

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.

Celebrating Birthdays



Midas Ngiracheluolu	Sept. 8
Sue Ikertang	Sept. 9
Joshua Ngirgebedangel	Sept. 9
Wilma Sukrad	Sept. 13

Happy Birthday to you all !!!

YEARBOOKS for \$15.00

The 1998-99 yearbook is selling for \$15.00 a copy at the PCC Bookstore.

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Attention All Students!!!

The election of the Student Trustee, Senate Officers, and Class Representatives for school year 2000-01 will take place on Thursday, September 21, 2000. Qualification for senate members and student trustee are as follows:

- Student must be full-time (12 credits of more) degree or certificate candidate; minimum G.P.A. of 2.00.
- Student must have no record of felony or criminal offense.

Specific requirements for each position:

Student Trustee - Freshmen or sophomore with at least one-full time term prior to election.

President - Sophomore student with a minimum of 30 credits toward current major.

President-Elect - Freshmen student with a minimum of 18 credits toward current major.

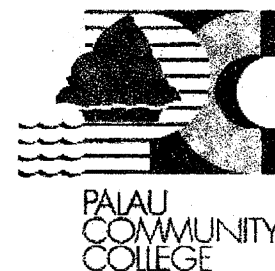
Secretary - Freshmen or sophomore.

Treasurer - Freshmen or sophomore.

Class representatives - total of four students, two from freshmen and two from sophomore class to be elected by students of each respective freshmen and sophomore class.

Election Procedure:

1. Candidates for the Board of Trustees, Senate Officers and Class Representatives shall register at the office of the Director of Student Life no later than September 14, 2000.
2. Candidates must acquire a petition form with the signature of twenty-five (25) students (seeking degree and/or certificate) which must be submitted to the office of the Director of Student Life no later than September 14, 2000.
3. Election of Student Trustee, SBA Officers and Class Representatives shall be held on Thursday, September 21, 2000.



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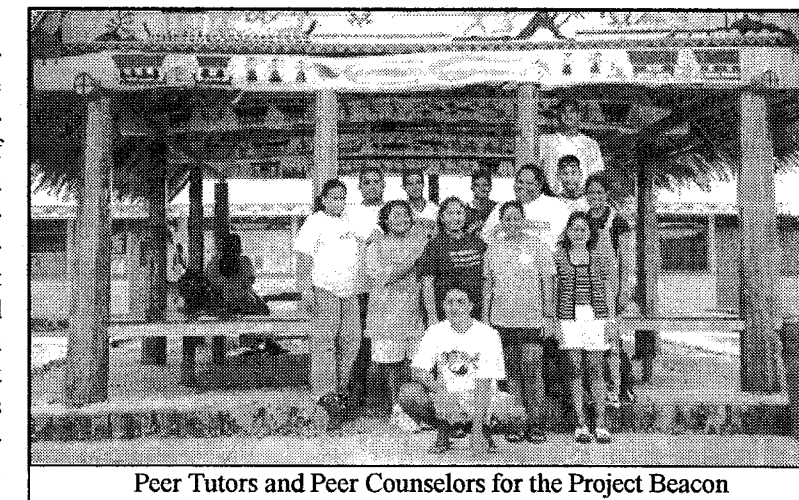
PROJECT BEACON TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR NEW CYCLE

Project Beacon, a federally funded Student Support Services program here at PCC, is currently in its last year cycle (2000-2001), and is in the process of putting together and submitting a proposal for a new cycle to the U.S. Department of Education. Should the proposal be funded again, the program would continue providing services with its main goal of assisting students to succeed here at PCC and to further their educational endeavors at four year universities. The program first started in 1984 as a skill based program with one Director, and a Math and English instructor. Over the years, Project Beacon has expanded as a result of the increasing enrollment here at PCC. Today it is comprehensive in terms of services that it is providing. In fact, Project Beacon currently has four components which include Project Counseling, Career Counseling, English, and Math.

Project Counseling provides academic and personal counseling services. On the other hand, Career counseling provides career explorations and transfer assistance to four year universities. Both counseling components of the program conduct a variety of workshops on Study Skills, Career Orientations, and College Transfer. English Instruction provides tutoring for developmental English, and handles the College's reading lab. Math Instruction provides tutoring for College Math. Both the English and Math components provide Pilot Programs, which are developmental courses in these subjects for students who are in need of individualized instruction.

At present, Project Beacon staff include Jushida Ngirgebedangel, Marianne Temaungil, Mekreos Silil, Tchuzie Tadao, Huan Hosei, and Vernice Rechebei. Peer Counselors total six, namely Cindy Fritz, Teruko Aderiano, Weldon Gideon, Romeo Filrang, Damian Mailigi and Leroy Dick. The eight Peer Tutors include Larry Uwelur, Lynna Thomas, Wayne Andrew, gwendolyn Sisor, Leticia Sisor, Muriel Sinsak and Glendalynn Ngirmeriil.

Considering the increasing enrollment that PCC is experiencing, it is only appropriate that Project Beacon staff appreciates and thanks its peer tutors and peer counselors for their dedication and hard work. Without them, it would be impossible for the program to provide much needed services to all the students who benefit from the program. Because of this, PCC and the Project Beacon staff recognize the need for the continued existence of such a program here in Palau that they are working very hard at preparing the proposal so that the program would be funded again. This would enable Project Beacon to continue serving the educational needs of PCC students now and in the future.



Peer Tutors and Peer Counselors for the Project Beacon

2ND PCC THANKSGIVING DINNER FUND RAISER
NOVEMBER 22, 2000
PALAU PACIFIC RESORT
6:00 PM

Buy your Ticket(s) to an elegant dinner and chances to win fabulous prizes! Call us at PCC Development Office telephone number 488-2471 for more information or to purchase your ticket(s) today! Remember, you just might win the grand prize or one of the many cash prizes. So hurry, only 550 tickets are available and if last year was an indication, this year's tickets will be sold out real fast!!!

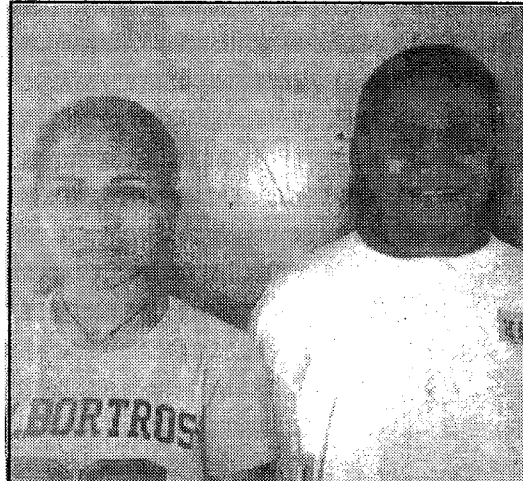
Proceeds of the dinner go to the PCC Endowment Fund.

1 Faculty, 2 Students Going to Pacific Arts Festival

From October 23 - November 3rd this year, the Pacific Arts Festival will take place in New Caledonia, an event that takes place once every four years. In preparation for this, New Caledonia has put in place a new performance hall, new museum and a contemporary art center. The festival is expected to attract thousands of visitors and participants from the entire Pacific region. The festival will also offer seminars and workshops on culture and the arts, preservation and identity issues as well as the arts' relationship with tourism and economic development.

Although Palau has not participated in the last two festivals, it will send a delegation this time and will feature exhibits, sales of crafts, dance performances, contemporary music performances, art show and stamp and book exhibit. Among Palau's delegation are three individuals who hail from PCC, namely Mr. Howard Charles (Music instructor), two PCC students Ms. Hilda Ngrachelsau and Ms. Charlene Masaichi. These two PCC students are members of the Ngarchelong Dance group called "Bngal a Klidm" that won first place in the Constitutional Day Performing Arts Competition held in July this year. PCC is very proud of our students and wishes them and Mr. Charles an exciting and learning experience at the festival.

The next time the Pacific Arts Festival is held will be in the year 2004 and will take place right here in Palau.



PCC Students Charlene M. (l) and Hilda N. (r)

UB Student Excels in UH-Hilo Math & Science Program

Every summer, PCC Upward Bound (UB) sends some of its students to participate in a six-week UB Math & Science Program in Hawaii, California, and Arizona. The UB Math & Science program is one arm of the TRIO Program specifically designed to promote learning, heighten academic development, and stimulate interest in the areas of math and science.

This summer, Ms. Koyungil Kebekol, a junior at Palau Mission Academy and also an Upward Bound student, was selected among the 37 UB juniors to attend the UB Math & Science program at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Ms. Kebekol was selected because of her interest in Marine Science and the program wanted her to strengthen her science skills in preparation for her postsecondary education.

After completing the summer program early this month, Koyungil came home decorated with honors and awards that has made the PCC Upward Bound extremely proud as she was competing with students from the US mainland and other Pacific islands. Besides achieving a 4.0 cumulative grade point average, she was awarded the Most Outstanding Student in Environmental Science and Integrated Science Classes as well as receiving the Most Improved Student Award in her Math Class.

Koyungil's accomplishments are commendable and Mr. Thomas Renguul, Palau Mission Academy Principal, has agreed for Koyungil to receive the credits she earned this summer. Upward Bound Project Director Ms. Kuye Belelailai and her staff congratulate Koyu for a job well done!!



ELIA RDIALL JOINS ENDOWMENT CLUB

We are excited to announce that our very own Elia Rdiail, Security Service Officer, has opted to join the Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. After joining, Elia said that he had intended to enroll earlier but found himself occupied with other commitments that prevented him from coming to the Development Office to enroll. At the same time, he works evenings and this also prevented him from being able to make contact earlier.

The Development Office would like to inform everyone who is interested in joining but may be too busy to come, that we are more than willing to come to your office/location. All you have to do is give us a call at PCC telephone number 488-2471, ext. 253. Remember, you are eligible to receive a refund of up to 10% of your income tax. Hence, you may donate up to that amount to PCC Endowment Fund and get 100% refund! It's a win-win situation, benefiting you and our nation's higher education movement. Join us as we work together to build our Endowment Fund and secure the financial viability of our very own Palau Community College!

DID YOU KNOW?....

On March 19, 1993, ROP President Kuniwo Nakamura signed into law RPPL 4-2, also known as the Higher Education Act.

This act created Palau Community College, formerly Micronesia Occupational College. Members of the Board of Trustees of Palau Community College were sworn in on April 2, 1993 and they were:

Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl
Bilung Gloria G. Sali
Yukiwo P. Dengokl
Yoichi K. Renguil
Felix Okabe

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Practical Hints and Tips for the Family

Holes in your pocket

Do you sometimes wonder where all your money went? They may have slipped in the holes of your pocket. Let's see if we can help find those holes in your pocket.

Lunch Box

Many of us who have a nine-to-five job make excuses not to bring lunch to work so we buy bentos, sandwiches, or other snacks to keep us going through the day. This practice may be very convenient but it can burn a big hole in your pocket. For instance, there are 52 weeks in one year with 5 working days in each week. So $5 \times 52 = 260$ working days. If you spend \$2.00 a day on snacks/bentos, it adds up to \$520 per year. That can buy you a washing machine, clothes dryer, or even a small freezer.

Betel Nut and Pepper Leaf

Let us examine the expenses of chewing betelnut with cigarettes. This is a daily practice regardless of weekends or holidays. There are 365 days in a year to be considered.

Annual spending at the minimum:

1 bag betel nuts @ \$1.25/day x 365 = \$456.25/yr.
1 bndl. leaves @ \$1.25/day x 365 = \$456.25/yr.
1 pack of cigarettes every 3 days:
 $365/3 = 122$ packs/yr.
 $122 \times \$2.25/\text{pack} = \$274.50/\text{year}$
1 bag of lime (aus) bi-weekly:
 $52 \text{ weeks} / 2 = 26$ bags/yr.
 $26 \times \$1.50 = \39.00

Therefore:

Betelnut	\$456.25
Kebui	\$456.25
Cigarettes	\$274.50
Aus	\$ 39.00
TOTAL	\$1226.00

This is the minimum amount you may be spending on chewing betelnuts annually. The amount can easily go up as the price of betelnut fluctuate with the supply and demand for the nuts. Prices for cigarettes have gone up as well as the price of lime (aus). Pepper leaf (kebui) sometimes go up to \$1.50 per bundle.

Think of all the nice things you can enjoy if you had \$1,226 extra cash on hand at year's end. Chewing betelnuts does burn a huge hole in your wallet.

Smoking Cigarettes

3 different price range

1 pack/day @2.25 x 365 = \$ 821.25 per year
1 pack/day @2.50 x 365 = \$ 912.50 per year
1 pack/day @2.75 x 365 = \$1,003.75 per year

If you smoke more than one pack a day, multiply the number of packs you smoke to the annual cost per pack according to the price range. You may be amazed at the amount you spend on cigarettes alone. At the very least, think about your personal health and think about quitting smoking.

Beer Drinkers

When you are tired, especially after a day of hard work, you may rationalize that you deserve a beer or two to unwind. Take a look at what it may cost you in a year.

1 beer/day at \$1.25 x 365 = \$456.25/year
2 beers/day at \$1.25 x 365 = \$912.50/year

1 case (24) a week @ 1.25/beer = \$30.00/week
 $\$30 \times 52 \text{ weeks} = \$1,560$ per year

Consider all the savings you can have in the bank if you cut down on these expenses.

Practical Hints and Tips for the Family was provided by the PCC-CRE office. For more information, contact PCC-CRE at Tel: 488-2746.

Academic Calendar, Fall 2000

September 4	Holiday: Labor Day
October 2	Holiday: Independence Day
October 3	Last day to remove Incompletes
October 9-13	Mid-term period
October 20	Last day for all withdrawals
October 24	Holiday: United Nations Day
November 23	Holiday: Thanksgiving Day
November 23-24	Students Thanksgiving Day
December 8	Last day of instruction
December 11-13	Final examination period
December 15	Grades due