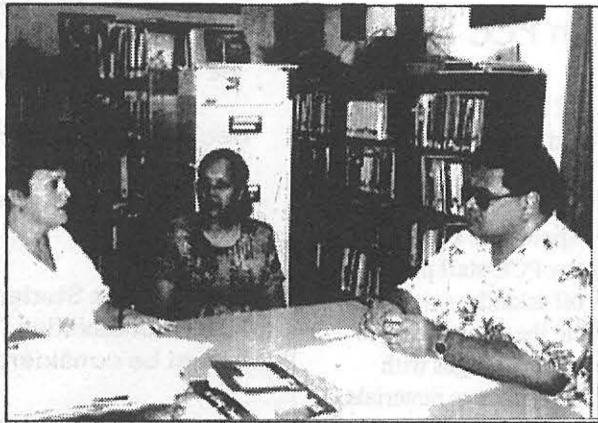


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PCC Library and indicated he would report back to FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy that we are well equipped to take on this task, and recommend that our application be approved. The PCC Library looks forward to a formal approval of our application, as this status will enable us to make important FAO publications available to our users.



Dr. Vili A. Fuavao (r), FAO representative listens attentively as Jane Bamwell (l) describes the features and capabilities of the PCC Library that should qualify it to be part of the FAO depository library system. Imengel Mad (c), Library Technician.

TOEFL Information for School Year 2000-01

Test Dates	Registration deadline	Scores mailed
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 \$110 and you may contact the PCC Counseling Office at 488-3036 for more information.



NEW LIBRARY HOURS

100 Hours Per Week

Effective June 14, the PCC Library is now OPEN 100 hours per week!!! Our new hours are:

Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 11:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday	Noon - 6:00 pm

The extended evening hours were added in response to student requests and we are happy to be able to add these hours for summer semester students. We are very grateful to Lynna Thomas, PCC Library Assistant for agreeing to adjust her weekly working schedule to accommodate these late night hours for the benefit of our students. Thank you, Lynna! This new schedule will continue through summer semester final exams, ending August 2nd.

FSM Association of Palau Omereng el Saul

Kemam el chad ra FSM Association ra Belau a somam el nguu tial techall e oureng a sulir ar sechelimam el kmal mlo mesaul era donation er tir el kall ma ilumel el mera barbeque er kemam el mlarngii ra Long Island er tial mlo merk el Saturday el June 17 ma ki kmal mereng a sulir.

The FSM Association of Palau thanks all of our friends who donated food & drinks to our barbeque last Saturday, June 17 at Long Island.

Thank you very much,

Rosita Weilbacher

Celebrating Birthdays



Sebastian Ngiratrang June 25
Serelina Ridep June 30

Happy Birthday to you two!!!

YEARBOOKS for \$15.00

The 1998-99 yearbook is selling for \$15.00 a copy at the PCC Bookstore.



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MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Friday, June 23, 2000

Weekly Newsletter

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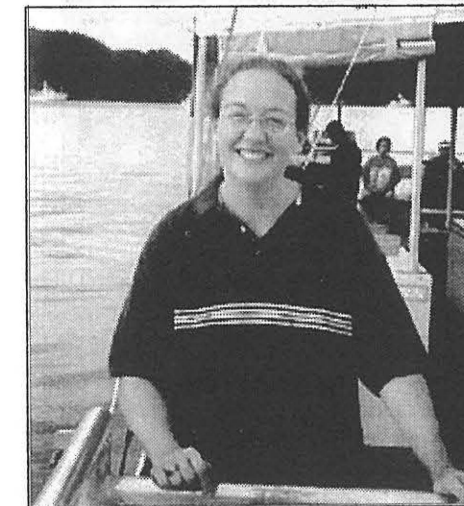
PCC Receives a \$400,000 Grant To Conduct Training in Use of Technology

Tuesday June 13, 2000 - Palau Community College (PCC) was notified by the United States Department of Education (USDOE) that PCC has won a competitive grant to train public school teachers how to integrate technology into the classroom. Funded under the *Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology grants program (PT3)*, the 122 grantees included four-year colleges and universities all over the United States, and PCC was one of only three community colleges among them.

The grant was prepared by the PCC Academic Affairs along with the PCC Development Office, Ministry of Education, Palau High School and Harris Elementary School. PCC as a lead member, will administer the project, titled "Project Tech-for Teachers". The period of the grant is from June 2000 to May 2003.

Under the terms of the grant, PCC will receive \$156,000 during the first year to:

- Revise its education program to incorporate technology;
- Train PCC Education instructors in the use of technology;
- Form "learning groups" of new and experienced teachers to facilitate the integration of technology into the classroom; and
- Improve the academic achievement and technological proficiency of students taught by teachers trained in this program.



Meridith Randall, Dean of Academic Affairs.

For the first year, \$28,000 is earmarked to purchase laptop computers and projectors for schools in need of such equipment. In addition, three people must be sent to two conferences per year; the first conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia this month. The bulk of the remaining funds will pay for materials and consultants, with smaller amounts to supplement salaries and indirect costs. In the second and the third years of the grant, PCC will receive \$128,000 in each year.

The project director is Mario Katosang, Vice-President of Education and Training at PCC. Others also involved in the implementation of the project are Palau High School Principal Raynold Mechol and Harris Elementary School Principal Teodoro Rengulbai.

This grant could not have come at a better time as PCC has continued to intensify efforts to work with the public schools to provide improved quality of education for our students. This wonderful opportunity allows the education institutions to collaborate in their efforts to better prepare their students to compete successfully with their counterparts in the region. As the pace of the technological advances show no sign of slowing down, this grant will help us keep abreast of the developments taking place and ensure our students are exposed to the dynamic environment surrounding them.

Detailed information about the grant may be obtained from Mario Katosang at telephone number 488-2470/2471, ext. 249.

Additional information and a complete list of all grantees available on line at www.PT3.org.

New Marine/
Environmental
Science Program
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PCC Research and Development Station



Palau Community College's Research and Development (R&D) Station at Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui sits on 25 acres of prime agricultural land nestled along the biggest river in the republic. The R&D station is composed of experimental field areas and laboratories. The experimental field will be devoted to research and development activities in agriculture and aquaculture.

A two-story multipurpose research facility is being constructed to support these various research activities in agriculture and aquaculture. After initial delays, the

project is progressing and is expected to be completed by August 2000. The facility has a total floor area of 11,200 square feet available to house the animal science, tissue culture, aquaculture, soil science, crop protection, water quality and food technology laboratories. The facility will also have a training room, guest room and various office spaces.

The construction of the Research and Development Station is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Republic of Palau. If you want to visit or learn more about the R&D Station, contact PCC-CRE at telephone number 488-2746.

FAO Representative Visits PCC Library

On Thursday, June 22, the PCC Library welcomed Vili A. Fuavao, Ph.D., Sub-Regional Representative for the Pacific & FAO Representative from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Sub-Regional Office for the Pacific (SAPA) based in Apia, Samoa.

The Republic of Palau recently became a member state of FAO, and as such we are

eligible to apply to become an FAO depository library. The FAO publishes documents and CD-ROMs in a wide range of subjects, including food, agriculture, fisheries, forestry and nutrition.

During his visit to Palau, Dr. Fuavao visited the PCC Library to discuss the library's application to become a member of the FAO depository library system.

He met with Jane Barnwell, PCC Librarian and Imengel Mad, Micronesia-Pacific Collection Library Technician.

New Marine/ Environmental Science Program Set to Begin in Fall 2000

It's finally here - the marine/environmental science AS program at PCC will begin accepting students this fall semester. The program was designed based on a study conducted by Rebecca Christiansen in February of this year; she interviewed a wide range of community groups to determine the training needs in specific areas. In addition, UH-Hilo and UOG marine science program requirements were examined to ensure that PCC students can transfer to those institutions with adequate preparation. The result - which had significant input from PCC instructors Mike Hubbard and Dr. Joel Miles - is a two-year program designed to give a strong foundation in several scientific areas. New courses such as physical geology and oceanography have been added, while existing courses biology and chemistry are strengthened.

PCC hopes to enroll at least five students in the program this fall. A new lab is being constructed in the carpentry building and the college hopes to receive a grant in August to fund the hiring of at least one new faculty member.

All interested students should contact Elsie or Keith at the Admissions and Financial Aid Office at telephone number 488-2471, ext. 265.

Dr. Fuavao indicated that there were only a few FAO depository libraries in our region because few libraries have the facilities and capabilities to undertake the responsibilities of managing the FAO document collection. Regional FAO depositories include: USP Library, Suva, Fiji; SPC Library, Noumea, New Caledonia; FFA Library, Honiara, Solomon Islands; and one in Papua New Guinea and Samoa.

Dr. Fuavao was very impressed with the

RETENTION WEB PAGE

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

PEC Conference: 450 Registered, 1000 Expected

17th Annual Pacific Educational Conference

Conference Theme:

Pacific Communities: Lifelong Learners

Four hundred and fifty-four (454) participants from all across the United States, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, CNMI, RMI, FSM, and Palau have registered to attend the 17th Annual Pacific Educational Conference with more applications still coming in. With the conference consistently averaging about 1000 participants every year, the number of applicants is sure to double comes the conference. Palau Community College is the site for the three-day conference (July 25-27) and is co-sponsoring the conference with the Ministry of Education (MOE) and Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL).

From its humble beginning in a Pacific school library in Guam, PEC has grown to become one of the largest educational conferences for the Pacific region. The majority of the workshops at PEC 2000 will appropriately be led by Pacific educators, sharing their success with colleagues from throughout the region.

State	# of Participants
American Samoa	3
California	11
Colorado	2
Florida	1
FSM	68
Guam	19
Hawaii	66
Iowa	1
Kentucky	1
Massachusetts	1
RMI	105
CNMI	83
Montana	1
New Jersey	1
Ohio	1
Oregon	3
Palau	82
Texas	3
Washington	2

PEC 2000 Organizing Committee
P.O. Box 1346, Koror, Palau, 96940
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Special Request to All Travellers From PCC Library

The PCC Library has worked very hard to strengthen our regional and international networking relationships. We would appreciate knowing when any PCC staff plan to travel off-island, as we would welcome the opportunity to send small packages with duplicate exchange materials, or other materials to our colleagues.

Likewise, it may be that one of our colleagues at your destination has something we need, we would appreciate your help in bringing it to us.

We also appreciate the help of PCC staff in acquiring materials for the library from your conferences or workshops or visits to other institutions that maybe useful to library users here in Palau.

Please contact Jane (janeb@belau.org) or Imengel (imengelm@belau.org) at 488-3540 if you will be travelling off-island. Thank you!

WORKSTUDY TIMESHEETS TO MITSCO BY NEXT THURSDAY!

Academic Calendar Summer 2000

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

Our Students

Because the Student has a need, we have a job to do.

Because the Student has a choice, we must be the better choice.

Because the Student has sensibilities, we must be considerate.

Because the Student has an urgency, we must be quick.

Because the Student is unique, we must be flexible.

Because the Student has high expectations, we must excel.

Because the Student has influence, we have the hope of more students.

Because of the Student, we exist!

Author: unknown