

## Intramural Tourneys Produce Champs!

After two months of intense competition for both intramural co-ed basketball and volleyball tournaments, they came to a successful end last week with the following winners:

### Intramural Co-Ed Basketball Tourney

- 1st Place - KEMWE  
(Team Cpt.: Hamilton Maech)  
2nd Place - OUTER ISLANDERS  
(Team Cpt.: Chester Piyerigyal)  
3rd Place - AIKEL SEBECHEMAM  
(Team Cpt.: Tripler Orrukem)

### Intramural Co-Ed Softball Tourney

- 1st Place - KEMWE II  
(Team Cpt.: Carrissa Subris)  
2nd Place - KAYANGEL ANGELS  
(Team Cpt.: Teruhisa Okada)  
3rd Place - KOSRAE SLEEPING LADY  
(Team Cpt.: Aliksa Lowary)

A total of 16 teams competed in both tournaments. In other news, PCC has registered teams (men and women) in the ongoing Palau Amateur Volleyball Association (PAVA) organized volleyball tournament. Additionally, PCC Men's Basketball team has registered to participate in the 2002-2003 National Basketball League (NBL) which started this week. With PCC's teams participating in local tournaments, everyone is encouraged to go out and cheer our students as they compete for athletic glory. For information about PCC recreational and athletic program, contact Mr. Ismael Anastacio at PCC telephone number (680) 488-3885.

## PCC Thanks Palau

In the Spirit of this Season of Thanksgiving, the Board of Trustees, PCC President, faculty & staff, and most especially the students of Palau Community College, take this opportunity and thank all agencies, businesses, organizations, groups, and individuals for your commitment and support, generosity and goodwill extended to Palau Community College. INDEED, PCC IS PROUD TO BE YOUR COLLEGE!



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## Library Cataloging Statistics

The following data is based on the number of cataloged books on a monthly basis for 3 fiscal years.

	OCT. 1999 - SEPT. 2000 (Year 1)	OCT. 2000 - SEPT. 2001 (Year 2)	OCT. 2001 - SEPT. 2002 (Year 3)
Oct.	414	323	501
Nov.	931	859	484
Dec.	121	255	0
Jan.	1,633	279	246
Feb.	1,827	237	152
Mar.	714	742	233
April	869	435	435
May	Not Available	456	77
June	1,946	376	420
July	1,134	53	461
Aug.	1,213	55	603
Sept.	759	29	805

## Reminders, etc...

### ANNUAL REPORT

All College departments, divisions and offices are thanked for submitting their reports to the Development Office for compilation and layout of the College's annual report. Those who missed Wednesday's submission date are requested to submit their reports soonest so that our schedule may be maintained. Mesulang!

### SCRATCH PAPERS

The PCC Development Office is accepting scratch papers on behalf of several local Head Start centers. All offices are kindly requested to drop off scratch papers at Development Office so that we may provide much needed papers for our Head Start students. Mesulang!



## Celebrating Birthdays

Huan Anastacio	November 23
Clement Kazuma	November 23
Mekreos Silil	November 24
Larry Wakakoro	November 30
Laura Mangham	December 5
Ephraim Ngirachitei	December 5

**Happy Birthday To You!!!**



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## Former VP-CRE is Ambassador

Palau Community College is proud to see its former vice president of Cooperative Research and Extension Department, Mrs. Anita Rechirei-Suta, to be appointed by the Republic of Palau (ROP) President and unanimously confirmed by the Senate of the Sixth Olbiil Era Kelulau (Palau National Congress), to serve as Palau's first Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines. The news of ROP President Tommy E. Remengesau's announcement appointing Rechirei-Suta was initially a surprise to College staff as she has devoted most of her professional career to education. However, believing that she will be very capable of meeting the demands of this top diplomatic post, the College staff rallied to her support. Thus, the news of her confirmation was welcomed by everyone here at the College.



Rechirei-Suta first came to PCC back in 1973 when she was hired as an Education Specialist. In July 1974, she was promoted and became dean of instruction, a position she held until 1979 when she relocated to Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia to further her career. In March of 1996, she returned to PCC to assume vice-presidency of the newly established department, Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE), a major department of PCC primarily responsible for the College's research and development efforts in agriculture and aquaculture, among others.

Serving in this capacity, she played a key role in securing a piece of land in Babeldaob to be used to build the College's state-of-the-art research and development station. Rechirei-Suta continued to serve as PCC's vice president of CRE until her retirement from the College last month. However, she continues to break new ground, something that is actually not so new in her life. As a matter of fact, as cited in Tia Belau News, she first made history in 1967 when she became the first Palauan and Micronesian woman to graduate from the University of the Philippines earning a BS degree in Home Economics. Later, in 1973, she then became the first Palauan woman to obtain a master's degree in Education with a minor in Nutrition at the University of Hawaii (Nov. 3-9, 2002 issue).

Thus, becoming the first Palauan envoy to the Philippines and the first Palauan woman ambassador are the latest addition of firsts as achieved by Rechirei-Suta. In fact, her confirmation at the Senate of the Sixth Olbiil Era Kelulau saw a unanimous endorsement, indicating the national leadership's support of her nomination. Indeed, the College is quite proud to see that one of its own has decided to serve her nation in such a noble capacity. The President of PCC, on behalf of the PCC Board of Trustees, the student body, faculty and staff, congratulate Anita and are confident that she will do her country proud as Palau's ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines!

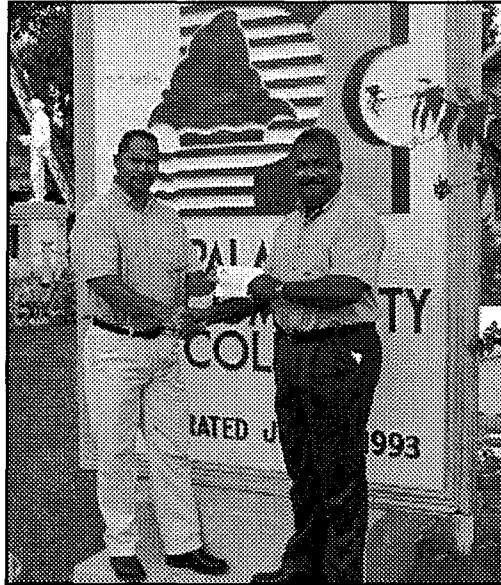
## MOBIL DONATES TO PCC ENDOWMENT FUNDRAISER



PCC President Patrick U. Tellei (2nd left) and PCC Vice President of Administration Mr. LeoBen Teriong (left), accept donation of \$2,000 to the PCC Endowment Fundraiser from Mr. Drew Spaulding of Mobil Oil Micronesia. Accompanying Mr. Spaulding is BILUNG Gloria G. Sali (right), who is the Chairperson of the PCC Board of Trustees.

ENDOWMENT FUNDRAISER IS NEXT WEEK SO GET YOUR TICKET(S) TODAY. See page Two for more information.

## SHELL DONATES TO PCC



PCC President gratefully accepts gift certificates for free gasoline from Frank Kyota, Area Manager for Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Ltd. The gift certificates will be raffled off on Wednesday as prizes for PCC's 4th Thanksgiving fundraiser. Shell Company also donated \$500 to the PCC Endowment Fund this year, as it did last year.

## INTERNSHIP APPS FOR 2003 NOW AVAILABLE

In preparation for Internship placement for Spring Semester 2003, the College needs to know the number of students who expect to be eligible to participate in the training and their respective trade areas at this time. This will allow the College enough 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 the required forms. **APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW READY FOR PICK UP ANYTIME DURING WORKING HOURS.** The deadline for submission of completed application forms is Friday December 13, 2002. Students are requested to adhere to this deadline in order to be considered for internship placement.

The Internship Program is provided as a final requirement for students who have completed all their course requirements on campus or at most have one remaining to be taken concurrently with the training. It allows students to be placed on the job in their respective field of 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. For information about PCC Internship program, contact Vincent Ito at PCC telephone number 488-2471, extension 238.

## Students, Think an "F" is Erasible? Think Again

Beware!! Many students think that getting an "F" from a course is fine because they can always repeat the same course and get a better grade to replace the "F" grade the next time around. While it is true that a course can be repeated, and that a student may fare better during the second attempt, it is misguided to believe that the second grade given will replace the first. The only thing that may improve/change is the student's GPA, provided the second grade will be better than the first.

For example, if you took CS100 and received an "F", your GPA will be 0.0. If you take it again and receive an A which gives you a 4.0 GPA, both grades will be computed giving you a cumulative GPA of 2.0. This means that your first grade of "F" from CS100 would still show on your transcript.

Why should you worry about it? Because your transcript would either help or hurt your chances to transfer to a four-year college/university, earning scholarship(s), and/or in getting a job after graduation. At this point in the semester when withdrawal is not an option, great care must be taken to make sure you pass your courses because replacing any "F" grade received is evidently not possible.

## Exam Study Tips

Because the next issue of this newsletter will be the week before semester exams, students are hereby provided the following study tips and are highly encouraged to take them to heart as you prepare for final exams:

- 1. Be Prepared**  
The most important factor in exam success is preparation. No matter how many helpful hints you employ, nothing works as well as making sure you've studied enough.
- 2. Do Your Homework**  
Often an exam question will parallel a homework assignment. Doing your homework regularly will give you practice where you need it.
- 3. Review Regularly**  
If you spend a few minutes each week reviewing your notes, your final studying will be a review, not an attempt to learn the entire term's work.
- 4. Study Your Weakest Subjects First**  
Why? You'll be fresher and therefore better able to deal with difficult areas, and you'll have more time to deal with any problems that arise.
- 5. Ask for Help**  
If you're having trouble with a particular subject, do not be afraid to ask for help. Your teacher and fellow students will be glad to give you a hand.
- 6. Understand vs. Memorize**  
You may pass your exams if you memorize the material, but you'll improve your grade considerably if you understand what it is you're memorizing. You'll also find the material easier to remember.
- 7. Look at Old Exams**  
They can be useful study tools, as long as you don't limit your studying to them.
- 8. Eat Well and Get A Good Night's Sleep**  
Take care of yourself during exam week - you're going through a lot of stress. Make sure you hold up well.

## Computer Training Offered to PCC Staff

Last week Monday saw the beginning of a month-long computer training for PCC staff working at the Continuing Education Office, Adult High School, Talent Search Office, and the PCC Library. This computer training is aimed at helping to educate the participants in the basics of computer operations, especially with Windows program. It will also give participants the opportunity to learn new software programs under the guidance of Mr. Edwell Ongerung, the training instructor. Also taking part in the training who are non-PCC staff are Ms. Julita Tellei at the Ministry of Health and Mr. Selestin Yangilmau who works in the Palau Maritime Authority Office. Participants will receive certificates of completion at the end of the training. For information about this computer training or other training programs, contact PCC CE Office at tel. no. 488-2470/2471, ext. 270.



## BITS & PIECES...

### Happy Thanksgiving

Following the tradition of this newsletter, there will be no *Mesekiu's News* next Friday as it is Thanksgiving week. Thus, the President of PCC would like to wish the entire PCC family of Trustees, Students, Faculty and Staff a very happy and safe Thanksgiving. Let us all enjoy the holiday and take this opportunity to be thankful for our families and loved ones, friends and supporters. Happy Thanksgiving one and all!

### 10th Police Academy Drawing to a Close

Soon the College campus will no longer see our cadets of the 10th Police Academy. The academy will come to a close on November 29th, that's next Friday. While we will surely miss their presence, the College wishes each and every cadet much success in their educational and career endeavors.

### EIAUS WITHOUT Club Gains New Members!

The College's efforts to do away with tobacco in our elaus is slowly but steadily gaining popularity. We are proud to announce that Eileen Babauta and Taruu Nakamura of Continuing Education Office have joined the club. If you are currently a tobacco user, consider joining us, the more the healthier!

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

### Cash Prizes:

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

### Dinner/Lunch Prizes:

- Coconut Terrace
- Furusato Restaurant
- Carp Restaurant
- Yokohama Restaurant
- Island Choice Restaurant
- Palasia Hotel Palau
- Barracuda Bar & Restaurant
- Emaimelai 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 DFS
- Microwave
- Washing Machine
- Television
- CD/Tape Player
- Shopping Spree at Ace Hardware
- Flower Arrangement from Bngal aChen
- Free outfit from Chen's Dress Shop
- Free PCC Plants
- Free Internet
- Free Cable for 1 Year
- \$250 Worth of Free Electricity
- \$500 Debusch Cards
- Free Cell Phone Programming, Activation, and Airtime Cards - PNCI
- Overnight Fishing Trip...and much more.
- Theater Tickets
- Car Tune Up
- Dryer Machine
- VCR
- 4 BIG PITI Fish
- 1 Live baby pig
- Free Pizza
- Free Gas
- 2 Cell Phones- PRA

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 THE FUNDRAISER IS NEXT WEEK, DO NOT PROCRASTINATE.** Call Palau Community College at 488-2471 and get your tickets today.

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