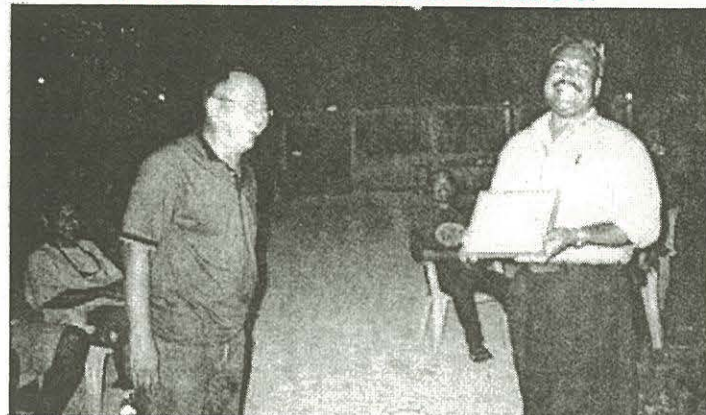


Dr. Nelson Esguerra of PCC-CRE Bids Adieu



Dr. Nelson Esguerra(l) receiving a certificate of appreciation from an overjoyed PCC President Patrick Tellei during a farewell dinner-gathering at Peleliu Club.

Dr. Esguerra joined the PCC-CRE Office back in 1997 and has conducted numerous research and extension projects in the field of agriculture in Palau, namely Biological Control of Giant Sensitive Plants, Integrated Control of Spider Mite Attacking Cassava, Biological Control of Fruit Piercing Moth, Development of Crop Profile for Taro, Vegetable Production Training to name a few. During his time at PCC-CRE, he also authored three publications summarizing all his scientific research findings and extension programs in the field of agriculture. The publications can be found in the PCC Library.

PCC sincerely thanks Dr. Esguerra for all his services and contributions during his time at the College. All the best in your future endeavors.

Celebrating Birthdays



Neri Alcantara	May 1
Allan Rengechel	May 1
Ben Ueda	May 4
Maurine Alexander	May 6
Soledad Garcia	May 6

Happy Birthday to you !!!

Mesekiu's News
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PCC-CE Public Announcement *Palauan*

A PCC Continuing Education a mo mengetmokl a Summer classes el mora elementary school students el mo omuchel ra June 4, 2001. A ikal summer classes a ngarngii a Mathematics, English Reading & Writing, ma Palauan Reading & Writing. A ikal classes a morngii era bek el sils el 2 hours a temel er a tal sils e ngarngii a eua el Sunday ma uldekial a temel a tal class a chokeuang el sikang (40 hrs.)

A ikal class a tokubets el mor tirkel ngalek el chelechang el time e te ngara ongedei el mora ongeai el skuul (grade 3-8). A cheral a ikal class a \$50 a tal ngalek el malei ra tal class. A registration a mla omuchel e melemolm el mo lmuut ra May 31, 2001.

A Isekum kau a soam a ngelekem a bo lolai a ikal Summer classes eng sebecem el lomekedong ra PCC Continuing Education Office ra dengua el 488-2470, ext. 237 e register ra ngelekem. Sel rechedem el register e harau ra fee ra ngelekem e kemam a mo sebecem el confirm ra ngklel e ngelekem el mora ikel soal class.

English

The PCC Continuing Education will be offering Summer classes for elementary school students starting on June 4, 2001. The classes include Mathematics, English Reading & Writing, and Palauan Reading & Writing. Duration of classes will be 2 hours daily for four weeks for a total of 40 hours per class. The classes are designed for students in grade levels 3-8. The cost per student per class is \$50. Registration is now open and on-going until May 31, 2001. Due to space limitations, we will be accepting students on a first-come first-serve basis. Please call the PCC Continuing Education Office at 488-2470, ext.237 for more information or to register your child.

Alii e Sechelei

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your prayers and badek which helped sustain my family during our time of bereavement. No words can amply describe our sincere appreciation for your kindness. May God in return bless you and your families.
Kom kmal mlo mesaul!



Thanks a bunch to all my friends and colleagues for all your help, and especially for those who came to the *Ngasech* and danced and danced and danced....!!!



Kom kmal mlo mesaul!



Armstrong



Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Friday, May 4, 2001

Weekly Newsletter

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Two Weeks Left Till Graduation!

(Written by Presley Etibek)

With only two weeks remaining till the graduation ceremony for PCC's class of 2001, the Graduation Planning Committee is now in full swing. All sub-committee planning has been completed and will begin implementing them next week and through the week of graduation. The commencement exercise will be held on Friday May 18, 2001 beginning at 10:00 am in the PCC Cafetorium. According to the Admissions and Records Office, there are 106 students who are scheduled to graduate. This number includes Fall 2000, Spring 2001, and Summer 2001 graduates and candidates.

The commencement speaker for this year's graduation ceremony has been selected and confirmed by the students. Palauan Attorney Brian Nicholas, who resides and works in Saipan, CNMI, will deliver the commencement address to the class of 2001.

Invitations to platform and special guests have also been sent out. As always, the Committee is still welcoming volunteers who want to serve in any one of the sub-committees. If you are interested in helping out, you may contact Chairperson Ms. Marensia Edward at PCC telephone number 488-3036 or Ms. Imengel Mad at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471. Your assistance will be most welcomed and appreciated!

PCC Students Help Sell O-SHEN Tickets

With the O-SHEN concert being held today at RIP-TIDE, six Palau Community College students are able to attend the concert for free. This is because they, on behalf of the College, helped to sell concert tickets, and were successful in selling all of them. These students are Mr. Alins Kyota, Mr. Osborne Siksei, Mr. Herson Soaladaob, Ms. Pauline Jerry, Ms. Kaud Omelau, and Ms. Limei Meyer. All six of them will also receive a t-shirt as well as complimentary food and drinks at today's concert. Their 'envious' classmates refer to them as the Party of Six. The College thanks these students and wishes them an enjoyable experience at the concert!

Mesekiu's News Challenge #7:

The first person to correctly state the title of the oldest book in the PCC Library's Micronesia-Pacific Collection will win a free bento at the PCC Bookstore. Interested Entrants may submit their responses to Armstrong Debelbot at the PCC Development Office or call him at PCC telephone number 488-2471, extension 250 no later than Wednesday May 9, 2001.

PCC Library Grateful for Community Donations

The Palau Community College Library continues to receive generous donations of books, magazines, and journals from local and off-island individuals and institutions. These donations are always received with much gratitude and appreciation as it allows the Library to offer additional reading and resource materials for our patrons. Below is a listing of some of the generous donors who recently donated to the Library:

*Mr. Dan Millar
Ms. Sarah Buchan
Ms. Ernestine Rengiil
Mr. Melachelbeluu Wilhelm Rengiil
Ms. Barbara Shaw
Mr. Harrison Mikei
Ms. Mary Wenty
National Marine Fisheries Service
University of Miami
University of Maryland
Beardsley*

If you would like to learn more about the PCC Library or would like to make a donation, please call PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 261.

Happy Senior Citizens' Day!

Palau Community College takes this opportunity and expresses its deep appreciation to all of Palau's Senior Citizens for your wisdom, knowledge, guidance, patience, and unconditional love for the Children of Palau.

PCC-CRE Staff Travel to Southwest Islands

On March 11th, 5 members of the Cooperative Research and Extension Department Staff departed on the reliable Atoll Way for an investigative trip to the Southwest Islands. The team was comprised of staff members of the CRE - Natural Resources and Environmental Education Division (NREED). They were asked by the respective island governments to check out the possibilities of starting major aquaculture projects on or around the islands. The two main items that were under consideration for the trip were the black pearl oyster *pinctada margaritifera* and the sponge *Coscinoderma mathewsi* used for commercial purposes.

After 2 days at sea covering approximately 400 miles, the ship arrived at Hatohobei Island. The team completed 2 dives and saw lots of great stuff like sea turtles, reef sharks, and numerous fish species but did not find the sponge or pearl oyster. The chance to be on solid ground did little to make up for the fact that they didn't find the species they were after.

Travelling through the night, the team arrived the next morning at Helen's Reef under gray skies. Three dives saw unusual coral species, colorful reef fish, and lots of ornamental sponges but still no commercial sponges or black pearl oyster. Although discouraged the team looked forward to visiting the three remaining islands and began to make plans for a future trip to check out other locations at Helen's Reef and at Tobi Island for what was proving to be their elusive prey.

The weather took a turn for the worse that night and the Atoll Way was forced to remain in the lagoon until morning in order for the skies to clear a bit and the sea to calm. The Palau Patrol Boat was also harbored in the lagoon for safety. The break gave the CRE members a chance to talk with some of the other passengers on board from other Palauan organizations about their projects on the island as well as get a peaceful night sleep.

On Thursday the skies cleared but the seas were still a little rocky and the trusty Atoll Way could not be held up any longer. So under careful direction of the ship's captain, the boat ventured forth out of the lagoon and onto the high seas, and they were high. But by late afternoon the seas had calmed and by morning the ship had arrived at Merir.

Due to time constraints, the CRE team was unable to dive at Merir but they did make a cursory check of the island for possible land-based projects like constructing a fish pond at the center of the island. Currently that area is a swamp region with water levels that fluctuate with the tides. In the future it might be an option to have some sort of aquaculture project there. It was determined though that a lot of work would need to be done first and right now there just isn't that strong a need to warrant such an operation.

By noon the trip progressed on to the island of Pulo-Anna. The Atoll Way arrived at the island by 3 PM. Unfortunately due to time constraints, the team was again unable to dive. Even though they were discouraged because they could not check out the reef surrounding the island, the team was glad that they got to go to the island, which offered the best surprise of the trip. Unbeknownst to the members, Pulo-Anna used to support some land-based aquaculture operations and many of the structures were still in good condition. Water samples were taken, a survey of the area was done, and it was determined that with a little restorative work Pulo-Anna has the best opportunity for starting many different aquaculture projects.

The last island on the trip itinerary was Sonsorol. The team geared up and did one dive out on the fringing reef. This was their final shot to hopefully find what they had been looking for; the black pearl oyster and commercial sponge. Unfortunately the team came up empty handed again. The stop in Sonsorol wasn't a total waste though as a tour of the island revealed that there is a lot of land available that could be utilized for a variety of projects.

Exactly a week after they left, the CRE-NREED team made it back on the tried and true Atoll Way to Koror Harbor. They were very glad to be back home. However they look forward to their next opportunity to do more work in the Southwest Islands to fully determine the potential of the islands, because much can't realistically be done in just a week. The staff members would especially like to thank Neco Marine and Palau Conservation Society for their contributions to the CRE-NREED expedition and the governors of Hatohobei and Sonsorol for their support and invitation to make this trip.



PCC-CRE Staff pause for a photo on the island of Merir. (l-r) Byron Tellei, Yimnang Golbuu, Kris Lloyd, and Dannies Uehara.

RETENTION WEB PAGE

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

The ABC's of Eliminating Exam Anxiety

- A. **Think positively.** Thoughts such as "I haven't studied enough" and "I don't know the material" will only increase your anxiety. Try to feel good about what you know. You hear it all the time, but a positive attitude goes a long way.
- B. **Take a deep breath.** It will help you calm down. Think of a reward that you'll give yourself when you're through - maybe lunch out with a friend or classmate.
- C. **If you draw a blank, don't panic.** It happens all the time. Take a few minutes to sit back and wait for it to come back to you.
- D. **Don't look around** to see what your classmates are doing. If you're having doubts about how well you're doing and you see someone who looks like they're acing the exam, it will only add to your anxiety.
- E. **Prepare well for your exams.** People who know the material rarely get nervous. Review regularly and give yourself practices tests.
- F. **Keep things in perspective.** Although exams are important, they're not a matter of life or death. In later years, nobody will ask you what grades you received on your exams. They lose significance over time.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF DURING FINAL EXAM WEEK. YOU ARE GOING THROUGH A LOT OF STRESS.

Institutional Effectiveness Program Continues

The second task force has been appointed for the assessment of Academic Policies. The members: Sherman Daniel, Associate Dean; Presley Etibek, Dean of Students; Vincent Ito, Extension Program Coordinator; George Juarez, Instructor; Dahlia Katosang, Director of Admissions & Financial Aid; Tschuzie Tadao, Project Beacon Counselor will join Fran Kinsang of the Development Office in this endeavor. Their first meeting is expected to take place next week.

The recommendations of the Financial Report Task Force that were given to the Vice President of Administration are now under consideration for the possibility of implementation to improve the knowledge and accountability of those responsible for the college budget.

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE SPRING SEMESTER 2001

On May 7, 2001 (MONDAY) Classes which meet at:

Classes	Final Exam
8:00 am	8:00 - 9:50 am
10:00 am	10:00 - 11:50 am
1:00 am	1:00 - 2:00 pm
3:00 am	3:00 - 4:50 pm
5:00 am	5:00 - 6:50 pm

On May 8, 2001 (TUESDAY) Classes which meet at:

Classes	Final Exam
9:00 am	8:00 - 9:50 am
11:00 am	10:00 - 11:50 am
2:00 pm	1:00 - 2:50 pm
4:00 pm	3:00 - 4:50 pm

LABORATORY PRACTICAL EXAMS AND CLASSES SCHEDULED AT OR AFTER 5:00 PM WILL TAKE FINAL EXAMS DURING THEIR LAST SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CLASSES FOR THE SEMESTER.

CLASSES WITH UNSCHEDULED FINAL EXAMS OR MAKE-UP WILL HAVE THEIR EXAMS ON MAY 9, 2001. INSTRUCTORS SHOULD ARRANGE THEIR OWN SCHEDULE AND INFORM THE STUDENTS.

GRADES ARE DUE AT THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE AND THE ORIGINAL COPY GOES TO ADMISSIONS OFFICE ON MAY 11, 2001 AT 11:00 A.M.

Elfride Wins Mesekiu's News Challenge #6

Congratulations to Elfride Franz of Aimeliik for correctly naming the first PCC Valedictorian, Fabian Iyar. Enjoy your FREE Bento at the PCC Bookstore.

Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2001

May	4	F	Holiday: Senior Citizen's Day
May	7-9	M-W	Final Examination Period
May	11	F	Grades Due/ End of Spring Semester
May	18	F	Commencement Exercise/ Graduation