



Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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Sweet Taro (Kukau) Germplasm Collection

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Palau is known to be a rich center of genetic diversity of taro in the Pacific. This is evident in the many kinds of taro grown and used as staple food. Palauan taro has been recognized to be resistant to some pests and diseases which have ravaged the taro industry in other South Pacific island countries.

The Palau Community College - Cooperative Research and Extension Department has been collecting and establishing a germplasm collection to serve as a national depository and a genebank of the different kinds of Palauan taro at the PCC-CRE Research and Demonstration Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui. Of the 62 known varieties of taro in Palau, we have only 38 varieties in our collection. PCC would like to request assistance from the public to donate 5 to 6 planting materials of the following varieties of taro to ensure the preservation of these varieties as part of our national heritage as well as for the education of the future generation. These will be a part of our research on varietal evaluation for yield, as well as pest and disease resistance, results of which are very much needed for sustainable economic development. The varieties needed are:

Taro Varieties needed at PCC-CRE

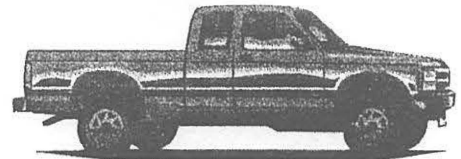
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| 1. Ngermasech | 13. Klei |
| 2. Ordiil | 14. Merii |
| 3. Riu | 15. Dung ra bong |
| 4. Terrekaki (Red) | 16. Nekken (Taiwan) |
| 5. Kelbael | 17. Sotimo |
| 6. Kirang (Becheleleu) | 18. Urungel (Saipan) |
| 7. Kirang (Bekerkard) | 19. Ochab |
| 8. Ngemekeang | 20. Ochelochel |
| 9. Dirraklei | 21. Meltat |
| 10. Ysaol (Barbarang) | 22. Dirratengadik |
| 11. Erderid | 23. Dirraiousch |
| 12. Kolumba | 24. Ongdibel |

PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE 1999 THANKSGIVING FUNDRAISING DINNER

PALAU PACIFIC RESORT
November 24, 1999

GRAND PRIZE:	Brand New Toyota Pick-Up Truck
1st Prize:	\$2,000.00
2nd Prize:	\$1,000.00
3rd Prize:	\$500.00
4th Prize:	\$250.00
5th-10th Prizes:	\$150.00

Lots of other
great prizes.....



Only 500 tickets are available, so buy your ticket today!
Contact PCC Development Office at Tel: 488-2471.

Tickets will be for a buffet dinner and entertainment at
Palau Pacific Resort.

All proceeds from this fundraising event will go to the
Palau Community College Endowment Fund.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact the PCC-CRE at 488-2746, fax: 488-3307, or email Asuta@palaunct.com.

Letter to the President from the Minister of Justice

28 September, 1999
MOJ99-177

Mr. Patrick Tellei
President
Palau Community College
Republic of Palau 96940

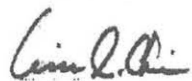
Dear President Tellei:

Whatever you make of your life, let it be something that reflects the love of God. Whatever you do, remember that Christ is calling you, in one way or another, to the service of love: the love of God and your neighbor. This quotation signifies the importance of molding a genuine relationship in the family, at work, and most of all in our community,

To develop a mutual understanding and a common vision, one must be able to learn to forgive and accept one another as they are regardless of our difference and capabilities. For the last years as Minister of Justice, I realized that there are people in my life that I owe them apologies or words of gratitude and appreciation. Responsibilities instigate results and accomplishments; however, we must recognize and treat people as they are by promoting respect and integrity of individuals.

Time can be an obstacle of that golden moment of becoming friends and companions by affirming one another. Let us all take this step and make it a habit to greet one another with a simple "hello" and make time to interact and learn from one another. As the saying in the Old Testament, "There's a season for everything." Our attitude must spring out through God's love to mankind.

Sincerely,



Elias C. Chin,
Minister of Justice

Parking Lot Reminder

The main parking lot is reserved for students and guests of the college. All Staff and Faculty are encouraged to utilize their assigned parking spaces and refrain from parking on the main lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

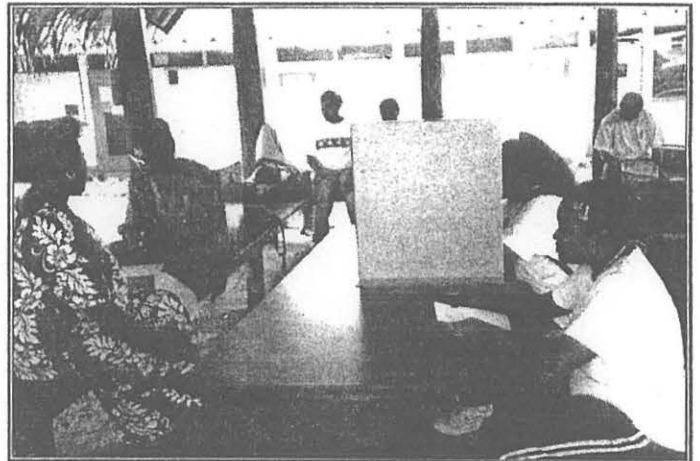
Business Development Specialist on Campus

Jerry Linville, a Business Development Specialist from the University of Hawaii-Manoa, is on campus today to meet with President Tellei and Vice President Katosang.

The meeting will be to discuss further the possibility of bringing two business faculty from the UH-Manoa, College of Business Administration to help improve our own business programs here at PCC.

Mr. Linville will be in Palau until October 28 for those who are interested in meeting with him to receive assistance in developing small businesses. Contact Fidelia Tengoll at 488-2471, ext.245 to schedule an appointment.

SBA Special Election Held



Students cast their votes on who will be their next SBA President and Secretary.

"Over seventy-five percent of PCC students turned out to cast their votes on Wednesday, October 20, during the Student Body Association (SBA) special election." This is according to Presley Etibek who is the Dean of Students at PCC. "This is a great indication that PCC students are becoming more and more aware, and want to be involved especially in the decision-making process of choosing their leader," added Mr. Etibek.

The special election was held to fill the vacant seats of the SBA President and Secretary which remained vacant after the September election. Candidates for President were Francis Kintaro Silk and Marcia Inacio while Kimberlee Hanser ran unopposed for the Secretary position.

Results from this special election will be published in the next week's Mesekiu's News issue as they are not yet available.

RETENTION WEB PAGE

Shining Stars for this Week

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully completed all 30 hours of Reading:

- Sabina Andrew
- Callistus Chigmai
- McQueen Elidechedong
- John En
- Avery Fernando
- Shirley James
- Johana John
- Rudimch Kuroda
- Iris Leyarofyaro
- Remasch Oingerang
- McRay Omelau
- Inez Remengesau
- Kevin Renguul

High Achiever Students at Midterm

The following students whose midterm grades were among the top in their classes are hereby commended for their successes. Please note that not all instructors were able to provide their students' scores. Congratulations!!

- AG111 Fredrick Ikertang, Glendalynn Ngirmeriil & Chester Piyerigal
- AG213 Uelbil "Pua" Michael
- AG214 Uelbil "Pua" Michael
- AMT Alton Samsel & Juan Yarofeluw
- A&P Carolyn Ngiraswei, Julie Rivera & Jennifer Williams
- BA122 Leinath Nagata
- BA159 Marcia Inacio & Iwalani Tesei
- BL205 Edward Anastacio, Eloisa Senior, Julita Lorenzo & Zane Isamu
- CJ111-1 Audrey Alfonso, Dave Rengulbai & Gary Techur
- CJ111-2 Demei Elechuus, Emmilou Manabat & Bryson Ngiraturerang
- CO111-3 Edward Anastacio, Lin Jung-Yin, Franston Kual, Glendalyn Ngirmeriil, Sarah Rubario, Losii Samsel, Lynna Thomas & Futralina Umwech
- CJ223 Mokokil Rechirei & Richard Tellames
- CS121a Heather Mobil, Jonny Ngeluk, Sophia Teblak & Wynn Yobech
- CT211 Wayne Andrew, Callistus Chigmai & Jesse Fagoisap
- ED110 Alec Maidesisil, Armedia Obeketang, Bernadette Tasong, Epsie West, Hosiana Rengulbai & Yvonne Ruluked
- EN091-2 Nadia Defngin, Eucelfa Cruz, Elizabeth Sasao & Patrick Tabelual
- ED192 Bernadette Tasong, Peter Paulus & Epsie West
- EN093-4 Sonrisa Blailes, Ernest Blodak & K.C. Yamoto
- EN095-3 Alex Kaluu, Faye Ngirchomlei, Tiffany Yang
- EN120-1 Gwendolyn Ewatel, Jack Idechong & Lei Nagata
- EN120-3 Cindy Fritz, Latifa Ngotel & Yuichiro Ono
- EN200 Edward Anastacio, Chia (James) Ho & Naomi Yamamoto

- HP180-1 Uelbil "Pua" Michael
- HP180-2 Sidney Kemper, Glendalynn Ngirmeriil & Janice Watanabe
- HP180-3 Leticia Sisior, Gwen Sisior & Ernest Blodak
- HP181-1 Wayne Andrew, Mokokil Rechirei & Dora Joseph
- HP181-2 Helena Yoichi, Audrey Alfonso & Martin Dale Bishop
- HP185 Kubarii Joe & Inglore Tellames
- JP109 Analiza Ililau, Fengqi Chen & Carmelita SangalangNU204 Magrina Aderiano, Wolcatt Erungel & Jasper Salvador
- OA095-2 Gabriel Grothog, Marisa Martin, Shoan Kual & Kyle Brel
- OA112 Perry Timarong, Franston Kual, Sonrisa Blailes & Losii Samsel
- OA208 Helena Yoichi, Esmeralda Smau, Persilla Rengiil & Neeshell Ngirngbedangel
- OA211 Sarah Rubario, Eloisa Senior & Analiza Ililau
- OA221 Losii Samsel, Analiza Ililau & Sofaia Mekoll
- SE111 Ryan Mikel
- SS104-1 Dora Joseph, Eloisa Senior, Jeany Spis, Epsie West & Janice Watanabe
- SS104-2 Athena Blau, Loretta Kintoki, Debbie Ngiraibai, Percy Paul, Chester Piyerigal & Shannon Sinccio
- SS100-1 Mesiwal Madlutk, Ciarrisa Rdang & Joycelyne Tonyokwe
- SS100-6 Deidre Bosil, Sandy Kinto, Serabel Kuniwo, Jacey Kay Pedro & Culum Ulechong
- SS100-7 Ingrid Mariur, Glendalyn Ngirmeriil, Gwen Sisior & Carrisa Subris
- SS229 Douglas Abraham, Doreen Brel, Portiana Franz, Silwai Obeketang, Joylynn Spis & Helena Yoichi
- TH101 Leonora Bates, Allen Rechelbang & Epsie West



Students winding down in the PCC Bai after rigorous Mid-Term Exams.

Academic Calendar Fall Semester 1999

October 25th	(M)	Holiday: United Nations Day
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)

PCC CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

KABOOM!

By: *Francis Kintaro Silk*
OA Student



"Rain drops keep falling on my head", was the song for the volleyball game last Tuesday, October 19, 1999. As the crowd gathered around to watch the game, so did the gray clouds. The game was between the up-tempo Uelfins (1-1) vs. the groovey Eastcoast Allstars. In the first set, the Uelfins proved too strong for the Eastcoast who were drowned with a score of 15-8. The Uelfins Team Captain Romeo Filrang's 1st serves were too much for the Eastcoast as Romeo closed out the first set serving an ace. As the clouds got darker, the game got more intense in the second set. Uelfins Team Captain Romeo sat out the second set on which the Eastcoast capitalized. The second set was a see-saw battle with scores of 8-7 Uelfins, 10-11 Eastcoast, and 13-12 Uelfins. The game was a nail-biter, then it started to rain. The rain though didn't stop the intensity of the players. It continued on and so did the Eastcoast taking the second set with a thrilling score of 15-13. Led by Melinton Subediang, the win by the Eastcoast Allstars made it a 1-1 match. The third and final set was rained-out and so stay tuned for the next issue to get final details of this closely contested match.

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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Celebrating Birthdays



Jose Azuma	October 5
Sabra Vanoosterweyck	October 6
Lorenza Joseph	October 10
Sherman Daniel	October 15
Michael Hubbard	October 15
Moses Bells	October 17
Marianne Temaungil	October 18
Helene Moros	October 20
Anita Suta-Rechirei	October 25
Besechel Kiuluul	October 27
Todd Ngiramengior	October 27
George Takawo	October 28

Tourism Club Announcement

We, the students of PCC majoring in Tourism and Hospitality, would like to ask for your support in helping us succeed in our goals. We are hosting the PCC Tourism Club Halloween Fun Night this coming October 30, 1999. Therefore, we are asking for your kind support in donating either prizes or gift certificates as door prizes for the fun night. These prizes will help us to promote the event to our potential customers.

Our reasons for holding the fun night are three-fold. First, we are trying to raise funds in order to participate in tourism related activities as a club. These activities may include Rock Island and diving tours, special training and cultural trips. Secondly, we are looking to provide a safe drug free environment for the youth of Palau to celebrate Halloween. Third, the experience of putting on such an event will help prepare us for future job responsibilities.

We hope that our efforts will contribute to a safe and fun-filled Halloween for our youth. Your cooperation in our efforts is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time, consideration and cooperation in this matter.

For more information, please contact the PCC Tourism club at Ph/Fax 488-6008.

ATTENTION Staff and Students

Please submit your articles for our weekly newsletter, Mesekiu's News, to Armstrong Debelbot at the Development Office no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesdays. Thank you for your support.