

SPORTS SCIENCE WORKSHOP

By: Rodney T. Kazuma, Recreation Office

The College recently sponsored and organized a sports science workshop from May 31 to June 2. Topics that were discussed during the workshop included the following:

- ✓ Generation and Origin of Sports
- ✓ Coaching Theory for Athletes
- ✓ Applied Motor Control Theory for Exercise

Lecturers at the workshop were Yoshitaka Ota, Mitsuru Shiga, and Hirotaro Yamada. About 30 people, mainly dormitory residents and some members of the Palau National Athletic Team attended the three-day workshop and were given opportunities to discuss and analyze their sporting experiences as well as participate in group learning activities.

The workshop was put together by Mr. Hirotaro Yamada, Student Activities Specialist/JOCV volunteer. Special thanks to Meridith, Aileen, and Ezra for their support.

TOEFL Information for School Year 2000-01

| Test Dates | Registration deadline | Scores mailed |
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| Oct. 21, 2000 | Sept. 4, 2000 | Nov. 29, 2000 |
| Jan. 20, 2001 | Dec. 4, 2000 | Feb. 28, 2001 |
| May 12, 2001 | Mar. 26, 2001 | June 20, 2001 |

* Registration fee is \$100 and you may contact the PCC Counseling Office at 488-3036 for more information.

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Oops! Correction.

In the May 26th issue of the Mesekiu's News - "Summer Voc.Ed Academy Expects Forty-Nine" article on page 2, the Kosrae State students were inadvertently left out and the Pohnpei State students listed under Kosrae. The following is the corrected list of the Kosrae State and Pohnpei State students. Apologies for the error and thank you for reading Mesekiu's News.

Kosrae State (FSM)

1. Nelson Sigrah
2. Telsin Kephah
3. Kathy Ittu
4. John Sigrah

Pohnpei State (FSM)

1. Stevenson Fredrick
2. Macferson Alfons
3. Richard Soswe
4. Samuel Saul
5. Aurelio Saimon
6. Joseph Kilmete
7. Kosaky Keller
8. Edsin Joseph

PCC Staff,

We the family of the late Alister R. Yuji would like to express our most sincere appreciation to all who have come to comfort us in our time of sorrow. We Thank You for your words of comfort and kindful contribution during the loss of our beloved one.

*Many Thanks,
Vernice Yuji & Family*



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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC ENDOWMENT FUND GOES PUBLIC!

PCC has reached yet another milestone as it continues its quest to build its Endowment Fund. With over 75% of its personnel actively donating to the PCC Endowment Fund on a bi-weekly basis, PCC has extended this same opportunity to the Palau community. As a large number of Palau employees may be found in the ROP national government, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei met with ROP Vice President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. and Mr. Elbuchel Sadang, Director-Bureau of National Treasury, on the possibility of government employees donating to the PCC Endowment Fund via bi-weekly allotments. With this having been arranged accordingly, PCC is proud to announce to the public that any and all employees may join the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. Allotment forms are available at PCC Development Office, and interested individuals may call Jay Olegeriil at telephone number 488-2471 and he will be most happy to assist you. By donating up to 10% of their taxable income, each employee is eligible to receive a full refund at the beginning of the succeeding tax year as PCC is a public non-profit organization. People who may be wary are encouraged to ask any PCC staff who has been contributing for years, they have received their refunds each year with no complications whatsoever.



Honorable Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
Vice President, Republic of Palau



Mr. Elbuchel Sadang
Dir. Bureau of National Treasury

The PCC Endowment Fund had initially received a \$100,000 appropriation from the ROP national government during fiscal year 1997 and has since grown to over \$200,000 through individual and private donations as well as interest earnings. One of the biggest earnings was last year's PCC Thanksgiving Fund Raising Dinner. PCC has already begun preparing to hold a similar dinner this year, again with proceeds going to the PCC Endowment Fund.

The main reason that PCC is aggressively building its endowment fund is so that it will be less dependent on government appropriations in the future. PCC realizes that financial resources are limited and so has launched this program to help ease the financial burden on the government in years to come. Hence, PCC strongly encourages the community to join us in our quest to secure the future viability of Palau's only institution of higher learning.

In fact, we are excited to report that during their initial meeting with PCC President Tellei, ROP Vice President Remengesau and Director Sadang expressed such interest in becoming contributing members that they have become the first non-PCC staff to enroll in this noteworthy cause. By enrolling, Remengesau and Sadang contribute 10% of their taxable income to PCC Endowment Fund each year and are eligible to receive a full refund for their donations! Last year alone, PCC staff donated over \$12,000 to the PCC Endowment Fund. Just imagine how much would be raised if government and non-government employees joined us in this effort! When Director Sadang enrolled in this program, he said "For years, everyone keeps saying that education is the key to the future of this nation. This is still true and I hope that they showcase their belief in it by enrolling in this program and becoming active participants in securing the successful future of higher education in Palau."

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*Salome
Scholarship
Foundation*

CAFETERIA SIZZLES THIS SUMMER!

So much for summer break for the PCC Cafeteria staff! While many of them would surely appreciate a long deserved break or vacation, things are just beginning to heat up. This summer, the Cafeteria will be hosting the Upward Bound's summer lunch program which lasts from June to July. They also will host the Health and Education Convention, Belau Parents Association Convention, Youth Conference and of course, this year's biggie, the Pacific Educational Conference! While some of our faculty are enjoying the summer break, the rest of the College family encourage the Cafeteria staff to keep up the good work they do on behalf of the College.

The Cafeteria staff would like to thank Stanley Welch for everything and wish him and his family much success as they move to the ALOHA STATE. Mahalo and Aloha, Stan!

A QUICK LESSON IN ECONOMICS & THE PCC LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM

Last week at Surangel's, a woman picked up a tray of chicken thighs and brought it to the cashier. The price tag on the chicken was \$4.39. After the cashier rang up the purchase, the woman held out a \$20 bill and said, "Woud it be all right if I paid you \$10 instead?"

It sounds crazy—but it's no crazier than attending an expensive college off-island to take classes that are available at Palau Community College. And that's the reason why PCC has a liberal arts program: the program exists so that students planning to get four-year degrees can complete the first two years of classes here in Palau—AT A MUCH LOWER COST—then transfer to UOG or UH or other colleges. Assuming the other college accepts PCC credits, a student can get a four-year degree with only two years at a more expensive off-island college.

Our job at PCC is to make sure all of our liberal arts classes—music, social science, English, math, etc.—have high standards and therefore are acceptable to any other four-year college/university. So far, we've had great success; liberal arts students can transfer to many colleges in Hawaii and the US mainland and carry most or all of their credits with them. Rest assured, even if you completed two years of your UOG BA at PCC, your diploma will look like everyone else's!

So the next time you're thinking of paying double (or triple) the price for your education, think again, and come look at the PCC liberal arts program. We're here to give you the best education at the lowest price possible. Call our Admissions Office 488-2471 and begin your future today!

PCC Dorms Update-SUMMER 2000

The following are statistics for the PCC Dorms this summer:

- *Three dorm buildings with 116 occupancy.
- *Total of 41 residents, 38 of which are continuing and three are new residents.
- *About 36 residents are either taking leave or moved off-campus for the summer only.
- *A total of 17 vocational instructors from the FSM states of Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Chuuk, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands have checked in. These instructors will be here until the end of July.
- *Given the above data, the PCC dorms have about 58 vacancies for this summer and an estimated 47 vacancies for the coming fall semester 2000.
- **For information about the PCC dorms, call Marenca Edward at telephone number 488-3036.

Student Profile: LYNNA THOMAS

The first PCC commencement Exercises this millennium featured two valedictorians, Ms. Lynna Thomas and Ms. Neeshell Ngirngedangel. This article features the Ms. Thomas. Lynna is the daughter of Benito Thomas (Angaur) and Linda Ngiraibai (Ngaraard). She attended Koror Elementary School and then Mindszenty High School where she was valedictorian, also receiving the school's coveted Cardinal Award. In 1998, she began her schooling here at PCC majoring in Liberal Arts. She graduated on May 19th this year with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. At the present, Lynna continues her work at the College Library. She plans to further her education at the University of Houston in Houston, Texas where she is planning on majoring in optometry. Her career goal is to become an optometrist because it interests her as a field and also because she sees a need for it here in Palau.



RETENTION WEB PAGE

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

ATTENTION 2000 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!!!

PCC would like to encourage all 2000 high school graduates to seriously consider enrolling at PCC for the first two years of your higher education endeavor. PCC has successfully been an accredited institution since 1977, by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Our accreditation status has been reaffirmed time and again with no exception. Moreover, we have articulation agreements with many universities and colleges in the Pacific region such as the University of Guam, University of Hawaii-West Oahu, Hawaii Pacific University, Chaminade University of Honolulu, University of Hawaii-Hilo, Brigham Young University-Hawaii, and others. PCC offers programs and certificates/degrees in the following areas:

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| Agricultural Science | Criminal Justice | Education |
| Liberal Arts | Nursing | Business Accounting |
| Office Administration | Tourism & Hospitality | Air Conditioning & Refrigeration |
| Automotive Mechanics Technology | Construction Technology | General Electronics Technology |
| Electrical Technology | Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology | |

Come to PCC and let us provide you with the foundation for a successful experience in higher education. Come to PCC and secure your future! Please call Bennie, Lourdes, Losii, or Elsie at 488-2471, ext. 265 for an application form and assistance.

College Welcomes All Summer Students

On behalf of Palau Community College's Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, and staff, President Tellei hereby extends a warm welcome to all the new and returning students who are enrolling this summer. Special welcome to our Vocational Education Academy students, especially the ones from our neighboring islands of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Welcome to Palau Community College!

Attention All New Students!

Today is the last day for you to get your student ID card made at the Retention Office. After today, the whole operation will be moved down to the Media Office.

Comments From New Students

Why did you choose PCC?

- It is much easier, closer to home and way cheaper.
Cheryl Patris, Unclassified
- I was attending another school outside Palau and wanted to know about schools here in Palau. I also wanted to get to know other Micronesians.
Indira Kazuma, Criminal Justice
- Only college in Palau; continue education in order to work.
Ruth Elbelau, Elementary Education

What do you think about PCC?

- It is pretty cool, lots of friendly people around. Too simple to be true!
Elilai Bullis, Secondary Education
- It's improving alot but it's too crowded, the programs are growing bigger than the facilities.
Iterir Oketol, Elementary Education
- Very good. English teachers are nice.
Christy Chiokai, Office Administration
- There's improvement, instructors are nice; building and classrooms have been improved; too many students.
Indira Kazuma, Criminal Justice

Advice for "Underclassmen" from continuing students in the next issue!

Academic Calendar Summer 2000

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| June 5 | First day of instruction |
| June 5-8 | Late registration/drop & add period |
| June 23 | Last day to remove Spring incompletes |
| June 26-30 | Mid-term period |
| July 5 | Last day for all withdrawals |
| July 9 | Holiday: Constitutional Day |
| July 14 | Last day of instruction |
| July 17-19 | Final examination period |
| July 21 | End of Summer session/grades due |