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were very detailed and included residential dwellings, community halls or meeting place, canoe house and spirits houses. The exhibits also included miniature canoes, canoe house, bamboo rafts, and meeting place of chiefs.

Place Testing Schedule for Fall Semester 2004

Date/Time	Activity	Location
August 9-13 (M-F) 9:00-11:00 am & 1:00-3:00 pm	English, Math, Science (walk-in testing)	Project Beacon
August 10 (T) 9:00 am.	Keyboarding Test	Room Number 67
1:00 pm	Institutional TOEFL	Project Beacon
August 12 (TH) 9:00 am	Keyboarding Test	Room Number 67
1:00 pm	Institutional TOEFL	Project Beacon
August 13	Keyboarding Test	Room Number 67

Note: Keyboarding test is administered in groups setting for 15 minutes
Institutional TOEFL is also given in groups setting for 2 hours
All summer and fall 2004 are required to take all these tests if not taken yet
Continuing students who need science credits or Keyboarding are encouraged to take tests

For more information please contact Office of Student Life at 488-3036

PCC Library News You Can Use

Written by: Imengel Mad, PCC Library Technician

The PCC Library's Micronesia-Pacific Collection recently received a copy of *Government of Palau: A Nation That Honors Its Traditions* by James E. Davis and Diane Hart. It explains the structure and functions of Palau's system of democratic government. This book is the first to provide Palauan students and any interested individual with a basic understanding of principles that underlie that system. It emphasizes the relationship between citizens and government and the importance of citizens being involved in governmental decision making.

Websites of the Week

<http://www.pacificweb.org/index.html> - This website displays statistical data for the current and former US Insular Areas. These include Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, United States Virgin Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The statistics fall into three general areas: (1) results of census, (2) results of intercensal surveys, and (3) administrative records, including yearbooks. Links to other web pages are included. Please check 'staff' to request information or to submit any comments.

<http://www.sonsorol.com> - For the really adventurous with time to spare and a whimsy for the boat, the Sonsorol Islands, some 400 miles southwest of Koror offer pristine beaches and a lot of traditional Pacific island culture. Today's technology enables you to visit this place at the comfort of your own desk. This website offers you a brief history of the island, black and white photos dated 1090 and 1937, movie clips, slide shows and many more.


Reminders

During the summer break, PCC Library is open from 8:00am to 5:00pm Mondays thru Fridays. Saturdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sundays are 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Regular PCC Library hours will resume on August 23rd.

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9th Festival of Pacific Arts a Huge Success



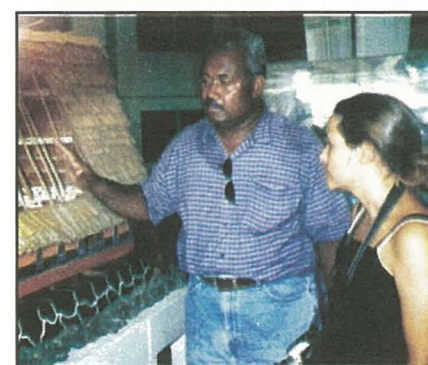
Thousands of people from across the Pacific and the world arrived in Palau to attend the Republic's hosting of the 9th Festival of Pacific Arts. It was an incredible gathering of many cultures and Pacific peoples joining together to celebrate our unique heritage and traditions. Although Palau's hosting of the Festival proved to be a major logistical, technical and economic challenge, which required extensive community involvement and financial investment, yet the people proved to be up to the task and did a spectacular job of hosting this once in a lifetime event. The successful hosting of this event is a testament to the hard work, commitment and dedication of Palau's traditional leaders, government officials, state representatives, community groups, the local private sector and all the volunteers who came together as a nation to show our guests the best Palau has to offer. The idea of a Festival of Pacific Arts was conceived by a summit of the Pacific leaders who brought their island communities together for an international event that would reinvigorate an awareness of our cultural heritage. This effort was a manifestation by Pacific leaders to encourage their respective communities to share their cultures and foster deeper awareness and friendship between our Pacific communities.

Beginning in 1972, people from throughout the Pacific come together every four years to share and exchange their culture at the Festival of Pacific Arts. They come from more than 27 countries, and the number of participants has increased dramatically over the years from a few hundred to thousands. The Festival has now become a major international cultural event, and is the largest gathering of Pacific peoples who have come together to learn, to share, to respect and to understand each other's history, culture and traditions. The Festival was created by the Secretariat of Pacific SPC's governing Conference in an attempt to stem the erosion of traditional culture and promote cultural exchange between island peoples within the Pacific. Congratulations, Palau for a job well done!



Young Palauan Female Dancers Pose Prior to Their Performance

PCC Leads on Traditional Architecture



PCC President Patrick U. Tellei Explains to a Visitor How a Model of the Traditional Bai is Built

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei is the Chairman of the FPA Traditional Architecture Committee whose role was to coordinate Traditional Architectural Program for the Festival. A role PCC President Tellei would cherish, as he is

one of Palau's foremost expert on Palauan traditional architecture as well as a staunch supporter and practitioner of Palauan traditional building arts. The Exhibition was held at PCC'S Temekai Building where its woodshop is located. The Traditional Architecture Program entails exhibits the knowledge and traditional architecture of the Pacific. The display consisted of miniature models or replicas of their respective village or community in their home islands. Many of the replicas

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PCC President Patrick U. Tellei Bids Farewell To FPA Visitors

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Administration Faculty and Students, I would like to thank the many guests who joined the Republic in commemorating this hosting of the 9th Festival of Pacific Arts. You have honored us with your presence by showcasing your art, your songs and dance but most of all for sharing with us your beautiful culture and friendship. This was truly a once in a lifetime experience whose warm memories we will cherish for many years to come. Although this event brought us together from the four corners of the Pacific ocean to display our distinct cultural traditions, this special occasion was much more than the honoring of our diversity but rather it was the rediscovery of the universality of our common humanity; that we are one brotherhood of island nations bound together by our mother, the ocean.

As you leave Palau, please know that you have become more than honored guests, you are family and Palau will always be your second home. I wish all of you a happy and safe journey home and Godspeed.

DAUGHTER & MOTHER'S DREAMS COME TRUE....

A success story of a Young Palauan Entrepreneur



You can do anything if you put your heart to it, comments, Ms. Eunice Akiwo.

The Palau Small Business Development Center (Palau SBDC) receives positive feedback from Local Produce Enterprise, owned by Ms. Eunice Akiwo. Eunice Akiwo is a graduate of University of Washington majoring in Business and International Relations. She is currently pursuing her career goals with the Ministry of State under the Bureau of Domestic Affairs. Eunice Akiwo's ultimate goal is to revive what was once her family's business with her mother along her side overseeing the day to day operations. "I know that together with my Mom, we will revive this family business with new ideas and we will improve sales better than ever.

It's difficult to revive activities versus new start-ups. However, I am confident that my Mom and I will make it better. Local Produce Enterprise is different and will be good, it will not only serve the community demand for customs, but added

value delivered produce. Additionally, we will provide consistent production for deliveries on customer requests", commented Ms. Akiwo. In partnership with her mother, Mrs. Akemi Akiwo and the guidance of Palau SBDC, the daughter and mother team have been working hard to complete their business loan proposal for submittal to National Development Bank of Palau. The daughter and mother joint efforts have been positively rewarding and most especially, with the financial support from the National Development Bank of Palau in approving their loan 100%. "The revival of the family business that has been a mission and a dream is unfolding in reality," says Mrs. Akemi Akiwo. The daughter and mother team received their loan approval on February 20, 2004, and began their business development on the 23rd of February of this year. Both daughter and mother team has had their share of business, livestock farming, and educational experiences. Historically, the Akiwo Family, owned a piggery farm in which the late Mr. Raymond Akiwo owned and managed. However, the passing of a dear father and husband and Ms. Akiwo off to college, no one was there to pursue in the footsteps of the late Raymond Akiwo in the piggery business and eventually with time, the piggery was run down to closing down.

The new business opened its doors in June 2004 and will call themselves, "Local Produce, Local Produce Enterprises

timing couldn't have been better. They made it in time for the 9th Festival of Pacific Arts and are providing produce to some of the restaurants on the island. If anyone would like to solicit Local Produce's services for pork, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Eunice Akiwo or Mrs. Akemi Akiwo at P.O. Box 691, Koror, Republic of Palau 96940. When Ms. Akiwo is asked of any advice for young prospective entrepreneurs, she says, "You can do anything if you put your heart to it. Don't give up or get discouraged. Good deeds come to us when we try harder".

Palau SBDC would like to congratulate the daughter and mother team for their dreams come true. We hope you will succeed in your future endeavors. Additionally, Palau SBDC will continue to offer workshops for individuals, prospective businesses, pre-venture, and existing businesses in preparation or to enhance your business skills. Future workshops will be promoted with flyers posted at all the large shopping centers, government public bulletins, and advertisements in the PCC *Mesekiu* newsletter. Similarly, each workshop announcement will be aired through Eco-Paradise 87.9 FM. If you are interested in business and would like to receive assistance through personal consultation/counseling or as in groups in a workshop, please contact the Palau SBDC at Tel. #(680)488-6004 or e-mail at palausbdc@palaunet.com for appointment or sign-up for workshop.

BITS AND PIECES...

9th Festival of Pacific Arts Happenings at PCC Campus...

PCC campus frontal parking area becomes the central point of transfer for the 9th Festival of Pacific Arts. During the 10-day festival, a row of yellow school buses can be seen lined up in front of PCC. PCC students and staff found alternate parking spots, or alternate transportation to the campus, to ease congestion and to allow the parking area to be used for the different island delegations. If you are driving by this area, take precautions as pedestrians cross the street to and from the various venues of the 9FPA to catch the buses to their respective living quarters.

Ministry of Health has set up a temporary Medical Clinic on campus inside the AHEC building. The clinic is staffed with a doctor, a few nurses, and a counselor, from 7:00am to 11:00pm. The staff are on stand by for any acute care during the 9th Festival of Pacific Arts. To date, most of the cases to the clinic have been dehydration. With high humidity and temperature as high as 90 degrees at times, please keep yourself hydrated by drinking lots of water and eating fruits such as watermelons and oranges.

PCC Campus opens its doors to the 9th Festival of Pacific Arts. PCC main switch operations extended hours of service from 7:00 am – 10:00 pm to attend the high volume of incoming calls through the College's main numbers during the 9FPA. This was in parallel with scheduled activities on campus during the 9FPA as well. The College campus became home to the 9FPA Media Center, responsible for all media coverage for the Festival. It was also home to some of the exhibitions, namely Architectural, Philatelic, Photography, Film, Police Security and Natural History. On location too were WWFM 89.5, Reseladokow, Adult High School Booth, the Outpost, as well as the 9FPA Security Office.

Deadline for Scholarship Opportunities in Two Weeks!

This is an announcement reminding all graduating high school seniors and current PCC students from Palau who will be attending PCC this coming school year 2004-2005, 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, 2004, the deadline date.** For more information about these abovementioned scholarship programs, contact PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471, extension 253.

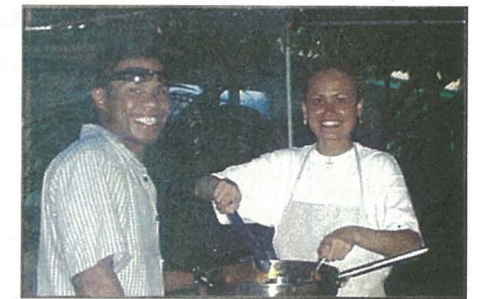
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CRE AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Due to low enrollment in agriculture and home economic classes here in Palau and throughout the Micronesian region, the Agriculture Development in the American Pacific (ADAP) Pacific Land Grant Program is offering several \$500 scholarships to students pursuing a degree in these two very important areas. This scholarship is open to any student at PCC pursuing these two subject areas. Agriculture and Home Economics are two very diverse areas of study and include a lot more than just cooking and farming. An Agriculture student might study biochemistry to design a non-toxic pesticide, while a Home Economics student could look into creating accurate food labels.

If you are interested in applying, please pick up an application from Kris at the CRE office. The deadline to apply is September 3, 2004. For more information, please contact Kris Lloyd at 488-4983.