

PCC CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

KABOOM!

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OA Student



"Oh wow!" was all you could say about the volleyball game between the Sbachel (1-2) and Uelfins (1-1). Last Tuesday October 12, 1999, these two teams collided to display their skills, but only one could walk away victorious. In the first set, the Uelfins opened the game with an impressive 8-0 score which made Sbachel's player Lyndon Ngiramolau scream, "oh my" to rejuvenate the energy of his teammates. The Sbachels kept things interesting with a seven straight point comeback to make it an 8-7 score before being stopped cold by the Uelfins. The Uelfins took the first set with a score of 15-7. The second set was all Sbachel with a convincing 15-8 victory. The Sbachels got great plays from their main unit, Lyndon, along with the cheers from team captain Heather Mira and supporter Herson Soladoab. The victory sent the game in to the third and final set. Already biting their nails and sweating with anticipation, the crowd cheered the players on. In the third set the Uelfins dominated the Sbachels, walking away victorious with a score of 15-7. It was Pasqual Theodore who came up big for the Uelfins when they needed it. When asked, "What gave you the energy to carry your team?" "It's all in the shoes" said Pasqual. Jacob Yanilamou of Uelfins commented, "We're good and we're gonna be in the championship, so watch out for the Uelfins".

Please come and support your favorite team. The volleyball games are every Tuesday and Thursday, 5:00pm at the PCC Volleyball court. Please contact the PCC Recreation Staff at Tel. # 488-3885 for more information.



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PCC 3 on 3 Basketball League

Final standings for the 1999 regular season:

Pool A	W	L
1. Makukoreee.....	3	1*
2. Psychoz.....	3	1*
3. Tourism World Order I (TWO1).....	3	1*
4. Astelevista I.....	1	3
5. Andone.....	0	4

Pool B	W	L
A. Merredes.....	4	0@
B. City2000.....	3	1@
C. Obebeu.....	1	3
D. Wa'abese 2k.....	1	3
C. Ech-Hangers.....	0	4

The top three leading scorers for the regular season are:

Name	Team	Points Per Game
1. Kayvin Yarotgilug	TWO I	29.0 ppg
2. Tamag Direas	Wa'abese 2k	28.8 ppg
3. Fritz Bisa Demei	City2000	28.8 ppg

@ = Teams who are in the playoff

* = Teams who will play to determine first, second, and third place in Pool A.

For more information please contact the PCC Recreation Staff at Tel.# 488-3885.

Belias Softball League Schedule

Sunday, October 17th	
1:00 pm	PCC Mesekiu Vs. Rechuul
2:00 pm	PCC Marlins Vs. Comets

Starting October 17th, all games will be played on Sundays only. This latest revision is to accommodate the Palau Major League Baseball schedule. A complete schedule will soon be provided to all team managers once it is finalized. For more information, contact LeoBen Teriong at 488-2471.



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PCC Instructor in Conference Hiroshima, Japan

On behalf of the School of Liberal Arts, Mr. Howard Charles, an English/Music Instructor at Palau Community College, would like to formally thank Senator Joshua Koshiha, Chair-Committee on Education, for per-diem; PCC President Tellei for per-diem; Mr. Tangy Anastacio, Chief of Personnel, Ministry of Education for per-diem arrangement from OEK; and Meridith Randall for time-allowance for Mr. Charles' trip to Hiroshima, Japan on August 18-24, 1999.

Mr. Charles was invited as a presenter on the theme "The effect of pop (music) globalization" on Palauan/Oceanic music which was very well received. It was a profoundly moving experience for Mr. Charles to mingle with about 270 other professionals (professors, museum curators, ethnochoreogists, ethnomusicologists etc.) He has a copy of the participants/members anthology from all around the world. Mr. Charles felt that he should mention that this organization is in a formal consultative relationship with UNESCO of the United Nations and is considered a non-governmental organization. The council is comprised of about 400 professionals from forty-seven countries around the world. The secretary general of the council asked Mr. Charles if he would also be willing to be the national representative for Palau on this council and Mr. Charles willingly agreed.

Mr. Charles believes this event engraved the art of Palauan music into its niches in history among all the nations around the globe. Moreover, his participation significantly contributed to his individual development, and raised the awareness of Palau's institution of higher learning and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Palau among a company of high caliber.

Mr. Charles also believes many wonderful things will come out of this event which will be mutually beneficial for the International Council of Traditional Music, our college, and the Republic as a Nation.

note: Mr Howard Charles apologizes for the oversight from the first publication of this article in last week's Mesekiu's News issue.

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Sasakawa Peace Foundation Visits PCC



(l-r) Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, former Finance Minister, DIET member, President, Japan-Palau Friendship Parliamentary League; Patrick Tellei, PCC President; Setsuya Tabuchi, Chairman-Sasakawa Peace Foundation; Masa-Aki Emesiochl, Chairman-PCC, BOT; Masao Salvador, ROP Ambassador to Japan; Takashi Shirasu, Director-Sasagawa Pacific Island Nation Fund; Reizoo Utagawa, Managing Director-Nippon Foundation.

On October 6th, 1999, the college was fortunate to have a visit from a delegation representing the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, a world famous organization dedicated to improving relations among the Pacific nations and Japan. As such, the Foundation funds proposals for projects like distance education for nurses and the development of Japanese language courses at Pacific colleges.

Several dignitaries associated with the Foundation met with President Tellei and PCC Board Chairman Masa-Aki Emesiochl; they included Setsuya Tabuchi, Chairman of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation; Takashi Shirasu, Director of the Sasakawa Pacific Island Nations Fund; Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, the former Finance Minister of Japan; and Reizoo Utagawa, Managing Director of the Nippon Foundation. Also present were Rieko Hayakawa, Associate Program Officer for the Foundation; Jane Barnwell, PCC Librarian; and Tomomi Tani, PCC Japanese Instructor.

After the meeting with President Tellei, at which he presented the visitors with copies of *The History of Palau* and PCC memorabilia, the group toured the library, the main computer lab, and the new classroom building.

It was a great honor to have the Foundation visit the campus, and PCC hopes it marks the beginning of a relationship which will result in increased benefits to the students.

PCC Conducts Sponge farming Workshop, Farm Setup and Surveys

Palau Community College-Cooperative Research & Extension just completed a series of sponge farming workshops, surveys and farm setups in Palau in collaboration with College of Micronesia-FSM and University of Hawaii/Pacific Sea Grant Program. The sponge farming program being conducted by PCC-CRE is part of its efforts to promote sustainable income generating ventures for communities throughout Palau. So far, PCC-CRE has conducted sponge farming workshops in four different states in Palau, established six private sponge farms and surveyed several areas in Koror and Babeldaob for the presence of the commercial wool sponge.

Sponge aquaculture has several advantages over other types of aquaculture. It is a simple, low maintenance and an environmentally friendly method of aquaculture. All you need to start a sponge farm are ropes, knives, sharpening stones, needles and a suitable area in the reef. This is in contrast to other type of aquaculture where a farmer would need to spend thousands of dollars to buy the necessary equipment and supplies before they can even start their farms.

Since sponges are filter feeders, there is no need to feed the sponges. They feed themselves by filtering their food out of the ocean water. Other species that can be maricultured, like marine shrimps and finfish, require much more maintenance and feeding.

Sponge farming is also a sustainable and environmentally friendly method of aquaculture. When sponge farmers first start their sponge farms, they will need to collect wild sponges as seeds. During the initial collection, wild stocks are harvested by cutting only the top part of the sponge. About 1/4 of the sponge that is attached to the bottom, is left so that it can grow back. There are two reasons why the bottom part of the sponge is not removed during harvesting. The bottom part of the sponge will grow back, so we are not hurting the wild population by harvesting. The second reason why the bottom part is not harvested is because it is full of sand and small rocks, which makes it unsuitable for planting. Once the sponges are ready for harvest, the biggest ones will be used as broodstocks to replant the farm. By using these fast growing sponges as broodstock, the growout time can be reduced significantly.

Sponges are slow growing animals. It takes about two and half to three years after planting before the sponges are ready to be harvested for sale. The problem with slow growth can be overcome if sponge farmers plant every month.

After 2 1/2 years when the farm is ready to be harvested, the farmers can harvest every month. They only need to wait for 2 1/2 years once and after, can harvest every month if they plant every month.

There is a strong commercial market for natural sponges. Wool sponges are mainly used for bathing and cosmetic purposes, window washing and other similar purposes.

Hospitals also prefer to use natural sponges because of their ability to withstand high sterilization temperatures. The outlook for the sponge market is good since the demand for sponge is evident. While it is not likely for sponge farming to make anyone rich, it could provide a stable income for a farmer. How much a farmer can earn from his farm will depend on how much effort he or she puts into the farm. Farmers in Pohnpei can plant about 200 sponges in four hours. If the farmers work three times a week, they can plant 30,000 sponges in one year. Out of the 30,000 sponges the farmer can harvest and sell about 15,000 sponges. If the farmer sells at an average price of \$1.00 per sponge, the farmer will gross \$15,000 in one year. The rest of the sponges that are not sold will be used to replant the farm.

There are several types of sponges that have commercial value. The wool sponge is the most valued commercial sponge. It has soft texture, is very absorbent and the most durable of all sponges. Retail prices of wool sponges in Florida range from \$6.50 - \$10.50 each. The paint sponge is less valuable commercially and its retail price in Florida ranges for \$1.45 - \$1.95 each piece, but we found a paint sponge at a local store here in Palau that sells for \$7.50. If the wool sponge can be marketed locally for the tourists, they will pay a higher retail price for the sponge.

For more information, Please contact Palau Community College-Cooperative Research & Extension at telephone 488-3309 or e-mail Asuta@palaunet.com.

PCC Brings GPS and Business Management Training to Kayangel

Dean of Continuing Education, Willy Wally, is in Kayangel this weekend to help facilitate two separate trainings for the people of Kayangel. Dean Wally is accompanied by Santy Asanuma of Asanuma Enterprises who will be conducting the Business Management Training; and Steven Swords, a licensed boat captain who will be conducting the Global Positioning System (GPS) training.

These trainings are being conducted per Kayangel's request during PCC President's recent visit to the state this year. Similar requests were also received from Angaur State and plans are being made to bring similar trainings to Angaur after Kayangel.

PCC is grateful for Santy Asanuma and Steven Swords for their continued support in helping PCC bring trainings such as these to the other states of Palau.

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ROP President Thanks PCC for Support During the 30th South Pacific Forum

11 October 1999

Mr. Patrick U. Tellei
President
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Dear Mr. Tellei:

I would like to take this opportunity and extend my sincere appreciation and personal thanks to you and your staff for your support and commitment during the recently concluded 30th South Pacific Forum meetings in the Republic. You and your staff provided excellent, professional services and the use of the College facilities, vehicles and boats made possible the success of the Forum. The landscaping done by your staff, instructors and students was beautiful. Your gesture showed that we can all work together harmoniously to enhance the interest of our nation.

Your support and contribution also made it possible for our us to share our rich resources and to show our true Palauan spirit to our guests. Once again, let me extend my sincere appreciation for your commitment and support during the Forum.

Sincerely yours,

Kuniwo Nakamura
President, Republic of Palau

ASVAB Test

This is to announce that the ASVAB Test for the Military is now scheduled for October 27, 28, and 29, 1999. The time is 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

If you have any question regarding this test, contact the Ministry of Education - Student Services Office at 488-2479.

Special Election Announcement

A Special Election for SBA President and Secretary is now scheduled for October 20, 1999 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at the PCC Bai. Contact Dean Presley Etibek at 488-5122 for more information.

Courtesy Announcement

The University of Southwestern Louisiana will begin its second century of service in the year 2000 with a new name.

Effective immediately, its new name is the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Their athletic teams will continue to be known as Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns.

UL Lafayette is a member of the University of Louisiana System.

CAMPUS VISITS

Over 60 Palau High School Career Development 1 students visited the campus last month. The students were very impressed with the campus and the staff.

15 elementary students from Ngeremlengui toured the campus on October 8th. They were on field trip to see old landmarks and buildings from the Japanese Administration.

Science Instructor Mike Hubbard and the Academic Affairs Office would like to give a big "Thank You" to the 9 students in SC 129 who took the time to do a thorough inventory of equipment at the Science Lab. We can now place orders for equipment we need so that we will have a substantially better lab in the Spring. Thank you Clyde, Carline, Lynna, Kimberly, Romarie, Benson, Zane, Shelda, and Sheila!

THANKS

Academic Calendar Fall Semester 1999

October 11th - 15th	(M-F)	Midterm Period
October 18th	(M)	Last Day for All Withdrawals
November 25th	(TH)	Holiday: Thanksgiving Day
December 10th	(F)	Last Day of Instruction
December 13th-15th	(M-W)	Final Exam Period
December 17th	(F)	Grades Due (End of FaSemester)