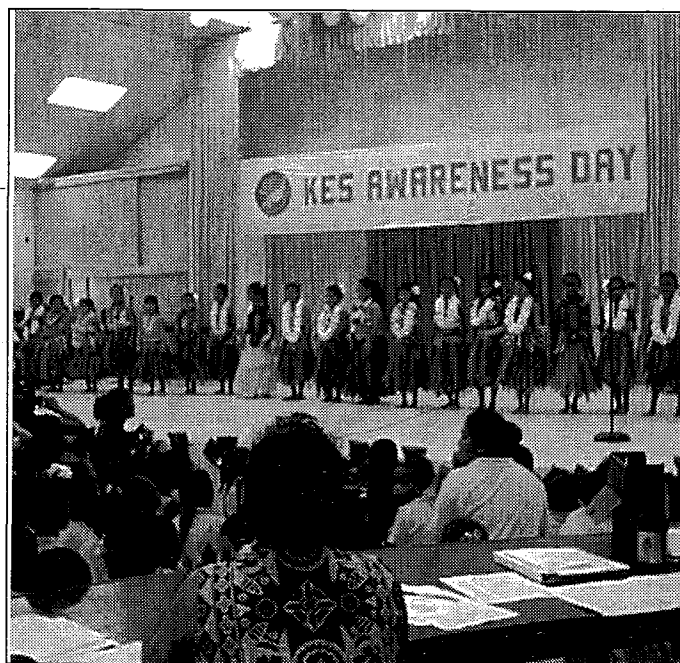


Koror Elementary School Uses the Cafeteria for Awareness Day

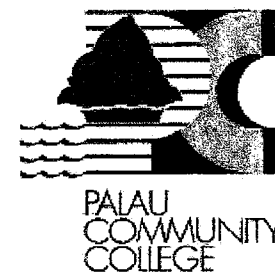
The recent torrential rain resulted in a decision by Koror Elementary School (KES) staff to move their school awareness day programs to the PCC cafeteria last Wednesday. Thankfully the cafeteria was not booked that day and these young KES students were able to perform their activities indoors out of the pouring rain. Activities such as dancing, chanting, and small skits were performed by the happy and enthusiastic students in the cafeteria. The KES awareness program was complete with a panel of judges which reviewed all the performances, decided on the best performance per each grade level and handed down their *verdict* to the MC.

Miriam Chin was the day's guest speaker who had a lot of praise and admiration for the kids. After the message from the guest speaker, the youngsters took center stage and performed to the delight of their parents, friends, and teachers.

The KES awareness activities continued at the Belau National Gym on Thursday, March 21 and will wrap-up today, March 22, 2002 also at the Belau National Gym.



Koror Elementary School students performing to a jam-packed crowd at the PCC cafeteria last Wednesday.



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PCC To Help Victims of Mitag

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei has announced to the entire College community to help victims of Typhoon Mitag, which recently hit the neighboring FSM state of Yap. With the existing close ties between Yap and Palau that traces back many years, PCC faculty, staff and students are thus requested to bring whatever donations they have to the Administration by Thursday April 5th, 2002. From there, the College will present our collective donations to Mr. Alfonso Diaz and Mr. Salvador Tellames, co-chairman of the ROP Ministry of State and the Palau Community-Yap State Typhoon Relief Drive Committee.

Once again, let us do what we can to donate canned goods, clothing, batteries, and flashlights, bottled water and other items that could help our friends and neighbors in Yap to recover from the devastating effects of Typhoon Mitag. If you have any questions, contact Jay Olkeriil at Development Office extension 253.

JICA/JOCV Lights-Up PCC Outdoor Volleyball Court

The College recently installed new lighting system for the PCC outdoor volleyball court behind Dorm - C, thanks to a grant from the JICA/JOCV Palau Office for funding the project. The JICA/JOCV office has over the years provided other noteworthy services including extending JICA/JOCV volunteer services to Palau Community College, specifically to the academic affairs office, the agricultural science program, recreation office and the childcare center.

There are currently four JICA/JOCV volunteers working at PCC and they are as follows:

JICA/JOCV Volunteer

Shiomi Hata
Kimiko Teshima
Kimiko Nagagawa
Hirotaro Yamada

PCC Office

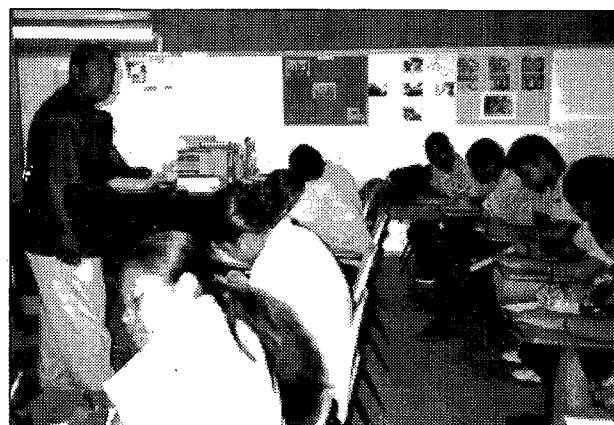
Agriculture Program
Academic Affairs
Childcare Center
Recreation Office

PCC thanks JICA/JOCV office for all its support and contribution to the College.

Palau SDA Board Thanks PCC PCC Congratulates PMA

Palau Community College recently received a thank you letter from BILUNG Gloria G. Salii, Chairperson of the Palau SDA School Board. The letter thanks President Tellei and the College for our assistance in helping SDA to improve their school, particularly upgrading the parking lot, renovating the SDA cafeteria and its Chapel, as well as extension of existing classroom buildings, and resurfacing the road to Palau Mission Academy (PMA). The letter also informed President Tellei that PMA has just received notice that it has met all the requirements and has been granted full accreditation by the Southern Asia-Pacific Division Commission on Accreditation for three (3) years. At the end of the third year, a review team will return to evaluate the progress of the school and possible grant a full five-year accreditation term. In this regard, PCC President, on behalf of the entire Palau Community College family, congratulates Palau SDA Board Chairperson, school administration, and the entire SDA and PMA student body and assures the Board that the College stands ready to continue working with them in their worthy efforts to provide accessible and quality education for their students.

PCC Conducts High Schools Surveys in Palau



Above: PCC Development Office staff, Anghelio Anthonio administers survey at Palau High School, the biggest high school in Palau. The PCC Development Office recently conducted a survey of all the high schools in Palau. The survey was done to better understand the needs and expectations of college bound high schools students, thus college programs and services can be provided to meet those needs. Survey results are being compiled at the Development office and will be ready next month.

Celebrating Birthdays



Jose Manabat March 29

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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Ismael Anastacio, PCC Student Service Supervisor oversees the resurfacing of the outdoor volleyball court. The recreation office currently employs the services of Mr. Hirotaro Yamada, a JICA/JOCV volunteer who works as a student activities specialist.

FROM THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

The Director of Admissions & Financial Aid, Ms. Dahlia M. Katosang and Financial Aid Counselor, Ms. Elenita Brel, from the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid have just completed their recruitment visits to all high schools in Palau during last week of February and second week of March 2002. During these visits they briefly discussed the programs and services of Palau Community College (PCC). They also assisted interested students in completing the required application forms for both admissions and financial aid.

Out of one hundred ninety-nine (199) seniors from all the high schools in Palau, a total of one hundred thirty-eight (138) have expressed their intention to attend Palau Community College (PCC). Eighty-one (81) students wishes to begin their enrollment at PCC this coming Summer Session 2002 and the remaining fifty-six (56) will begin in Fall Semester 2002 (see table below).

RECRUITMENT RESULTS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS IN PALAU (TENTATIVE)					
HIGH SCHOOL	NO. OF SENIORS	SUMMER 2002 APPLICANTS	FALL 2002 APPLICANTS	SPRING 2003 APPLICANTS	TOTAL APPLICANTS
Bethania (BHS)	11	8	2	1	11
Belau Modekngai (BMS)	4	4	0	0	4
Emmaus (EHS)	11	8	2	0	10
Mindszenty (MHS)	44	13	8	0	21
Palau High School (PHS)	107	33	41	0	74
Palau Mission Academy (PMA)	22	15	3	0	18
TOTAL	199	81	56	1	138

PCC Admissions & Financial Aid Office will process and issue acceptance and financial aid award letters to any prospective students with complete applications for admissions and financial aid. The financial aid award letter will indicate the estimated amount of funds student will receive during School Year 2002-2003.

The maximum Pell Grant Award for each student is **\$4,000** for School Year 2002-2003. Those students who plan to attend summer session at PCC will use the Pell Grant funds from this current School Year 2001-2002 (maximum of \$1,875) and not their next years' Pell Grant money.

Special note of appreciation and many thanks goes to all high school principals and counselors for allowing us the opportunity to meet with the prospective students in regards to college education.

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS

Encourage your sons and/or daughters to launch their college life experience at Palau Community College. The cost to you and your children will be minimal. Your children can take math, English, etc. and learn how to survive in college environment and increase their success in achieving their college education.

National University Online Degree Programs

More information about National University may be found at www.nu.edu.
 For specific information about NU's Online Degree Program may be found at www.online.nu.edu.
 For personal assistance, send email to: pacificinfo@nu.edu.

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2002 GED Tests Asses New Skills and Knowledge

The GED Testing Service (GEDTS) will release the new 2002 Series GED Tests in February. Because passing these tests means a high school credential for hundreds of thousands of students each year, the GED Tests-last updated in 1988-needed to adequately reflect new skills and knowledge that high schools now require of their graduates.

According to Joan Auchter, executive director of GEDTS, the new tests reflect the changing direction of secondary education. Today, students are required not only to absorb knowledge, but also to apply it across multiple disciplines, she says. "We have evaluated 21st century curriculum standards and are convinced that the 2002 Series GED Tests will meet our ultimate goal of developing a valid and reliable assessment tool to measure whether adults can demonstrate the skills and knowledge associated with a four-year high school program."

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Newspapers Available

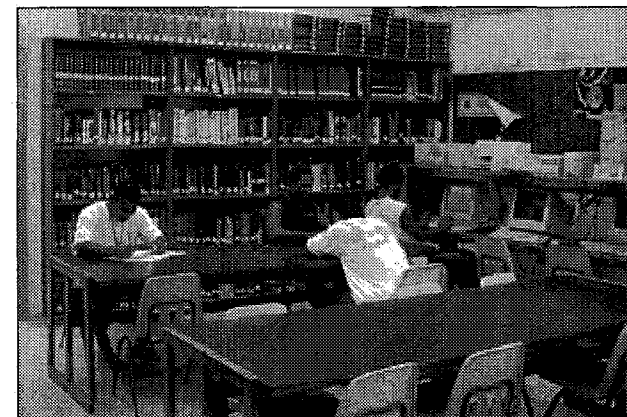
- ✓ Tia Belau
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- ✓ Roureur Belau
- ✓ Marianas Variety
- ✓ Pacific Daily News
- ✓ Marshall Islands Journal
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New Magazine

- ✓ Rock Islander

Library Hours

M-F	8:00am - 8:00 pm
SAT	9:00am - 6:00 pm
SUN	12:00am - 6:00pm



PCC students find quiet study-time in the Library.

SDSU Master's Degree Program



The SDSU master's degree program students take a break from their most enjoyable course so far, ARP 680-School Law, to pose with their instructor Dr. Ed Lind (middle-left).

SALE! SALE! SALE!

The Driver's License Testing Booklet is now exclusively on Sale at the PCC Bookstore for only \$5.00. All proceeds from the sale of the booklet will go to the PCC Endowment Fund.

Check out the Library Bulletin Board for Up-coming Events!!!

Charter Day Walk-A-Thon	04/05/02
World Health Day	04/07/02
Health Fair Events	04/19/02

Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2002

March 18 (Monday)	Last Day for all Withdrawals
March 18-22 (Mon.- Fri.)	Spring Break
March 29 (Friday)	Holiday: Good Friday
April 2 (Tuesday)	PCC Charter Day
April 5 (Friday)	PCC Charter Day Celebration
May 6 (Monday)	Holiday: Senior Citizen's Day
May 10 (Friday)	Last Day of Instruction
May 13-15 (Mon.-Wed.)	Final Examination Period
May 17 (Friday)	Grades Due
May 24 (Friday)	Commencement Exercise