

Library Hosts Visiting Students

Written by Imengel Mad, PCC Library Technician

A group of twenty-nine (29) 7th graders from Maris Stella Elementary School toured the PCC Library this past Monday April 14, 2003. The students were oriented on PCC Library policy, how to use the on-line catalog and the Internet for conducting research. Some of the students who did not hold a PCC Library card were issued a card for a nominal fee. We at the PCC Library would like to express our appreciation to Ms. Thelma Remengesau, MSS teacher, for helping her students become more familiar with the programs and services offered by the PCC Library and how the Library may help in their studies. We encourage all other teachers to bring in their students for orientation and to let us show them the resources we have available for your students' research and information needs. If you wish to bring in a group, please call PCC Library at 488-3540 to schedule your visit.

Check Out What's New at Micro-P Collection:

Learning About Palau (CD-ROM):

- Full-color photos and video clips of selected sites and events so that you can experience them yourself.
- Interactive maps of the Republic of Palau, including land forms, places of cultural significance, and public schools in Palau.
- A glossary of geographic, geological, and cultural terms.
- A search function will allow users to easily locate information.

Celebrating Birthdays

Charley S. Lonno April 20
LeoBen Teriong April 24
Happy Birthday To You!!!

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PCC WELCOMES NEW ROP STAFF TO ENDOWMENT CLUB

Palau Community College is excited that the flow of new bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund continues into this week. Today, we are excited to see employees from various sectors of the national government join us in supporting Palau's only college, PCC.

From the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs, we welcome one (1) new member, **Miriam West**. In the Ministry of Finance, we see one (1) new member, **Baidong Ruluked**. In the Social Security Administration, we welcome two (2) members, **Windy Erungel** and **Jeany Spis** (Class of '02-Cert. in Office Admin.). Over at the Palau Post Office, we welcome three (3) new members, **Judy Mathew**, **Sebastiana T. Borja**, and **Elsbeth Ngiraibai**. From the Ministry of Resources and Development's Bureau of Public Works' Water Branch, we see four (4) new members, **Dominiano Ngiraibai**, **Techur Rengulbai**, **Irving Tesei**, and **Winfred Sabino**. We also welcome six (6) members from the Olbiil Era Kelulau's House of Delegates who join this worthy cause, **Marvin Solang**, **Marcella Tamtereng**, **Bernice Asao**, **Joseline Gabriel**, **Rose Mesubed**, and one more additional employee who wishes to remain anonymous. These people opted to join after being convinced by one champion of the Endowment cause, Ms. Nangisa Mai! Finally, we are also proud to welcome one (1) new member from right here at PCC, faculty member **Nancy Chism**. PCC welcomes everyone to the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. Thank you for showcasing your commitment to the continued existence of Palau's only college. Together, let us ensure that future generations have the same opportunity and access to higher learning as presently provided by our college, Palau Community College!



MCCA employee
Miriam West



Palau Post Office employees
Judy Mathew and Sebastiana T. Borja



Soc. Security Admin. employee
Jeany Spis



Post Office employee
Elsbeth Ngiraibai



PCC Faculty Nancy Chism



OEK - House of Delegates employees

Dale Pasqual (Standing left), Rose Mesubed (front). In the back from left are Bernice Asao and Marcella Tamtereng



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Weekly Newsletter

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McCain and Tellei Hold Meeting

Former U.S. Presidential candidate and current Senator to the 108th U.S. Congress John McCain (R. AZ) arrived in Palau earlier this week with his family to spend some time resting and relaxing from his busy schedule as one of the most powerful lawmakers in the U.S., if not the world. Although in the islands as an official tourist, Senator McCain's schedule included time for informal meetings with national leaders. Senator McCain also met with PCC President Patrick U. Tellei on Tuesday and Wednesday when Tellei accompanied the Senator on a couple of trips to some of Palau's world famous rock islands.



From left are Sen. Lucius Malsol, Sen. Steven Kanai, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, US Senator John McCain (wearing PCC cap), and Senator Johnny Reklai. These distinguished gentlemen relaxed at Ngermeaus, one of Palau's beautiful rock islands on Tuesday this week.

Palau Community College Congratulates the WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PERSONNEL (WESTOP) for twenty-five years of excellent programs and services provided for disadvantaged students.

We at PCC look forward to continue our productive partnership with WESTOP in striving to meet and exceed the educational and training needs of our students.

WESTOP CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The College's TRIO programs staff are back from a one-week conference that was held in Hawaii, USA. These staff from Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, and Student Support Services (Project Beacon) traveled to Hawaii to attend the 25th Annual Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP) conference, which celebrates its silver anniversary this year. WESTOP is a network of members interested in furthering access to educational opportunities for economically and educationally disadvantaged persons by enhancing members' professional development and equipping members with the tools necessary in promoting institutional approaches at the local level and furthering policies at both the state and federal level which would advance educational equity for all disadvantaged students.

The Conference Theme, 'From Palau to Phoenix: A History of Diversity, A Future of Excellence', highlights the prominence of the Pacific region in this year's national conference. As a matter of fact, while this is a US national organization, the 25th anniversary conference was planned and coordinated by WESTOP's Pacific Islands Chapter members, including the College's Upward Bound Director Ms. Kuye Belelai who coordinated the conference workshops.

One may also recall that the WESTOP Pacific Islands Chapter held its regional conference here in Palau last year on the PCC campus. The conference was so successful in its fundraising efforts that it set a record for WESTOP.

The College also benefited from last year's conference as the WESTOP-PIC donated \$1,000 to the PCC Endowment Fund. Now, with this 25th anniversary of WESTOP, the entire PCC family not only congratulates WESTOP for reaching this major milestone, we are also excited for and extend our congratulations to our very own Kuye Belelai who was voted to serve on the Board of Director of WESTOP last week. Indeed our Upward Bound staff make us proud!



Upward Bound Project Director
Ms. Kuye Belelai

Recruitment Effort Results

The Recruitment Team, composed of Mr. Sherman Daniel, Associate Dean, Ms. Dahlia M. Katosang, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, and Ms. Elenita Brell, Financial Aid Counselor, visited all the local high schools during the month of March 2003. During these visits, interested students completed the admissions and financial aid applications to attend Palau Community College for School Year 2003-2004 starting this coming summer. Indicated below is a summary of the applicants from high schools in Palau.

High School	Total Seniors	Total Applicants
Bethania High School	14	13=93%
Belau Modekngai High School	8	8=100%
Emmaus High School	12	12=100%
Mindszenty High School	39	32=82%
Palau High School	132	94=71%
Palau Mission Academy High School	15	5=33%
TOTAL.....	220	164=75%

"Thank you letters" are being prepared and sent to these students as part of the recruitment efforts. We will continue to track these students as well as any other interested seniors to ensure that their application for both admissions and financial aid are completed. The acceptance letters and financial aid award letters will be processed and issued to students who complete all required documents by the end of April.

During the month of March 2004, we also conducted series of meetings with the continuing students to assist them complete the financial Aid forms including FAFSA forms for the next school year 2003-2004.

Students interested in attending PCC are urged to complete their financial aid forms as soon as possible. For more information, contact Ms. Leona Tkel at the PCC Admissions & Financial Aid at 488-2470 or 488-2471, ext.234.

Palau Community College is an accredited institution by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Got Articles?

We want to know the scoop over at your office, what's new, what's being implemented, etc. Share your news with us by bringing your articles to the Development Office no later than Wednesdays at 12 noon each week.

Extension Programs Coordinator Moves to Academic Affairs

Submitted by PCC Continuing Education Staff

PCC Extension Programs Coordinator Mr. Vincent Ito, who has been working at the Continuing Education Office for the past 8 1/2 years, has recently moved to the Academic Affairs as of March 28th this year. Because the Continuing Education Office deals with the community by responding to the community needs, it was appropriate to have the Internship program located at the Continuing Education to place the students within the community to complete their last requirement in their respective programs. However, as PCC continues its efforts to ensure quality and excellence in our services to our valuable customers, streamlining our services becomes essential. Therefore, the relocation of Mr. Ito to the Academic Affairs will enable him to work even more closely with the College faculty to improve program offerings and serve the students better. Mr. Ito is now located at the Temekai building on the second floor and his new extension number is 270. The Continuing Education Office staff would like to wish Vincent all the best in his new office, and continue to support any programs that could be improved to help the students as well as anyone who needs it.



PCC Instructor Helps Pacific Island Institute

Written by Juliana Anastacio

Pacific Island Institute is located in the heart of Honolulu, Hawaii where it has been sponsoring the Micronesia Elder Hostel Program which consists of elderly retired tourists from all over the US mainland who are mostly educators. These people began last year to come down to visit the islands of Palau where a lot of Americans lost their lives during World War II.

I was asked to deliver a lecture to these tourists two days ago (April 16th) at the Penthouse Hotel, that being the fourth time I deliver such a lecture as requested by the Pacific Island Institute. I always accommodate such requests as these tourists are very much interested in learning about the history and culture of Palau before they actually take a tour of the islands. Usually, there are 25 individuals in each group that attends the lecture which lasts about 3 hours.

Some of those who have come to visit Palau earlier have e-mailed me to thank me for sharing my knowledge about the history and culture of Palau. They in turn have shared what they learned with their children as well as their friends about our island paradise.



BITS AND PIECES...

Reminder: Juvenile Justice Meet Begins Sunday

Beginning this Sunday April 20 through April 22, 2003, there will be a workshop held at the Palasia Hotel Palau. As earlier reported on this paper, the workshop is sponsored by UNICEF Pacific and coordinated by the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs, and is titled Juvenile Justice Program: 'Issues Facing Youth Today'. PCC President Patrick U. Tellei has been scheduled to speak at the conference, to discuss 'Youth and Education' on April 22nd, from 9:00-9:30 am. Everyone is encouraged to attend this session as the topic is very much relevant to us here at PCC. For more information about this upcoming workshop, contact Ms. Santos as telephone number 488-1218 or the Office of the Minister of Justice at tel. 488-3198.

Secretaries' Day is Next Week

One day each year secretaries are recognized by their offices, agencies and institutions, for the valuable work they do to ensure a smooth operation in the workplace. In fact, it has been said that secretaries are the true boss in any given setting! Next week Wednesday has been designated as this year's Secretaries' Day; thus, the College Human Resources Division will be planning a little surprise in honor of all PCC secretaries. As for you supervisors out there, a gesture of appreciation will surely make your secretary's day. MESSAGE TO PCC SECRETARIES: Thank you for all the hard work you do and for putting up with the rest of us!

Reminder: Help Keep Campus Clean

Our Palau Community College campus grounds have been so well kept and the landscape so wonderfully maintained that many in the local community continue to compliment us for a beautiful campus. Thus, all PCC students and employees are encouraged to ensure that our campus grounds and facilities remain that way. Let us see to it that all our litter go into the trash bins and that each of us remind one another to do the same. Mesulang!



PCC President Tellei (4th from right) hosted a group from the Japan Aviation Academy, which visited the PCC campus in February.

Cell Phones Used to Cheat

Source: THE BULLETIN of Higher Education Administration Vol. 9, Number 3, March 2003

The University of Maryland is investigating 12 students for allegedly using their cell phones to dial up all the right answers during fall exams.

The students are accused of using the 'text messaging' functions on their phones or pagers to receive silent messages from friends who had access to answer keys for the tests, campus officials said.

It the latest wrinkle in the continuing struggle between technology and academic integrity. Though quick to jump on the Web and embrace the laptop, schools across the country have been confronted with the problem of students using those very tools to plagiarize essays from the Internet.

The accusations prompted university administrators to send a memo to faculty members advising them to monitor the use of cell phones and other electronic devices during exams.

The incident also highlights an apparent generation gap in technology savvy on campus. While students by and large expressed no surprise that cell phones could be used for illicit purposes, the university official said it simply had not occurred to most faculty.



Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2003



- January 6-8, 2003 - Freshmen Orientation & Placement Testing
- January 6-10, 2003 - Academic Advising & Registration
- January 10, 2003 - Registration Day
- January 13, 2003 - First Day of Instruction
- January 13-17, 2003 - Late Registration/Drop & Add Period
- February 14, 2003 - Early Warning Progress Report
- February 21, 2003 - Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades
- March 3-7, 2003 - Midterm Period
- March 14, 2003 - Holiday (Youth Day)
- March 17-21 - Spring Break
- March 17, 2003 - Last Day for all Withdrawals
- April 2, 2003 - PCC Charter Day
- April 4, 2003 - PCC Charter Day Celebration
- May 5, 2003 - Holiday (Senior Citizens' Day)
- May 9, 2003 - Last Day of Instruction
- May 12-14, 2003 - Final Examination Period
- May 16, 2003 - Grades Due
- May 23, 2003 - Commencement Exercises
- May 23, 2003 - End of Spring Semester/Spring Recess

(For information about PCC spring semester calendar of activities, call 488-2471, extension 234 or 247)

Reminder: In observance of Good Friday, no classes will be held today Friday April 18, 2003. However, all College offices will be open as it is a regular working day.