

PCC Softball Schedule, Spring 2000

1 vs. 2 - Monday, January 31st
 3 vs. 4 - Wednesday, Feb. 2nd
 5 vs. 6 - Friday, Feb. 4th
 7 vs. 8 - Friday, Feb. 4th @ 7:45 pm
 5 vs. 7 - Monday, Feb. 7th
 6 vs. 8 - Wednesday, Feb. 9th
 1 vs. 3 - Friday, Feb. 11th
 2 vs. 4 - Friday, Feb. 11th @ 7:45 pm
 1 vs. 4 - Monday, Feb. 14th
 2 vs. 3 - Wednesday, Feb. 16th
 5 vs. 8 - Friday, Feb. 18th
 6 vs. 7 - Friday, Feb. 18th @ 7:45 pm
 1 vs. 5 - Monday, Feb. 21st
 2 vs. 6 - Wednesday, Feb. 23rd
 4 vs. 8 - Friday, Feb. 25th
 3 vs. 7 - Friday, Feb. 25th @ 7:45 pm
 1 vs. 6 - Monday, Feb. 28th
 2 vs. 5 - Wednesday, March 1st
 3 vs. 8 - Friday, March 3rd
 4 vs. 7 - Friday, March 3rd @ 7:45 pm
 3 vs. 6 - Monday, March 6th
 1 vs. 8 - Wednesday, March 8th
 2 vs. 7 - Friday, March 10th
 4 vs. 5 - Friday, March 10th @ 7:45 pm
 1 vs. 7 - Monday, March 13th
 2 vs. 8 - Friday, March 17th @ 5 pm
 4 vs. 6 - Friday, March 17th @ 6:30 pm
 3 vs. 5 - Friday, March 17th @ 7:30 pm
 End of regular season!

Contact Ismael at 488-3885 for more information.

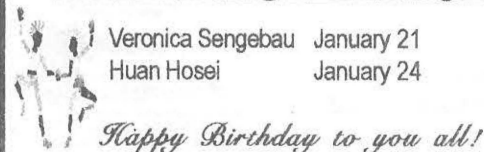


Teams:

1. Cinco De Mayo
2. Yasai
3. Outsiders NWO
4. Ed. & Training
5. Admin. & Finance
6. Hijackers
7. ABU 2000
8. M-Reps

Note: All games will be held at Meyuns Ball Field on MWF beginning at 6:30 pm except otherwise stated. Please see official team roster to identify your team. Note also cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers.

Celebrating Birthdays



Veronica Sengebau January 21
 Huan Hosei January 24

Happy Birthday to you all!

NOISE, NOISE, NOISE!

The PCC Library apologizes to all users for the noise and disruption of services caused by the ongoing construction work of the Library's extension. Soon, we will have more space and it will all be worth it!! Thanks to everyone for your patience during this time of renovation and improvement.

PCC Library Online Catalog Updated!!

The PCC library is pleased to announce that the online catalog has been successfully converted to an upgraded, user-friendly Windows version. The conversion was completed over the holiday break, just in time for Y2K!! The Library wishes to acknowledge the Palau-Australia Small Grants Scheme, which made the purchase of this upgrade possible. In addition, Jane Barnwell, PCC Librarian, would also like everyone to know that the conversion was a truly mammoth effort, with many tense moments, as the Library worked to convert over 16,000 bibliographic records, which have all been created in the last 5 years. The patience and persistence of Bruce Rimirch, PCC Director of Computers and Data Processing, is to be applauded, as his assistance made the project successful. We hope everyone enjoys using the new version of our online catalog, and please ask for assistance if you have any questions.

Want an Easy Way to Re- new Your Library Books?

Many users of the PCC Library are taking advantage of several easy ways to renew library books - by e-mail or by phone! If you want to renew your books, just e-mail to pcclib@belau.org or call us at 488-3540. It's quick and easy, and best of all you can avoid overdue fines. Books may also be renewed in person; you need not bring the books in but please do always use your PCC Library card to ensure accurate circulation transactions.



Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, January 21, 2000

Weekly Newsletter

Volume 2, Issue 2

Kapiolani Proposes Medical Lab Technician Training at PCC

On Wednesday, January 19, PCC was visited by Dr. Gregory Dever, Director, Bureau of Clinical Services in Palau, and Marsha Armstrong, Coordinator of Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Medical Technicians, Kapiolani Community College (KCC), to discuss setting up a regional training program for medical lab technicians at Palau Community College. Santos Borja, the current director of the medical lab at Belau National Hospital also attended.

According to Dr. Dever, Palau has a critical need right now for trained lab technicians as many senior people are retiring. In addition, most lab technicians need continuing education upgrade and maintain their skills.

KCC proposes to bring its program to Palau and offer a "career ladder" model which would allow students to receive different levels of training, beginning with lab aide and progressing through higher certification that would be transferable to off-island programs. This model resembles the Nursing program that began at PCC in 1998 (which was partially designed by KCC).

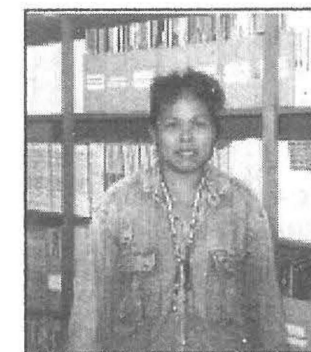
Initial discussion with the U.S. Department of Interior have indicated that funding is available, provided that the program is regional in scope. The next step is for PCC to submit a formal request for funding in conjunction with the Ministry of Health. If successful, PCC will start the program in Fall 2000.

Spring Enrollment 150 more than Previous

Based on a report from the office of Admissions and Financial Aid released this week, this Spring semester, the total enrollment is up to 579. This is considerably higher than Spring semester 1999 which had the enrollment at 429.

This increase could very well be attributed to the aggressive recruitment effort by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid as well as the Retentions Office's successful attempts to counsel and retain students once they are admitted to PCC.

New Face in the Library



Multi-Media office where she has worked for many years. In her new assignment, Poria will have primary responsibility for managing the library's growing collection of periodicals in the general collection.

Welcome to Poria "Pori" Faungy, the newest staff member in the PCC Library! Poria transferred from the

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President Tellei Invites WASC Board to Visit



Dr. Hartman (2nd-left) and Dr. Beno (r) with their husbands and Leslie Adachi, Retention Coordinator, stop for a photo-op by the PCC Bai during their tour of the campus.

While in Guam last week attending a meeting with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Executives and Board of Directors, and CEOs of other Pacific post-secondary institutions, President Tellei invited Dr. Margaret J. Hartman, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, UC-Los Angeles, and Dr. Barbara A. Beno, President, Vista Community College to visit PCC. Both Dr. Hartman and Dr. Beno are WASC Board Members.

"Pori is taking on a very big challenge, and she is adjusting quite fast to the complexities of library work," remarked Jane Barnwell, PCC Librarian. We want to welcome Pori to our staff, and encourage everyone to stop by and visit her. She jokes that the very tall shelves filled with all the back issues of magazines are her "office" so you just may find her there, mused Barnwell.

The PCC Library subscribes to over 200 periodicals, ranging from weekly to annual publications.

Crop Profile for Chinese Cabbage in Palau by: PCC-CRE

Palau Community College-Cooperative Research & Extension (PCC-CRE) developed a crop profile for cucumber through a \$10,000 grant provided by the Western Region Pesticide Impact Assessment Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Data gathering was done by interviewing farmers and by making actual observations in the farms.

Production Information- Chinese cabbage ranked 13 in acreage planted comprising about 2.0591% of total area devoted for vegetable production. The estimated production of Chinese cabbage was 12,300 lbs. with a total value of \$9,840.42 per acre. The estimated cost of production was \$2,500 per acre and the estimated net income was \$7,340.42 per acre.

Horticultural Practices- Seedlings are grown initially in field nurseries. Seeds are sown thickly on raised beds. At seedling emergence, fertilizer at 1/2 tsp. per plant is applied on sides of seedlings. Two weeks after, seedlings are carefully uprooted and individually transplanted in the field at a distance of 10.16 cm between plants x23 cm between rows. In some farms, a handful of chicken manure is mixed with soil, placed in each planting hole and allowed to ferment before transplanting seedlings. One tablespoon of complete fertilizer is applied 2 weeks after transplanting to promote good growth of seedlings. Harvesting is done 40-45 days after transplanting.

Insect Pests - Four species of insects are considered major pests of Chinese cabbage. These insects which are all leaf feeders, are diamond back moth, cabbage webworm, cutworm and fleahopper.

Control - On seedlings, those that are attacked severely by fleahoppers are replaced with new seedlings. Caterpillar of cutworm moth, diamond back moth and webworm are hand collected and eliminated.

Carbaryl or malathion at the rate specified on the label is applied twice during the growing season. The first spray application is done as soon as infestation is observed on young planting. The second spray application is done at 30 days after planting.

Major diseases of Chinese cabbage - two important diseases are observed infecting Chinese cabbage. One is a bacterial disease, called soft rot and the other one is web blight caused by a fungus.

Control - As soon as infection occurs in the leaves, farmers removed them immediately and burned to prevent infection and spreading to healthy plants. For controlling web blight, Dacoil at the rate specified on the label is sprayed as soon as infection occurs on leaves of plants.

Weeds - Two important invasive weeds are affecting majority of the commercial farms in Palau. Those weeds are Giant sensitive plant and Siam weed. Both species of weeds interfere with farmers daily activities in the farms.

Control - Farmers use machete to cut the thick stands of weeds. Research is underway to utilize biological control agents to reduce the spread of weeds in the farms. A gall fly is being field tested to control the Siam weed, while psyllid insect is being released in several farms to control the giant sensitive plant.

For more information, contact PCC-CRE at phone # 488-2746, Fax # 488-3307 or E-mail: ASuta@palaunet.com.

YEARBOOKS ARE HERE!!!

The first ever PCC Yearbooks are now available at the SBA office. Stop by and get your own personal copy for only \$25.00.

For more information, please call 488-2461 and speak with Mace.

Valentine Grams

Hello there people! Guess what? Since Valentines is just around the corner, the Palauan Student Organization of PCC is putting up a Candy Gram Fundraising to raise money for their organization. These are basically baskets filled with candies, roses, balloons and even stuffed animals. You can even get them separately if you desire.

Prices: Candy Grams ----- \$3.00 each
Flowers ----- \$3.00 each
Balloons ----- \$4.00 each
Stuffed Animals----- \$5.00 each
Delivery Charge--- \$1.00 each
Whole Package --- \$15.00 each

Please help support the PCC-PSO by purchasing our Special Valentine Candy Grams and make a difference.

For more information, please call 488-2461 and ask for Gina, Tald, Klai and Mace or leave your name and contact number so we can get back to you.

CONGRATULATIONS, IMENGEL!

In November 1999, at the ninth annual Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives (PIALA) Conference, Imengal Mad, Library Technician, Micronesia-Pacific Collection, was elected to a two-year term as PIALA Treasurer. The other continuing members of the PIALA Executive Board are: Mary Silk, President (College of the Marshall Islands Library); Jane Barnwell, Vice President (PCC Library); Lynn Sipenuk, Secretary (Chuuk High School Library). At large members are: Paul Steere, Saipan (NMC Library); Arlene Cohen, Guam (UOG RFK Library); Isabel Rungrad, Yap (Yap State Public Library); Carmina Lihpai, Pohnpei (Pohnpei Public Library); and Takeo Likiaksa, Kosrae (Rose Mackwelung Library). Imengal was elected because in less than a year in her position at the PCC Library, she became actively involved in PIALA and demonstrated many leadership capabilities. Her organizational skills were certainly put to the test with the work involved as Chair of the Logistics Subcommittee of the PIALA Conference

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RETENTION WEB PAGE

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

New Students Give PCC Services High Marks

According to a survey conducted by the the Retention Office during the orientation week this semester, new students this Spring semester were highly satisfied with the various orientation and registration services that they received.

The Service Quality Survey was conducted using the A-F grading scheme and the following are the results:

Financial Aid Session..... A
Registration at Admissions..... A
Advising Sessions w/ Advisors..... A
Course Selection w/ Advisors..... A
Team Building Activity..... B
Campus Tour..... B
ID Card Processing..... B

Congratulations to all the faculty and staff for always striving to provide quality services to our students. Let's remain focused and work together to continually better the quality of services.

ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Ms. Charity Miles, a former PCC student, will be providing counseling services and tutorial assistance in English on Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 P.M. at the counseling office beginning on January 27, 2000.

Ms. Miles graduated from Evergreen State College with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She is a trained and an experienced counselor and will be offering her counseling skills on a voluntary basis.

Students are urged to make use of this additional counseling and tutorial services available in the evening.

You may just drop in during above time or make an appointment with Sabra at 488-3036 during regular hours.

Attention Students and Staff

Articles for our Mesekiu's News are due every Wednesday by 3 P.M. to Armstrong at the Development Office. Thank you for your support this past year and looking forward to working with you this year. Thank you for writing.....and reading.

TOEFL Bulletin for 1999-00

Test date: May 13, 2000
Registration fee: \$75.00
Deadline: March 27, 2000

Registration by mail - Mail in the form at least three weeks prior to test date.

For more information, please contact Sabra at the PCC Counseling Office at 488-3036.

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK



<http://www.ezone.com>

This site offers a lot of family-oriented fun, with free games and prizes!!! Check it out!!!

Looking for a Dream Job!

Check on Work Study Job Openings on local intranet web site (<http://pccw1work.htm>) to view and select. The Work Study job openings will also be posted in front of the Work Study Office so come over and find the job of your choice. Mitsko will be happy to assist you.

Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2000

Jan. 10	First day of instruction
Jan. 10-14	Late registration/drop & add period
Feb. 22	Last day to remove Fall '99 incompletes
March 6-10	Midterm period
March 15	Holiday: Youth Day
March 20-24	Spring Break
March 31	PCC Charter Day
May 4	Last day of instruction
May 5	Holiday: Senior citizen's day
May 8-10	Final examination period
May 12	Grades due
May 19	PCC commencement exercises