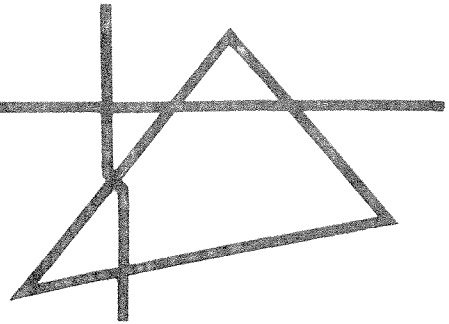


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Revival of the PIP Newsletter.--This issue of the PIP Newsletter is being brought to you through the combined efforts of the PISP, the Pacific Islands Studies Center, and the Social Science Research Institute. It is planned that these combined efforts will result in a regular bi-weekly Newsletter.

If you have any items which you think might be of interest to Pacific Islands faculty and students, please inform Jeff Marck at 948-7011. If you have any suggestions regarding format and content of the Newsletter, please inform Jeff who will relate your recommendations to the Publications Committee of the PISP.

Information on visitors & travelers.--Professor Bernard Smith will be in Honolulu in mid-April to deliver a lecture on Captain Cook and his artist. Professor Tim MacNaught is making local arrangements and may be contacted concerning Dr. Smith's itinerary.

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Dr. Andrew Taylor from the University of Papua New Guinea at Lae will be with the Social Science Research Institute as a Research Affiliate for the Spring Semester, 1978. While here, Dr. Taylor will be working on a dictionary of Motu.

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Dr. Reden S. Roosman from the Dept. of Political Studies at the University of Papua New Guinea is currently on campus. He has both Pacific and Insular South East Asian areal interests in Linguistics and Sociology. He can be contacted at 941-7572 during his stay here.

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Virginia Cooper Lemon, Assistant Director, East-West Center and Pacific Programs, U.S. State Department, will be in Honolulu, January 24-31, to attend the EWC Board of Governors meeting. When she was in Honolulu last year, she met with University of Hawaii faculty at the Social Sciences and Linguistics Institute to discuss Pacific activities that she directs.

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Leonard Mason will be at ASAO and then will be in the Trust Territory for 3 weeks in March.

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Cisco Uludong, Saipan correspondent for the *Guam Daily News*, will be in Honolulu for a week on about Feb. 20. Contact Leonard Mason for details.

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Events and Happenings.--There is currently a "Captain Cook in Literature" display at Hamilton Library that will continue through the next two weeks.

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The new PIP Steering Committee has been named by Dean David E. Contois. The members are: C. Daeufer (director of the PIP grant), R. Finney (interim chairperson), D. Johnson, D. Oliver, P. Pirie, C. Ramage, and D. Topping.

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The Second Austronesian Conference was held in Canberra during the first and second weeks of January. Participants from the UH Department of Linguistics included Soejono Dardjowidjojo, Pete Lincoln, Andy Pawley, Laurie Reid, and Al Shutz as well as UH graduates Bob Blust and Shelly Harrison and SSRI research affiliate Bruce Biggs. Any of these people can be contacted for details of the meetings.

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A symposium on "The Role of Anthropology in Contemporary Micronesia" will be held at the annual meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO), February 15-19 at Asilomar, California. The symposium is being organized by Leonard Mason, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, UH. Professor Mason can be contacted for details on the conference and a cost-free publication to come out of the meetings. Participants include: from Micronesia--Katherine Kesolei (Palau), Leo Falcam (Ponape), Francisco Uludong (Saipan), and Father Francis Hezel (Truk); from the U.S. mainland--Robert McKnight (Cal State-Hayward), DeVerne Smith (U Penn), Mark Borthwick (Iowa State), Jack Fischer (Tulane), Robert Kiste (U Minn), Felix Moos (U Kansas), and Bryan Ferrel (U Cal-Santa Cruz). Travel for the Micronesians is funded from various agencies.

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The Captain Cook Conference will be held March 31 and April 1 at UH Manoa. Further details will appear in the next newsletter.

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Campus Programs and Research News.--C. S. Ramage, Chairman of Meteorology has received a grant of \$32,300 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to investigate the character and variations of the North Pacific near-equatorial convergence zone, an east-west band of very unsettled weather usually found between 5° and 10° N. Measurements for the investigation were taken aboard a highly instrumented NOAA P-3 research aircraft which made six round trips between Honolulu and Papeete from November 29, 1977 to January 6, 1978.

Besides the meteorological experiment, 60 expendable bathythermographs were released from the aircraft on each flight. These measured temperatures in the upper 1000 feet of the ocean--part of a research project directed by Professor K. Wyrтки of the Department of Oceanography.

Both projects are designed to enhance understanding of Pacific climate and its fluctuations.

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PALMDC, The Pacific Area Languages Materials Development Center has opened its doors for business on the seventh floor of Porteus. Funded by a Title VII Bilingual grant to SSRI, the program is coordinated by Robert Gibson. It will be the object of the center to produce vernacular language materials for the districts of the Trust Territory and for the State of Hawaii Samoan and Ilocano Bilingual projects. Patsy Layne has been hired by the Center to work as curriculum development specialist for the Micronesian phase of the Center's areas of coverage. During the Spring Semester, at least the following people shall be in Honolulu working with the Center to produce materials for their home islands: Rioichy Johnny (Truk), Hanover Ehsa (Ponape), Rita Inos (Saipan), Rosa Warakai (Saipan), Maria Rosario (Saipan) and Bernard Yiftheg (Yap).

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Editor's Note.--There was quite a response to the call for information for the first newsletter. This has resulted in some abbreviating of information and the postponement of some information until the next newsletter. It was not possible to complete computer entry of all people and organizations for the first newsletter. The mailing of the second newsletter is expected to procede from a completed list. If, upon the second mailing, interested people or groups appear to have been missed in the composition of the mailing list, please contact Jeff Marck and we can add them for future mailings. Office numbers are x7011 and x8508.

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