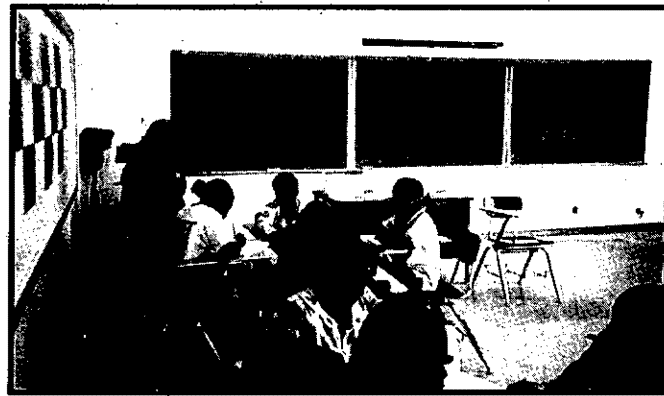


Summer Courses for Elementary Students

PCC Continuing Education is currently offering four summer courses to elementary school students who are in grade level four to grade level eight. The courses being offered are Keyboarding, Computer Application, English Reading/Writing and Art. The elementary summer courses are 40 hours long which began on June 7 and concludes on July 2.

These elementary summer courses are non-credit courses, provided only as an extra curricular activities for the kids and at the same time provides them with an opportunity to learn new skills which may help them become better students. Registration for the second session of the summer courses, which will begin on July 5, 1999, is now on-going.



Instructor Faith Kloulubak (standing-left) helps her students as they work in their assigned groups.

Boating Safety Course

A Boating Safety course for the eight group of boat operators began on Tuesday, June 22, 1999. This may be the last course to be offered through PCC-Continuing Education in conjunction with the Division of Transportation. Thereafter, it will become an integrated part of PCC-CE regular short-term courses. Future boat operators who wants to receive their boating license will have to register to take the course through PCC-CE.



Parent volunteer Judy Otto (left) helps tutor students in Reading/Writing class.

Crash Course for Elementary Teachers

A five-week crash courses for the new elementary teachers began on June 14, 1999. The courses are being provided in response to a request from the Ministry of Education to prepare the new replacement teachers so that they may be ready to assume teaching positions when school starts in August. The crash courses covers Introduction to Teaching, Classroom Management, Teaching Strategy, Lesson Planning, and Testing and Evaluation.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY



Ezra Takeo
Geraldine Rengiil
Sebastian Ngiratrang

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!!

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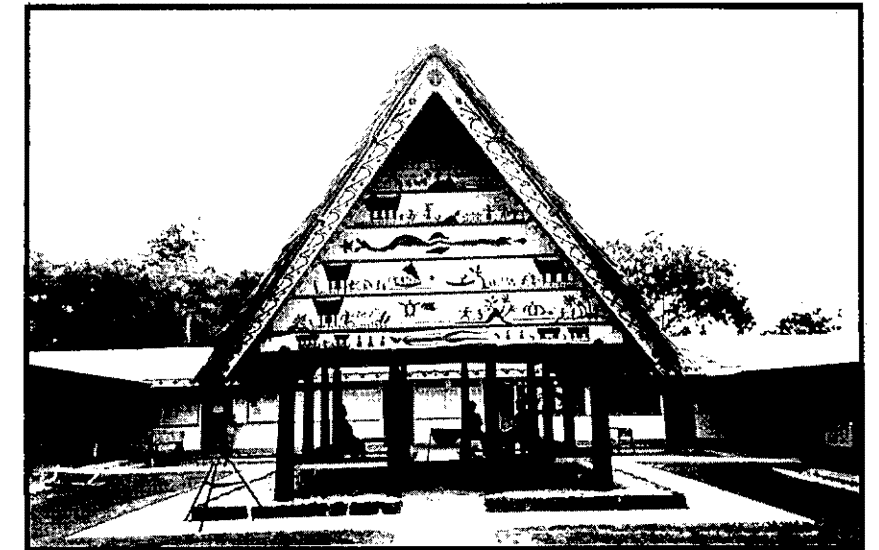
Donations to "Ngara Mecherocher"

With endless lifting and tying, making sure everything is measured right and in place, the "Ngara Mecherocher", a youth group from Melekeok State, spent long hours putting together the new Bai for PCC. It was a difficult task, to say the least, but one well appreciated. PCC would like to sincerely thank the following people and groups for their very generous donations to "Ngara Mecherocher" and also to those who helped out one way or another in making sure that PCC's first-ever Bai was built successfully. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

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| 1. Philip Reklai - | 2 platters of Sashimi |
| 2. Dr. Singeru - | 1 case soda |
| 3. Bilung - | 2 cases soda |
| | 1 box doughnut |
| 4. Cresencio Antonio- | 1 case soda & pastry |
| | Tama |
| 5. Benny Brel - | 2 cases soda |
| 6. Delegate Mesebeluu- | |
| 7. Kamedangel ra Ngeribukel (Mios Mobil) - | 2 cases water |
| | 1 carton Marlboro |
| | 5 cases soda |
| 8. Baptist - | 25lb fish |
| 9. Nico Rechebei - | 1 case soda |
| 10. Anita R. Suta - | 2 cases soda |
| 11. Hatchins - | 2 cases soda |
| 12. Mr. & Mrs. Ngirachitei- | 2 cases soda & 2 doz. doughnuts |
| | 2 cases water & 3 cases soda |
| 13. CRE - | 2 bags tama & 1 case soda |
| 14. Danny Ongelungel- | |
| | \$26 worth of soda |
| 15. Business Staff - | |
| 16. SBA - | 2 cases water & 4 cases soda |
| | \$40 |
| 17. Willy - | |
| 18. Todd - | \$60 worth of drinks |
| 19. Shallum Etpison- | Net for thatch roof. |

The PCC Library apologizes to Ngarchelong State Office. They were overlooked in our "Library Heroes" list in the last Mesekiu's News issue.

PCC's Promotes Palauan History and Culture with it's Newly Built Bai



PCC's newly built Bai profiled from the east side. Five different stories are clearly depicted on the gable.

The Bai (meeting center) were numerous here in Palau at the turn of the century. The Bai were used as a meeting center for the governing elders(men) of the village and at times also served as a community center. The Bai were elaborately ornamented with traditional designs and colors. The pictorial arts on their tie beams served as a medium for teaching the young. They depicted historical events; legendary palauan stories with morals that preached proper palauan conducts and values.

PCC's first-ever Bai is structurally modified from the traditional Bai architecture so that it may be functionally useful on the main courtyard of the campus. The Bai has four tie-beams with Palauan legends depicted on each beam, numbered from the east side to the west side of the Bai. Among the many legends of Palau, the following were selected because of their relevance to the education and training of Palauan youth. which is the sole purpose Palau Community College.

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| 1east | The Giant Uab and the Origin of Palau |
| 1west | The Master Builder, Orachel and his Mother, the Snake |
| 2east | The Breadfruit Tree of Ngibtal |
| 2west | Osilek, Mariar, and Oreng |
| 3east | The Land Fisherman, Tmeloched |
| 3west | Debedebek ma Ltlatk |
| 4east | The Poor Madraklai and the Wealthy Sesilil |
| 4west | Chemesiochel in the cave with the two exits |

PCC Summer Classes Off to a Great Start

On June 14th, the campus was once again flooded with students of all ages eager to advance their educational careers. This summer, the college is offering classes for credits on the usual 8-week schedule as well as accelerated courses on a 4-week schedule. Summer students have the advantage of taking the lower-level Math and English courses they need at a much faster rate, leaving them time during the summer to work or just to relax before the Fall Semester begins at the end of August. The second 4-week session begins on July 12th, so there is still time to register.

PCC has 35 traditional 8-week classes this summer in subjects ranging from accounting to music to self-defense. There are also 27 continuing students completing their internships in local businesses and government organizations, including two Yapese students interning in their native country of Yap. In addition, nine classes—primarily in English and Math are conducting an experiment to see if students succeed better and prefer an intensive 4-week session (3 hours per day, 4 days a week). So far, the response has been positive, and PCC may continue offering the option of intensive courses during the regular school year.

Another exciting aspect of this summer's course schedule is the number of highly-qualified part-time instructors. Along with PCC faculty and staff members, we have also hired some of the best instructors from local High schools and Elementary schools. Finally, there are talented people from the community who have agreed to share their expertise with our students.

Looking forward to Fall, we expect to offer a full range of nursing, education, and tourism courses (including diving!), and we will increase the length of our technical courses so that students gain more practical experience in skills such as house-building, air conditioning maintenance, and small engine repair. Other plans include adding a 3D computer lab for students; setting up a nursing lab; building a greenhouse; expanding the existing science facilities; and more.

With all these developments at your local community college, shouldn't you consider becoming involved? Come over and we'll let you know what's happening or call us at 488-2471.

"The Pacific Islands: The Spanish Legacy"

During the month of July 1999 the Belau National Museum will have the privilege of hosting a special traveling exhibition featuring the Spanish era in Micronesia. The exhibit, entitled "The Pacific Islands: The Spanish Legacy" was put together in Spain by the Spanish Ministry of Education & Culture and is hosted and organized by the Belau National Museum.

Summer Co-Ed Hanahuda Fever

By: Rodney T. Kazuma

After nearly 5 hours of war of words and intense battle of the best hanahuda players at the college, it became known on Monday night, June 21st at PCC Cafeteria that Mr. Gabriel Grothog and Ms. Helen Perogolo from Yap State, FSM proved to all participants that they were the best hanahuda players in PCC. Capturing second place, a young team with a lot of hope were Mr. Herson Soaladaob and Ms. Analiza E. Ililau. In third place and possible contenders for next year's tournament were Mr. Jay G. Ongino and Ms. Reiko Kawamura. Congratulations to you all and let's do it again next year.

Bai, from page 1

Additional five more Palau legends are depicted on the east gable of the bai. Their titles are listed here as they appear on the gable from top bottom.

1. The Race between the Needle Fish and the Hermit Crab
2. My Heart is My Sister-In-Law
3. An Eel with Two Heads
4. Renguuldebuul and the Broken Betel-Nut Pounders
5. The Discovery of Turtle-Egg Laying Cycle

The written texts of the above Palauan legends as well as the descriptions of the decorative designs on the bai are available in our Library.

PCC's Bai was constructed with locally grown wood, and the construction styles/techniques used mirrored traditional ones.

This article was contributed by Kempis Mad.

The Exhibition will feature photographs, maps, documents, and artifacts relating to the Spanish presence in the islands of Micronesia. It will also commemorate the 100 years since the presence of Spain in Micronesia, which ended in 1899.

The Spanish Legacy exhibit will open at the Palau Community College cafeteria on July 1st and be on display for one month. It will be free of charge and open to the public. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the community in Palau to view this exhibition and learn more about the history of our islands. The exhibit has already been on display in Guam, Saipan and Phonpei and is currently on its way to Palau.

As a special feature at the opening of the exhibit, a Spanish Chamber Orchestra from Spain, will be performing. The Ambassador of Spain will speak at the opening and the public is invited

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

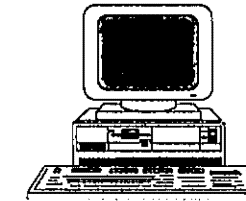
	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Late Registration/Drop & Add Period	June 14-18 (M-F)		
Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Spring Semester '99	July 2 (F)	July 2 (F)	July 2 (F)
Midterm Period	July 5-8 (M-TH)	June 24 (TH)	July 22 (TH)
Holiday: Constitutional Day	July 9 (F)	July 9 (F)	July 9 (F)
Last Day for All Withdrawals	July 13 (T)	June 28 (M)	July 26 (M)
Last Day of Instruction	August 6 (F)	July 8 (TH)	August 5 (TH)
Final Examination Period	August 9-11 (M-W)	July 8 (TH) (6:00 - 8:00p.m.)	August 5 (TH) (6:00 - 8:00p.m.)
Grades Due	August 13 (F)	July 12 (M)	August 9 (M)
End of Summer Session	August 13 (F)	July 8 (TH)	August 5 (TH)

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

Brought to you by Jane Barnwell, PCC Library

There is a great place to search for all kinds of environmental programs. Search for:

<http://www.cnie.org/educate.htm>



Not only does it contain listing of degree programs in the U.S. and some places abroad, but also teaching resources as well. This site is sponsored through the online National

Library for the Environment <www.cnie.org> and Rice University. The National Library for the Environment itself is a free service that includes a great deal of environmental information that is not available elsewhere, like 500+ congressional Research Service reports (great nonpartisan summaries of issues), and pulls together a lot of online materials in very useful ways such as daily news, a population and environmental linkages service, laws and treaties, educational programs, jobs and careers, meetings, journals and reference materials. The Briefing Books on Global Climate Change and other issues are quite extensive and balanced.

The Library addresses pretty much all environmental issues (agriculture and grazing, air, bio-diversity, energy, forestry, global climate change, mining, ocean and coastal resources, population, public lands, stratospheric ozone, waste management, water quality, wetlands, etc.)

The managers of the site are very open to suggestions for improvements and additions (send to cnie@cnie.org). They are also planning to develop online country Briefing Books and State Briefing Books in the near future. It is well worth a visit.

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to the ceremony which will be held at the PCC Cafeteria on July 1st at 4:00 p.m.

At the threshold of the new millennium, this exhibition is part of strengthening the mutually beneficial relation between the Republic of Palau and Spain.

This exhibition and orchestral performance have been made possible through the generosity of the Spanish Ministry of Education and Culture.

Local support is being provided by Palau Community College, Duty Free Shoppers, Bank of Hawaii, Bank of Guam, CTSI Palau, WCTC and Belau National Museum Board of Trustees. Accommodations are graciously being provided to our guests from Spain by the Palau Pacific Resort and the Outrigger Palasia Hotel.

For more information, contact the Belau National Museum at 488-2265

Summer Work Study

The Federal Work Study job placement for this summer begins Friday, June 25th. For those full time students who have received their work study awards, do come and apply for the job of your choice. Remember, summer session is very short so the earlier you come, the better off you are.