

Celebrating Birthdays



Eric L. Carlson Aug. 14
 Juan Camacho Aug. 14
 Dilubch Samil Aug. 14
 Edmund Uehara Aug. 19

Happy Birthday to you!

Scholarship from page 3

-Make a master syllabus from all the individual course syllabi you receive.

-See your academic advisor at least once a term.

You are spending not only your valuable money, but, equally important, your precious time on your education. When you do not go to class, you are quite literally burning money and resources for no good reason. Be a good consumer and get your money's/time's/worth.

Inclusiveness: Make friends with a diverse group of people from around the country and the world. Celebrate differences and realize that we have much more in common than we do apart. Beware the rhetoric of hate; it will consume you.

Character: Choose to be a man or woman of character. Tell the truth. You will become trustworthy. Say what you mean, do what you say, and when you don't, admit it.

Sexually: Make the choice now to be sexually responsible. It is O.K. not to have sex! Take time to learn about AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, and the other risks. Your campus nurse has the most accurate information. Choose to be responsible. Please Choose to take care of yourself.

Freedom: Choose to be free from dependence on alcohol or drugs. Alcohol is related to rapes, divorces, homicides and the deaths on the road. It has become the number one killer of men and women 18-24 years of age. Think about it. And be free!

Parents: Do one of two things - thank your parents for doing a good job, or begin the process of forgiving them for not being perfect. Anger at your parents or because of your parents destroy your joy. Let it go! You are a unique individual with great potential. And if you need help letting go, talk to your academic

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.

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.

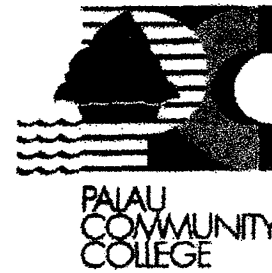
advisor or a counselor. Do not let the past haunt your present and destroy your future.

Warriorship: A warrior is a man or woman who is no longer afraid to be his/her real self. Accept yourself. You can become anything you can imagine. Choose to see the good within yourself. Do not let fear hold you back. A life lived in fear is a life half lived.

Success: "Success is the peace of mind that comes from knowing you did the best you were capable of doing and you are the only one that will ever know that. Do your best! There is only one person you cannot fool-yourself!

Each one of us has been given a full life to live. Most college students have spent nearly one quarter of those days getting to college. That leaves three quarter of a lifetime to make your masterpiece! We have a finite number of days to live and infinite number of experience. There is no time to waste and no time to be wasted. Dream, plan, achieve, enjoy... and dream once more. Welcome to the time of your life. Make it a great one!

Let's all remember Fran Kinsang in our prayers as she leaves to the States for medical treatment. We hope that everything turns out well and she will return home in good health.



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Friday, August 18, 2000

Weekly Newsletter

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Planning for 2nd Thanksgiving Dinner Underway - PCC Anticipates Sold Out Tickets Again!

Planning for PCC's 2nd Thanksgiving Dinner Fundraiser for the PCC Endowment Fund is underway and is being spearheaded by the Development Office. The dinner will once again be held at the Palau Pacific Resort and PCC hopes to raise at least \$50,000 to the College Endowment Fund. Last year was the first time the College held an event of this nature and magnitude and it was an overwhelming success. The dinner helped raise \$52,000, an amount that exceeded the goal of the dinner.

Part of the reason that last year's dinner was so successful lies in the fact that so many fantastic prizes were given away. This was made possible because the College had strong supporters such as the following who donated prizes:

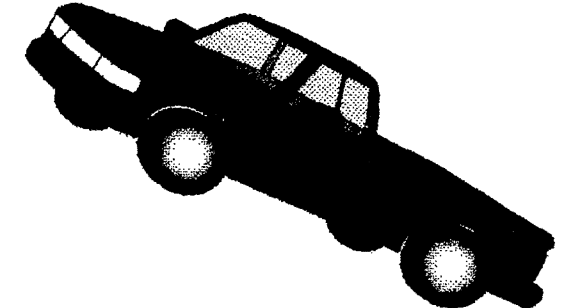
- *Western Caroline Trading Company - \$14,800 Toward Vehicle Grand Prize
- *Surangel & Sons Company - \$2,000 First Prize
- *Rudimch Enterprises - \$1,000 Second Prize
- *Palau Governors' Association - \$1,650 (3rd to 10th Prizes)
- *Rent-It-Center - Brand New Chainsaw
- *Palau Pacific Resort - Room & Dinner Gift Certificates

Last year's lucky winner was none other than Mr. Immanuel Maldangesang who walked, or rather drove away with the grand prize, a brand new Toyota Hilux pick up truck. The winner of the 1st prize was Mr. Herson Soaladaob, a PCC student, and Aimeliik State Government won the 3rd prize.

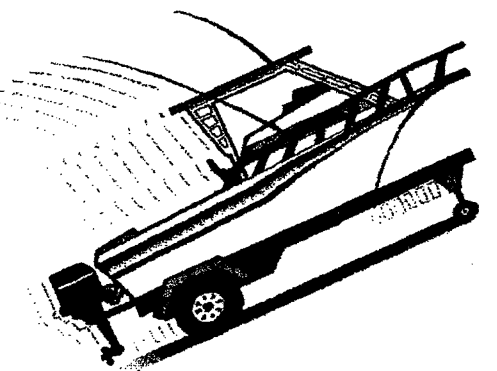
Well aware of last year's success, PCC is planning for a dinner that will be as exciting if not more successful than last year's event. Like last year, the dinner will be host to only 500 participants so everyone is asked to secure your seat by contacting Jay, Armstrong, Fran, Grace, Hulda, or Dilubch at the PCC Development Office telephone number 488-2470/2471. Last year, we regretted having to turn away close to one hundred interested participants due to sold out tickets!

Remember, for every \$100 donation to Palau Community College, you get a seat to the dinner and a chance to win fantastic prizes! Moreover, the dinner will feature a traditional thanksgiving meal with turkey and the works! To help wet your appetite, we'll let you in on a little secret: The Grand Prize will either be a brand new vehicle or a new boat and trailer!

Now, which one will it be?...**MORE TO COME in later issues of Mesekiu's News!**

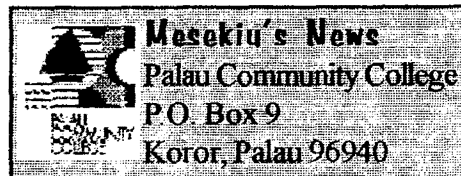


Which is it?



For Further information about the PCC Thanksgiving Dinner or PCC Endowment Fund, contact Jay Olegeriil or anyone of the staff at the PCC Development Office telephone number 488-2470/2471.

NOTE: Tickets to the dinner are available at the PCC Development Office for only \$100 each. Remember, we have only 500 tickets to sell so buy your ticket(s) today.



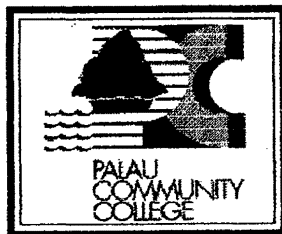
PEACE CORPS MICRONESIA THANKS PCC

PCC recently received a letter from Brian Lynch, Technical Coordinator, thanking PCC President Tellei and the College for its contribution to this year's Pre-Service Training held in Palau. Lynch was especially grateful that the training went very smoothly and encountered little difficulty. Of the thirteen participants in the training, seven will be stationed in the Federated States of Micronesia and the remaining six will work here in Palau. Mr. Lynch, who teaches at the COM-FSM, was contracted by Peace Corps to conduct this summer's training.

PCC President Receives Congratulatory Message from Colleague

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei has received a letter from Martha Romero, Ph.D., Superintendent/President of Siskiyou Joint Community College District (California) congratulating him on the partnership for Technical Education. Dr. Romero also noted that she receives the College's *Mesekiu's News* and so has followed the progress the College has made under the leadership of President Tellei. This is great news for our President and us. Let us continue working hard in implementing the programs and services that we offer to our students and communities we serve!

Description of the Palau Community College Logo



The Rock Islands have, by their sheer uniqueness, become a world famous trademark for Palau. Nowhere else in the world is there anything quite like them. This natural phenomenon found only in Palau characterizes PCC's distinction as truly Palau's college. The Rock Islands symbolize our commitment to become an institution distinguished among community colleges throughout the world.

The lush vegetation of the Rock Islands provide an environment in which all forms of life thrive in natural harmony. This life nurturing nature of the Rock Islands symbolizes PCC's mission to enrich Palau through its commitment to the development of our citizens.

The rock which forms the Rock Island symbolizes the solid foundation on which PCC must stand to deliver its mission. The rock represents the essence of PCC as an institution and the unified dedication of its faculty and staff to carry out the College's education training mission.

The Rock Islands have withstood the test of time and braved the forces of nature through millenniums to remain a sanctuary for all sorts of life forms. This serves as a symbol of PCC's dedication to life-long learning. The abundance of life that makes its home on the Rock Island symbolizes the enrichment of experience for anyone who invests time with the College.

The Rock Islands' spotless beaches, beckoning all to bask in their splendor, symbolizes PCC's pledge to open its door to anybody, of any age, creed and background, who is looking for an opportunity for a better life.



Upward Bound Receives Supplemental Award from US DOE

Earlier this month, the Upward Bound Program received a supplemental award from the United States Department of Education. The award of \$10,000 will be geared to purchase computer hardware, software, as well as provide for support staff training. With these in place, the Upward Bound students are assured of being in a position to take full advantage of the many opportunities made available through technological advances. The Upward Bound staff are now in the process of upgrading and purchasing the needed technology and software to be readied for implementation when the program begins its academic year component in October 2000.

At the same time, UB Project Director Kuye Belesai and her staff are currently putting together a proposal toward Participation Expansion Initiative Grant that is due later this month. If received, this \$85,000 grant will enable Upward Bound to serve 20 additional students, bringing the program participants' quota to eighty. With the long waiting list of interested participants, this grant would further open opportunities to many eligible college bound students in Palau who can benefit from the program's services. For information about Upward Bound, its programs and services, please contact the Office of Upward Bound at telephone number 488-2962.

How Did the Mesekiu become the Mascot for Palau Community College?

Palau Community College, back in 1993, conducted a community-wide contest to choose the mascot for the College. Resulting from the contest, the Mesekiu (dugong) was selected to be the PCC Mascot. With several entries to choose from, the decision to select Mesekiu was eventually made based on the following:



- The Palauan Mesekiu is unique to Palau, just like PCC
- Because the Mesekiu is unique to Palau, it must be preserved, nurtured, and protected. Like the Mesekiu, PCC is Palau's only college and needs the community's active support and assistance in order to thrive
- The Mesekiu cares for its young until it can survive on its own. PCC strives to provide a quality educational experience to all our students, preparing them for success in either four-year degree institutions or out in the world of work.

For a more detailed version of how the Mesekiu became the PCC Mascot, please contact Presley Etibek, PCC Dean of Student Services at tel. #488-5122.

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

COLLEGE WELCOMES ALL STUDENTS

On behalf of Palau Community College faculty, staff and administration, President Tellei hereby extends a warm welcome to all the continuing, returning and new students and wishes them a productive fall semester.

Welcome to The Time of Your Life!

Welcome to the time of your life! You have survived that "right of passage" we call high school. Perhaps you took some time off, or maybe you began the journey at the community college. In any case, you are indeed, Off To College, and we would like to share some information with you that might help you get off to a great start. While there are many ways to be successful, there seem to be some Critical Decisions that will determine whether the college experience is a good one for you and you persist until you get your degree and leave prepared to make a contribution not only to yourself, but to the world.

Scholarship: Make a decision to become or continue to be a

PCC-Cooperative Research & Extension, Telephone #488-2746, 488-4983

scholar. This should be every student's number one priority. Consider the following steps:

-Attend every class... you are certainly paying for all of them!

-Sit in the front row... it doesn't matter how big the class is if they are all sitting behind you.

-Make sure the instructor know your name... people get better grades than social security numbers do.

-Read every assignment as well as something off the "suggested additional reading list."

-Take notes and recopy them in outline form at the end of the day.

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PCC Office of Admissions & Financial Aid Dates to Remember Fall Semester 2000

August 18-25, 2000	Late Registration Period
August 21, 2000	First Day of Instruction

USDA Approves a New Research Project Proposal of PCC-CRE for controlling "Nguk" in Palau

The United States Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Services (USDA-CSREES) recently approved a research proposal on Biological Control of the Taro Leafhopper, locally known as "Nguk" in the Republic of Palau. This new Hatch funded project aims at collecting and rearing facility at R&D Station at Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui an effective biological control agent for the taro leafhopper. Pure cultures of the mirid bug, *Cyrtorhinus fulvus*, will be released in different areas of Palau where taro plantings continuously suffer from leafhopper infestation. Prior to releasing the bugs to other areas of Palau, tests will be conducted in the rearing shed to find out if the mirid bugs will not attack or become pest of other economic crops as well.

Since its introduction on Pohnpei, FSM in 1947, the mirid bugs were responsible for maintaining the taro leafhopper population at low level on taro. It was also released four times on Kosrae in 1992 and since then it was credited for controlling the leafhoppers.

The taro leafhopper is an important and major insect pest of taro (Dait) in Palau. Nymph and adult leafhoppers prefer to stay on the undersurface of leaves and petioles. They suck

the sap from taro making the plant looks sickly and unthrifty, causing the plant to produce small corms at harvest. It is known to transmit serious diseases of taro.

A mirid bug, *C. fulvus*, specifically feeds on the eggs of the taro leafhopper. Hence in a few months, the bug can reduce the taro leafhopper population to a very low level enabling farmers to successfully grow taro in their farms. This mirid bug is prey specific, will not attack other non target insects and will not become a pest of other crops. It has been proven as an effective biological control agent for leafhoppers.

As of now farmers are using insecticides such as Malathion to control the leafhoppers. We need to involve biological control which is environmentally friendly for use in controlling pests of crops.

Our purpose is to control the "Nguk" which is one of the major pests of one of Palau staple food known as "Dait" sweet taro, *Colocasia esculenta*, using biological control which is environmentally friendly.

For more information, contact PCC-CRE at Telephone: 488-2746, Fax: 488-3307, or e-mail: ASuta@palaunet.com.