

## Thank you Phillip Reklai

Practical experience is the best way to learn. Fred Ikertang and Chester Piyerigyal, students in the course Horticultural Crop Production (AG 214), learned this on November 16, when they went to the farm of Mr. Phillip Reklai for practical farming experience. Fred and Chester are sophomores in the Agricultural Science Program. They have learned many farming techniques, and this was their opportunity to put them into practice on a working commercial farm. We thank Phillip Reklai and his two farmers, Mohamed Ibrahim and Sahidul Islam, for giving Fred and Chester this opportunity. If you own or operate a commercial farm and would be willing to provide a similar experience to advance agriculture students, please contact Joel Miles at PCC, 488-2471.



L-R Chester Piyerigyal, Fred Ikertang, Sahidul Islam, Mohamed Ibrahim.

### Taro Patch from page 2


The students cleared and prepared a small portion of the PCC Mesei, located below the poultry house. This is the remaining portion of what once was a large taro patch, extending into what is now the public Track & Field. It has been overgrown for several years. Associate Professor Joel Miles, who teaches the course, said that this is the beginning of a long term project to renovate the entire area. It will take several years, he said, but it will provide a valuable learning resource as the project continues.

It was a hard work, said the students, and they got very muddy, but they learned a lot and they had fun doing it! They also said they learned new respect for the hard-working Palauan women who are producing the taro which all of us enjoy eating.



## FALL 2000 PCC Co-ed Volleyball Tournament CHAMPIONSHIP

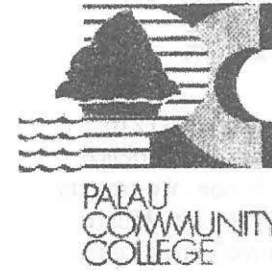
November 14, Y2K, was a spectacular day to witness two teams grind it out on the volleyball court to determine who would become the 2000 PCC co-ed volleyball Champions. Undeclared team Out-Law (6-0) v.s. Y2K Palakfon (4-2). It was a game of boom box Outlaws v.s. the cunning Y2K Palakfon. In the first set it was all Out-law jumping to an early 4-0 lead behind the serves of Jessica Fas and the spikes of Rickson Suwei. Y2K Palakfon tried to rally behind the plays of Patrick Bells and Kurt Erwin but was not enough to overcome the power of the Outlaws. Out-laws Elisa Isaac did some major damage with her serves along with the blocking of Kayvin Yarotailug (last years MVP) and Damien Mailgiy at the net, which gave them a 22-4 advantage over the Y2K Palakfon. Kayvin ended the first set with his thunderous serves. The final score for the first set was 25-5 Out-laws. The second set featured a critical substitution into the line up of Y2K Palakfon. Down one set Y2K Palakfon brought out their secret weapon Ringo Siangeldeb. As the crowd roared on Tournament director and head referee Rodney Kazuma whistle the ball in play. The second set started out as a grudge match between each team. The score was 2-2 then 4-4, before Y2k Palakfon pulled away 9-4 to take the upperhand. Ringo was sensational and was everywhere keeping the ball alive and getting critical points. The second set went to Y2K Palakfon with a final score of 25-17. In the third and final deciding set was a blow out score of 25-14 Out-laws, the 2000 Champions. Leading the way in the third set was Kayvin who put up MVP numbers again with 9 kills and 6 blocks. At one point Kayvin patched a lightning spike that it made the crowd get up and yell "woof woof who let the dogs out?" When asked the MVP what he thought of the game he said "easy game, it was no match." Out-laws team captain Rickson commented that "now that we are champions, we are gonna party".



### Celebrating Birthdays

Dannies Uehara      November 27th

**Happy Birthday to you !!!**



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## Agriculture Club Hatches Chicks For Sonsorol Elementary School

The PCC Agriculture Club has hatched 50 chicks to be sent to the students of Sonsorol Elementary School. Club members will brood (raise) the chicks for the next month. They will take the chicks to Sonsorol during the Christmas break to help set up a small chicken/vegetable garden at the school. Animal Husbandry Instructor, Reiko Kawamura, is the advisor for the project. We were fortunate to receive assistance and advice from Mr. Constantino Remeliik of the Division of Agriculture and Mineral Resources on this project.

The project began in response to a request from one of the teachers at the school, a PCC Alumni, Melanie Nestor. Ms. Nestor learned about raising chickens from Associate Professor Joel Miles when she took Professor Miles' class, Introduction to Tropical Agriculture.

The Agriculture Club members voted to hatch and raise the chicks at no charge. Once the chicks arrive there, the Sonsorol State Government will take on all costs of feeding and materials.

*Be sure to read future issues of Mesekiu's News for progress reports on this project.*



Chicks for Sonsorol Elementary School

## PCC Students Listed in 2000-2001 Talent Roster of Outstanding Transfer

The College Board has provided the 2000-2001 Talent Roster of Outstanding Transfer Students from Two Year Colleges. The students listed on the roster have been nominated to the college Board's National Recognition Program by a community college official on the basis of the student's strong academic achievement and the intent to pursue a baccalaureate degree. The Talent Roster of Transfer Students is published each year by the National Recognition Programs and distributed to four-year colleges and universities to promote the recruitment of these academically talented students.

This year's roster includes the names of our students with a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 and above recommended by school officials. Nominated students are enrolled in transfer programs and/or are scheduled to complete at least 45 semester hours during the 2000-2001 academic year.

PCC is proud to recognize five (5) students in this transfer program.

Name	Major
Teruko Aderiano	Criminal Justice
Romeo Filrang	Liberal Arts
Cindy Fritz	Business &/or Management
Gwendalyn Sisor	Liberal Arts
Leticia Sisor	Liberal Arts

## Why Quarantine?

*Epsie S. West*

On November 11, 2000, the AG 111 class had a guest speaker, who came to talk about quarantine and why we need it. Our guest speaker's name was Konrad Engberger, who originated from Germany, and is now stationed in Pohnpei, FSM. He works all over the Pacific as a Plant Protection Training Officer for SPC Quarantine.

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**TO** : All Second Year Students and their Advisors  
**THRU** : Dean of Academic Affairs  
**FROM** : Extension Program Coordinator  
**SUBJECT**: Internship Application for SPRING SEMESTER, 2001

In Preparation for Internship placement for SPRING SEMESTER 2001, we need to know the number of students who will be eligible to participate in the training and their respective trade areas at this time. This will allow us time to identify and secure commitments from appropriate employers who will be providing training to our students.

To assist in this effort, Student Advisors are requested to review their advisees folders and to advise those who will be eligible to participate in the training to come to CE Office and see the Extension Program Coordinator, Mr. Vincent Ito, and fill out required application forms. Application forms are now ready for pick up anytime during working hours. **Deadline for submission of completed application forms is Friday, December 29, 2000 in order for student to be considered for internship placement.**

**Internship is provided as a final requirement for students who have completed all their course requirements on campus or at least have one remaining to be taken concurrently with the training.** It allows students to be placed on the job in their respective field or training working on a full time basis as intern trainee for the semester. The practical experience gained from the training will be counted, as credits required to graduate.

**Quarantine from page 1**

Plant quarantine started in Sri Lanka, India, which was a major coffee producer, when plant diseases destroyed the coffee plants. Quarantine is regulated all over the world in any port of entry.

Quarantine comes from the Latin word *Quarantum* meaning forty. Back in the 1730's when the plaque invaded Europe, it took forty days to be free of the disease. The objectives of quarantine may refer to holding of plants in isolation and to certify that plants and plant materials are free of pests. It also assists in getting rid of, controlling, and delaying the spread of any pests that causes plants to die or become unproductive.

Quarantine assists in eradication, control, and delaying the spread of any pests. It is the cheapest means of preventing pest from coming into our island. It also broadens the meaning and the legal restriction on the movement of plant produce as a purpose of prevention.

A reminder to those who smuggle plants into the island, is that you never know what your are bringing in, so quarantine plants before bringing it out into the open. What you may think of as very beautiful, may hold something that is deadly to our native plants.

The AG 111 class, thank Mr. Englberger for a most enlightening hour.

## Landscaping Students Get Experience at PPR

On Tuesday, November 14, students in the course AG 216, Tropical Landscape Horticulture gained valuable experience working in the nursery at the Palau Pacific Resort. We are very grateful to Mr. Ismael Cascon, Chief Landscaper, Mr. Wilmor Maala, Landscaper/Designer, and Mr. Dominic Taman, Landscaper. Mr. Taman is a graduate of the Agriculture Science Program who has been working in the landscaping at the PPR for nearly two years. Mr. Taman is an example to our students of what they can accomplish if they study and work hard.

The Palau Pacific Resort's Landscaping Department has supported and cooperated with our Agriculture Science Program for the past several years. We appreciate their continued support.

If you have a landscaping business and would be willing to provide a similar work experience to advanced students, please contact Joel Miles at PCC, 488-2470.



*PCC landscaping students and PPR landscaping staff*  
 L-R: Wilmor Maala, Pong Chingyan, Dominic Taman, Fred Ikertang, Chester Piyerigyal.

## PCC Taro Patch Planted



*Tired but Happy!* L-R: Shirley Odaol, Joel Miles, Harland Tilfas, Presely Andrew, Lycer Ngirengkol, Daisy Ullitch, Chester Piyerigyal, and Fred Ikertang.

Students became teachers last week. Chester Piyerigyal and Fred Ikertang taught Freshmen students in the introductory Agriculture class how to prepare and plant a taro patch (mesei). Fred and Chester had just learned these techniques from Humiko Kingzio, as reported in an earlier issue of Mesekiu's News.

# RETENTION WEB PAGE

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

## Shining Stars for this Week

Congratulations to the following who have successfully completed all 30 points of reading at project beacon.

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| Bay, Jack        | Lin, Yi-Nu         |
| Basilio, Charlyn | Masahiro, Hilda    |
| Chen, Shu-Chung  | Melus, Charlton    |
| Etpison, Boaz    | Mikel, Ryan        |
| Giramur, Brandon | Ngchar, Dorcas     |
| Goray, Linus     | Remoket, Shielanic |
| Iruul, Lynette   | Richard, Anita     |
| Isaac, Shruc     | Talley, Almirah    |
| Ito, Marla       | Waryanto, Wilma    |
| Kim, Calvin      | Wilhoid, Wilma     |
| Kintoki, Felisa  | Yairengsiug, Edwin |

Remember the final exam will not be given to anyone who has not finished 30 points of reading and taken the reading test also.

## Pre-Registration for all Continuing Students (December 4-8, 2000)

Only continuing students may pre-register. Returning, readmitted and new students will not pre-register during this period.

Step 1: Meet with your advisor for program planning and advising.

Step 2: Complete the registration worksheet with your advisor, keeping in mind the following:

- Print all student information on the top part of the form correctly and neatly.
- Print all course information correctly and neatly.
- Make sure course pre-requisites have been met.
- Check to make sure the proposed or desired schedule does not contain time conflicts.
- Student and the advisor review registration worksheet to ensure accuracy, then both sign and date.

Step 3: Submit your completed registration worksheet to the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid.

Step 4: The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid will pre-register students based on a first come first-served basis.

**(NOTE: Any registration worksheet found to be incomplete, contain time conflicts, unmet course pre-requisites or unsigned will be returned to the student for appropriate action).**

Step 5: Pay the required initial tuition fee of \$ 50.00 and obtain a clearance from the Business Office.

Step 6: When you present your CLEARANCE at the office of Admissions & Financial Aid, you may pick up your Official Student Class Schedule.

*Note 1:* Any student who fails to pick up his/her official class schedule by 12:00 p.m. on January 4, 2001 will lose the pre-registered classes and he/she will have to go through steps 1 to 6 again starting January 5, 2001.

*Note 2:* Any continuing student who does not pre-register during the pre-registration period, or is dropped because he/she failed to pick up official class schedule by the deadline date will have to go through steps 1 to 6 to get registered starting January 5, 2001. Note, however, that the College cannot guarantee slots/spaces in courses of your choice.

## CHANGE OF PRE-REGISTRATION FOR ALL CONTINUING STUDENTS (12/19/2000 - 01/04/2001)

## 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.

## ACADEMIC CALENDER

### FALL 2000

- December 8th Last Day of Instruction
- December 11-13th Final Examination Period
- December 15th Grades Due
- Dec, 15th to Jan. 1, 2001 Student's Fall Recess