

INTERDEPARTMENT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT DRAWING CROWDS

The current Interdepartment Coed Softball Tournament that was launched a few weeks ago has been steadily drawing crowds of supporters and spectators to the Meyuns Ballfield during the weekday evenings. With a tournament set up consisting of two divisions totalling 21 teams, just about all the ministries in the national government are represented, with the exception of the Ministry of Commerce and Trade and the Ministry of Resources and Development. In addition, most major local institutions and businesses have teams participating in the tournament as well.

In fact, the College is represented by its very athletic and able staff. So far, the College's team, PCC Mesekiu, has won all except one of its games. According to tournament Coordinators Ricky Mechol and Dale Pasqual, -- who are conducting this tournament on a volunteer basis -- the tournament will culminate in a championship game toward the end of June 2003, taking the weather factor into consideration.

During each weekday evening at the Meyuns Ballfield, it is obvious that softball has sort of become a national pastime as the game continues to enjoy popular support from players, sponsors and spectators alike. Indeed, anyone who has leisure time ought to visit the Meyuns Ballfield and cheer their team to victory. Likewise, all PCC staff are encouraged to cheer the PCC Mesekiu as it plays its games in this tournament. For information about the Interdepartment Coed Softball Tournament, contact Ricky Mechol or Dale Pasqual at telephone number 488-2455. Or, for PCC Mesekiu's game schedule, contact Todd Ngramengior at PCC telephone number 488-2471 ext. 225.

Palau Community College congratulates fellow Endowment Club member Arnedia Kiarri Obeketang on her selection to become the Palau Ministry of Education's Employee of the Year!

This newsletter would like to feature Endowment Club members' accomplishments and birthdays. Call Jay Olegeril or Armstrong Debelbot at PCC Development Office at 488-2471, extension 253 and they will be very happy to assist you!

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MRD, MOS, Election Comm. and More ROP Staff Become Endowment Donors

Palau Community College continues to be excited in welcoming new members to the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. These members donate a certain sum directly out of their paychecks to the PCC Endowment Fund, and at the end of the year PCC will help them apply for a refund of their donations. In other words, these people donate to a worthy cause and in the end get their money back!

This week we are excited to welcome more employees of the national government who are enrolling in this program to support Palau's only college, PCC.

At the Palau Election Commission, we welcome four (4) new members, **Maria Decherong**, **Avery Midas** (Class of '97-Cert. in Gen. Office Clerk), **Festus B. Ringang**, and **Baudista Rengulbai**. In the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs, we welcome one (1) new member, **Ervin Rengechel**. From the Ministry of State, we see six (6) new members, **Earnest Ongidobel** (Class of '81-AS degree in Gen. Elec. Tech.), **Linda R. Temol**, **Linda Ngirameketii**, **Julius L. Echang**, **Gregorio Oiterong**, and **Lynn Merep**. At the Ministry of Resources and Development's CIP Office, we welcome three (3) new members, **Aldrin Tellei**, **Joyce Benhart**, and **Alen Ngirailemesang** (Class of '94-Cert. in Construction Tech.), as well as three (3) new members from the Ministry of Resources and Development's Bureau of Land and Survey, **Franco E. Marcello**, **Daniel M. Teliu**, and **Gevhart Sngebard**. In the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs, we welcome one (1) new member, **Marciana Telmetang**. From the Ministry of Finance's Weather Station, we also welcome two (2) new members, **Perkins Kikuo** and **Elia Yaoch**. And, at the Ministry of Health, we welcome one (1) new member, **Loretta Philip**.

PCC welcomes everyone to the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. Thank you for showcasing your commitment to the continued existence of Palau's only institution of higher learning. Together, let us ensure that future generations have the same opportunity and access to higher learning as presently provided by our college, Palau Community College!



New members Earnest Ongidobel, Festus B. Ringang, Avery Midas and Baudista Rengulbai (front)



CIP staff Joyce Benhart and Alen Ngirailemesang



MOS staff Linda Ngirameketii, Julius L. Echang, and Linda R. Temol



Weather Station staff Elia Yaoch (front) and Perkins Kikuo



MRD staff Franco E. Marcello and Daniel M. Teliu



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Loretta Philip



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UB STUDENTS BEGIN SUMMER PROGRAM

80 Students in Summer Bridge, Math & Science and Junior Statesmen

With a successful academic year component and all graduation celebrations completed, Upward Bound (UB) students had only a 3-day weekend to rest and recuperate before starting an intense Summer Bridge program. The collection of summer activities scheduled for UB students include enrollment in PCC classes, UB Work Study Program, Cultural Awareness Activities, College Guidance Sessions and Field Trips that will certainly keep them busy for the six weeks summer period starting June 3 - July 15, 2003. Of the 80 total students, 75 are attending PCC as full time students this summer, while the remaining 5 are to participate in the summer programs in various institutions in the United States mainland.

For the UB seniors, they will be taking classes in Mathematics, English, and Social Science, while the juniors concentrate on classes in Math and English. In addition, while enrolled at PCC during the summer, all UB students will also participate in the Work Study Program whereby each student will

be selectively placed in their area of interest. This practice is aimed at giving the UB students a first-hand experience in the fields that they plan to enter after college.

As mentioned above, five of the 80 UB students will be traveling off-island to attend summer programs at other U.S. colleges and universities in Hawaii and Mainland U.S. Daphne Ricky, Ongor Dengokl and Sim Tellei will spend their summer at UB Math and Science Summer Program at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Leeward Community College and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Dirkedil Ulechong and Joy Bukurrow will take part in the Junior Statesmen Program at Yale University and Stanford University respectively.

The goal of Upward Bound's summer bridge program is to orient college bound students to college academic rigor as well as reinforces their skills in the fields of Math, English and Science. In exposing these students to college level courses while they are still in high school, they not only become better prepared to take on the challenges of higher education, but also get a head start on their non-Upward Bound counterparts by earning college credits during the course of their summer program. The Upward Bound congratulates all the graduating seniors and wishes all its students a successful summer.

At the completion of the summer component, UB Program will hold a graduation banquet for all of its students which has been tentatively scheduled to take place on July 15, 2003 at one of the islands finer establishments. Shortly after that, the UB staff will release a schedule of their annual high schools visits to recruit for new Upward Bound students. While the dates have yet to be determined, the high schools visits

will occur after school year 2003-2004 has commenced; thus, all students at Palau's six high schools will have the opportunity to apply for the program.

Amidst all this, the College awaits word from Washington D.C. as to the grant proposal it submitted for a new Upward Bound cycle. This being the last year of the current cycle for Upward Bound, we are waiting to hear the outcome of our proposal. Because Upward Bound has been providing critical and much needed services for Palau's needy students, we hope to receive a favorable response and this newsletter will certainly inform its readership as soon as any word arrives from Washington.

In the meantime, anyone who wishes to learn more about Upward Bound Program's Summer Component or the program in general, please feel free to contact Ms. Kuye Belelai, Upward Bound Project Director at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471, extension 260 or 488-2962.



UB Students on their way to Class. (l-r) Zillah O., Zillah M., Meira, John, and Hilorah.



(l-r) McRaylee, Jessica, Calvin, and Eloreem. These UB students are ready to take on the summer program.

Scholarship Opportunities For 2003-04 School Year

This is an announcement to all graduating high school seniors and current PCC students from Palau who will be attending PCC this coming school year 2003-2004, that applications for the following PCC based scholarship programs are available at the PCC Development Office:

Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc. Scholarship
Prince Leeboo Scholarship
Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Limited Scholarship
Polycarp International Enterprise Scholarship
Pierantozzi Scholarship
Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship

Application packets are to be completed and submitted to the PCC Development Office no later than Friday August 15, 2003, the deadline date. For more information about these abovementioned scholarship programs, contact PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471, extension 253.

In addition, the following scholarship opportunities for PCC students are available at the Palau National Scholarship Office adjacent to Palau High School Office:

Palau National Scholarship
Palau Student Loan
Congressional Scholastic Award
Bank of Hawaii Scholarship
Rotary Club - Dave Williams Scholarship

For information about these scholarship programs, contact National Scholarship Office at tel. 488-3608.

TOEFL TESTING DATES

2003-2004

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Rec't. Date at TOEFL Office)	Score Report Mailing Date
Oct. 18, 2003	August 29, 2003	November 26, 2003
May 15, 2004	March 29, 2004	June 23, 2004

- The Test of Written English (TWE) is given with the TOEFL test. It is a 30-minute writing test that is required of everyone taking the paper-based test. The TWE score is reported separately and is not added to the TOEFL score.

- Testing and Service Fees - \$130.00

- There are two ways to register for the test.

1. Online Registration - Those with American Express, VISA, JCB, Mastercard, and Discover credit cards may register for the test at the TOEFL Web site (www.toefl.org), or see Karen Mobel at Human Resources Development for an arrangement to use PCC credit card.

2. Mail-in Registration - You may obtain the TOEFL Bulletin from Myorang Besebes at the PCC Student Life Office.

For information about TOEFL registration and testing, contact Marensia Edward at PCC telephone (680) 488-3036.

Environmental/Marine Science Program's First Graduates

At PCC's 40th Commencement Exercises held on May 23rd this year, the College graduated one hundred thirty-six (136) students who received their certificates and/or degrees. Among these graduates were two (2) students who chose not to participate in the ceremony as they are summer candidates. The fact that they are summer candidates indicates that while they will be taking their final program requirements this summer, they have nonetheless completed all coursework toward completing their program; thus, making them eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony.

These two students are Ms. Phoebe Sengebau and Ms. Sholeh Hanser, who since enrolling in PCC's Environmental/Marine Science program - the newest program offered at PCC - have attained high academic achievements. At the end of this summer term, they each will receive an associate in science degree in Environmental/Marine Science, becoming the first recipients of this degree in the history of Palau Community College, and doing so with honors! Palau Community College congratulates these two outstanding graduates and wishes them much success as they pursue goals in a field that has been identified as a national priority for Palau. Congratulations Phoebe and Sholeh!



Ms. Sholeh Hanser and Ms. Phoebe Sengebau

LIBRARY XEROXING AND E-MAIL SERVICES

All returning and new students who wish to utilize the Library's xeroxing services are reminded to purchase a xerox card from any one of the PCC Library staff. Card prices are as follows:

First Card	- \$4.00 for 20 copies and \$7.00 for 50 copies
Second Card	- \$2.00 for 20 copies and \$5.00 for 50 copies

All students and community members who check e-mail using Library computers A, B, and C and other Library equipment are reminded to present a valid PCC ID card and Library card respectively. The computers are on a first-come first-serve basis. If you would like help, just ask any of our friendly Library staff, and they will be more than happy to assist you!

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Friday 8am - 8pm
 Saturday 9am - 6pm
 Sunday 12noon - 6pm

BITS AND PIECES...

Welcome to the 2003 Summer Session

This week began the College's 2003 summer session and so the College campus was abuzz with many familiar as well as new faces. With this new beginning, it is a wonderful opportunity for PCC students to secure good grades in the short period of time this summer. Therefore, the College - via this newsletter - offers study tips on how to earn those good grades that are aimed at by all the students. Read and heed these articles - like the one on the right - as well as remember those important dates that must not be forgotten. This way, you will increase your chances of earning the desired grade.

PCC-CRE Staff Grateful for Fellow PCC Staff

Last Friday May 30, 2003, the entire PCC campus was closed not in observance of a holiday; rather, the PCC personnel devoted the entire working day at the College's Research and Development Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui state. While there, the PCC staff were able to plant over 1,000 mahogany trees as well as plant different varieties of taro, much to the delight of some very grateful PCC-CRE staff for the help provided by so many of their fellow staff.

The College staff also took advantage of the opportunity to tour the College's state-of-the-art research and development station, under the expert guidance of the PCC-CRE staff. For many of the College's staff, it was the first time for them to visit the station since its ground-breaking ceremony a few years ago. For others, it was the first time for them to visit the station. Thus, many took it upon themselves to take some intended - and unintended - detours to become more familiar with the landscape and geography surrounding the station. Indeed, last Friday was quite a productive day for the College and a refreshing one for most of us who normally stay in the office all day. As noted by one excited PCC staff, "we should do this more often!". Not a bad idea...

In the meantime, for information about the PCC-CRE Research and Development Station, its programs and services, contact PCC telephone number (680) 488-2471, or 488-2746/4983.

Get in Touch with Your MOC/PCC Classmates!

Would you like to get in touch with your MOC/PCC classmates? One way to do this is to have your contact number or address available at the PCC Development Office. We can announce (via this newsletter) that we have your contact number/address; thus, anyone who went to school with you and wishes to reach you may simply contact the PCC Development Office and we will help connect you to your classmate(s). Find out what your college friends have been doing over these past years. Who knows, maybe they have been trying to touch base with you but have not been able to obtain your contact number/address. Try this service and see where it takes you!!!

Study Tips for All Students

Studying is more than just a way to get grades, it is a way to grow and develop as a person and contributing member of society. However, there are several things you must do to become a successful student. Start by taking care of your health, eating properly, exercising and getting the proper amount of rest. The following tips will help you to become a more effective studier and a better student as you begin this new summer term at PCC:

Traits of Successful Students

Good students attend class regularly. They are on time and pay attention to what the instructor has to say. If you must miss a class, let the instructor know AHEAD of time. Call or e-mail them... they will appreciate it.

-Take advantage of extra credit opportunities. This demonstrates you care about your grade and want to earn a good grade.

-Successful students speak in class; participate in class discussions, despite clumsy or difficult attempts to ask pertinent questions. Others may have the same questions as well. There are NO dumb questions.

-Check with your instructor about grades, clarifying discussion points, and upcoming dates.

-Turn in assignments on time. Take the time to produce a product you are proud of. Don't just do it to get it done.

- Be attentive in class. Don't talk, read, sleep, stare out the window, or let your mind drift. Although this is difficult, especially during those boring lectures, you'll be much better off for this later.

-Complete all your work and **DON'T LEAVE BLANKS ON TESTS!** Guess if you are not sure. Go for partial credit.

-Stay on top of assignment and know when tests and pertinent dates are coming up during the term.

Classroom Advice:

-Don't let your thoughts wander. Focus on the instructor and pay attention to their points!

-Take neat, legible and pertinent notes. Don't write down everything, but write important points!

-Ask questions, but not if they have been asked previously (unless you are clarifying a point)

-Class attendance is vital to success in class. Show up on time and be ready to learn.

-Don't ask for special favors. Instructors are most likely to help you if you are gracious and don't seem too needy.

-Never talk when the instructor is speaking.

-Don't sit next to that person who likes to chat.

-Make frequent appointments with the instructor. Make them earn their money. (More tips in later issues...)