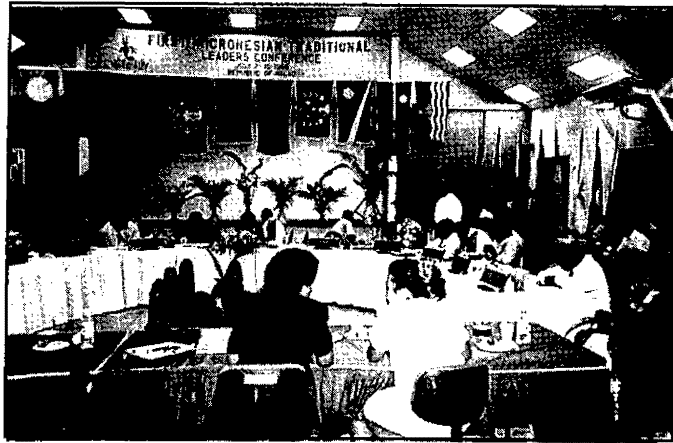


First Micronesian Traditional Leaders Conference Held at PCC Cafeteria



Traditional Leaders take time out to eat lunch during the first day of the conference.

Traditional Leaders and Chiefs from all over Micronesia are in Palau this week to take part in the first-ever Micronesian Traditional Leaders Conference. The 5-day conference is being held at the PCC cafeteria, the only facility in Palau that can conveniently accommodate such event.

The purpose of the conference is to discuss and consider means to preserve, maintain, and strengthen Cultures, Customs, and Traditions of each island nation. The conference also aims to redefine the role of Traditional Leaders in each country's system of government.

The conference started on July 5 and will continue until July 10.

JICA Volunteer with PCC Agricultural Sciences Program




Reiko Kawamura, a Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) volunteer is here at PCC for 24 months to help with the new AGS class, Animal Husbandry. Welcome aboard Reiko!!!

CAMPUS EVENTS FOR JULY

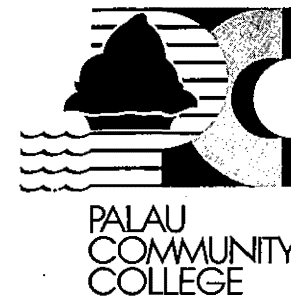
- Spanish Legacy Exhibit - July 1 - July 31
- Teacher's Training - June 14 - July 16
- Teacher's Training, Graduation - July 23

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY

 Lesley Adachi July 15
Marensia Edwards July 15

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU TWO!!

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Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, July 9, 1999

Weekly Newsletter

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PCC receives \$20,000 USDA Grant to Monitor Rivers

The Palau Community College - Cooperative Research & Extension (PCC-CRE) Water Quality Program has received a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the amount of \$20,000. This grant will support the monitoring project of Ngerikiil and Ngermeskang Rivers for a period of 9 months (starting in July, 1999 until March, 2000).

The purpose of the project is to ensure that first, Ngerikiil River (a source of public water to Koror and Airai States) maintains a low level of introduced contaminants as well as inform the public of possible pollutants that are in the river. Although the Koror/Airai Treatment Plant is now using more sophisticated treatment process, this project will heavily benefit those individuals who live up-river from the treatment plant that still use the "raw" un-filtered Ngerikiil water. Close monitoring of Ngerikiil River is also important as the river ultimately drains into the Ngerikiil Bay, an area where people fish and collect various crabs, clams, and sea cucumbers for consumption.

Second, the project aims to maintain and keep Ngermeskang River as close as possible to its natural state, especially with the Babeldaob Compact Road expected to run close to this River. Ngermeskang River also drains into Ngermeduu Bay, a protected area, thus, the importance of the project.

PCC-CRE Water Quality Program will work in collaboration with Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board (PEQPB) in the monitoring of these two rivers. Currently, a Management Agreement is being drafted between these two offices and is expected to be a site monitoring plan, and a sampling and analysis plan which must follow PEQPB's Quality Assurance and Quality Control components. Staff from both offices will monitor the rivers once a month for the duration of the project.

Water samples from these rivers will be tested for temperature, pH, E.coli/Enterococci, dissolve oxygen, nitrate-nitrogen, turbidity, biological oxygen demand, phosphate, and total suspended solids.

PEQPB will analyze the samples and provide PCC-CRE with test results which will be used in both extension and research work. This project will run for a period of nine months, however, if further funding is secured, this monitoring project will continue.

For more information, please contact PCC-CRE at 488-2746, fax 488-3307, or e-mail ASUTA@palaunet.com.

"Crash" Course in Education in its Final 2 Weeks



PCC Alumni (l-r) Hilda Kenzio, Clary Wirswick, and Lady Ngratkakl are just some of the 35 teachers-to-be, participating in the "Crash" Course in Education program. Wirswick will teach at G.B. Harris Elm. School, Kenzio at Koror Elm. School, and Ngratkakl at Meyuns Elm. School.

The six-week "crash" course in Education program is in its final two weeks where 35 participants are being trained to fill in the teaching positions (Elementary Schools & High Schools) that were vacated when RPPL 4-49 made retirement mandatory for all teachers that have put in so many years of service.

"Although this program would not produce fully qualified teachers overnight, it would however, provide an immediate solution to the crisis at hand. Palau needs these teachers to be ready to teach by Fall and the only place in Palau where that could be done is here at PCC," explained Willy Wally, PCC-Dean of Continuing Education.

PCC in the meantime is currently working on a plan that will enable the 35 participants to continuously train and take classes to attain their Associate Degrees in Education.

Important reminder for all Student Advisors

Student Advisors are requested to remind their advisees who are prospective candidates for Internship training in the Fall Semester to come to CE Office and fill out application forms for the training before the July 30th deadline date or as soon as possible. It will also be most helpful if you could provide the list of your prospective advisees to Mr. Vincent Ito so that he could follow-up on them to make sure that they complete their applications before the deadline date. Your prompt assistance is much appreciated.

Co-Ed Pool Tournament

There will be a Co-ed pool tournament to be held beginning July 12-16, 1999 at Recreation Center @ 7:00 p.m. To participate in the tournament, you need to find a partner (female/male) and come and register your team at Recreation Office. Deadline to register will be on Thursday, July 8 at 4:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners only. Ground rules and tournament schedule will be reviewed on the first day of tournament, and that is Monday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Recreation Center. Play off & Championship games will be held at Q-Ball Bar (date to be determined after registration). Cash prizes are as follows:

1st place	-	\$50
2nd place	-	\$35
3rd place	-	\$25

Be sure to follow deadline date for registration! See Gaylord, Jeremiah, or Rodney for registration.

ATTENTION!!

Please submit your articles for our weekly newsletter, *Mesekiu's News*, to Armstrong Debelbot at the Development Office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Thank you for your support!!!

Short-Term Computer Training

A 30-hour short-term computer training is being offered through PCC Continuing Education to seventeen (17) individuals representing various offices from the National Government. The training began on June 28 and is being held two and half hours a night from Monday through Thursday for three weeks. The training covers Windows 95 and Microsoft Office. Although the training is non-credit, it provides individuals the necessary understanding and skills to operate computers using Windows 95 and Microsoft Office, thus, improving their overall office production and efficiency. For more information about PCC short-term courses, please call 488-2470 at extension 239.

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The program is made up of six modules that are as follows:

Module 1:	Introduction to Teaching	Week 1
Module 2:	Lesson Planning	Week 2
Module 3:	Classroom Management	Week 3
Module 4:	Teaching Strategies	Week 4
Module 5:	Test and Measurements	Week 5
Module 6:	MOE Standards & Ed. Practicum	Week 6

Instructors:

Basilio Deltang	M.A., Education Administration; over 30 years of classroom and administrative work experience.
Emery Wenty	M.A., Education; over 15 years of classroom and administrative work experience.
Ferista Ulechong	M.E.D., Administration Supervision; over 27 years of administrative work experience.
Mario Katosang	M.A., Education; over 20 years of administrative work experience.
Ebil Teblak	M.A., Education; over 15 years of classroom supervision and instruction.



Mario Katosang, (left) one of the 5 Instructors assigned to the "crash" course program consults with a student during his class in Lesson Planning.

RETENTION WEB PAGE

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
First Day of Instruction			July 12 (M)
Late Registration/Drop & Add Period			July 12-14 (M-W)
Midterm Period			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

by Jane Barnwell, PCC Librarian

Romance fiction fans will be thrilled with the website maintained by the Romance Writers of America (RWA):

<http://www.rwanational.com>



At the recent American Library Association Conference, I had the opportunity to meet with Cathie Linz, a published romance author who also serves as the official RWA library liaison. Cathie was delighted to learn how popular romance novels are among PCC Library users! She gave me a lot of information about RWA, and pointed out their very informative website.

In addition to information on the association itself, there are sections on the romance genre, news about upcoming releases and current bestsellers, RWA and industry awards, and best of all, links to your favorite authors!! Since many romance writers maintain their own websites, so I clicked on the link to one of my personal favorites: Nora Roberts (<http://www.lightst.com/nora>). Her website has an extensive amount of information on this prolific author and her very popular body of work.

The best part of the RWA website is the new Romance Novels Database. You can search by every imaginable category, so have fun and enjoy this website devoted to romance!!

Have You Returned Library Books?

Please be sure that any books you are returning to the library are placed INSIDE the drop box located at the Circulation Desk. Do not leave them on the desk, counter, or re-shelving carts, because they

Shining Stars for this Week

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully completed all 30 hours of Reading:

Blesoch, Lisa	Ongino, Jay
Chen, Fengqi	Piyelmai, Benjamin
Demei, Fitzgerald	Subediang, Melinton
Dick, Leeroy	Sumor, Celeste
Emesiochl, Full Moon	Temengil, Francesca
Hollingshead, Ann Myra	Yobech, O'Dear
Ldesel, Novena	Yona, Audy

Summer Session III Courses At a Glance (July 12th to August 5th)

Below is a list of courses for Session III. If you are interested in enrolling in any one of these courses, stop by at the Admissions Office between now and July 14th and register.

EN070	MA090
EN091	MA095
EN093	SS104
EN095	

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