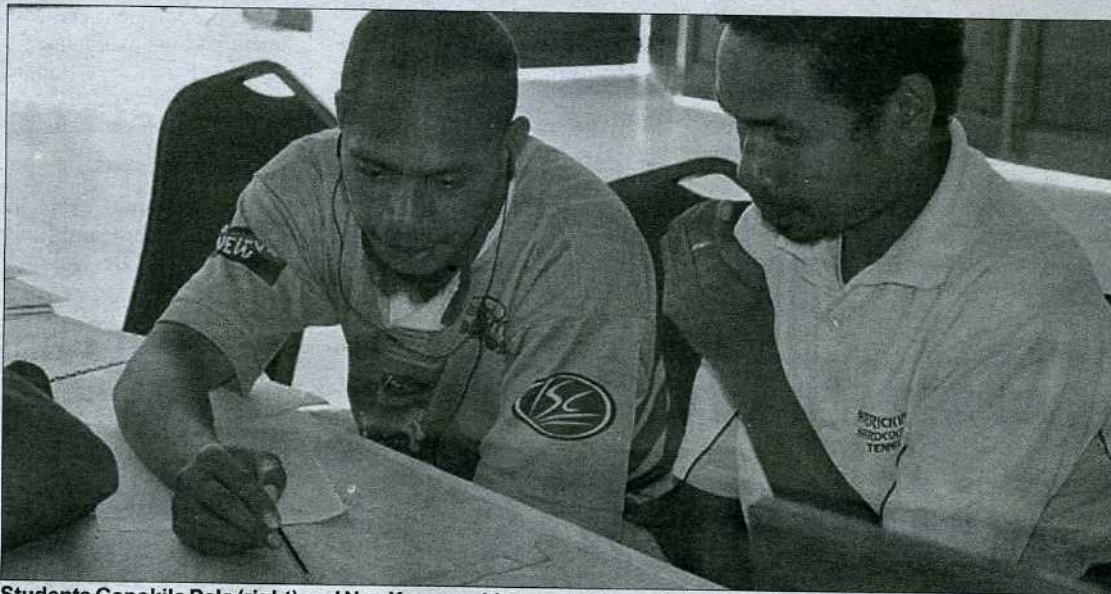


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Students Genokila Pala (right) and Nau Kapa working on a sketch of the town development plan.

Students study Goroka town plans

THIRTEEN final year architecture students from Unitech recently travelled to Goroka to look at and work on the urban development plans of the town as part of their urban design class.

The idea to have students work on the town development of Goroka was inspired by an earlier conversation between the Eastern Highlands Governor Malcolm Kela-Smith, who is a self-pro-

claimed “frustrated architect” and architect and lecturer at the architecture and building department Molly Felde.

They had both discussed ideas on the town’s development, and Ms Felde thought this would be an excellent opportunity to involve students in collaborative work with relevant authorities responsible for administering the township.

More importantly, Ms Felde said this would enable students’ exposure to real life experiences with a real client and the town would get 13 fresh minds and many great ideas for the town’s future development.

As a result, the students, accompanied by Ms Felde were hosted by the governor for three days-April 2-4.

The weekend was devoted to studying and

documenting various areas of Goroka, which was delivered in a presentation to Mr Kela-Smith and the provincial administrator Munare Uyassi.

Both were impressed with their presentation and work considering that it was done in such a short time

Mr Kela-Smith encouraged them to always get the basics right when it comes to planning and development.