

Celebrating Birthdays
 Presley Etibek August 21
 Vincent Ito August 23
Happy Birthday to you!

Double Your Brain Power

- **Tackle information** you want to commit to your short-term memory in the morning. Reason: The brain section that stores short-term memory items performs about 15% better in the morning. But switch to the afternoon for items you want to keep in your long-term memory because that part of your memory bank hits its stride later in the day.

- **"Reverse and rephrase"** to overcome negative thoughts about your ability to learn something new. Example: Instead of "I won't remember what I'm learning," tell your brain "I've already learned to recall many things-names, dates, computer commands. So I can and will remember this."

- **Plan for an upcoming learning event** by selecting a reward you'll give yourself afterward. Pick something you wouldn't usually buy or do. Picture yourself enjoying the reward just before the learning event starts. Repeat the process whenever you feel anxious about learning the information. Note: No matter how things turn out, give yourself the reward.

- **Answer these questions** after you read something that you want to remember. What was it about? What parts of it were most important? What opinions, if any, did it contain? What's my opinion of it? What element makes it unique? Note: Do this mentally or in writing - whichever works best for you.

- **Rely on graphic devices** to increase your reading speed and to help you zero in on the main points in books and other publications. Examples: italics, boldface, underlining, bulleted lists, charts, graphs, etc. As you go through pages, ignore regular text and scan only for these devices. When you find one, slow down and read those sections more carefully.

- **Boost your thinking power** by taking the time to really think about the answers to these questions about a situation, some information or a problem: What seems to be the key idea here? Does this resemble or parallel anything I've already learned or experienced? Do I still have a nagging question about any part of this? When I put everything together, what do I see as most important?

Source: *Double Your Brain Power: Increase Your Memory by Using All of Your Brain all the Time*, by Jean Marie Stine, Prentice Hall 240 Frisch Courts, Paramus, NJ 07652.

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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.

Academic Calendar

Fall 2000

Dates to Remember

August 18-25th	Late registration/Drop & Add
September 4th	Holiday: Labor Day
October 2nd	Holiday: Independence Day
October 3rd	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grade
October 9-13th	Midterm Period
October 20th	Last Day for all Withdrawals
October 24th	Holiday: United Nations Day
November 23th	Holiday: Thanksgiving Day
November 23-24th	Student's Thanksgiving Day
December 8th	Last Day of Instruction
December 11-13th	Final Examination Period
December 15th	Grades Due
December 15 to January 1st, 2001	Student's Fall Recess



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Environmental/Marine Science Program Launched - PCC's Proactive Approach Pays Off!

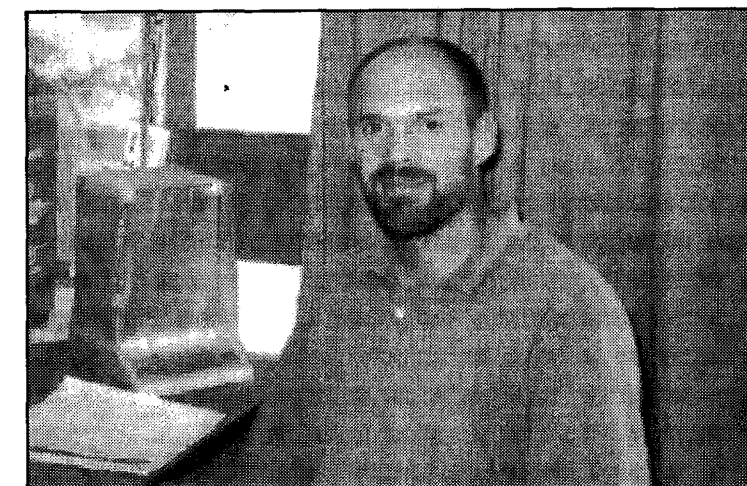
Beginning this fall, Palau Community College (PCC) proudly launches its newest program, Environmental/Marine Science. This program came about after some research and study conducted by the College through Ms. Rebecca Christiansen. After having done research and conducting interviews with local environmental agencies, construction engineering companies, government agencies, tourism companies, and the PCC Science staff, recommendations on the implementation of a science program were put together for official consideration.

The result of these efforts is an AS program in the natural sciences with an emphasis on Environmental/Marine Science. This program is designed to provide a solid background for students interested in pursuing a degree at a four-year institution, provide technical training for students who wish to work after PCC, to meet the demands in Palau for a more scientifically literate public, and to provide the option for government employees to improve their skills.

PCC was very pleased with the amount of input from outside agencies. Because of this input, the program has been designed to provide students with the practical skills necessary to meet the needs of local employers. Furthermore, PCC is mindful of those students who wish to continue their education abroad; hence, PCC is already working toward articulation of this program with colleges and universities in the Pacific region, especially UH Hilo, to make the transferring of credits possible. This will benefit students as they can invest the first two years of their environmental/marine science education right here in Palau!

PCC initially began work on this program as the field of Environmental Science is one of the nation's priorities. At the same time, RPPL 5-17 Section 3(h), the law which established the Palau International Coral Reef Center, mandates the PICRC to work with PCC in establishing a marine science program. Therefore, this proactive approach taken by PCC has paid off and will truly benefit those Palauan students who aspire to pursue careers in the field of marine science.

This effort now sees PCC offering 15 different programs, some of which were also recently launched, like Nursing and Education. PCC strongly encourages any and all interested individuals to enroll in this newest program offered by the College. For more information on the Environmental/Marine Science program offered by PCC, please contact Ms. Alvina Timarong, Acting Dean of Academic Affairs at telephone number 488-2471.



Michael Hubbard
 Environmental/Marine Science Instructor

PCC's 2nd Thanksgiving Fund Raising Dinner is Coming Up!

Call us at PCC Development Office
 telephone number 488-2471
 and buy your ticket(s) today.

Hurry, only 500 tickets available for a
 fabulous dinner and wonderful prizes on
 November 22, 2000 at the
 Palau Pacific Resort!

**Proceeds of the fund raising go to the
 PCC Endowment Fund!**

PREL Congratulates PCC for Job Very Well Done!

It seems that lately, PCC has been the recipient of some very positive messages. On August 16th, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei received a letter from Mr. John Kofel, President and CEO of the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL). Writing on behalf of the PREL Board of Directors and the 1000+ participants in the recently held 17th Annual Pacific Educational Conference, President Kofel congratulated President Tellei and PCC for what the College did for those who attended. PCC co-hosted this year's conference and most of the sessions were held on the PCC campus. Because of the success of the conference, President Kofel in his letter to President Tellei said, "This year's conference was an enormous success by any measure. It simply would not have been possible without the commitment and support of the Republic of Palau, the Ministry of Education, and Palau Community College". PCC thanks President Kofel for his kind words and pledges to continue serving the Pacific region any way we can!

United States Issues its newest Coin: *The Golden Dollar*

The following article was taken from a UNITED STATES MINT brochure featuring the GOLDEN DOLLAR:

The United States Mint, in accordance with the US \$1 Coin Act of 1997, has issued the newest addition to the US collection of coins, the Golden Dollar. This will replace the Susan B. Anthony (SBA) Dollar Coin and comes in golden color, with a wide border and smooth edge. The decision to come up with a new coin came as a result in the demand for a dollar coin, considerably useful to the vending and mass transit industries, especially when supply of the SBA Dollar was exhausted.

The Golden Dollar's obverse side will feature the famous Sacagawea, a young Shoshone woman who accompanied Lewis and Clark on their journey which went from the Great Northern Plains all the way to the Pacific. Adept at navigation and diplomacy, Sacagawea was instrumental in the success of the journey. The fact that she carried her infant son, Jean Baptiste, during the journey is even more amazing. (The obverse side was designed by Glenna Goodacre, an American sculptor).

The reverse side of the coin (designed by Thomas D. Rogers, Sr.) depicts an American bald eagle surrounded by 17 stars, the number of the states of the Union at the time Sacagawea, Lewis and Clark were on the expedition (1804). Benefits of the Golden Dollar include:

- Convenient alternative to bills for vending machines
- Faster transactions
- Easily distinguishable from other US coinage
- Golden Dollar alloy matches the electro-magnetic signature of the SBA coin, allowing it to be used in coin-operated machines that currently accept the SBA
- Lighter and less cumbersome than four quarters
- More durable than paper tender

PCC Bids Farewell to Evans Imetengel, Welcomes Jemmy Belelai



Evans Imetengel

Mr. Evans Imetengel, a dedicated Counselor at PCC since coming on board August 11, 1985, has moved on in his career to become Education Specialist III, under the Ministry of Education's (MOE) Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction. Evans replaces Mr. Jemmy Belelai who retired after serving 30 years in the national government. The PCC family wishes Evans much success as he takes on this new venture in his career.



Mr. Jemmy Belelai
PCC Education Instructor

At the same time, Mr. Jemmy Belelai has entered into a part-time contract with PCC whereby he will be teaching ED 192 (Practicum: Observation and Participation), ED 201 Human Growth and Development), and ED 204 (Teaching/Learning in Pre-K to Grade 1) this fall 2000 semester. PCC welcomes Mr. Belelai and looks forward to working with him!

ATTENTION ALL READERS

By now, you probably have heard about the excellent and moving Keynote Address that PCC student Ms. Elilai Bullis gave during the Opening Ceremony at this year's 17th Annual Pacific Educational Conference held in Koror, Palau. Please note that copies of her speech are available upon request made to the PCC Dean of Student Services at P.O. Box 9 Koror, Palau 96940, or by calling (680) 488-5122.

PCC WELCOMES STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF FOR THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR

This week saw the College begin classes for the fall 2000 semester. The College welcomes everyone to the campus and looks forward to providing all with a quality educational experience. Please stop by any office if you need help, our college staff will do their best to assist you or refer you to the right people to provide for your needs.

Guide for Parking Space

Given an expected total enrollment to exceed that of last fall, the parking spaces throughout the campus will be very busy. Therefore, everyone is encouraged to utilize the additional parking slots near the School of Engineering classrooms as well as the ones between the Bookstore building and the Cafeteria. Once again, welcome one and all!!!

New Peace Corps Volunteers at CRE

Two new faces at CRE belong to Kris Lloyd and Gus Landry, the new Peace Corps Volunteers will work at CRE for the next two years.

Kris Lloyd came to Palau from Michigan. She has a bachelor's degree in Marine Biology from Texas A&M at Corpus Christi. While here in Palau she will work with CRE staff on marine conservation areas and community education. Kris hopes that her stay here in Palau will be productive and that she can contribute to the conservation efforts here in Palau. She hopes to be a productive member of the CRE team.

Gus Landry came to Palau from Louisiana. He has a bachelor's degree in General Studies with minors in Fisheries, Wildlife and Speech at the University of Louisiana. While here in Palau he will focus on aquaculture projects at the R&D Station in Ngaremlengui. Gus gained his aquaculture experience while working at Natchoches National Fish Hatchery in Louisiana. While here in Palau, Gus hopes to assist in the development of sustainable and profitable aquaculture industry here in Palau.

Root Crops and Banana Germplasm Collection

The Palau Community college Cooperative Research and Extension has been collecting and establishing a germplasm collection of different varieties of root crops which are the prime staple food in the country. This serves as a national depository and genebank of the different varieties of sweet potato, cassava, taro and bananas in Palau. This will also ensure the preservation of these varieties as part of our national heritage as well as for the education of the future generation.

At present, PCC-CRE has a germplasm collection of 22 varieties of sweet potato ("emutii"), 50 varieties of cassava / tapioca ("diokang"), more than 60 varieties of taro ("dait"), and 20 varieties of banana which are being maintained in a field genebank at the Research and Demonstration Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui. These are donations of various Women's Groups and participants during Women's conferences and other generous individuals. They are being evaluated morphologically for shoot and root characteristics, yield, resistance or susceptibility to pests and diseases, and consumer acceptability.

In an effort to increase our germplasm collection of root crops, CRE staff went to Ngaraard and Ngarchelong and interviewed "mechas" on the different kinds of root crops they have been growing. PCC-CRE would like to thank Muiako Yosteru, Pauline Skang, and Hilde Skang for donating thirteen kinds of taro to our collection. These are now being grown in our upland and

wetland taro germplasm collection for propagation and evaluation. Some of the senior citizens we have interviewed informed us that some "dait" and "diokang" are no longer available, so we need to preserve what we have now.

Of the 32 known varieties of banana in Palau, we have collected and planted only 20 varieties in our banana germplasm collection. We would appreciate receiving 2 pieces of planting materials of each of the following banana varieties to complete our collection:

Teliud	Beosi Keam
Ngemekau	Tatirou
Samoa	Fei
Nemed	Buuch
Omuit Besengel	Omote
Otaor	Red Blantalos

If you wish to donate plants to our root crops and banana germplasm collection, please contact PCC-CRE at Tel No. 488-4983.



Miuako Yosteru of Ngaraard presenting her donation of taro from Ngaraard



Pauline and Hilde Skang presenting their donations of taro from Ngarchelong