

## PCC Dorm To Host Student Leadership Institute Again

The PCC dormitory, once again, will be hosting about 52 high school students and their chaperones this coming July 3rd. The group will be participating in the two-weeks "Student Leadership Institute" (SLI) program which is sponsored by the Ministry of Education. The two-week program is scheduled to conclude by the second week of July.

The PCC Dormitories currently houses regular summer students along with the Vocational Education students who are mostly from the surrounding island states in Micronesia, and will be operating at "full capacity", which is uncommon in the Summer time, with the additional SLI tenants. Welcome to all the SLI students and their chaperones and we hope you enjoy your two-weeks with us.

### Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Test

The GRE test for school year 2000-2001 will be administered on October 14, 2000 at Palau Community College. The registration fee is \$125.00

Interested individuals may contact Marensia Edward, Palau GRE Center Supervisor at 488-3036.

### 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.

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## PCC Bookstore Items- They're Stylin'

Have you been to the PCC Bookstore lately? Well if you haven't, maybe you should. The PCC Bookstore has received a new shipment of wonderful items all featuring our unique College logo. Brand new jersey shirts of assorted colors are available right now as well as t-shirts. Also, there are two kinds of mugs that are selling like hotcakes! Even more, all sorts of pens are available, frisbees for the fun and sun-oriented, caps to keep the sun off of your face, and even waist pouches to hold your thirst quenching drink! Check out the PCC Bookstore today, it's not just about books anymore! For more information, call Gibson at 488-2471, ext.236.

### Reminder to PCC Staff & Students

This Summer, the College will be host to some major activities coming to Palau such as the Pacific Educational Conference (PEC) and the Vocational Academy. In addition, we continue to hold summer classes, with many of the republic's employees coming to our campus to take classes toward their degrees or for enrichment purposes. These, as a result bring additional traffic to and from the college parking lot. Therefore, everyone is asked to be patient and courteous to our patrons. Let us utilize the staff parking lot behind the bookstore building as well as the parking lot below the classroom complex located behind the Bank of Guam. We at PCC are known for our services to our customers so let's continue this wonderful legacy this Summer.

### Celebrating Birthdays



Meridith Randall July 2  
Mario Katosang July 4

**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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## Librarian Attends Grant Writing Workshop and Meets With Regional Colleagues

Jane Barnwell, PCC Librarian, recently attended a continuing education workshop, "The Grant Writer's Toolbox: Strategies for Developing Competitive Proposals." This workshop was held on June 7 at the Science Library, University of California at Irvine, and was sponsored by the Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library (PSRML), National Network of Libraries of Medicine, and the University of California-Los Angeles.

Ms. Barnwell was awarded a competitive grant totaling \$1000 to defray the cost of attending the workshop, which was designed to assist attendees in developing U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) grant proposals. The PCC Library is a member library of PSRML network.

Ms. Barnwell followed up this workshop by submitting a Year 2000 Outreach Award proposal on June 15. This proposal seeks funding to enable the PCC Library to extend access to NLM Internet-based resources to persons seeking substance abuse prevention information, including non-PCC students and community members, as well as government agencies. We will learn if the proposal was successful by July 1, 2000.

Ms. Barnwell also intends to apply for major NLM funding through their "Internet Connectivity and Information Access/Information System" grant proposals, which will be due early next year.

Upon her return from Los Angeles, Ms. Barnwell noted: "I appreciate the supplementary financial support provided by PCC to augment the PSRML stipend, making this workshop possible. As a frequent grant writer, this workshop was specially useful to me because it was designed to address the very specific requirements and priorities of the NLM proposal process."

On the day following the workshop, Ms. Barnwell visited the UCLA campus, and the PSRML, meeting with Claire Hamasu and Elaine Graham, PSRML staff to discuss grant proposal ideas. In addition, she also met with Ms. Melissa Wong, Library Director of Loyola Marymount College. Melissa had been a speaker at the PIALA conference hosted by Palau last year.

During travel layovers in Honolulu, Ms. Barnwell met with colleagues at the University of Hawaii, including Dr. Karen Peacock, Pacific Curator, Eileen Herring, ADAP Librarian; and Kris Anderson, PRAISE Librarian. Jane also met with Dave Coleman, Science Reference Librarian at UH, who is working with Ms. Barnwell on library support for the regional marine resource consortium, MAREPAC.

Finally, Ms. Barnwell met with Sandra Abbot-Stout, Librarian at the U.S. NOAA-NMFS SW Fisheries Science Center Honolulu Laboratory Library. "The timing of my visit to the Honolulu Laboratory

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## PCC Alumnus Graduates at Texas University

Cleory N. Cleophas, a 1997 PCC graduate with an AS degree in police science has accomplished another milestone in his educational quest as he just recently graduated with a Bachelor's degree in political science from Texas University at Tyler, Texas.

Cleophas' father in an interview with a local newspaper, said his son went to PCC for two years and thus the family was able to save thousands of dollars in expenses. With more articulation agreements with various colleges and universities in the United States being developed, a student is guaranteed to transfer all PCC credits should they decide to further their educational career in the U.S.

PCC proudly congratulates Cleory N. Cleophas and wishes him further success in his future goals and aspirations.

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## PCC-CRE to Conduct Workshops at PEC Conference

Palau Community College-Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE) staff will be conducting three workshops during the 17th Pacific Educational Conference (PEC) that will be held in Palau from July 25-27. The workshops will cover a variety of topics that relate to PCC-CRE programs. The annual PEC conference is co-hosted by Palau Community College (PCC) and many of the sessions will be held at the PCC campus.

Mr. Yimnang Golbuu, Dr. Nelson M. Esguerra and Dr. Aurora G. Del Rosario will present a workshop on Conservation Oriented Programs at Palau Community College-Cooperative Research and Extension on July 25 at 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in room 57 at Palau Community College campus. This workshop will cover the following topics:

Status and Conservation of Coral Reefs of Palau; Key Insect Pest of Micronesia Root Crops and their Control; and Plant Tissue Culture in Germplasm Conservation and Exchange.

Ms. Geraldine Rengiil will present a workshop on the Monitoring of Water Quality at Ngerikiil and Ngermeskang River on July 27 at 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in room 59 at Palau Community College campus. The workshop will discuss the goals of the water quality program and Best Management Practices.

The Cooperative Research and Extension Department of Palau Community College is pleased to take part in this conference and contribute to the development of educators in Palau and the region.

*Ms. Barnwell*, from page 1

Library was excellent. Sandra had several enormous piles of duplicates that I was able to go through and select items for the PCC Library. I was able to get newer editions of several expensive reference works such as Research Ceters Directory, World of Learning, and Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory. Sandra also donated to our library a large backset of the Pacific Seabird Group Bulletin and Ecology. In fact, several boxes Sandra mailed to us have already arrived, and these materials are being processed as fast as possible to befit all PCC Library users. These wonderful donations made the trip an even more worthwhile investment for PCC!"

## FWS Tutor Program For Kids

The Federal Workstudy Tutor Program continues to be in high demand with (25) students from (5) elementary schools in Palau currently receiving tutorial help in Math, English, and Reading at Palau Community College.

The tutors are PCC students assigned by the Federal Workstudy Supervisor Mitsko Walter, based on their exemplary skills in the said subjects.

### Elementary Schools:

Maris Stella  
Koror  
G.B. Harris  
SDA  
Airai.

### Tutors:

Epsie West  
Brengei Katosang  
Vameline Singeo  
Larissa Antonio  
Robertha Moon  
Sharon Elbelau  
Felisa Kazuma  
Elilai Elobt  
Jason Maluchluw

For more information about the FWS Tutor Program, please contact Mitsko Walter at 488-2471, ext. 266.

# RETENTION WEB PAGE

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

## Upward Bound Summer

One of the exciting and noteworthy activities for the Upward Bound students during the summer component is the Cultural Awareness Program (CAP). Its purpose is to expose students to the many aspects of Palauan culture and to enrich them with their unique background as an islander. The CAP for this summer includes Palauan historical site visits, weaving, chanting, and traditional dancing for men (Ruk).

On June 9, with assistance of ROP Cultural Affairs staff Mr. Ringang, the Upward Bound students went on a field trip to visit a famous historical site in the state of Airai - "Bai ra Melengel". The trip was educational and the students were introduced to various aspects of the Bai including the construction and the materials needed to construct a traditional Bai.

Under the guidance of two elders from the community, Upward Bound students were also taught various cultural skills. Female students learn the art of Pandanus weaving through the help of their CAP tutor, *Mamang Dibedong Kunihiro* while the male students are taught by a well-known Palauan historian, Mr. Obakrairur (Paulus Sked) the traditional Palauan chant and dance.

With the Upward Bound annual graduation banquet approaching, the students should and will be ready to showcase the many traditional skills they have acquired during the Cultural Awareness Program.



Mamang Dibedong Kunihiro (2nd-left) gives a student a hand in the Pandanus weaving class at the PCC Bai.

The Canoe Association of Palau thanks Ezra Takeo and his staff for their help during last Saturday's fun-night!!!



Obakrairur Paulus Sked (c) listens attentively as a student recites a chant. The UB students will be showcasing their newly-acquired talents during their up-coming graduation banquet.

## 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](mailto:janeb@belau.org)) or Imengel ([imengelm@belau.org](mailto:imengelm@belau.org)) at 488-3540 if you will be travelling off-island. Thank you!

## Academic Calendar Summer 2000

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



FSM Nurses stop at the PCC Bai during their campus tour last week. They were part of a bigger delegation of nurses that were on island last week to attend a conference at the PCC Cafeteria.