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CAMPUS CLEAN-UP AND BEAUTIFICATION

Wai-oooo! Chuuk Campus is looking spiffy as more and more students get involved in campus clean-up and beautification. That was evident on Saturday, September 23. A student explained, *“It’s actually fun. Maybe we are not learning our courses, but we are learning something good. Right?”* Right.

Last weekend students planted three coconut seedlings and five “apple” tree cuttings on campus. Have you seen them yet? If not, walk around the campus and locate them. If they produce fruit soon enough, they are reserved exclusively for student consumption, thanks to Kind Kanto and Pasy Kasty.

Also, there is a new garden between the Student Center and the Library. On Saturday, students worked hard to prepare the garden plot for planting. Students will grow vegetables, such as beans and cucumbers. They should be ready for harvest in January 2018, and, again, they are snack food for students — not for administrators, staff, and faculty. So, employees — no touch, no belong. Thank you very much. We call upon Ben Akkin and his maintenance/security staff to make sure that greedy employees leave these crops alone for hungry students.

To help students enjoy the morning, there was food — corn chowder at 7:00, and SBA breakfast at 8:30.

The first clean-up day was August 26. The second was last week’s September 23. The next one is scheduled for October 21. Come, everyone! It will be a great day to remember!Θ



MID-TERMS ARE FAST APPROACHING

Are you ready? Right after our holiday on Monday, October 2, mid-term exams will begin October 3-4 and instructors will submit mid-term grades no later than Friday, October 6.

Are you ready? You have just a few more days (including this weekend) to review and remember what you have learned thus far this semester. You do not have time to waste — so stay home this weekend and study hard.

Or, if you want to fool around, go right ahead. You can always fail on your mid-term exams and, hopefully, get kicked out. Wow, your parents will be happy! It is up to you to do well. So, do not fool around. Do not fail!Θ

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CHUUK STATE CONSTITUTION DAY: October 1, 1989

PREAMBLE OF THE CHUUK STATE CONSTITUTION

WE, THE PEOPLE OF CHUUK,
*blessed by the Grace of Almighty God,
source of our sovereign power, and
moved by our faith to control and chart
our own destiny, do hereby ordain and
establish this Constitution as the
supreme reaffirmation of our sacred
bond, and as the guiding star in our jour-
ney across the seas.*

*With this Constitution we declare our
solemn duty to uphold the principle of
democracy, to protect our lands, waters,
and cultures which sustain us and bind
us together, to live together in peace and
harmony, guided by law, custom, and
tradition as one people, now and forever.*

ARTICLE I. TERRITORY

(Law of the Sea:

Exclusive Economic Zone)

*The territory of the State of Chuuk
shall include a marine space of
200 nautical miles measured out-
ward of appropriate baselines.*

CHUUK STATE GOVERNOR

TERM OF OFFICE

Erhart Aten	1978-1986
Gideon Doone	1986-1990
Sasao Goulard	1990-1996
Marcellino Umwech	1996-1997
Ansito Walter	1997-2005
Wesley Simina	2005-2011
Johnson Elimo	2011-present

CHUUK STATE LEGISLATURE

(bicameral)

Senate

- 10 senators = 2 from each senatorial region
- 5 regions = NN, SN, FK, MK, NW
- Term of office = 4 years
- Officers = President, Vice-President, and Floor Leader

House of Representatives

- 28 representatives from 13 representative districts
- Term of office = 2 years
- Officers = Speaker, Vice-Speaker, and Floor Leader

BICAMERAL OR UNICAMERAL — WHICH IS BETTER?

Our Chuuk State Legislature is **bicameral**. In other words, it has two houses — House of Representatives, and Senate.

In 2004 there was a Third Constitutional Convention (ConCon) to recommend amendments to the Chuuk State Constitution. A particular recommendation was the Style and Arrangement Committee's Report CP No. 3-34, CD 1 — to change the Legislature from bicameral to **unicameral**. That is, to have only one house, not two. The report explained why unicameral was better than bicameral — "*to reduce cost by down-sizing*" — and the purpose was to do "*its best for the people of Chuuk, for a better future*".

Well, the ConCon did not approve the recommendation, and so our Legislature remains bicameral. Members of the SAD Committee were Minoru Mori, Julio Raymond, Peter Sitan, Jack Fritz, Peter Aten, Singkoro Harper, and Camillo Noket. The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry.☹

Chuuk Campus News

Ryian and Kachuo Return from Student Leadership Retreat

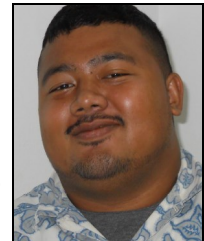
SBA President Ryian Raymond and Treasurer Kachuo Matus returned from a COM-FSM student leadership retreat held in Pohnpei two weeks ago, September 11-15. The retreat theme was “Serve, Lead, and Inspire”. They spent time in meeting and talking with SBA officers from the other COM-FSM campuses.

Ryian did something that magnetized and motivated student leaders. At the beginning of the retreat, he delivered an impromptu speech on the theme. He explained how a student leader should have two vital attitudes — patience and commitment — in serving, leading, and inspiring peers at COM-FSM. There will always be times when a student leader feels lonely — when it seems that no one else is willing to serve, lead, and inspire. Yet, a student leader has to accept the simple fact that he cannot and must not give up. Nevertheless, with patience and commitment, he does what he must do to rise above his loneliness, to remain faithful to his hopes in helping the student community to enjoy campus life.

“I’ve been doing that for the past couple of years,” Ryian explained. “It’s been hard, and, yes, I sometimes felt like quitting. But I’m not a



Ryian



Kachuo

quitter, and I don’t intend to start quitting when I know that my work helps others.”

Ryian’s speech built a foundation upon which any student body association can stand and construct student-activity programs on campus. It is a foundation built with patience and commitment. Ryian concluded, *“That’s what we are as student leaders — construction workers, building a solid foundation of concrete plans and projects.”*

Kachuo added that the three thematic words — serve, lead, and inspire — are the core of student leadership. Ryian and Kachuo intend to share — with other SBA leaders at Chuuk Campus — what they learned at the retreat. With student leaders, like the two, SBA Chuuk Campus will contribute to student success in a big, big way.

Leadership cannot always result in immediate solution to problems, but leadership must always begin with the first step forward — patience and commitment. Ryian is 100% correct.☺

Chuuk State Flower

Do you know the official flower of Chuuk State? It is identified in the Chuuk State Constitution, Article XI (General Provisions), Section 7.

Which of these six found in Chuuk is the official one?☺



bougainvillea



ginger



hibiscus



ilang-ilang



plumeria



spider lily

The answer is upside-down below.

ANSWER: In Chuuk, we call it “toong”.

PHOTOS OF CAMPUS CLEAN-UP AND BEAUTIFICATION

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Looking good, looking better! That is our Chuuk Campus. Here are photos (pages 4-5) taken of hard-working participants of our Campus Clean-Up and Beautification Day on Saturday, September 23.



PHOTO QUIZ

What else happened Saturday, September 23 on campus? To answer this question, select the one and only one correct response:

- (a) Timothy Frank is doing his thing.
- (b) Timothy Frank cannot wait to go to the boys' bathroom.
- (c) Timothy Frank wants to show off.
- (d) Timothy Frank likes to have his photo taken.
- (e) Oops! Timothy Frank's dog Timo Frank is just copying Timothy.