

## FSM Students Hold "Thank You" Picnic



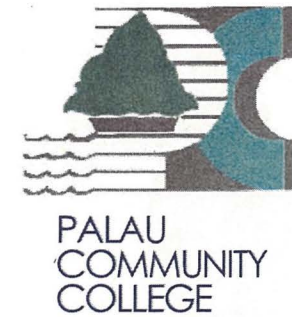
Last Sunday, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Students Organization held a "Thank You" picnic at the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge for PCC students who participated in the recently held 2002 Olechotel Belau Fair. The FSM Students took part in the parade of floats that officially launched this year's fair. As reported in an earlier issue of this newsletter, the FSM float was a smashing hit with the audience. The FSM Student Organization strives to promote awareness and appreciation of the diverse makeup of students here at PCC, especially those from the four states of the FSM - Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap. For information about the FSM Student Organization, contact their president Mr. Edwin Yairegsug at PCC telephone number 488-9020.

## Library Patrons Over Last Three Years

The following data is based on the sign in sheet at the front circulation desk of the PCC Library. NOTE: Not all community (non-PCC) patrons sign in as it is optional.

	OCT. 1999 - SEPT. 2000 (Year 1)	OCT. 2000 - SEPT 2001 (Year 2)	OCT. 2001 - SEPT. 2002 (Year 3)
Oct.	585	829	618
Nov.	669	853	776
Dec.	400	615	394
Jan.	653	624	357
Feb.	1,348	1,002	447
Mar.	1,341	955	521
April	894	1,008	624
May	1,229	536	600
June	878	419	173
July	411	222	419
Aug.	482	527	727
Sept.	692	577	653

These community patrons are from: Palau High School, Palau Mission Academy, Emmaus High School, Bethania High School, Mindszenty High School, Koror Elementary School, George B. Harris Elem. Sch., Maris Stella School, Meyuns Elem. Sch., Seventh Day Adventist Elem. Sch., Airai Elem. Sch. and others. All community patrons to the PCC Library are asked to sign in at the circulation desk so that our records may accurately reflect the number of users. In the meantime, do not hesitate to ask for assistance at the front circulation desk. The staff will be happy to assist you!



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## Disability Gets Funded

It took a lot of time and effort, but the results are definitely worth it. Now Palau's people with disabilities will be receiving financial assistance from the Republic of Palau to help them better cope with the challenges they face everyday. The Republic of Palau's FY2003 budget act, passed on September 30, 2002, stipulates that a sum of \$150,000 will be used to provide monthly financial assistance to individuals who are homebound, wheelchair bound and/or blind. This legislation can be said to be a direct result of the 2001 Convention of Palau's People With Disabilities. Held for the first-time last year at Palau Community College (PCC) Cafeteria, the convention was funded by the national government and implemented by a team of individuals representing various agencies, headed by PCC President Patrick U. Tellei. After a successful holding of the convention, the Disability Committee, as they call themselves, put together a report of findings and submitted it to the national leadership. Included in the report were listings of short-term as well as long-term recommendations on how Palau can help address the needs of her people with disabilities. At the top of the list was a stipend that would help to offset the costs incurred by people with disabilities as they go about their daily lives.



Augurio Joseph, Dir. Bureau of Community Services (back left), with Committee members: Sitting (l-r)- Imelda Nakamura, Ermang Nguai, BerryMoon Watson; Standing (l-r)- Dir. Joseph, Mike Ongalibang, Jeffrey Olegeriil, Jay Olegeriil

Thus, this enactment which essentially addresses the first recommendation on the report sends a powerful message. First, it indicates that the national leadership is actively addressing the needs of Palau's people with disabilities. It also indicates, perhaps more importantly, that Palauans who are disabled will no longer feel ignored or neglected by their government. The FY2003 budget act goes on to mandate the Disability Committee to work with the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs' Bureau of Community Services to establish rules and regulations as well as establish criteria for the management, administration and distribution of the \$150,000 to eligible individuals. Hence, the Committee has been meeting regularly on a voluntary basis to put everything in place so that the program may commence on the targeted date for implementation. The Committee is comprised of the following people: Patrick U. Tellei, Chairman (PCC), Jay Olegeriil (PCC), Willy Wally (PCC), BerryMoon Watson (Min. of Health), Josepha Tiobech (Min. of Health), Lillian Nakamura (Min. of Comm. & Cult. Affrs.), Ermang Nguai (Palau Parent's Ctr.), Natus Mischech (Concerned Parent), Mike Ongalibang (Omekesang Assoc.), Vanessa Nolan (J'Vans Co.), Evans Imetengel (Min. Ed. - Spec. Ed.), and Jeffrey Olegeriil (Vocational Rehab). The Committee has since received two additional and very active members, Ms. Imelda Nakamura (Tiul Belau) and Mrs. Benita Decherong (Milad 'I Dil). At the present the Committee has completed the Proposed Rules and Regulations as well as Criteria on how the disability funds will be used. This proposal will be submitted to the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs for their review and action. In the meantime, everyone who would like additional information on the work of this committee may contact Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone number 488-2471, extension 253.



## Celebrating Birthdays

Dr. Wan J. Han	November 15
Eugene Uehara	November 15
Juliana Anastacio	November 18
Victoria Maui	November 19

Happy Birthday To You!!!

## Reminders...

### ANNUAL REPORT

All College departments and divisions are reminded that your annual reports are due to the Development Office next week Wednesday Nov. 20, 2002, for compilation and layout.

### SDSU COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

Our fellow faculty and staff will be taking their SDSU Comprehensive Exam next week Tuesday. This is the last step toward obtaining their master's degree in educational leadership from San Diego State University.

### SAVING ENERGY

Everyone is reminded to turn off all cooling systems, computers and other electrical equipment at the end of the workday. By conserving energy, we also help the College to save on costs of electricity.

### Below is data taken from a 2001 survey conducted by the Palau Community College:

- A) HOMEBOUND  
B) WHEELCHAIR BOUND and/or BLIND

	Category A	Category B	TOTAL
Aimeliik	5	4	9
Airai	9	24	33
Angaur	3	1	4
Hatohobei	0	1	1
Kayangel	1	2	3
Koror	91	103	194
Melekeok	2	2	4
Ngaraard	3	6	9
Ngarchelong	15	3	18
Ngardmau	6	0	6
Ngatpang	2	0	2
Ngchesar	8	2	10
Ngaremlengui	5	2	7
Ngiwal	1	10	11
Peleliu	5	5	10
Sonsorol	2	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>323</b>



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# FYI...

## President in Guam

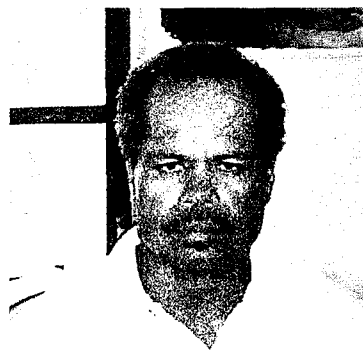
The College's president, Patrick U. Tellei, and the College Board of Trustees are currently in Guam to attend a regional investment workshop. While there, they will also be attending the College of Micronesia Land Grant Board of Regents' meeting. President Tellei is expected to return to the island on Monday the 18th.

## PBILC Update

With the 2003 Pacific Basin Interagency Leadership Conference (PBILC) drawing near, the College continues to attend steering committee meetings to ensure that adequate logistical preparations are in place. The College will be hosting the conference which is expected to take place in March next year. Another major role to be played by the College is registration of conference participants. While only two College staff are currently attending the committee meetings, Jay Olegeriil and Elenita Brell, more and more PCC personnel will become involved as the conference date approaches. Stay tuned for updates in later issues.

## Dean of Students Off to San Jose

PCC Dean of Students Presley Etibek left the island on Wednesday headed for the state of California. Dean Etibek, who is PCC's Accreditation Liaison Officer, will be attending a workshop that is being co-conducted by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities, and the American Association of Higher Education. At the workshop, Dean Etibek will become more familiar with the new accreditation standards, which have been reduced from ten to four, in preparation for 2003 as PCC is slated to undergo a comprehensive self-study as well as receive an accrediting team visit on the third week of February. Dean Etibek is expected back on the island on November 18th. Upon his return, the College will establish teams to spearhead the College's preparation for the upcoming self-study. The last comprehensive self-study and accrediting team visit was in 1998 resulting in PCC being accredited for another five year term. In fact, the College has maintained its accreditation status ever since becoming fully accredited in 1977 by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, a tradition we are proud of and intend to maintain!



## Website of the Week

College Opportunities On-Line is your direct link to over 9,000 colleges and universities, a small liberal arts college, a specialized college, a community college, a career or technical college or a trade school. You can find them all here.

This site is brought to you by the National Center for Education Congress in 1998 to help college students, future students, and their parents understand the differences between colleges and how much it costs to attend college.

You can search for a college based on its location, program, or degree offering either alone or in combination. The more criteria you specify, the smaller the number of colleges that will fit your criteria. Once you've found some colleges of interest, you can obtain important information on all of them.

Information of interest to both students and parents includes three years (1997-1999) worth of academic year prices for full-time, first-time undergraduate students, enrollment and program data, and information on financial aid to full-time, first-time undergraduate students. To use this exciting tool, please visit: <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool>

## Four Weeks Left of This Semester

We are now in the third week of November which means that spring semester will be over in about four (4) weeks or shall we say three (3) weeks since the last week of instruction most likely will be a review week. With the attendance policy in effect and withdrawal deadline behind us, you need to hang in there. Special efforts must be taken to attend all classes, ask questions and study extra hard to pass all your classes. Who are you doing it for? Yourself of course, AND YOU BET YOU CAN DO IT!

## Previous Students Give Advice

"Attend all your classes. Skipping classes will lower your grade. For sure you will miss out on lectures if you are not there which means you will understand less than the students who went to class. Put your personal life on hold if you have to."

Jeremy Ytlagmar  
Construction Technology

"Take advantage of tutors because this really helps when something discussed in class is hard to understand. Take a break from too much fun. You can live without fun until the end of the finals."

Marcia Florentino  
General Office Clerk

"Go to all your classes and spend your free time studying in the library."

Joren Inglong  
Business Accounting

## PCC Vacancy Announcement

ANNOUNCING  
VA #: 02-005  
Open: 11/13/02  
Close: Until filled

Position: (1) Librarian

Salary : \$16,010 to \$18,730.00 per annum depending on qualification

### EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Provide professional library services to the College and its clients including but not limited to, assisting individuals and groups in locating or obtaining library materials. Maintain and update the library circulation and reference collections of print resources such as general and technical books, serial publications, documents, and other material; maintain and revise, as required, index, control systems for general, technical books and other library printed materials; assist in selecting, ordering, cataloging, classifying, processing of information to students, faculties, public, regarding library activities such as services/facilities available, procedures and policies; develop and implement a variety of library orientation programs to a client; assist in the preparation of the library budget; assist faculty and other clients in developing bibliographies, promotion, outreach services and activities; and serve on the College committees as assigned; select, direct, train and supervise student library workers; and perform other related duties as assigned by supervisor.

### Minimum Qualification Requirements

Master or Bachelor's degree from an accredited higher education institution in library science or, possess field experience, possess knowledge and skills required to perform the duties and responsibilities of a community college librarian. Previous successful librarian experience in higher education institution is preferable.

### General Information

Application forms can be obtained from Human Resources Division at Palau Community College P.O. Box 9 Koror, Palau 96940, tel. no. (680) 488-2470/2471, fax no. (680) 488-2447. Send completed application with transcripts, resume, and verification of previous employment, if any, to above address. Please feel free to contact us at the above numbers should you have any questions or need further information.

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## 2002 PCC Thanksgiving Fundraiser Prize List- Get Your Ticket(s) Today

### 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
- Island Choice Restaurant
- Palasia Hotel Palau
- Barracuda Bar & Restaurant
- Emamelei Restaurant
- Penthouse Restaurant

### Beauty Packages:

- Sonia's Beauty Salon
- Hiromi's Beauty Salon
- Hair Design Beauty Salon
- Kathy's Beauty Salon
- Ongdung Beauty Shop
- Klamiokl Beauty Salon

### Trips/Hotel Getaways:

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

### Other Fabulous Prizes:

- Computer System-PRA
- Computer System-ComputersPlus
- Shopping Spree at Duty Free Shoppers
- Microwave
- Car Tune Up
- Washing Machine
- Dryer Machine
- Television
- VCR
- CD/Tape Player
- 4 BIG PITI Fish
- Shopping Spree at Ace Hardware
- Flower Arrangement from Bngal aChen
- Free outfit from Chen's Dress Shop
- Free PCC Plants
- I Live baby pig
- Free Internet
- Free Pizza
- Free Cable for 1 Year
- \$250 Worth of Free Electricity
- \$500 Debusch Cards
- 2 Cell Phones- PRA
- Free Cell Phone Programming, Activation, and Airtime Cards - PNCI
- Overnight Fishing Trip...and much more,

For every \$10 donation to the PCC Endowment Fund, a person receives a raffle ticket. The raffle drawing will take place on Wednesday November 27, 2002 at PCC from 1:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. Prizes such as those listed on this page will be given away on the same day. Anyone who has a ticket but will not be on campus that day can simply turn on his/her radio as this event will be featured live on local stations to ensure that the listening public will be kept informed as to who are some very lucky winners. Last year's event provided prizes to 72 winners and this year, PCC plans to give away more! Since ticket holders need not be present to win, this provides everyone a decent chance at winning one or more of the fabulous prizes that are just waiting to be claimed.

As always, donations to the PCC Endowment Fund are tax deductible as stipulated in national law. In other words, you donate to a most worthy cause, get tickets that may win you some wonderful prizes, and in the end get your money back! Because there are only two weeks left till the fundraiser, do not procrastinate. Call Palau Community College at 488-2471 and get your tickets today.

**ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT! GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**