

Attention Students

If you are anticipating a refund for Spring 2000 semester, you may charge your books against that refund. See your instructors to be certain on what books to buy, then stop by the Business Office and see Ms. Janice for your promissory note. Thank you.

PCC, Are We Ready to Do It Again?!!

The annual PCC staff-student co-ed softball tournament is almost upon us again. It's time to oil that glove or take to the batting cage...if you can find one on island. The softball tournament is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 31, 2000. A team must consist of 7 males and 3 females, must have a team captain, and an official team name.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place finishers. The tournament is open to all students and staff at PCC. All games will be played at the Meyuns ball field and the game schedule will be coming out soon.

Contact Ismael at 488-3885 for more information.

Work-Study Workshop Helpful



LeoBen Teriong, Human Resources Department Director in an animated exchange, with workshop participants. The Work-study workshop was conducted by Mitsko Walter, work-study supervisor to help college staff who employ work-study students to better understand their roles and responsibilities as supervisors.

Celebrating Birthdays

Ramon Garcia	January 2
Willes Tmecherur	January 6
Antonia Sisor	January 6
Leilani Senior	January 6
Imengel Mad	January 8
Ruthie Skang	January 9
William Wally	January 11
Secundina Azuma	January 15
Teory Idechong	January 16
Jushida Ngimgebedangel	January 16

Happy Birthday to you all!
Hey! With this many birthdays, we should have a real party!

Story Hour For Kids

The Didil Belau group is sponsoring a story-hour for children at the PCC Library on January 15 from 10am-11am. Bring your kids, it's free and fun!



Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, January 14, 2000

Weekly Newsletter

Volume 2, Issue 1

WASC Executives Visit PCC Prior to Guam Meeting



Dr. David Wolf (c) and Dr. Gari Browning (r) stopped at the PCC Library to chat with Jane Barnwell (l) and use the Internet.

On January 10 and 11, PCC hosted David Wolf, Executive Director of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) and Gari Browning, Associate Director of ACCJC. Both were visiting Palau for the first time to see PCC, the western-most accredited community college in the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Dr. Wolf and Dr. Browning met with President Tellei, toured the campus, and held a meeting with several key administrators including Vice President Mario Katosang and other Education & Training (ET) staff. At this meeting, Dr. Wolf briefed the college on the upcoming midterm focus report which is due in November 2000. Essentially, the college must submit a written report responding to five key recommendations that were made by the visiting team in February 1998. Dr. Wolf also responded to several questions from PCC staff, one of which was the issue concerning the eventual conversion of PCC from a two-year into a four-year institution.

Dr. Wolf advised that, due to Palau's isolation and urgent need for trained people in certain areas like teaching, the ACCJC would look favorably on allowing the college to offer BA degrees in Education and perhaps one or two other fields in the near future. The ACCJC is currently reviewing a proposal from Northern Marianas College (NMC) to grant BA degrees in Education; if that is approved, PCC will most likely be able to launch a similar program.

Dr. Wolf and Dr. Browning travel to Guam at the end of this week for a series of meetings with CEOs of Pacific post-secondary institutions including President Tellei. The Board of Directors of WASC will also be present. One of their main agenda items is the creation of a broad articulation agreement among all the regional two-year and four-year institutions that would allow AA graduates to transfer easily to University of Hawaii and University of Guam as juniors.

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President Welcomes All Students

On behalf of Palau Community College administrators, faculty and staff, President Tellei wishes to welcome all continuing students back and extends a special welcome to all the new students. Best wishes for the new year!

Alfonso Diaz Gives to PCC Endowment Fund



Alfonso Diaz (l), owner of WWFM radio station, presenting a check for \$106 dollars (10% of proceeds from recent concert & own money) to PCC Development Director, Jay Olegerill. The donation will go to the PCC Endowment Fund which now stands at \$162,189.00 dollars (before Diaz's donation). The College gratefully accepts and acknowledges Mr. Diaz's very generous donation and encourages others to follow his exemplary ways.

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Crop Profile for Cucumbers in Palau

by: PCC-CRE

Major diseases: Leafspot, powdery mildew, gummy stem blight, and cucumber mosaic.

Control measures for diseases: Cultural (crop debris are buried or burned immediately after harvest), chemical (daconil at 2.6 lbs. is sprayed to control fungal disease).

Major weeds: Giant sensitive plant and Siam Weed.

Control measures for weeds: Cultural (brush cutting and clearing) biological (use of psyllid insect and gall fly).

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the PCC-CRE office at telephone 488-2746, fax: 488-3307, email: Asuta@palaunet.com.

Palau Community College-Cooperative Research & Extension (PCC-CRE) developed a crop profile for cucumber through a \$10,000 grant provided by the Western Region Pesticide Impact Assessment Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Data gathering was done by interviewing farmers and by making actual observations in the farms.

Production Information: In 1998, 7.9 acres were planted with cucumbers out of a total area of 44.7959 acres. Seventeen other vegetable crops were also planted. The estimated production of cucumber was 17,082.4 lbs. per acre with a value of \$10,249.49. The estimated cost of production was \$3,620 per acre. The estimated net income was \$6,629.49 per acre.

Horticultural Practices: Two to three seeds are planted in each planting hole with the distance of two feet between plants and about four feet between rows. Chicken manure is applied at 5 tons per acre and covered with soil. It is then allowed to ferment for 14 days before planting. Some farmers apply a handful of compost in the planting hole during the initial planting stage while others apply complete fertilizer twice during the growing season; the first application is 10 grams each plant at the emergence and another 10 grams at flowering time. Cucumber nets are also installed 1-2 weeks after emergence to allow plants to climb on trellis before flowering. In about 2 months time after planting, harvesting starts and it should be done twice a week to prevent occurrence of oversized fruits.

Major insects pests of cucumber: Orange cucumber beetle, Melin aphid, Pumpkin caterpillar, Leaf footed bug, and Fleahopper.

Control measures: Cultural hand-collecting of larvae (pumpkin caterpillar) and adults (orange cucumber beetle), biological (Syrphid fly maggots and coccinellid beetles prey on aphids), chemical (Malathion at 1.6 lbs or Sevin at 0.7 lbs. is sprayed as soon as infestation sets in).

AG Program Takes Measures to Protect Chickens

The Agricultural Science Program recently installed an electric fence to protect their chickens from marauding dogs. In the past four months, the agriculture program lost about 30 chickens including 12 during the first two weeks of December.

Agriculture faculty Joel Miles and Reiko Kawamura are hoping that this electric fence will keep the dogs out. "The fence will not hurt the dogs but will definitely keep the dogs away," said Joel Miles.

According to the manufacturer of the fence, it can give a deterring shock to dogs, but should not be dangerous to people in normal health since it is only powered by 6 D-cell batteries.

Upward Bound Alumni adjusting to college life at the UH-Hilo.



l-r: Alsendor Salii, Alan Marbou Casey Olkeriil, Omdiais Skebong, Brandall Ulengchong, & Efren Marquez. UH-Hilo is one of the universities in Hawaii with articulation agreement with PCC.

RETENTION WEB PAGE

By: Leslie Adachi, PCC Retention Office, Tel. #: 488-2471, ext. 247

Fall Semester 1999 Academic Achievements

President's List (G.P.A. - 4.00)

Name	Major	Credits Completed
Maireng Edward	LA	16
Analiza Ililau	OA	12
Franston Kual	OA	12
Uelbil Michael	AG	19
Leinath Nagata	BA	12
Neeshell Bedangel	OA	12
Sinia Paulis	LA	12
Qwendalyn Sisor	BA	14
Iwalani Tesei	BEA	13
Lynna Thomas	LA	16
Lawrence Uwelur	LA	12

Dean's List - (G.P.A. 3.80 - 3.99)

Epsie West	THHM/EDSE	19
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Honor (G.P.A. 3.50 - 3.79)

Audrey Alfonso	CJ	13
Wayne Andrew	CT	15
Romeo Filrang	LA	12
Jacques Idechong	AM	17
Fredrick Ikertang	AG	17
Marcia Inacio	BEA	12
Zane Isamu	LA	12
Edward Kenic	GET	12
Hung-Yin Lin	BA	12
Delilah Llecholch	LA	12
Harue Nagata	BEA	12
Carolyn Ngraswei	NU	13
Glendalynn Ngirmeriil	BA	14
Jaylene Omisong	BA	12
Percy Paul	THHM	12
Darla Rengulbai	BA	12
Losii Samsel	OA	12
Esmeralda Smou	BEA	14
Ngewakl Soaladaob	CE	13
Gloria Tem	GCC	12
Jun Ushibata	BEA	12
Daisy Ulitch	LA	12
Leighla West	BEA	14
Mary Yangilmau	BA	12

Congratulations for your outstanding academic achievements!

TOEFL Bulletin for 1999-00

Test date: May 13, 2000
Registration fee: \$75.00
Deadline: March 27, 2000

Registration by mail - Mail in the form at least three weeks prior to test date.

For more information, please contact Sabra at the PCC Counseling Office at 488-3036.

Congratulations IRIS!

The Federal work-study student of the month for the month of December was Iris Layafofaro. Iris worked under the supervision of business instructor Maurine Alexander. Good work, Iris. ■

* Thanks to Jay Olegeriil, Meridith Randall, and Todd Ngramengior for their generous gifts to the new students during the new student orientation last week.

* Thanks to the following students who hosted the Emmaus High School seniors during their recent visit to our campus computer lab.

Jacques Idechong Eloisa Senior
Herson Soaladaob Dora Joseph
Joycelyn Sicat Janice Ngraked

Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2000

Jan. 10	First day of instruction
Jan. 10-14	Late registration/drop & add period
Feb. 22	Last day to remove Fall '99 incompletes
March 6-10	Midterm period
March 15	Holiday: Youth Day
March 20-24	Spring Break
March 31	PCC Charter Day
May 4	Last day of instruction
May 5	Holiday: Senior citizen's day
May 8-10	Final examination period
May 12	Grades due
May 19	PCC commencement exercises