

## 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

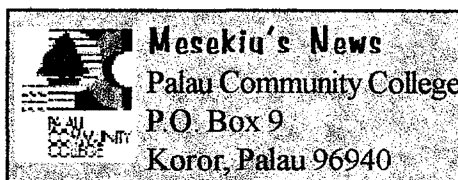


Wilma Tmecherur Sept. 16  
Rogelio Vergara Sept. 20

**Happy Birthday to you all !!!**

## YEARBOOKS for \$15.00

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



## 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:

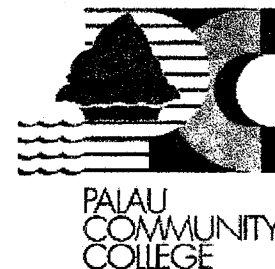
1. Candidates for the Board of Trustees, Senate Officers and Class Representatives shall register at the office of the Director of Student Life no later than September 14, 2000.
2. Candidates must acquire a petition form with the signature of twenty-five (25) students (seeking degree and/or certificate) 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.

## Class Attendance, It's Important!

All students are expected to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of each course for which they are registered. PCC has a school-wide attendance policy that went into effect in Fall 1998; any student who misses 10% of class contact hours will be withdrawn or (if the withdrawal date has passed) failed. Instructors are given the discretion to excuse absences.

Whenever it is necessary for a student to be absent from class, it is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor ahead of time. You also need to consult with your instructor regarding the work missed.

*Retention Office*



# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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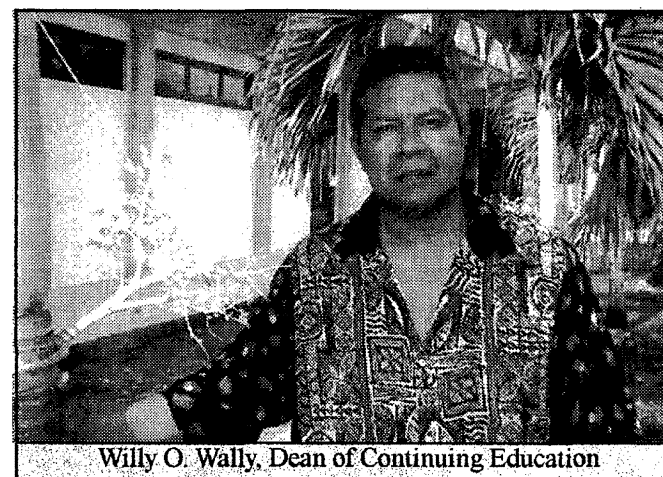


Friday, September 15, 2000

Weekly Newsletter

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## PCC CONTINUING EDUCATION STARTS SCHOOL YEAR WITH NEW PROGRAMS



Willy O. Wally, Dean of Continuing Education

The PCC Adult High School program combines academic, life skills instruction, and occupational skills instruction. The life skills instruction will include five areas, and will incorporate the basic general subject areas such as language, math, science, social studies, and health. The second component of the Adult High School will include the Occupational Skills, which will encompass concurrent career training in the occupation of one's choice, on the job training, or preparation for post-secondary enrollment. Classes will be offered during the day and evenings to accommodate students who are currently working. The first class is scheduled to begin on September 18, 2000. There are 83 students in the program, and the phone is still ringing! Eligibility requirements are for any Palauan who is 18 years of age or older, currently working or not working.

PCC Continuing Education is also recruiting eligible students to join in the new Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, being offered by San Diego State University through PCC. Classes will begin in March next year. Eligibility requirements are for those people who have already completed their AA or AS degrees with at least two years of teaching experience. In addition to the bachelor's program, a master's in Educational Leadership Program is scheduled to start in October. The new MA program is trailing the first MA program which started in February this year.

At the same time, the Continuing Education is registering for the following Short-Term Training to begin as soon as we get the minimum number of ten participants: Introduction to Surveying, Blue Print Reading, Electric Schematic Reading, House Plumbing, Basic Photography, as well as a seminar for Real Estate Development. The Palau Community College Continuing Education Division welcomes any training suggestions or request. For more information regarding any of the services provided by the Continuing Education, please contact Willy Wally at telephone number 488-2471, or stop by at the Continuing Education Office at PCC!

According to the 1995 Republic of Palau Census Data, there are 2,000 people in Palau who did not complete their high school diploma. Between 1995 and 1999, only 84 were able to complete their GED diploma. This means that the remaining 1,916 people are still without a high school diploma. The figure is rather overwhelming when we consider the population of Palau which is still under 20,000, not to mention the growing demand for foreign workers who currently occupy 5,000 jobs according to the Palau Labor Office.

Palau Community College, through its Continuing Education Division, responds to this issue by offering an option to obtain a high school diploma and secure a better job. Adult High School Program is designed to provide an opportunity for adult Palauans to gain a high school diploma and gain valuable occupational skills to improve their lives and their choice of careers. Furthermore, it does not stop there, but opens the door for anyone to continue to pursue a higher educational certification or degree.

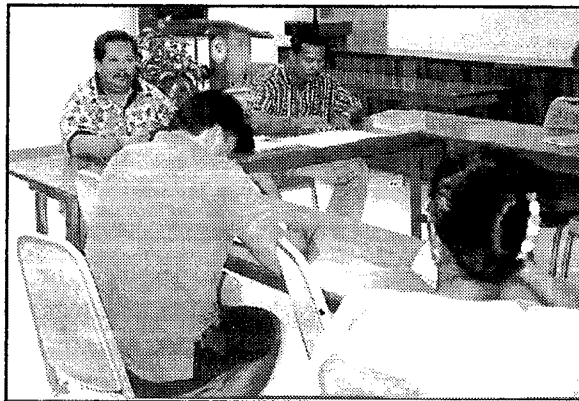
PCC THANKSGIVING DINNER  
FUND RAISER  
NOVEMBER 22, 2000  
PALAU PACIFIC RESORT

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! 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.*

## Pension Plan to be Implemented Next Month

After many years of searching for a viable pension plan program for the Palau Community College employees, PCC has decided to join the Palau Civil Service Pension Plan. This decision came after the College explored options that included establishing a separate program for its employees. The Palau Pension Plan started in 1987 and while PCC (then Micronesia Occupational College) initially participated, it opted to pull out of the program soon after.



PCC Staff meeting with Pension Plan Representatives

However, starting in October this year, PCC joins the Civil Service Pension Plan as its newest member. As an agency member, all eligible employees of the College will automatically become contributing members of the plan. Hence, eligible employees will be assessed a 6% payment from their bi-weekly salaries toward their plan contributions. The Administrator of the Palau Pension Plan Mr. Yoshitaka Adachi and his assistant Mr. Elliot Udui held a series of meetings last month with PCC employees to introduce them to the plan. During the course of the meetings, it became apparent that most employees favor joining the Plan and want to start as soon as possible. Some PCC employees who wish to join still have question about the plan, especially regarding their previous years of service and how they approach the issue of back payments. Therefore, the PCC Human Resources Office is encouraging everyone who wishes to find out more about this and other specifics and detailed information to give them a call at extension #226 or stop by and see them.

## UN Secretary General Addresses World Literacy Day

Following is the text of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan's message on the occasion of International Literacy Day, which was observed on September 8, 2000:

*Today, we mark the first International Literacy Day of the twenty-first century. It is an occasion to celebrate the power of literacy and education in promoting tolerance, understanding and peace among all people. It is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to an investment that yields immeasurable dividends in changing the lives of the poor and vulnerable of this earth, and in protecting all life on this planet.*

*Literacy and education are the foundations upon which all our endeavours to create a better world must be built. Literate people are empowered to make better choices and lead fuller lives. They are productive workers. Economic development, social progress and human freedom all depend on the establishment of a basic level of literacy in all countries of the world.*

*There are 880 million adult illiterates in the world today. Two thirds of them are women. Out of more than 110 million children who are deprived of basic education, two thirds are girls. Experience has shown that investment in girls' education and the consequent empowerment of women translate directly into better nutrition, health and economic performance for their families, their communities and, ultimately, their countries. That is why I have asked world leaders at the Millennium summit this week to make the education of girls a priority.*

*As we look back on the previous century, we do have some achievements to celebrate. Over the past 30 years, the percentage of adult illiterates in the world has declined steadily. In the next century we must do even better. As we mark the first International Literacy Day of the Millennium, let us recognize that the right to literacy is universal. And as we close the Millennium Summit today, let us recognize that literacy is a prerequisite for the achievement of all our goals -- freedom from fear, freedom from want and sustaining our lives on this planet. Let us not rest until we have stamped our illiteracy from the face of this Earth.*

## USEFUL WEBSITES FOR UN BUFFS!

The Department of Public Information (DPI) is offering a completely redesigned UN Home Page on the internet (<http://www.un.org>). This site offers an increased range and scope of material for users since it was first created in 1995. Topics covered include peace and security, economic and social development, human rights, humanitarian affairs, and international law. You may also access UN documents, maps, UN publications, stamps and databases, plus much much more. In addition, check out not only the history of the UN, but also its current state of affairs and its future on the following website (<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/landmark/amajor.htm>). This new website was made to mark the occasion of the Millennium Assembly.

For your research and information needs, check out the above websites. And, if you have useful websites you wish to share, call us at PCC telephone number 488-2471, ext. 253, and we'll help you spread the word!

## TRANSFER AGREEMENT BETWEEN PCC & BYU-H

The existing Transfer Agreement between Brigham Young University-Hawaii (BYU-H) and Palau Community College (PCC) was revised early this year. The agreement as it is now says "Students attending Palau Community College who complete their Associate of Arts (AA) degree will have met the BYU-Hawaii general education (GE) requirements with the exception of the Interdisciplinary Studies course". Other aspects of the agreement cover the following:

- Credit will also be granted for courses with a C- grade or better which apply to the major
- Credit for courses of a remedial nature (usually numbered 99 and below) will not be transferable
- Students who apply to BYU-Hawaii with less than an Associate Degree will have their college work evaluated on a course-by-course basis to determine equivalencies. Only courses with grades of C- or better will be accepted.

BYU-Hawaii also announces its Makana 'Ike Transfer Student Scholarship. Check out [www.byuh.edu/studentlife/scholarship/makana.htm](http://www.byuh.edu/studentlife/scholarship/makana.htm) for detail information.

## Japan Foundation Donates to PCC and PHS



PCC President Patrick Tellei() receiving the Japan Foundation donation from Japanese Charge d' Affaires Keiichi Hasegawa in the PCC Boardroom.

The following is a press release from the Japan Embassy in Palau following the donations made to PCC and PHS:

### EMBASSY OF JAPAN in the Republic of Palau

September 11, 2000

#### Press Release

#### Japan Foundation Donates Japanese Language Materials to Palau Community College and Palau High School

The Embassy of Japan is pleased to announce that the Japan Foundation, a non-profit and special legal entity associated with the Government of Japan donated Japanese language teaching materials to Palau Community College and Palau High School. This donation will help raise the quality of Japanese language courses in both schools. Charge d' Affaires a.i. Keiichi Hasegawa presented the teaching materials to President of Palau Community College Mr. Patrick Tellei and Acting Director of School Administration of Ministry of Education Mr. Kalistus Ngirturong on September 11, 2000.

The teaching materials donated to PCC and PHS includes textbooks, teacher's guide, dictionaries, cassette tapes, videos, photo panels, and other studying materials requested by the two schools. The Japan Foundation donates varieties of Japanese language teaching materials to support overseas educational institutions offering regular courses in the Japanese Language.

The Japan Foundation was established in 1972 with an objective to promote international relationship and mutual understanding through cultural exchange activities between Japan and other countries. A wide range of programs in conducted is more than 180 countries, such as supporting for exchange of persons, Japanese studies, art-related exchanges, media exchanges, and others.

## KSU Professor Speaks to AGS Students

By: Epsie West

On August 28, 2000, AG 111 class had a quest speaker by the name of Dr. David Norman, a professor from Kansas State University. Dr. Norman is of British nationality with a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economy.

Dr. David Norman was here in Palau on a grant from the United Nations to compile a report on Palau's agricultural economy. Dr. Norman shared with us some of his work experiences after he received his Ph.D. and went to work in Nigeria for 20 years in an agricultural research center.

While sharing his experience and knowledge, Dr. Norman reminded us that knowledge is not only gained by books or use of modern technology. He said that when dealing with farmers, work with them, not preach. Listen, learn and build.

Dr. David Norman was working in conjunction with the Informal Employment and Sustainable Livelihood (IESL) Office. The role of this office is to promote the marketing of quality local products as well as train Palauan farmers on the planning and care of their crops. Thanks to Dr. Norman, I think all of us in AG 111 class are thinking seriously about an agricultural science major.



Agricultural Science students collecting grass clippings for chickens in the deep-litter system.

### 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