

## PCC-CRE Extending to the Southwest Island

For the days of August 22nd-31st, Kris Lloyd from the PCC-Cooperative Research & Extension department visited the beautiful Hatohobei and Helen Island by the way of the trusty and sturdy ship, The Atoll Way. The two main goals for her trip were to discover if the islands had the resources to support a commercial sponge farm and look for any other viable projects that the CRE department here at PCC might be able to participate in on the islands. Kris would also be assisting in the reefs surveys and a turtle tagging initiative being done by other scientists on the trip.

While on the expedition, she helped in the reefs transect study to gather baseline data on the status of the reef surrounding the north side of the island at Hatohobei. At Helen's Reef, Kris participated in three trochus surveys in a shallow reef area and assisted in tagging green turtles in order to get vital nesting information. The big excitement of the turtle tagging project was counting the eggs being laid by a female green turtle, then recording the necessary physical data and trying to hold her down as she was being tagged. As far as Kris' own projects were concerned, she was able to make a few trips into the water around each island to try and find the correct sponge (*Coscinoderma mathews*) to start a commercial sponge farm.

During her limited underwater excursions, Kris unfortunately never found a large supply of that particular sponge. When on the islands, she checked out possible locations for on-site storage and maintenance facilities as well as areas in the water to set up the farm. From her observations, Hatohobei would be the best choice for the land-based operations but lacks a favorable spot to grow the sponges. Meanwhile, Helen Island had good areas to grow the sponges but would be a poor site for any land-based operations.

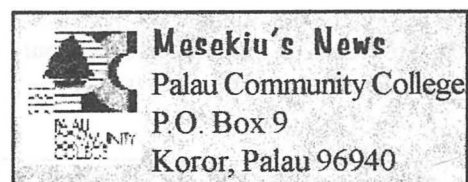
Overall the trip to Hatohobei and Helen Island was successful. Kris now has a much better knowledge of the resources of each island and its surroundings reefs and hopefully she will be able to use that information on future projects. Kris was also able to get the change to talk to many Hatobians and find out what their needs are and where PCC-CRE can best help achieve those goals in a positive manner.

Kris trip to the Southwest Island demonstrate PCC-CRE's commitment to reach communities all over Palau. This trip is the beginning of the lasting relationship with the people of Hatohobei state in which we will work together to address resource issues that are important to the people of Hatohobei State.

## GCC Donates Textbooks

Palau Community College gratefully acknowledges and thanks Guam Community College Pro-Tech Institute for their recent donation of criminal justice textbooks to PCC. James F. Wang, Palau Consulate-Guam and Kimiyo Nakamura, a Palauan student member of the GCC Criminal Justice Student Association were featured in the last Sunday (Sept. 17, 2000) issue of the Pacific Daily News accepting the donations from A.P. Sgambelluri, GCC Vice President and Mike Silva of the GCC Pro-Tech Institute.

**Thank You, Guam Community College!!!**



## Need Help? Com'on Over!

Developmental English and Math tutoring available at the Project Beacon Math & English Center. Students who need help with assignments or want to review for a tests are welcome to drop by anytime. The Project Beacon staff are ready and happy to assist you. Come over!!!

### 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.



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## 15 from Aimeliik & 1 from Ngatpang Enroll in PCC Endowment Contributors' Club!

Last Thursday September 14, 2000, some fifteen (15) additional people enrolled in the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. Prior to that time, Aimeliik Elementary School Principal Constantino Ngiraked had read an earlier issue of PCC's *Mesekiu's News* about other national gov't. employees having already enrolled in the program. He then contacted PCC and requested for a meeting so that he and his staff could learn more about the PCC Endowment Fund. Arrangements were made that culminated in last week's meeting. PCC Development Director Jay Olegeriil and the Development staff Armstrong Debelbot, Hulda Lukas and Dilubch Samil were able to go to Aimeliik for the meeting.

At the meeting, Olegeriil gave an overview of the PCC Endowment Fund, its purpose and goals. There was also time for answering questions to ensure that everyone had a clear understanding of everything that was discussed.

When the meeting came to a close, everyone attending the meeting wanted to enroll immediately. Thus, the PCC team helped them fill out their individual allotment forms so that they could begin their contributions as soon as possible. Some of the teachers commented that PCC should have approached them earlier because this is a worthy cause. One teacher said, "I know I may not personally benefit from this, but if I help PCC to continue providing educational programs in the future, my children and their children will benefit from my donation. I will also get to claim a refund for my donation anyway, so this is a win-win situation!"

That individual is correct. Any employee who contributes to PCC may receive a refund of up to 10% of their income tax in a given year. Because of this, the entire Aimeliik Elementary School, teachers and their principal challenge all the elementary schools in Palau to follow their example. As one of them put it, "After all, we as educators should support PCC as our students will one day go to school there".

Hence, PCC continues to extend invitations to everyone to join us in our effort. Together, we as a team can work to ensure that Palau's only college will be here in the future serving our nation's higher educational needs. Together, we can make a difference! Below is a listing of the newest members of the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club:

Principal Constantino Ngiraked  
Idub Etpison, 1st Grade Teacher  
Medangeliang Reklai, 3rd Gr. Teacher  
Martin Blodak, 6th Grade Teacher  
Janice Yukiwo, 2nd Grade Teacher  
Kaoru Simang, Chief Cook  
Joney Tkel, 4th Grade Teacher  
Mildred Ngirturong, Teacher's Aide

Esther Rengulbai, Spec. Ed. Teacher  
Itong Teltull, 8th Grade Teacher  
Serenia D. Mamis, 7th Grade Teacher  
Annemary M. Jackson, 5th Gr. Teach.  
Derbei Arurang, Cook  
Maria A. Ldesel, Librarian  
Lelly Obakerbau, ASG-COC  
Sasha Hosei Teacher's Aide (Ngatpang)



Aimeliik Principal, teachers, Teachers' Aide, Cooks, Librarian, and State Officials become newest members of the PCC Endowment Club

**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 how to go about purchasing 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.**

## PCC WELCOMES OUR ADULT EDUCATION STUDENTS

Just recently, the Palau Community College launched our Adult Education program headed by the Continuing Education Division. This new program has brought to the campus many new faces. One cannot help but want to stop and chat with the newest members of the PCC family. I recently did do just this week and was happy to meet a young woman who has decided that she will get the education that she always wanted. Being understandably shy, as she is new to the campus, she nonetheless told me that she is very grateful that PCC has taken the initiative to offer this type of program. It enables her the unique opportunity to have a second chance at attaining her educational goals.

While the Adult Education office is still very hectic with setting up, three courses have already begun. And, with all the enthusiasm coming from both the students and the College, this program is getting off to a good start. Please stay tuned for more Adult Education updates in forthcoming issues of this newsletter. Remember, whenever you have free time, do get to know our newest students. I'm sure they'd like to get to know us better, too.

## PCC TO OVERSEE ESSAY CONTEST AT UPCOMING INDEPENDENCE DAY

Last Independence Day, the College participated in many ways by helping through manpower, food preparation, as well as judging the essay contest. The essay contest included participants from elementary and high schools throughout Palau, and PCC.

This year, we will once again be an active participant in the Independence Day activities, much in the same capacity as last year. However, this time PCC will design, coordinate, conduct and judge the essay contest. All the local schools have been notified and are now holding their own contests, where the top three essays will move on to the national level for the final competition.

Judging of the essays will take place prior to the Independence Day Celebration; hence, the winning essay(s) will be read during the festivities. The PCC Academic Affairs is spearheading this effort on behalf of the College. Anyone who wishes to find out more information may contact Sherman Daniel at telephone number 488-2471.

## Aimeliik State Donates Wood for PCC SummerHouse Project

On Saturday September 16, 2000, PCC students got on board a truck and headed toward Babeldaob, specifically the forests of Aimeliik. These students, accompanied by PCC Dorm Manager Ephraim Ngirachitei, were well equipped with machetes and other wood cutting tools as they were going to collect building materials for a PCC summerhouse project.

The state of Aimeliik had allowed the College to collect wood as PCC's request was to collect wood that had already been cut along the Babeldaob road, and was not being used. These wood will be used to renovate and strengthen one of the existing summerhouses located on the PCC campus.

PCC takes this opportunity to thank the Aimeliik State Government and her people for generously donating the materials. Our students will genuinely appreciate Aimeliik's gesture of goodwill when they sit and relax under the cool shade of the newly improved summerhouse!

## CU & SIU GET NEW PRESIDENTS

This past July 1st, The Board of Trustees of Clark University announced the appointment of Dr. John E. Bassett as the eighth president of Clark University. The inauguration ceremony for Dr. Bassett will take place sometime in the Spring of 2001.

As for Southern Illinois University, its Board of Trustees appointed Dr. James E. Walker as president. Dr. Walker formerly served as President of Middle Tennessee State University. He will assume his duties as president of SIU come October 1, 2000. Palau Community College congratulates both Presidents Bassett and Walker and wish them success!

## THANK YOU EMMA!

The PCC Library would like to thank our own Ms. Emma Ultirakl for her generous donation of some 22 fiction titles to the Library. Her donation is impressive in that it covers a myriad of interesting subjects ranging from romance to murder mysterious and espionage. Emma is not only a good cook, she has good taste in reading materials. Come to the PCC Library and check out her donations! Once again Emma, Ke Kmal Mesaul!

## PCC BOOKSTORE: WHAT'S IN STORE FOR YOU

In case you have not visited the College Bookstore lately, you just might have been missing out. The PCC Bookstore is unique in that it not only sells books, it also sells other very useful and convenient items. For example, to protect you from the rays of the hot sun, the Bookstore offers PCC caps. To help keep your coffee/tea hot, PCC coffee mugs are available as well. Furthermore, mousepads, pens, pencils license plate frames, jersey shirts, tee shirts, and much more all featuring the proud PCC logo are also available for you. At the same time, the Bookstore does sell nice cold drinks of all varieties so that you have a healthy choice. And, if you are pressed for time, grab that delicious home-made bento and/or snack to help you go through the day. Come by the PCC Bookstore and check it out. You certainly won't be disappointed.

## PCC INTRAMURAL TOURNAMENTS

(The following article was submitted by PCC Recreation Division)

With the beginning of a new school year come high hopes of making it to the championship in the College's Intramural Volleyball, Softball and Basketball tournaments. The Recreation Division has been working hard to organize these tournaments and is proud to see that many teams have already registered to participate. It looks like competition will be very stiff this year considering the big pool of talent boasted by the student body. Of course, the staff have always been vocal about their potential and promise that this will be the year they claim the championship that has eluded them in the past. Not to be outdone in the debate department, some of the students have promised that they will continue the legacy established by their predecessors. When asked about what the staff have opined about the outcome of tournaments, these students said in unison, "It appears that the PCC staff and faculty are living in the field of dreams".

## Practical Hints And Tips For The Family

by: Ayano Baules, CRE Staff

### Control Your Money

Did you know that your money cannot control itself? That is right! You are the only one who can control your money. Your money will not and cannot control itself. Your money will not jump out of your wallet to buy something for you. YOU can make your MONEY take care of you.

1. You have to decide what you want your money to do for you. Ask yourself what is important to you and your family. Make a list of what is most important to you and your family and down to what is the least important. Ask yourself why it is important.

**TIP:** What is important for one family may not be for another family.

2. List all money earned by all family members. When you know exactly what is coming in, then you must know what is going out.

**TIP:** If the amount for things important to you is more than amount of money coming in, than you must cut back on things important to you. You cannot plan to spend money you do not have.

3. Keep records of how much money goes out. Does your money go where you want it to go? Your money does not fly out by itself. Your money does not sneak away by itself.

So far, you have decided what you want your money to do for you, what "needs" and "wants" are of priority. You have counted how much money is actually coming in. You also have recorded how much money was spent. This tells you where your money went.

**TIP:** "Needs" are those things that you must have to survive such as house, clothes, food, ect. "Wants" are those things that you can do without such as betelnuts, cigarettes, beer, soda, etc.

Now you are ready to make a spending plan on how to use your income for a month. List down the spending priorities and the amount you plan to spend on each. When you actually spend your money, continue to keep records on what you spend and compare the amount spent with the amount in your plan.

**Ask yourself the following questions:**

- Am I living within my means?
- Do I need to cut down on some spending?
- Do I need to find another job?
- Do I need to have more control on my spending?

### REMINDERS:

- \* Your money cannot control itself.
- \* You cannot spend money you do not have.
- \* You cannot have money in the bank if you do not put it there.
- \* You decide what you NEED and what you WANT. Someone else in your family may have different "needs" and "wants".
- \* You may need to cut down on WANTS in order to meet your NEEDS.

**YOU CAN DO IT!  
FOLLOW YOUR SPENDING PLAN. CONTROL YOUR MONEY.**

## Shining Stars For This Week

Congratulations to the following students who successfully completed all their reading lab hours:

Joyeelyn Beltau	Gabriel Guluwron
Zenaida Mikel	Sayuri Sasao
Deilliah Baschelai	Jaeklyn Malchianged
Celeste Sumor	

## Students: Type Your Papers at the SBA Office

The computer lab in room #60 will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Also the SBA office will have some computers available for students who wish to type their papers; hours will be posted on the SBA bulletin board; please utilize the library for e-mail and internet services, the library staff will be happy to assist you.

## 7 School Days Left to Remove Incomplete Grades

Final day to remove incomplete grades for Summer 2000 is Tuesday, October 3, 2000. Students with incompletes are encouraged to see their instructors and complete their work in that course. Good Luck!

## Academic Calendar, Fall 2000

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
Dec. 15- Jan. 1, 2001	Fall Recess