

## PCC CLINIC - NOW OPEN

This is an official announcement that the Palau Community College Clinic is now open for all PCC students and staff. The clinic hours are:

Mondays 9-11:30 am  
Fridays 9-11:30 am

The clinic is located across from the Red Cross Office on campus and offers the following services:

Doctor Evaluation and Treatment of Injuries and Illness  
Birth Control/Family Planning  
Health Assessment and Counseling  
Stress Assessment and Counseling  
Confidential HIV Testing

For information about the PCC Clinic, contact telephone number 488-2001/2002.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PROGRAM	DEADLINE
1. AUSAID Scholarship (Australia)	March 17, 2003
2. Palau National Scholarship	July 31, 2003
3. Palau Student Loan	July 31, 2003
4. Palau Merit Scholarship	July 31, 2003
5. Congressional Scholastic Award	July 31, 2003
6. Shell Palau Scholarship	July 31, 2003
7. Bank of Hawaii Scholarship (2nd yr degree PCC student only)	July 31, 2003
8. Scholarship for College Programs offered Through Non-Traditional Means	July 31, 2003

For application forms and information regarding other scholarship opportunities, please contact the Palau National Scholarship Office at PO Box 1608, Koror, Palau 96940; telephone No. (680) 488-3608; Fax No. (680) 488-3602; Email: pnsb@palaunet.com



## Celebrating Birthdays

Epimachus Moses January 28  
Joan M. Philip January 28  
Georgy SY Suarez January 29

**Happy Birthday To You!!!**



## Mesekiu's News

Palau Community College  
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Koror, Palau 96940

## PCC Mesekiu Wins Two Games, Maintains PML Lead

In its first game since the departure of three of its starting players, PCC's Mesekiu Baseball team defeated Peleliu 4-2, proving the depth of their bench.

During the first inning, lead off hitter Rodney Kazuma reached base on an error and scored on consecutive errors by Peleliu defense. Their next score came in the top of the fifth inning when both Iverson Sadang and Wickson Yosiwo reached base on errors and driven home on a single by Rodney. A towering shot from cleanup hitter Caleb Meltel brought Rodney home for a score of 4-0.

Peleliu came back in the fifth inning by scoring 1 and then scored another in the sixth to cut the lead to two runs. In the bottom of the seventh, PCC pitcher Cleofas 'Opas' Iyar retired them in order to seal the victory. Opas pitched a complete game allowing only three hits and striking out three for a win.

On Thursday January 17th, PCC Mesekiu faced Angaur for its final game of the first round. Mesekiu's offense quickly went to work by scoring four runs in the bottom of the first inning on singles by Rodney, Calvin Johanes, Opas, and Fred Nedlic. They added another run in the second inning and five more in the third to take a 11-2 lead.

In the fifth and sixth, Angaur rallied to cut the deficit to a single run at 11-10. With runners on all bases, no out, and top of the order for Angaur coming up to bat, it looked like PCC needed a miracle to keep from losing. Ace pitcher Opas came in and struck out three batters in a row to seal the victory for PCC. With two wins, PCC Mesekiu remains atop the Palau Major League rankings, winning six of its games and losing only one so far into this season. Way to go, Mesekiu!!!



Rodney Kazuma



Cleofas 'Opas' Iyar



Iverson Sadang



Fred Nedlic



Caleb Meltel



# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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## PCC ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTORS' CLUB CONTINUES TO BUILD MEMBERSHIP

It appears that more and more people are showing their commitment to the cause of higher education through their actions. This time Mr. Jose S. Azuma (Assistant Professor), Ms. Sue Ikertang (Administrative Assistant), Ms. Portia Franz (Researcher/Extension Specialist), and Ms. Kazue Melphy (Clerk Typist) have recently enrolled in the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club where they donate directly out of their paycheck every two weeks.



Mr. Jose S. Azuma is an assistant professor at Palau Community College

At the end of the year, the college issues a receipt for the total of each of their donations, which they submit to the ROP Tax office for a full 100% refund. These four PCC staff decided to enroll



Ms. Kazue Melphy works in the PCC-CRE Department

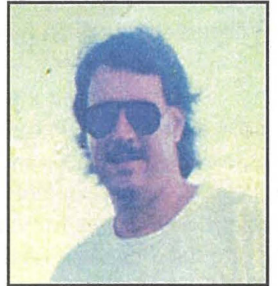
after they saw fellow PCC employee Mr. Roger Vergara enrolling in the program last week and then issuing a challenge for other PCC staff to do likewise. In this spirit of goodwill, Azuma, Ikertang, Franz and Melphy issue the same challenge to other PCC staff to showcase their commitment to the cause of higher education as championed by PCC staff and all the other bi-weekly contributors, by donating to the PCC Endowment Fund.

Furthermore, several additional government employees working in the Ministry of Resources and Development as well as Ministry of Education have also decided to join the Endowment Contributors' Club. Some of them are former MOC/PCC students who saw that five of their colleagues recently enrolled in this program, namely Mr. Dennis Blaluk, Mr. Burton Wong, Ms. Jelynd Ngirmang, Ms. Della Mobel and Ms. Victoria Ngirdengoll, and want to



Mr. Galbraith Gabriel, Class of '98 Major - Business Accounting

join their fellow alumni in supporting the continued existence of their alma mater; thus, ensuring that PCC continues to provide much needed programs and services to the community. Others, like Mr. Ric Mangham, opted to join the program not only because it is a worthy cause that aims to support the continued existence of our nation's only college, but also because of the fact that they will get refunds for their donations.



Ric Mangham works in the CIP Office

Finally, the many generous government employees located in the beautiful state of Aimeliik have once again opted to increase their bi-weekly donations to the PCC Endowment Fund. These people all work at Aimeliik Elementary School and include Mrs. Idub Etpison, Mrs. Serenia Mamis, Mr. Martin Blodak, Mrs. Derbei Blodak and Ms. Itong Teltull. As for the newest members of the Club, they include Palau Public Utilities Corporation employees Mr. Lorenzo Mamis and Mr. Bonifacio Ngiraiwet, Aimeliik Elementary School employees Mr. Jeremiah Tem (Class of '98 - General Electronics Technology), Mr. John G. Ngitong, Ms. Kukumai Umayam, Mr. Namiwo Ngitong, and Ms. Pauline K. Reklai, Aimeliik State Government employee Ms. Uodelchad Ngiriou, Aimeliik State Legislature employees Ms. Mercy Kiueluul and Mr. Yukiwo Etpison, and Mr. Abina Etpison who works in the Nekken Farm under the Ministry of Resources and Development. The College extends a warm welcome to our newest members of the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club.



Government Employees based in Aimeliik Elementary School, Aimeliik State Government and State Legislature who are generous donors to the PCC Endowment Fund

# College Welcomes All Students

(Please feel free to clip this page and post it on your wall or desk for easy reference)

The Palau Community College administration, faculty and staff welcome all continuing students back from the fall semester and extends a warm welcome to all returning, readmitted and new students who enrolled this spring 2003 semester. The College also extends a very warm welcome to all continuing and new students as they begin a new semester here on the College campus. Best wishes for a successful semester!

## Stay tuned to These Networks

School can be a frightening place for new students. People of diverse cultures, older students, commuters, and people with special needs can feel excluded. Some people attend classes for years and still feel they are standing alone on the outside, looking in.

You don't have to be a stranger to school life. Networking is one way to break through the barriers that keep students isolated.

Students who overcome feelings of isolation increase their chances of staying in school and succeeding. Networks can also prepare students for the world of work, where most projects involve teamwork. You can begin networking immediately. Here are some techniques you can use:

**Introduce yourself to classmates.** Get to class early and break the ice by discussing the holidays.

**Plan to meet people.** Write an Intention Statement promising to meet three new people each week. Plan who these people will be and how and when you intend to meet them.

**See your instructor.** If you feel lost in a class, make an appointment to see your instructor outside class. You might discover a human being who wants you to succeed.

**Join a Club.** A PSO club, YSO club, Agriculture Club and Student Body Association can put you in touch with potential friends.

**Form a study group.** Peer pressure can be

positive. Study with students who excel and also look for partners from different racial, ethnic, or religious backgrounds. Diversity will add depth to your group and stimulate everyone's thinking.

**Play ball!!** You don't have to be a world-class athlete to play sports. As a matter of fact, keeping fit is one of the marks of a master student. Most schools have intramural leagues, and PCC definitely has intramural sports for you to take advantage of!

**Use school media.** School newspapers can alert you to interesting activities and people. Bulletin boards can be sources of information about clubs and social activities. Also, check the school catalog.

**Study at the library.** It's quiet, it's comfortable, and it's a place to meet other serious students.

**Use Student Services.** These include career planning, testing services, counseling services, student health services, financial aid, student body association, student organizations and student activities. These services are free to students. Going to school puts you in contact with an extraordinary network of services. All that remain is for you to use them.

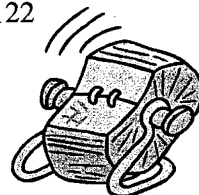
## Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2003

January 6-8, 2003 - Freshmen Orientation & Placement Testing  
 January 6-10, 2003 - Academic Advising & Registration  
 January 10, 2003 - Registration Day  
 January 13, 2003 - First Day of Instruction  
 January 13-17, 2003 - Late Registration/Drop & Add Period  
 February 14, 2003 - Early Warning Progress Report  
 February 21, 2003 - Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades  
 March 3-7, 2003 - Midterm Period  
 March 14, 2003 - Holiday (Youth Day)  
 March 17-21 - Spring Break  
 March 17, 2003 - Last Day for all Withdrawals  
 April 2, 2003 - PCC Charter Day  
 April 4, 2003 - PCC Charter Day Celebration  
 May 5, 2003 - Holiday (Senior Citizens' Day)  
 May 9, 2003 - Last Day of Instruction  
 May 12-14, 2003 - Final Examination Period  
 May 16, 2003 - Grades Due  
 May 23, 2003 - Commencement Exercises  
 May 23, 2003 - End of Spring Semester/Spring Recess

(For information about PCC spring semester calendar of activities, call 488-2471, extension 234 or 247)

## Phone Numbers to Keep Handy

Registrar and Records - 488-2470/2471, extension 247 or 257  
 Admissions & Financial Aid - 488-2470/2471, extension 233-235, 265, and 273-274  
 Business Office - 488-2470/2471, extension 231, 263-264, and 268  
 Student Accounts - 488-2470/2471, extension 262  
 Bookstore - 488-2470/2471, extension 236 or 275  
 Library - 488-2470/2471, extension 230, 243 and 261 or 488-3540  
 Cafeteria - 488-2357  
 Student Life and Housing - 488-3036  
 Student Services - 488-2470/2471, extension 249 or 488-5122  
 Recreation Office - 488-3885  
 Dorm Office - 488-3074  
 Project Beacon - 488-3073 or 488-5654  
 Student Body Association - 488-2461  
 PCC Clinic - 488-2001/2002



# NEW FINANCIAL AID POLICIES TO AFFECT PCC STUDENTS

Effective Spring Semester 2003, the College will implement the following new and revised Satisfactory Academic Progress Policies for students who began their enrollment in the Summer of 2002 and thereafter.

- A. Course Repeat Policy** – Financial aid will pay up to two (2) repeats per course. Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) repeat and beyond will not be paid by financial aid.
- B. Good Standing and Satisfactory Progress Policy**  
 To be considered making satisfactory academic progress, a student must:
1. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.0.
  2. Complete a minimum number of credits per semester base on enrollment status as noted in the 4<sup>th</sup> column (see table below).
  3. Graduate within maximum terms of eligibility base on enrollment status as noted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> columns (see table below).

### Terms of Eligibility Table

Enrollment Status	Maximum Period of Eligibility		Number of Credits Required Based on the Number of Credits Taken
	Degree Programs	Certificate Programs	
Full-Time (12 crs or more)	FT = 6 sems or 3 yrs	FT = 5 sems or 2 1/2 yrs	12 credits or more = 12 crs
3/4 Time (9-11)	3/4T = 8 sems or 4 yrs	FT = 7 sems or 3 1/2 yrs	3/4 Time (9-11) = 9 crs
1/2 Time (6-8)	1/2T = 12 sems or 6 yrs	1/2T = 10 sems or 5 yrs	1/2 Time (6-8) = 6
Less than 1/2 Time (1-5)	Less than 1/2T = 24 sems or 12 yrs	Less than 1/2T = 24 sems or 12 yrs	Less than 1/2 Time (1-5) = all credits

### C. Financial Aid Probation

Student is placed on financial aid probation when his/her:

1. Cumulative grade point average falls below 2.0 (Academic Probation). AND/OR
2. Not completing required number of credits per semester/term (Credit Deficiency Probation).

### D. Termination of Financial Aid

Student will have his/her financial aid terminated if he/she:

1. Remains on academic probation for three consecutive semesters/terms (Academic Probation).
2. Fails to successfully complete the required minimum number of credits per semester for three consecutive semesters (Credit Deficiency Probation).
3. Fails to graduate within the period of eligibility (semesters/years)

For more information, you may refer to Student Financial Aid Guidebook (2002-2003) or contact the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid at 488-2470 or 488-2471.



Our little planetees from the PCC Child Care Center went around the PCC Campus on Wednesday to collect trash that littered our beautiful grounds. Let us all follow in their tiny yet giant footsteps and make sure that our trash go where they belong - the trash bin. Thanks little planetees!!!