



Dean of Students Presley Etibek(r) trains newly elected leaders of the Student Body Association on their duties, roles and responsibilities as student leaders for the 2003-04 school year.

CE Offers Training Opportunities

The PCC Continuing Education Office announces the following training opportunities for the month of November 2003.

- Internet Exploration for Kids
- Customer Service Workshop(EQPB)
- Business Math Skills
- Basic Clerical Skills

Anyone who would like to learn more about these and other training programs offered by the PCC Continuing Education is encouraged to contact telephone number 488-2470/2471/6223.

Congratulations, Palau!

PCC congratulates Palau on the successful holding of our nation's Third Olechotel Belau Fair, this October 23-25, 2003!

Celebrating Birthdays

- Besechel Kiuluul October 27
 - Todd Ngiramengior October 27
- Happy Birthday To You!!!**

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PCC Needs One Researcher/Aquaculturist

POSITION: RESEARCHER/AQUACULTURIST

SALARY: \$30,000.00 Per Annum

SCOPE OF WORK:

Develop and implement innovative research and extension programs in aquaculture that address the needs of the region and Palau. Species of interest include high value species of fin fish, crustaceans and others. Participates in team approach and collaboration with other researchers, extension specialists and agents in Palau and other areas. Acquire funding for research and extension programs in aquaculture from locals, national and international institutions/organizations. Disseminate information through presentation at local and national meetings and conferences, publications in peer reviewed journals, and extension publications. Act as a resource person in aquaculture training and conferences at the local, regional, national and international levels. Seek and strengthen partnerships with local and international organizations to develop aquaculture industry here in Palau and the region. Abide by the applicable United States Department of Agriculture, College of Micronesia and Palau Community College policies, rules and regulations. Perform other related functions and duties as assigned by the Vice President, Cooperative Research and Extension or his designee.

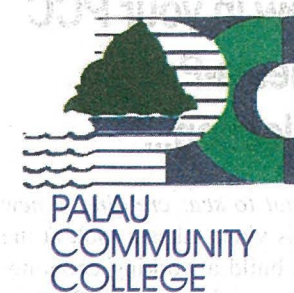
QUALIFICATIONS:

Requires Ph.D. or M.S. degree plus five years experience in aquaculture, experience and knowledge in freshwater prawn are highly desirable, fisheries or related field with at least four years of experience in conducting research, effective written and oral communication skills; field experience in aquaculture research and extension programs are highly desirable; possess strong publication record; effectiveness in working with adult and youth audiences, with individuals and groups as a team member; and an ability to obtain funding should be evident.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division at Palau Community College. Submit a completed application with transcripts, resume, verification of previous employment(s), if any, to Palau Community College - P.O. Box 9 - Koror, Palau - 96940.

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People With Disabilities Get Stipends!

On Thursday October 16, 2003, the long awaited stipends for Palau's people with disabilities were finally released. This historical moment began its journey in August 2001 with the holding of the nation's first convention for people with disabilities. The Convention, funded by the national government and spearheaded by various agencies and organizations advocating the cause of people with disabilities, was chaired by PCC President Patrick U. Tellei.

One of the many recommendations coming out of the convention was one calling on the national government to provide monthly stipends for Palau's people with disabilities. This led to the national government creating a committee to devise rules and regulations for the implementation of this program. In FY 2003, RPPL 6-26 created the Palau Severely Disabled Assistance Fund. However, it was only until the passage of the FY 2004 budget (RPPL 6-37) that the national government earmarked funding for this program to come from local revenues. Thus, Palau's people with disabilities now finally get to receive much needed help to offset expenses related to their respective disabilities. The Executive Branch, the Olbiil Era Kelulau, and especially the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs are to be commended for their tireless efforts to see to it that this program become a reality.

For information about the Palau Severely Disabled Assistance Fund, contact Ms. Edna Raymond at Bureau of Community Services telephone number 488-2452.



Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs Alexander R. Merep(r) and Aloncia Iyechad. Ms. Iyechad, daughter of Iyechad Yaoch, picked up her father's first monthly disability stipend last week.

Father Hezel Speaks to PCC Students

On Wednesday this week, Fr. Francis X. Hezel S.J. was a guest speaker in one of the College's classes, Introduction to Anthropology. Fr. Hezel, with his extensive research and experience in the humanities and social issues, impressed his PCC audience so much so that several of them expressed afterward that they would really like to hear him lecture again in the future. They were not disappointed as Fr. Hezel also delivered a lecture yesterday to an equally captivated PCC audience on the topic, *Changes in Micronesia: The Last 50 Years*. PCC thanks Fr. Hezel and invites him to speak at the College the next time he visits Palau.



Fr. Hezel(2nd row, third from right) poses for a group photo with PCC students after speaking in their Intro. to Anthropology class, taught by Huan Hosei (front right).

Local Agencies and Organizations Advocating the Cause of People With Disabilities

Many agencies collaborated in putting together the nation's first convention of people with disabilities in 2001. Representatives of these agencies were later appointed by Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. to serve on the screening committee to review applications for eligibility to receive monthly disability stipends. These agencies include:

- Palau Community College
- Interagency Office, Ministry of Health
- Behavioral Health, Ministry of Health
- Vocational Rehabilitation, Ministry of Health
- State Agency on Aging, Min. of Comm. & Cultural Affrs.
- Special Education, Ministry of Education
- Palau Parents' Center
- Omekesang Association
- J'Vans Company
- Attorney General's Office
- Bur. of Community Services, Min. of Comm. & Cult. Affrs.



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Is Your Thesis in the Library?

The PCC Library's Micronesia-Pacific Collection is very proud to have copies of the following theses that were donated and are available for all users:

- *Cultural Influence on the Palauan Bureaucracy*, by Harry Sochai Kloulechad;
- *A History of the Palau Community Association of Guam, 1948-1997*, by Francesca Kedelaol Remengesau;
- *Internship with Community Conservation Network (CCN) and Helen Reef Action Committee*, by Marcus M. Hangaripaii;
- *An Exploratory Study of Knowledge and Attitudes about Delinquency Among Palauan Youth*, by Marcus M. Hangaripaii;
- *Program Evaluation: Free Lunch Program at Palau's Ministry of Education*, by Sinton Soalablai and Cynthia Malsol;
- *Rural Education in Palau: A Second Look at Tobi Elementary School*, by Huan Hosei;
- *An Evaluation of Palau Community College Continuing Education: Occupational Short Term Training*, by Vernice Rechebei and Thomas Taro;
- *Reconstructing the Indigenous Political Structure in the Recent Prehistory of Belau, Micronesia*, by Rita Olsudong; and,
- *A Comparison of Graduation Rate Between Palau Community College Resident and Commuter Students*, by Regina Mesebeluu, Maurine Alexander, and Jay Olegeriil.

Self-Study Accreditation Update

The College's Self-Study Steering Committee continues to meet diligently on a daily basis in preparing the College's Self-Study Report for the upcoming visit by the Accrediting Commission early next year. At the present the Committee is reviewing final drafts of the description and appraisal sections of the Report. At the same time, all the sub-committees have begun preparing the recommendation/plan section for their respective standards for submission to the Committee for review and comment.

The College anticipates to have completed the Report by the end of November. In mid-December, it will be mailed out to the Accrediting Commission and all visiting team members who will be in Palau in February 2004 for a comprehensive visit. The College is confident that our accreditation will be reaffirmed by the Commission for another six years.

PCC was granted full accreditation status in 1977 from the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), under the umbrella of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Since then, the College has successfully maintained our accreditation status.

What's New in your PCC Micronesia-Pacific Collection...

Pushing out to sea: creating a new FSM economy: This video takes a look at the FSM's attempts to build a working economy over the past 50 years, from the TTPI days through Compact I. It also outlines the upcoming Compact II and what steps the FSM needs to take in order to promote economic development. What can the FSM expect in terms of jobs, emigration, and compact assistance over the next 20 years? What does FSM need to do in order to push the canoe of the economy out to the sea?

Under Heaven's Brow: Pre-Christian Religious Tradition in Chuuk by Ward H. Goodenough: For the people of Chuuk and for students of religion and Micronesian culture, this book pulls together and makes available in English the somewhat scattered published accounts (largely in German), along with Goodenough's own (as yet unpublished) information about religious beliefs and ritual practices in pre-Christian Chuuk.

Thank you donors....

Once again, PCC Library would like to take this opportunity and thank the following donors for donating materials to our library. Your continued support plays a significant role in expanding and improve our collection.

- *Honorable Sandra S. Pierantozzi
- *Reverend Francis X. Hezel, S.J.
- *Dr. Malakai Koloamatangi

BITS AND PIECES...

Survey Identifies Palau Students' Goals

In the spring of last year, the PCC Development Office administered a comprehensive survey to students attending all six high schools in Palau. The survey focused on juniors and seniors, and was geared to investigate their educational goals. Along this line, such relevant information and factors which play a role in the student's decision in terms of his/her educational career were identified.

The exact same survey was also conducted three years earlier. Therefore, results of both surveys may be compared to determine any similarities and/or differences between the two groups. While no analyses of the results were done, the survey responses themselves give much insight to the educational goals of Palau's students in the two identified timeframes. Copies of these surveys and their results are available for review at the PCC Library.

PCC Students Thank Chairperson Salii

The very grateful PCC dorm students thank our Board of Trustees Chairperson BILUNG Gloria G. Salii for donating 138 pound of fresh and delicious taro last week Thursday. Our students got to taste BILUNG's famous taro and testify that indeed, the taro deserve the acclaim and fame that is bestowed upon them. Thank you Chairperson Salii. We look forward to your next batch of donations!!!

Thank You, Mr. Diaz!

Palau Community College is extremely proud to have local radio celebrity Mr. Alfonso Diaz as one of our major supporters. Through his radio station WWFM 89.5, which is broadcast worldwide, Mr. Diaz regularly volunteers to read the PCC weekly newsletter, *Mesekiu's News*, on the air!

Thus, everyone who tune in to WWFM. 89.5 get to learn more about Palau Community College and its efforts to serve Palau and the Micronesian region. Indeed, we at PCC are grateful that Mr. Diaz provides such noble services not for the College, but for the nation of Palau and her people. Thank you Mr. Diaz, for your continuous support!

Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country.
John F. Kennedy

2003 PCC Fundraiser Updated Prize List - MORE PRIZES This Week!

- CASH PRIZES:**
- \$1,000 prize
 - \$500 prize
 - \$250 prize
 - \$150 prize
 - \$100 prize
 - \$50 prize (six of these!)
- DINNER/LUCH PRIZES:**
- Desomel Restaurant
 - Furusato Restaurant
 - Carp Restaurant
 - Yokohama Restaurant
 - Emamelei Restaurant
- BEAUTY PACKAGES:**
- Hiromi's Beauty Salon
 - Sonia's Beauty Salon
- HOTEL GETAWAYS:**
- Palasia Hotel Palau
 - Carp Island Resort
 - West Plaza Hotel
- OTHER FABULOUS PRIZES:**
- Complete Computer Systems
 - 5 REALLY BIG PITI fish
 - Shopping Spree at Ace Hardware
 - Car Tune Up
 - Palasia Fitness Ctr. Membership
 - Free PCC Plants
 - 1 Live baby pig
 - Round Trip to Taipei, Taiwan
 - Free Internet
 - Washer Machine
 - Dryer Machine
 - Microwave
 - Shopping Sprees at Duty Free
 - Overnight Fishing Trip
 - Window Air Conditioner
 - 2 Weeks Free Radio Advertising on WWFM 89.5 (worth \$420.00)
 - Cell Phones
 - Fax Machine
 - Gasoline/Diesel Fuel for your car

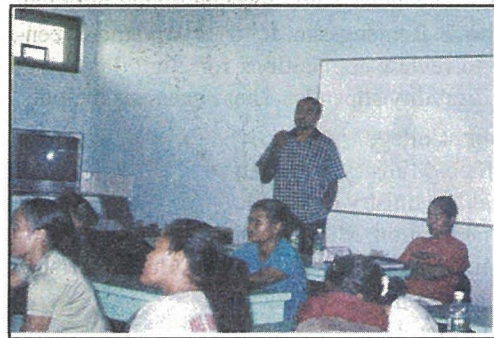
Tickets are available at the PCC President's Office, Development Office, Business Office, Human Resources Office, Continuing Education Office, Academic Affairs, Educational Talent Search Office, and Student Services Office. Or you may call 488-2470/2471, extension 253 and talk to Hulda, Lu, Polo or Jay. They will be more than happy to come visit you wherever you are in Koror and Airai! As always, we anticipate the Prize List to grow each week so don't forget to read each week's issue of this newsletter.



PCC Development Office student volunteer Elorean Mabel(r) receives donation from SOCIO Micronesia representative Kyle Brell. SOCIO donated \$200 toward the upcoming PCC Thanksgiving Fund Raiser for the College's Endowment Fund.

PNCC Assistant GM Enhances Student Learning

Written by: Wilma O. Sukrad, PCC Associate Professor of English



Mr. Richard Misech (center back), addresses PCC student audience with his enlightening presentation last week... The College thanks him and looks forward to having him lecture future PCC classes.

The OA 208 – *Personnel Supervision* class was delightfully surprised by the appearance of Richard Misech, PNCC's Assistant General Manager/Chief Technical Officer last October 10th. Mr. Misech presented a rather unique perspective on Personnel Supervision by compelling the students to think of a supervisor as a coach who can only get the best performance out of his/her players if he/she makes a point of getting to know them well. Knowing the employees individually helps the supervisor approach each subordinate appropriately in terms of *communication; delegation of responsibilities; performance observation; and skill development*, Mr. Misech emphasized.

A significant aspect to being an effective supervisor (coach) was further impressed upon the students by Mr. Misech who pointed out that being a supervisor, you must always remember that your subordinates are human beings whose performance quality as well as job loyalty are affected by how responsive you are to their needs, which at times, may require you to go out of your way to accommodate. The OA 208 – *Personnel Supervision* instructor and students wish to thank the PNCC Assistant GM, Mr. Misech, for taking time out of his hectic schedule to enrich their knowledge with his twenty-two years worth of experience at PNCC.

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PCC, on behalf of all our students and endowment donors, would like to thank fellow endowment fund club member



Mr. Eluang Michael for his contributions to the PCC Endowment Fund. Mr. Michael will be leaving Palau to attend the California Maritime College to pursue his goal of becoming a pilot! He is expected to leave in November. We wish Eluang well and are confident that he will succeed in his educational and career endeavors.