accession and management of artifacts, and cultural records.



Kris Poasa will be assisting the director of drug and alcohol services at American Samoa Community College to conduct a counseling services program evaluation. Kris is a third year doctoral student in counseling psychology at the UO. Her area of interest is cross-cultural psychology. She has spent a total of nine years working in the Pacific Islands, mainly in the Samoas.

Returning Technical Assistant **Eldon Haines** will be using his Ph.D. in chemistry and experience in solar energy to work on an energy conservation project for the American Samoa Energy Office. Last year, Eldon helped develop a science curriculum for the Palau school system.

The American Samoan Coastal Management Program will benefit from the expertise of another returning Technical Assistant, **Linda Rose**. Linda has a Ph.D. in education and will help design a public education program for coastal environment awareness. Last summer, Linda and her husband, Eldon Haines, worked for the Ministry of Education in Palau developing a science framework.

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Marshall Islands

The Marshall Islands Handicrafts Cooperative will receive assistance this summer from **Sue Cutsogeorge**. Sue will help reorganize coop operations so the organization can readily adapt to the changing business environment. In addition, she will help train the new manager who will replace Mary Lanwi. Mary is retiring after successfully running the coop and providing a retail outlet to hundreds of women on the outer atolls for over 20 years. For the past seven years, Sue has been a financial advisor on Wall Street. She is currently a graduate student in public affairs at the UO with a passion for quilting and a keen interest in crafts and fiber arts.



Technical Assistant **Kit Cottrell** will be working on an agricultural extension project for the Marshall Islands Department of Resources and Development. As part of his job he will be traveling to several locations in the Marshalls including Laura, Wotje and Arno. Kit is a graduate student in community and regional planning at the UO and has spent many summers on a farm in Vermont where he learned about the management and maintenance of agricultural operations.

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Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia

In the Fall of 1995, **Arnim Fischer** will help produce a solid waste management strategy for the Kosrae Development Review Commission/ KIRMP. Arnim came to the UO on a Fulbright scholarship from Germany to pursue a graduate degree in landscape architecture. His area of expertise is in environmental and urban planning, as well as landscape design.



The Kosrae Department of Education Library will be receiving assistance from **Linda Huston** on the next phase of its continuing library improvement project this summer. Linda has been a school librarian and teacher in the Junction City area for the past 27 years. She is a media specialist, with excellent computer skills.

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Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia



In May, the College of Micronesia will receive assistance on their library automation project from **John Conrow**, a librarian at the University of Puget Sound. John acquired his master's degree in library science at the University of California, Berkeley and has worked with database programming and library automation in Berkeley, San Francisco, and Latin America.

The Environmental Protection Agency will be receiving assistance from **Peg Murtagh** to help expand its recycling program and develop an educational agenda for its statewide solid waste management plan. Peg is a graduate student in landscape architecture at the UO. Her area of focus is environmental and sustainability issues. She is excited to have the opportunity to use her design experience, organizational skills, and community education interests to help promote recycling efforts on the island of Pohnpei.



Returning Technical Assistant **Elizabeth Caraker** will be managing a team of two Technical Assistants on a land use planning project with the Pohnpei State Department of Land. The project has three components: land valuation and land use for Pohnpei island and zoning for Kolonia. Elizabeth is the external relations liaison for the MSPP. In June she will receive her master's degree in community and regional planning from the UO. Last summer Elizabeth provided technical assistance to the Kosrae Division of Tourism, designing a management strategy for a proposed marine park.

Carrie Hall, member of the Pohnpei land use planning team, is a graduate student in marine resources management at Oregon State University. In 1993, Carrie received a B. S. in biology from the University of California, San Diego. She is looking forward to gaining cross-cultural experience working in a different culture and learning about ways to integrate community support to assist in designing a land use plan.

Kevin Parkhurst is a team member on the land use planning project in Pohnpei. He is very interested in the design of places and buildings, and is currently planning a solar-oriented subdivision in Jacksonville, Oregon. He has an undergraduate degree in architecture, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in community and regional

planning at the UO.

This summer **Elise Hendrickson** will be working on redesigning building plans for lower income families for the Pohnpei Rural Economic and Community Development Services. She is an advanced graduate student in architecture at the UO. Before moving to Eugene, Elise spent a year working for the Bend Area Habitat for Humanity affiliate. In 1992, she received a B.A. in mathematics and studio-fine arts from the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Denise Kalakay will be helping design a marketing plan for the Pohnpei Tourist Commission. Denise has experience developing recreation and travel-related marketing plans for both the public and private sector. She is currently pursuing master's degrees in community and regional planning at the UO and water resources at Oregon State University.

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Terry Thompson will be traveling to Yap this summer to assist the Yap Women's Association to develop a curriculum for their Daycare Center. Currently, Terry is an elementary teacher in the Eugene area, specializing in curriculum development. For the past six years, Terry has taught grades one through eight. She received her teaching degree from the University of New Orleans. Prior to going into education, she spent many years working with a pediatrician.



The Yap Head Start Program will receive assistance from **Carie Rodgers**, who will be helping with program planning and policy formulation. Carie is a Ph.D. student in clinical psychology and a graduate teaching assistant at the UO. Her research interests are gender role development in children and women's issues. Before beginning her studies at the UO, Carie was employed by the Yale University Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy under the supervision of one of the founders of the Head Start Program.

Kent Davis will be designing modular classrooms for the Yap State Department of Education. This spring he completes his graduate degree in architecture at the UO. His professional interests are in architectural and landscape design, environmental control systems, construction technology, and structural building systems.

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Palau

Barbara Shaw, a Eugene journalist, will be focusing on long-range marketing and public relations at Palau Community College this summer. In the past, Barbara has consulted with public relations professionals and managed an Energy Outlet center in Eugene for a local utility.



Aubrey Hord, a staff member with the MSPP, will be assisting the Palau Division of Cultural Affairs this summer on a computerization project for their program activities and budgets. Aubrey is a graduate student in community and regional planning with an emphasis on natural resource planning for native ecosystems. Prior to attending the UO, she worked as a PADI Divemaster on Maui and educated visitors and local school children about the coral reef ecosystem.

Returning Technical Assistant and current technical support person for the MSPP, **Clint Chiavarini** will be developing a conservation and education program for the Palau Division of Conservation and Entomology. Clint graduates this spring with a master's in community and regional planning from the UO.

Originally from northern Greece, **Vassilis Dalakas** will be collaborating with the Palau Department of Agriculture to design an agricultural marketing plan. Vassilis is pursuing a doctoral degree in marketing at the UO. His main area of concentration is in international marketing and human behavior. He has been in the United States five years.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

We have learned a great deal from our work in the Pacific islands since we began this program in 1988. We have had opportunities to discover what ideas work in these environments, and we have become increasingly concerned with the loss of the traditional methods that enabled people to live on small islands for generations without the trappings of the "modern world." Over the years, we realize we have learned as much, if not more, from the people we have worked with in the Pacific islands than we have been able to share with them in the form of skills transfer.

We are now at a turning point in the evolution of the Micronesia and South Pacific Program. This year, the Office of Territorial and International Affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior, which has consistently supported our work, was disbanded. By that action, many of the people with an understanding of and concern for the Pacific islands have retired, been let go, or moved to other places in the bureaucracy. Like the islands, the MSPP is in the process of determining how it will be sustainable in a new environment.

A change in focus is something we have been contemplating for some time. Our work has convinced us that the current economic situation in most of the islands is not sustainable, just as the consumption-based economic system in the U.S. is not sustainable. Indeed, any system which is predicated on continuing growth is bound to self-distract over time. The growth of the consumer class and activities which encourage more and more buying and consuming of goods cannot continue in the U.S. The growth of the government bureaucracy, supported by U.S. taxpayer dollars, and the increasing reliance on imported packaged foods cannot be supported over the long run in the island economies.

With this in mind, the MSPP is evolving to encompass in its work a greater emphasis on the integration of the concepts of sustainable community development. This includes concerns about environmental and ecosystem integrity, local economic systems, social and cultural maintenance and support, and issues of values and ethics. We believe it is no longer enough for us to work on projects which have been requested by the agencies with which we work. It is important to begin to look at the long-term viability of the island economies, environments and cultures, and design projects which will be truly sustainable. This means we will look at whether the project will foster a community which will be able to continue to function for future generations, as well as the current one. It is not our goal to "turn back the clock;" rather, it is critical to examine what we are doing and minimize the negative impacts of current decisions. We must make careful and well-reasoned choices when the resources that sustain us are at stake. These principles apply to the decisions made for a society as large as the United States, just as surely as they apply to small islands such as those found in Micronesia and the

south Pacific. In fact, large countries can learn a great deal from small islands, as changes and results of decisions are much more rapidly apparent in the relatively closed ecosystem of an island. Within a geographic context as large as the U.S., it is difficult to determine the impact of a particular decision made, for example, in a state the size of Oregon. But on small islands, there exists a model for the development of sustainable communities, and larger countries can learn from thoughtfully observing the impacts - positive and negative-of decisions made by the islands.

In recognition of our concern for a greater focus on sustainable community development, the Micronesia and South Pacific Program is becoming part of a larger organization, Connections for Sustainable Communities. The MSPP will continue to offer the services of advanced graduate students and community professionals to transfer skills to island communities, however, we will take a more active role in the development of projects on which we work. In addition to working with local counterparts from island government agencies, we plan to include representatives of nongovernmental organizations on our teams as well as undergraduate students from the several colleges and universities in the Pacific. Our overall focus will increasingly center on issues of sustainability, and in this way, we hope to provide a more lasting and positive impact on the future development of the islands.

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