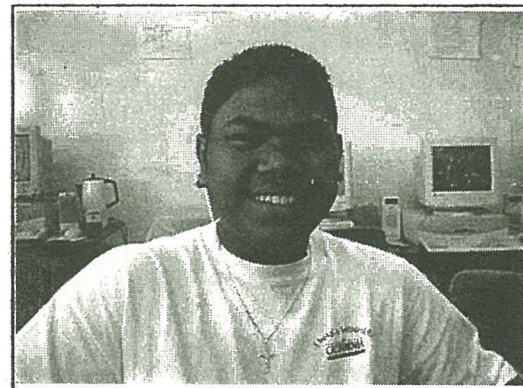


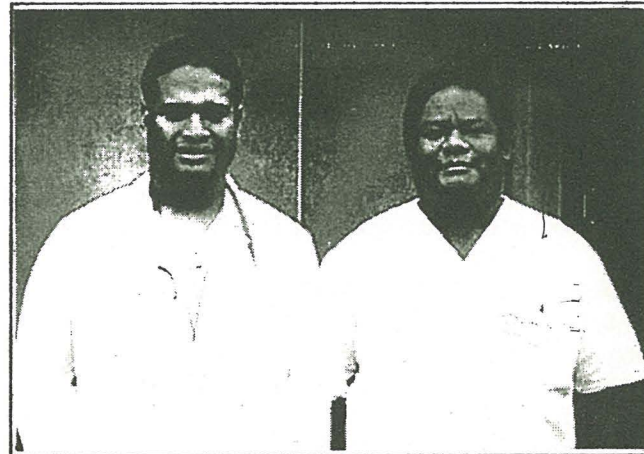
Ngirmeriil to Attend 2002 World Student Summit

On October 29th, 2002, Mr. Ngirmeriil Ngirmeriil will travel to Japan to attend the "2002 World Student Summit." The summit is co-hosted by the University for Peace (UPEACE), Ritsumeikan University (RU) and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU). This four-day summit will convene at the campus of APU in Kyushu, Japan. The main theme for the summit is "The Role of Students and Youth: How can we establish Human Security and Sustainable Development on earth?" Representatives from the host institutions and a student representatives from each of the 65 countries and regions represented or enrolled at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University are expected to attend the summit. There are about 300 students representing over 65 countries around the world who will participate in this 2002 World Student Summit. We congratulate Mr. Ngirmeriil for being selected to participate in the World Student Summit representing Palau Community College.



Mr. Ngirmeriil Ngirmeriil will attend the World Student Summit in Japan at the end of this month.

Nursing Program Graduates at Belau National Hospital



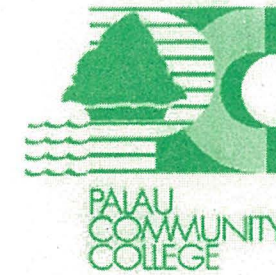
Ivan Tauog (Class of 2002) and Walcott Erungel (Class of 2001), recent graduates of the PCC Nursing Program are now employed at the Belau National Hospital working in the surgical ward department. Tauog, who is from Yap State is a Licensed Practical Nurse while Erungel, a resident of Meyuns hamlet, is a Registered Nurse.

Keeping Heritage Alive

Did You Know?

There is one version of the Badrulchau story that says all the parts of Badrulchau were mined from Lukes, a fairly shallow area between Peleliu and Angaur. At that time it was said that the universe was dark and the gods were able to work only in the dark. They assigned the different parts of the Bai (Badrulchau) among themselves and commenced on their assigned tasks. Those that were assigned to mind the foundation were the first to finish and they started carrying these foundation parts to Ngerchelong. They started digging and placing some of the stones in place, while the others with the beams and parts of the roof were carrying these parts over the east coast towards the building site. Among the Gods who were there at the site, digging the foundation, where Medechii Belau who was sort of a prankster, and he was behind in his part of the digging. Medechii Belau seeing his situation did not want to be behind in his work, so he got a coconut husk and made magic and lit the husk and threw it on the ground. The husk turned into a rooster and started crowing signifying the approach of dawn. With the approach of dawn, all the gods abandoned all their work and went away. The others who were bringing the other parts of the Bai left them where ever they were and went away as well. Therefore, it is said that parts of the bai could be found at other areas of Palau. Even the taro pounding implements were abandoned in Ngerudechong of Ngerbau in Ngerchelong, a place close to Badrulchau. When the rooster crowed, light dawned on the universe and there has been light since. There is also a rooster called delul el suld, literally meaning burned coconut husk.

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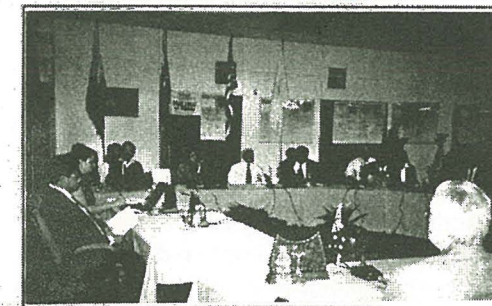
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Weekly Newsletter

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FDE 2002 Held on Campus

"Forum on Desalination Using Renewable Energy"



President Remengesau (I) after his opening address to the forum participants.

Over twenty foreign dignitaries from ten different countries in Asia and the Oceania-Pacific region were on campus earlier this week to attend the two-day water forum which was held at the PCC Cafetorium.

Australian Ambassador, Brendan Doran, and Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, Dr. Robert Woonton were just two of the many high-level foreign dignitaries who attended the forum. Dr. Haruo Uehara, President of SAGA University headed the Japanese delegation, the largest at the forum with over ten members, many of whom are members of the Saga legislature. From the surrounding Micronesian region, delegations from CNMI, FSM, and RMI were in attendance with the exception of Guam. President Tommy Remengesau Jr. led the Palau delegation and gave the opening address on Tuesday, the first day of the conference.

The two-day water forum is a precursor to the 3rd World Water Forum scheduled to be held in Kyoto, Japan from March 16-23, 2003. Forum discussions focused mainly on water and energy issues and challenges facing the Pacific Island Countries (PICS). Discussions sought to establish a working dialog amongst the PICS for the sharing of human and technical resources, and also form a strategy for funding the development and advancement of renewable energy sources in the region.

2002 PCC Thanksgiving Fundraiser Updated Prize List

Cash Prizes:

- \$1,500 Grand Prize
- \$1,000 First Prize
- \$500 Second Prize
- \$250 Third Prize
- \$150 Fourth Prize
- \$100 Fifth Prize
- \$50 (each) sixth-tenth prizes

Dinner/Lunch Prizes:

- Coconut Terrace
- Furusato Restaurant
- Carp Restaurant
- Yokohama Restaurant
- Lunch for 2@ Island Choice
- Palasia Hotel Palau
- Barracuda Bar & Rest.

Trips/Hotel Getaways:

- Palau/Taipei Non-Stop Round Trip Ticket
- Palau Pacific Resort
- Carp Island Resort
- West Plaza Hotel
- Palasia Hotel Palau

Beauty Packages:

- Sonia's Beauty Salon
- Hiromi's Beauty Salon
- Clara Ueki's Hair Design Beauty Salon

Other Fabulous Prizes:

- Computer System-PRA
- Computer System-Computer's Plus
- Microwave
- Washing Machine
- Dryer
- Television
- VCR
- CD/Tape Player
- Therapeutic Massage@Klamiokl Beauty Salon
- 4 Really BIG PITI Fish
- Shopping Spree at Ace Hardware
- Car Tune Up
- Flower Arrangement
- Free PCC Plants
- 1 Live baby pig
- Free Internet
- Free Pizza
- Free Cable - 1 Year
- \$250 Worth of Free Electricity
- \$500 Debusch Calling Cards
- 2 Cell Phones-PRA
- \$45 worth of Cell Phone Activation - PNCI
- \$50 Airtime Card - PNCI
- Overnight Fishing Trip..
- and much more.

Over \$3,000 in CASH and other FABULOUS PRIZES

Tickets are now available at the PCC President's Office, Development Office, Business Office, Human Resources Office, Continuing Education Office, Academic Affairs Office or you can call 488-2471, ext. 253 and talk to Hulda, Lu, Toto, Polo or Jay.

Celebrating Birthdays



Marianne TEMAUNGIL
Helene MOROS

October 18
October 20

Happy Birthday To You!

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An Urgent Need to Battle against the "Mile-a-Minute" Weed Throughout Koror

By: Henson Deltang
Program Coordinator

Stopping the spread of invasive species is an uphill battle, but with the combined work of organizations and individuals, it can be done. Certain Mikania sites in Meyuns hamlet have begun to flower, and work is now in progress to eradicate this invasive weed. Volunteer groups and landowners are asked to come out and lend a hand. The sole purpose of this Mikania cleanup is to prevent the plants from flowering and thus reducing and eliminating its fruits and seeds production. This short term project is only the first step in a series of planned eradication methods to help destroy this weed and keep it from spreading.

Mikania Micrantha (better known as the "mile-a-minute" weed because of its rapid growth) can be distinguished from other weedy vines by its leaves and the clusters of small, greenish-white flowers. Its arrowhead-shaped leaves are arranged in opposite pairs along the stem.

These vine pose a major threat to Palau's natural environment because it can, over time, grow over trees and eventually kill them. The weed has spread in taro patches (*mesei*), and in tapioca farms. Small plantations of rare plants are easily eliminated entirely if these vines are left to grow in them unchecked. This weed is currently found in many areas in Koror, Meyuns and a small area in Airai below the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge, known as the K-B Bridge. It is still a mystery as to how this plant got to Palau.

All the Mikania eradication work were initiated by the Natural Resource Council, and it is now working in collaborated with the Koror State Government, Bureau of Agriculture, Palau Conservation Society, Dr. Joel Miles from PCC and Delegate Joel Toribiong of Koror State.

The public is asked to report any sightings of the Mikania weed to Joseph Tiobech, Invasive Species Control Officer, at 488-2504. Volunteer groups or individuals who are interested in helping out with the on-going Mikania Clean-up can call me, Henson Deltang at 488-3993.



A group of local volunteer during a recent Mikania clean-up.

PCC and CDC to Conduct Bio-terrorism Preparedness Workshop

Submitted by: Continuing Education Office

The Center for Disease Control & Prevention, Pacific Emergency Health Initiative (PEHI) and Palau Community College will host the **CDC - PCC Bio-terrorism Preparedness Developmental Workshop** on campus from October 21 to November 1, 2002. Post 9-11, this workshop addresses one of the critical benchmark of the recent cooperative agreement signed between U.S. Associated Pacific Islands (USAPI), the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA), and CDC to improve the islands' capability to be better prepared for, in case of a bioterrorism attack. Improvement of regional emergency medical services and disaster management capacity are some of the topics that will be discussed at the workshop. Bio-terrorism Preparedness Coordinators and interested legislators from the USAPI have been invited as well as representatives from the U.S. Federal Government, PIHOA, the World Health Organization, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. Plans are being formulated to make the workshop a regularly-held activity of the Pacific Center for Emergency Health, a newly established center located on Campus.

Week I, (October 21-25, 2002) will be a 40-hour **open seminar** (Emergency Public Health 102) addressing the level of preparedness in case of a bio-terrorism attack and other public health emergencies. A shorter version of this workshop was conducted during the recently held 34th PIHOA, and also during the 7th Pacific Basin Medical Association Meeting in Kosrae State, FSM, held respectively on September 9-13, 2002 and September 13-14, 2002.

Week II, (October 28- November 1, 2002) is a **closed session** for the regional Coordinators and federal and regional consultants. For more information about this workshop, contact Taru at telephone number 488-2471, ext. 237.

Tourism & Hospitality Student Wins \$500 PATA Scholarship



Sabina Andrews, a second year honor student majoring in Tourism & Hospitality is the recipient of the Pacific-Asia Travel Association (PATA) scholarship. Andrews is also a recipient of the Shell Company Scholarship and is an active member of the Tourism & Hospitality Club where she is currently serving as its vice-president.

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Consideration of the Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) technology and other renewable energy sources to be used to mitigate climate change and reduce fossil fuel dependency were greatly endorsed by President Remengesau and Ryutaro Hashimoto, former Prime Minister of Japan and Chairman of the National Steering Committee of the 3rd World Water Forum. Unable to attend this forum, Mr. Hashimoto sent a written message to President Remengesau and the people of Palau which was read during the opening day on Tuesday.

The delegations to the Pre-3rd World Water Forum wrapped up the two day forum by drafting and endorsing a unified declaration stating the PICS's position on water and energy issues to be presented at the 3rd World Water Forum next year in Japan.



PCC President Patrick Tellei (2nd-left) with Techur Rengulbai (l), Chief of Public Works-Water Branch, Elbuchel Sadang (c), Minister of Finance, Senator Harry Fritz, and Marhence Madrengchar (r), Director of the Environmental Quality Protection Board were among the many local officials who attended the water forum.

RMI Students Lunch with Own Minister



PCC students from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) were invited to lunch by their own Minister of Resources and Development, John M. Silk. Mr. Silk was on island this week to attend the Pre-3rd World Water Forum and took the opportunity to also meet with the RMI students at PCC. Accompanying the Minister was Carl Hacker of the Ministry of Finance and Doreen Debrum Jurelang, Undersecretary for Asia & Pacific Affairs. Pictured above: Minister Silk (4th right-back), Carl Hacker (c-back) and Doreen Debrum Jurelang (2nd-left) with the PCC RMI students. PCC's Director of Student Life, Marensia Edwards (3rd-left) attended the lunch gathering on behalf of PCC.

PCC Continuing Education Trains Supervisors and Managers

A Supervisors/Managers training, which was conducted by Dean of Students, Presley Etibek, concluded on October 10, 2002 with 11 participants completing the training. The training was requested by Palau Visitor's Authority to help improve supervisory skills of participants which also included some of PVA's own staff. Judging from the post-training evaluations, the class was a big success. Overall, the students were very satisfied with the training. Following is a list of the trainees and the agencies or government offices they work for:

1. Lisa K. Abraham, PVA
2. Mark Anthony Orrukem, PVA
3. Ruth Udui, PVA
4. Merrian Ramarui, Ministry of State
5. Sandy Fernandez, Belau National Museum
6. Olympia Morei, Belau National Museum
7. Emmy Andress, Ministry of State
8. Gloria Kyota Sengebau, PNCC
9. Dave Orak, MCCA
10. Connie Koshiba, Morita Corporation
11. Linda Pedro, PCS



Supervisors/Managers Training participants with the Dean of Students, Presley Etibek (far-left) who conducted the training.

Photocopy Machine at the Library

Finally, It's here to serve our customers!

by: Library Staff

Yes, the library has been trying very hard to provide a reliable photocopy service to all our customers. Finally, we have it available at the PCC Library to serve you. It is a do-it-yourself model. With the new technology these days, all you need to do is buy a photocopy card from the information desk at the library. Similar to a pre-paid credit card, your photocopy card will be debited every time you make a copy. The card costs seven dollars but you'll get a \$2.00 refund if you bring back used cards. For more information, or to buy your own photocopy card, please call 488-2471, ext. 261 and talk to Miriam Kual at the PCC Library.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 noon - 6:00 pm