

SPECIAL BULLETIN

To: Faculty & Staff

Re: NetCare Health Insurance

This is to inform all faculty and staff that a Moylan's Representative from Guam will be conducting a meeting for the NetCare Health Insurance on Friday, November 02, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. at CE Training Room.

NetCare Health Insurance is a new health insurance program being offered in Palau by Moylan's Insurance. The College is interested to know more about the new program so the purpose of this meeting is to get detailed information about the new plan.

Any interested faculty & staff who wishes to meet with the Moylan's Representative may attend the meeting on that day.

Thank you.

Leo Ben Teriong
VP, Administration

Celebrating Birthdays



Elia Rdiall	November 1
Tchuzie Tadao	November 1
Dahlia Katosang	November 3
Patrick Tellei	November 7

Happy Birthday to you!!!

Mesekiu's News
Palau Community College
P.O. Box 9
Koror, Palau 96940

PCC Mesekiu Ready for the NBL Season

By: Hamilton Maech, Coach

After two weeks of intense tryouts, the final roster for the PCC Mesekiu Men's Basketball Team is now final. 15 players will represent the college during the upcoming 2001-2002 National Basketball League (NBL) season. The league will open its season on Monday, November 12th and the team would like to ask the college community to come out and support the Mesekiu Team. Team practice will continue until the season-opener on November 12th. The team is coached by Hamilton Maech who is assisted by Mr. Patrick Bells and Ms. Mayda Iyechad, SBA Treasurer.

Player Name

Player Name	Position
1. Mr. Hamilton A. Maech-Head Coach/Player	Guard
2. Mr. Kessler West - Team Captain	Forward
3. Mr. Weldon D. Gideon	Forward
4. Mr. Jack A. Bay	Forward
5. Mr. Jeffrey F. Marbey	Center/Fwd
6. Mr. Kayvin Yarotailug	Guard/Fwd
7. Mr. Kurt Erwin	Guard
8. Mr. Baoz Etpison	Guard
9. Mr. Augustine Wenio	Guard
10. Mr. Fred Nedlic	Center
11. Mr. Gibson P. Waguk	Fwd/Center
12. Mr. Jerry Gilsowuth	Guard
13. Mr. John F. Tinthiyung	Center
14. Mr. Jarquin Moonfel Tomed	Guard
15. Mr. Edwin Yairesiug	Guard/Fwd

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Palau Community College

MESEKIU'S NEWS

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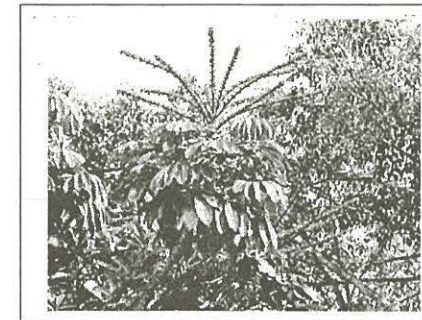
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Weekly Newsletter

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Invasive "Octopus Tree" Removed

By: Dr. Joel Miles



Octopus Tree

The two greatest threats to biodiversity—the great variety of living things we find in Palau—are climate change and invasive species. Many of us are aware of the recent changes in climate and the problems climate change can cause, such as drought. Few people are aware, however, of the environmental threats posed by invasive species of plants and animals. A good example of this is the disappearance of native birds in Guam caused by the brown tree snake. Everyone in Palau should be aware of the brown tree snake, because it could cause similar problems in Palau. Other invasive species of animals in Palau include the monkey, the African snail, and parrots and cockatoos. All of these threaten Palau's biodiversity—our natural heritage. In addition to invasive animals, however, there are also invasive plants. Severe changes to the environment have been caused in other Pacific islands by the introduction of invasive plants. Hawai'i has probably suffered more than other Pacific islands from invasive plants, but Fiji and Tahiti also have serious problems, and Pohnpei State in the FSM is presently battling an invasion by a plant known as "false sakau."

Palau is not immune to invasions by plants. In fact, several species of invasive plants have been introduced to Palau, and some of them are beginning to cause problems. PCC is involved in several projects to control or eradicate invasive plants in Palau. We are pleased to report a major success last week. Faculty and students in the Agricultural Science Program, in cooperation with the national Division of Agriculture and the Ministry of Education, removed an "Octopus Tree" from the roadside in front of the Ministry of Education. The Octopus tree is originally from South America, but has been planted in several Pacific Islands as an ornamental plant. It is a serious problem on several islands in the state of Hawai'i. Because of its rapid growth, it crowds out and replaces native plants. Removing this Octopus tree will prevent a similar problem from occurring in Palau. If you are aware of any other Octopus trees anywhere in Palau, please call Marcello Brel, Chief, Division of Agriculture at 488-2504, or Joel Miles at PCC, 488-2470/2471.

Shell Donates Prizes to Endowment Fundraiser



President Tellei receiving a gift certificate from Frank Kyota of Shell. The gift certificate will be given away with other fabulous prizes during the Endowment Thanksgiving fundraiser raffle on November 21.

PCC Endowment Fund at a Glance:

Established for the purpose of securing Palau Community College's financial stability so that it will continue to provide educational and training opportunities for Palau and the Pacific region for years to come. With a goal of \$10 million, the PCC Endowment Fund through appropriations. More than one hundred PCC and government employees donate to the Endowment Fund every payday. Many state governments, local businesses, agencies, and individuals have contributed to the Endowment Fund at least once. As PCC is a non-profit organization, donations of up to 10% of anyone's/company's income tax may be refunded.

PCC ENDOWMENT FUND
Thanksgiving Fundraiser
PCC Campus, November 21, 2001
1:00 - 6:00 pm

Tickets are on sale for \$10.00 each
Call PCC Development Office at tel.488-2471 to purchase your tickets!

See all the Fabulous Prize Giveaways on Page 2!!!

PCC Students from Yap Represent Palau in Regional Canoe Race

Several PCC students from Yap took part in the recently-held Micronesia-Cup 2001 Outrigger Canoe Championships and bagged one gold medal and two silvers. The students represented Ngaraard Red Torch and did extremely well, beating teams from Guam, Saipan and Japan. They finished strong in the 500 & 1500 meter sprints, only seconds behind the first place finisher, team Obubuu also from Palau. In the marathon race, they decisively beat team Obubuu and the other teams from Guam, Saipan, and Japan to win the gold.

MOBIL MICRONESIA CUP 2001 OUTRIGGER CANOE CHAMPIONSHIPS Race Results

Junior Women's Division:

- 500 meter race: 1st place (Gold) - Palau Piche Tagefefire
2nd place (Silver) - CNMI Napu
- 1500 meter race: 1st place (Gold) - CNMI Napu
2nd place (Silver) - Palau Piche Tagefefire
- Long Distance: 1st place (Gold) - Palau Piche Tagefefire
CNMI did not complete the course (**crashed**)

Junior Men's Division:

- 500 meter race: 1st place (Gold) - Palau Piche Tagemar
2nd place (Silver) - Guam Ohana
- 1500 meter race: 1st place (Gold) - Palau Piche Tagemar
2nd place (Silver) - Guam Ohana
- Long Distance: 1st place (Gold) - Palau Piche Tagemar
2nd place (Silver) - Guam Ohana

Open Women's Division:

- 500 meter race: 1st place (Gold) - Saipan Outrigger Canoe Club
2nd place (Silver) - Palau Ta Bedesil Blue
3rd place (Bronze) - Guam Poksai
- 1500 meter race: 1st place (Gold) - Guam Poksai
2nd place (Silver) - Palau Ta Bedesil Blue
3rd place (Bronze) - Guam Gaga Girls
- Long Distance: 1st place (Gold) - Guam Poksai
2nd place (Silver) - Saipan Outrigger Canoe Club
3rd place (Bronze) - Palau Ta Bedesil Blue

Open Men's Division:

- 500 meter race: 1st place (Gold) - Palau Obubuu #1
2nd place (Silver) - Palau Ngaraard Red Torch
3rd place (Bronze) - Guam Ohana
- 1500 meter race: 1st place (Gold) - Palau Obubuu #1
2nd place (Silver) - Palau Ngaraard Red Torch
3rd place (Bronze) - CNMI Napu
- Long Distance: 1st place (Gold) - Palau Ngaraard Red Torch
2nd place (Silver) - Palau Obubuu #1
3rd place (Bronze) - CNMI Napu



Senator Steven Kanai, PCC alumnus celebrates the numerous trophies and team medals won by the Palau paddlers during Micronesia Cup 2001. PCC students (top row) paddled for Ngaraard Red Torch and won two silver medals in the sprints and a gold in the marathon.

PCC Endowment fund Thanksgiving Fund Raiser Prize List

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| \$1,200 Grand Prize | Gift Certificate for: |
| \$1,000 First Prize | -Overnight Hotel Stay |
| \$500 Second Prize | -Washing Machine |
| \$250 Fourth Prize | -Dryer Machine |
| \$150 Fourth Prize | -Microwave |
| \$100 Fifth Prize | -Brand New Futon |
| \$50 Sixth-Tenth Prizes | -Television |
| | -VCR |
| | -CD/Tape Player |
| | -Air Condition |
| | -Cell Phone |
| | -Free Electricity (\$250 worth) |
| | -Free Cable (1 Year) |
| | -Dinner |
| | -Pizza |
| | -Fishing Trip |
| | -Internet Hours |
| | -Car Tune-Up |
| | -Beauty Packages |
| | -& Many More! |
- Live Baby Pig!

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PCC Development
Office at tel.488-2471
and Purchase your
tickets!**

RETENTION WEB PAGE

PCC Retention Office, Tel.#: 488-2471, ext. 247

PCC Strengthens Ties with Waseda University with Faculty and President Tellei's Visit

The following is a letter from Waseda University President, Takayasu Okushima to PCC President, Patrick Tellei looking to further strengthen ties and working relationships between the two institutions.

Mr. Patrick Ubal Tellei
President
Palau Community College
P.O. Box 9
Koror, Palau 96940

Dear President Patrick Ubal Tellei:

It was a great honor to welcome the participants of the Pacific Islands Academic Summit here to Waseda University in July this year. Also, in September, when the Ministry of Foreign Affairs invited young representatives from the Pacific region to Japan, including Ms. Edolen Ikerdeu of your college, we were fortunate enough to be able to welcome them to Waseda and hold a fruitful discussion at our Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies. Last year, we also had the tremendous honour of welcoming former President Kuniwo Nakamura to our campus to deliver a speech. As a university which aims to be open to the world and is actively expanding its global network, we are delighted by these opportunities to strengthen ties with the Pacific region.

As I mentioned in July, should the occasion arise for any faculty or administrative staff from your institution to visit Japan, we would be glad to offer any assistance that we are able in order to promote friendly relations with the countries of the Pacific region. We would like to help as far as we possibly can, and could do so by arranging complimentary accommodation in our university guesthouse, or assisting with other arrangements, so if and when you have any concrete plans, please do not hesitate to consult with our Office of International Exchange as to your preference for the time of the visit and numbers, etc. As accommodation in the guesthouse is subject to availability, please contact us well in advance of your proposed visit.

In conclusion, please allow me to extend my very best wishes for the continued development and prosperity of your institution.

Sincerely yours,
/s/
Takayasu Okushima, LL.D
President, Waseda University

Palau to Host Oceania Wrestling Championship

by: Palau Amateur Wrestling Federation

The Palau Amateur Wrestling Federation is inviting any interested individuals to come and tryout for the upcoming wrestling tournament. The tournament will be held in April, 2002. Palau is very fortunate to be the hosting country for this Oceania Wrestling Championship. Among the nominated countries to host the 2002 Oceania Wrestling Championship were New Zealand, American Samoa and Palau. As a result of the final decision, Palau was chosen to host. Oceania Wrestling Championship is held every year in different countries depending on which country wins the bid to host.

Countries to participate in this tournament are the Oceania countries in the Micronesian, Polynesian, and Melanesian region, including New Zealand and Australia.

In preparation for this tournament, the Palau amateur wrestlers are training with a national Olympic coach from Ukraine, Russia. Practice hours are from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Palau National Gymnasium. It is free and open to both male and female of all ages.

Last year, Palau sent four wrestlers to Guam to compete in the tournament. Two of them competed in the juniors division (14yrs.-19yrs) while the other two competed in the open division. They won 1 gold medal, 1 silver medal, and 3 bronze medals.

Wrestling is not a bad sport as most people think it is. In fact, it is very fun and interesting. So we strongly encourage anyone who is interested to please stop by and give it a try. Roll one time or two times on the mat with the others and see if you like it or not. You'll never know what your body is capable of doing unless you try it. It doesn't hurt to try different things.

Currently, there are only five consistent wrestlers. The more people that show up for practice, the more fun it is. So please come to the National Gym during practice hours and join in or just watch the excitement. See you all on the wrestling mat.

PCC Academic Calendar Fall 2001

November 23 (TH)	Holiday: Thanksgiving Day
November 23-24 (TH-F)	Thanksgiving Break
December 8 (F)	Last Day of Instruction
December 11-13 (M-W)	Final Examination Period
December 15 (F)	Grades Due
	End of Fall Semester
	Fall Recess