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“WELCOME HOME” PARTY

by Alton Higashi

A “Welcome Home” Party, sponsored by the SBA Council on behalf of new students, especially freshmen, was held at the Student Center on Saturday, September 27, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. At most, about 100 students (40%) attended. It was a grand event, and I congratulate about 30 students who worked hard in planning and implementing this first SBA-sponsored event of the new school year.

There were games, entertainment, and a funny skit. Vice-President Ray Chiwi took the lead as the master of ceremonies. Other SBA officers (Marivic, Jake, Brandon, David, and Shawn) were scurrying around, here and there, to ensure that the program would go on — not quite as a professional program — but for a first-time effort, it was a phenomenally successful one!

Behind the scenes, working hard, were the early birds who put the barbecue cooking on schedule, the stage and costume designers who made stage and entertainment look good, and a few others who stayed around from morning to evening to help in one way or another, including clean-up.

However, I was also disappointed that a majority of students did not participate actively in dancing and singing. They sat like dead wood in the Student Center or at the seawall. What a worthless group of students! They were there just to eat, I am sure, not to help out nor to take a pro-active stance in making the event a success.

As I observed the goings-on, I recognized a number of student performers and workers who deserve a lot of credit for the success of this event. We also need to recognize the extra time put in by maintenance and security personnel. Dean Kind Kanto did one thing right — he stayed out of the way of the students and let them run the show. Thank you, Kind!

Yes, I was duly impressed by students — only a few, not the majority — but one person, in particular, easily caught my eye. I had two thoughts at that time. First, I look forward to more SBA-sponsored activities that will be hard to beat this first one. Second, as the technical editor of the Meseiset, I will begin a new article for publication every issue — “Student of the Month”. I want to identify and praise a student who goes beyond the “call of duty” outside of the classroom. Today, I want to recognize him for his participation in the “Welcome Home” Party. There were a good number who deserve this recognition, but I must identify just one. Sorry ‘bout that! For “Student of the Month”, please go to page 8.

For photos of the “Welcome Home” Party, see page 2. Φ

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“WELCOME HOME” PARTY PHOTOS by Jake Nakamura



MC Ray



backstage entertainment buffoonery



*tripping
the light
fantastic*



*Did you wash your
hands before touch-
ing the food?*



more backstage antics



*Watch out, girls! Some of our guys on campus are
more beautiful than you!*



*My dear Franko,
I'm available!*

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I AM GOOD FOR YOU!

BREADFRUIT

by Rinder Ruben

(1) My whole body is good for you.



(2) Why am I good? ?

(3) I have leaves to make oxygen.



(4) I have wood to make canoes.



(5) I have sap to make glue.



(6) I am Breadfruit.



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MY PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY by Lorraine Enlet

TOPIC = JEALOUSY

Jealousy is a sin, according to Christians, and it is also a green-eyed monster, according to William Shakespeare in his play “Othello”. The term is typically negative – envious, suspicious, insecure, fearful, anxious – according to Encarta Dictionary Tools. And, to be sure, we have all grown up and been trained by family and society to believe that jealousy is a bad thing.

Surely, jealousy is bad. Right? After all, the Holy Bible has its share of stories of jealousy – Cain’s feelings toward Abel, Sarah’s resentment toward Hagar, Jacob’s sons’ envy of Joseph, and even Saul’s jealousy of David. However, is the following information bad too? According to Exodus 20:5, God declares himself to be a jealous God. Surely, we would not claim that God is bad because he is jealous. Maybe, or surely, there is something quite positive, or good, about jealousy. We need to understand jealousy in a new light.

METAPHYSICS (Ontology)

- Anthropology
- Theology

What is reality? That is the metaphysical question, and I have two answers. First, the Nature of the Universe is the Chinese principle of “yin” and “yang” – the two opposite and complementary forces of the cosmos.⁽¹⁾ According to the Microsoft Encarta Reference Library 2003, yin was associated with “*everything dark, moist, receptive, earthy, and female, whereas yang was bright, dry, active, heavenly, and male. Yin and yang were believed to combine in various proportions to produce all the different objects in the universe.*” In other words, everything is composed of two opposite and complementary conditions.

Second, jealousy is a part of the Nature of Man. We all experience jealousy; however, it does mean that it must remain only negative in people. There must be something positive about jealousy. The purpose of my personal philosophy is to help reveal the balance of good/bad or positive/negative sides of jealousy.

Third, so what? Just to know the balance of good/bad or positive/negative is not enough. The final act of jealousy is to make the change from bad to good, from negative to positive. Change yourself first, before you can change others. In other words, you need to help yourself before you help others.

EPISTEMOLOGY (Sources of Knowledge)

- Empiricism
- Logic and Reasoning
- Intuition
- Undisputed Authority

Ayn Rand (1905-1982) was a philosopher who described both egoism and altruism.⁽²⁾ Obviously,

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⁽¹⁾ According to Encarta Dictionary Tools, “cosmos” = the whole universe, the universe thought of as an ordered and integrated whole, an ordered system or harmonious whole.

⁽²⁾ According to Encarta Dictionary Tools, “egoism” = pursuit of your own welfare and interests (or self-interest), and “altruism” = belief in acting for the good of others.

MY PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY (continued from page 4)

Encarta Dictionary Tools would define both words as antonyms or opposites. Rand disagreed. She described egoism as the first step toward self-improvement so that we could move on to the second step toward service to other people: *“She believed that human beings must live for themselves, neither sacrificing any part of their natures or goals to other people, nor bending others’ wills to their own. In this scheme, love is achieved fully only by those individuals who possess the highest self-esteem, which is exhibited in the form of clearly defined and uncompromising values.”*⁽³⁾



Rand

In other words, Rand believed *“Man must develop himself first, and when he is well developed, then he can help others. However, if he is not the best that he can be, then what he does to help others is only second-best.”*⁽⁴⁾

AXIOLOGY

- Ethics
- Aesthetics

So, be jealous. See your own weaknesses in comparison to the strengths in others. Be jealous that someone else may be smarter or better than you. And, of course, do not hate or get angry. Now, take the next four steps from bad to good, negative to positive:

- Reflect: What makes you weaker? What makes someone else stronger, smarter, better? What triggered your weakness? In other words, what causes you to be weaker or worse? Be honest with yourself, and do not blame others for your weakness. Search deep within yourself for the causes.
- Accept: Accept your own weaknesses, do not deny your own nature. See the truth about yourself, do not be blind to yourself and the truth about yourself. After all, the blind cannot lead the blind.
- Plan: Again, in comparing your weakness with somebody else’s strength, figure out the steps you must take to move from weakness to strength. This is called planning, or setting up a schedule of activities for you to follow to improve yourself.
- Change: Go for it! Follow your schedule to change. Make the effort to change.

Now, you are on your way toward self-improvement. As you get stronger or better, you will have pride in becoming a better person. When you share what you have with others, you will realize that your sharing began with jealousy. There is nothing wrong with jealousy, but just do not remain jealous.

Value Systems

= (1) positive jealousy, (2) egoism and altruism, and (3) love

Among my three value systems, I have the word “love”. I did not discuss love earlier in my person-

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⁽³⁾ Christian K. Messenger, “Ayn Rand”, Microsoft Encarta Reference Library 2003.

⁽⁴⁾ Alton Higashi, Hand-Out #4b: More Modern Philosophers, EN 208 (Philosophy), Chuuk: COM-FSM Chuuk Campus, 2014.

10x10 WORD SEARCH by Osimichy Kata and Taralyn Saladier

H	O	M	O	S	L	I	N	E	S
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I	L	C	E	N	L	A	R	G	E
S	S	A	E	G	I	E	N	I	R
P	A	T	A	A	P	O	L	L	E
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There are 25 words, each five letters or more, in this word search. Find and circle all 25 words:

ADORE
 BEACH
 EARTH
 EATEN
 ECUADOR
 ENLARGE
 GLOBE
 HABIT
 HEMISPHERE
 HOMOSLINE
 ILIUM
 LINES
 MAPLE
 MEDIA
 MERCATOR
 MORSE
 NORTH
 OCEAN
 PAATA
 PAREM
 PEOPLE
 PLAIN
 POLLE
 SHEER
 STUDIO

MY PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY (continued from page 5)

sonal philosophy, but now I do. The King James Version of the Holy Bible, in Luke 10:27, states: *“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.”*

To most Christians, love is a three-step process –

- first, love God;
- second, love others, and
- last, love yourself.

With all due apology, I reverse the process –

- first, love yourself so that you help to develop yourself so that your own strengths can help others;
- second, love others because you have the strengths with which you can share; and
- third, love God because you have used your egoism to practice altruism.

And, remember, according to Luke 10:27, love follows four parts of the Nature of Man: heart, soul, body, and mind. Φ



10x10 WORD SEARCH by Arison Osy and Jame Wichep

P	A	C	I	F	I	C	A	M	S
I	R	E	A	L	H	I	K	E	T
I	E	P	A	U	A	R	I	T	I
S	T	A	U	C	O	T	T	O	N
P	A	K	I	R	I	B	A	T	I
A	W	N	O	T	O	N	O	F	A
N	O	K	N	A	M	O	L	U	K
E	L	E	K	I	N	I	O	C	H
W	O	N	E	I	S	L	A	N	D
U	P	E	L	G	N	A	I	R	T

There are 20 words, each five letters or more, in this word search. Find and circle all 20 words:

AKITA
CHUUK
COTTON
ENTITIES
FATAL
FONOTON
ISLAND
KAINIT
KIRIBATI
KOROR
LEKINIOCH
NAMOLUK
NICAIA
PACIFIC
PIISPANEWU
POLOWAT
TOTEM
TRIANGLE
WATER
WONEI

BREADFRUIT — (continued from page 3)

(7) I am good food.



(8) I am better than rice. Φ



*[The next issue will feature
"Chili Pepper" by Adore William.]*

Chuuk Campus News

SBA COUNCIL ADVISORS

Three individuals were selected by the SBA Council a few weeks ago to serve as its advisors for the school year 2014-2015: Memorina Yesiki (Student Services), Alton Higashi (Instruction), and Coleen Dungawin.

Coleen herself is an AA-degree student, and she may have become COM-FSM's first-ever student advisor to an SBA Council. She was Secretary of last school year's SBA Council. In addition, she was one of five students in May 2014 to be given the Student Leadership Award. Another deserved recognition for an outstanding student at our Chuuk Campus! Φ



STUDENT OF THE MONTH: FRANKO ALAFANSO



for his exceptionally well-rounded participation, enthusiasm, and versatility in entertaining the audience at the "Welcome Home" party on Saturday, September 27. Thank you, Franko, for doing the right things in the right way.

ALL-CAMPUS MEETING

The latest All-Campus Meeting (ACM) was held Wednesday, October 8, 12 noon to 1:00 pm, at the Student Center, and was sponsored by our Student Body Association.

A number of questions were raised by individuals attending the ACM — questions relative to the use of student activity fees, as well as schedule of SBA-sponsored events during the remainder of the Fall Semester 2014, including plans for an upcoming Academic Talent Showdown in early December, in order to help students prepare for their final exams.

Counselor Wilson Bisalen talked about time management and mid-term deficiency notices. Instructor Ben Bambo thanked a number of students who demonstrated positive attitudes and behaviors in the classroom. Instructor Herner Braiel called upon administration to improve communications services, so that everyone can know what is happening on campus.

SBA President Marivic Preciado and Vice-President Ray Chiwi coordinated ACM discussions and presentations. Thanks for a job well done. Φ

FOOD FAIR: OCTOBER 30

We are going to have a Food Fair, sponsored in part by our Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) program, and it is scheduled Thursday, October 30, at Anderson Field, just a hop, skip, and jump from our campus. Ask your instructors for release time to visit the fair.

Local farmers will bring samples of local crops for display and sale. Make sure that you bring extra cash to buy your favorite local foods!

In addition, CRE staff members are coordinating, on behalf of the Food Fair, a number of contests, such as essay-writing, art, and posters. Contact CRE's Mike Abbe for more detailed information.

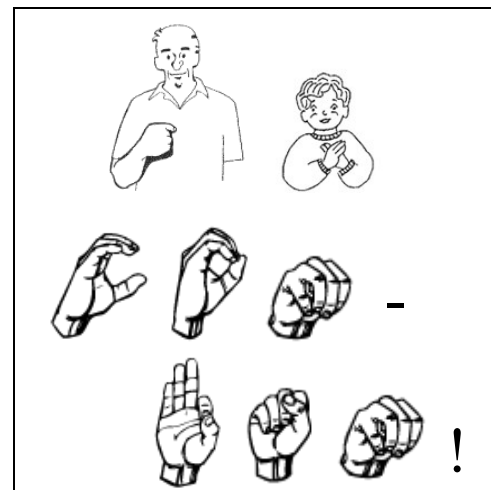
Co-sponsors of the Food Fair are the Chuuk State Department of Agriculture and the FSM International Office for Migration (IOM).

by PY 101 Instructor Alton Higashi

[Each student then selected and added a variety of letters, such as those shown in the lists below.]

<u>O</u> <i>[add F]</i>	<u>O</u> <i>[add N]</i>	<u>O</u> <i>[add R]</i>	<u>O</u> <i>[add R]</i>	<u>O</u> <i>[add R]</i>	<u>O</u> <i>[add S]</i>	<u>O</u> <i>[add S]</i>
<u>OF</u> <i>[add R]</i>	<u>ON</u> <i>[add W]</i>	<u>OR</u> <i>[add E]</i>	<u>OR</u> <i>[add T]</i>	<u>OR</u> <i>[add F]</i>	<u>SO</u> <i>[add W]</i>	<u>SO</u> <i>[add Y]</i>
<u>FOR</u> <i>[add T]</i>	<u>NOW</u> <i>[add S]</i>	<u>ORE</u> <i>[add C]</i>	<u>ROT</u> <i>[add S]</i>	<u>FOR</u> <i>[add T]</i>	<u>SOW</u> <i>[add R]</i>	<u>SOY</u> <i>[add T]</i>
<u>FORT</u> <i>[add Y]</i>	<u>SNOW</u> <i>[add R]</i>	<u>CORE</u> <i>[add S]</i>	<u>SORT</u> <i>[add Y]</i>	<u>FORT</u> <i>[add S]</i>	<u>ROWS</u> <i>[add D]</i>	<u>TOYS</u> <i>[add R]</i>
<u>FORTY</u> <i>[add S]</i>	<u>SWORN</u> <i>[add E]</i>	<u>SCORE</u> <i>[add D]</i>	<u>STORY</u> <i>[add E]</i>	<u>FORTS</u> <i>[add E]</i>	<u>SWORD</u> <i>[add N]</i>	<u>STORY</u> <i>[add M]</i>
<u>FROSTY</u>	<u>OWNERS</u>	<u>SCORED</u>	<u>OYSTER</u>	<u>FOREST</u>	<u>DROWNS</u>	<u>STORMY</u>

It is possible to continue these lists — by adding another letter to a six-letter word in order to make a seven-letter word. For example, look at Jake's six-letter word SCORED. Now, add another R — to make RECORDS, a seven-letter word. Think letters and words. Φ



MORE “WELCOME HOME” PARTY PHOTOS *(continued from pag 2)*



Hey, Ray! Stop getting food before others are fed first.



I counted only two instructors .



*Who you lookin' at?
Wanna fight?*



Question: WHAT OFFICE WAS THIS IN 1964?



Answer: Department of Education, Chuuk

Photo Credit: Steve Richmond



I LOVE



C O M -



F S M !



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OUR FRIENDS MATRICULATING AT THE NATIONAL CAMPUS

Here is a great photo of Chuukese students at the COM-FSM National Campus. Do you recognize all of them? Do you miss them? Remember to communicate with your “lost” friends at the National Campus. They surely miss you at Chuuk Campus, and so it would be nice of you to establish communication with them.



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