

2nd Annual MOC/PCC Alumni Softball Tourney is a Success!!!

The MOC/PCC Alumni Association held its 2nd Annual Softball Tournament last week from Wednesday November 26 thru Sunday November 30th. Like last year's tournament, the proceeds of this year's tourney will be donated to the PCC Endowment Fund. Association President DINGELIUS Eugene Uehara and Association Secretary and First Lady of Airai state Mrs. Inacia O. Rengulbai spearheaded this year's tourney.

A total of 16 teams participated in this highly competitive tournament which was held at the Meyuns Ballfield. Being held during the Thanksgiving season, the Association was thankful for the support and assistance that was provided by the teams and their sponsors, Belau Softball Umpires Association, Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs, people of Meyuns, Governor Tmewang Rengulbai of Airai state, and Palau Community College.

President Uehara stated that the kind and level of support given to the association is heartening and motivates them to continue holding this annual event. The following are this year's tournament winners: **For the Co-ed division, this year's champion is Team MOKKO. Second place went to BSA-KESEBELAU, and third place went to MOF. In the Masters' Division, the EXECUTIVES are this year's champions. SELHIT won second place and OLIDIIL garnered third place.** The MOC/PCC Alumni Association congratulates this year's winners and all the teams and their sponsors for a successful tournament. See you next year!



This year's Co-ed champion is Team MOKKO. The photo above shows them proudly displaying their trophy with tournament officials.

Celebrating Birthdays



Laura S. Mangham December 5
Ephraim Ngirachitei December 5
Veronica Kloulechad December 11

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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PCC Cuts Ties with Moylans, Gives PacifiCare Second Chance

On Monday this week, PCC staff officially voted to change their medical/health coverage agent, from Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc. to Melekau Insurance, a local representative of PacifiCare. This decision came after a meeting between PCC staff and Melekau agent Cisca Vogt.

This is not the first time that PCC establishes ties with Melekau Insurance. From 1999 to 2001, Melekau Insurance was the College's health coverage provider. PCC severed ties with Melekau the first time around because the latter did not cover medical expenses incurred at the Palau National Hospital.

This time, Melekau Insurance covers all clinics in Palau including Belau Medical Clinic, whereas Moylan's Netcare has stopped covering medical expenses incurred at Belau Medical Clinic. As of November 30, 2003 a total of 84 PCC employees subscribed to Moylan's Insurance. It is anticipated that at least the same number, or slightly lower, will be transferring to Melekau Insurance.

While PCC may be cutting ties with Moylan's NetCare Insurance, we remain committed to work with them in other aspects of the insurance industry. Thus, we thank them for their continued support and commitment to further the already fruitful partnership between Palau Community College and Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc.



PCC staff met Melekau Insurance agent Cisca Vogt earlier this week. Melekau Insurance is now the College's health coverage provider, replacing Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc.

Welcome New Members!

Next week's issue will feature two brand new members of the PCC Endowment Fund Bi-weekly Contributors' Club! Do you want to join us in donating to a most worthy cause, and at the end of the year get your money back? Call Jay, Dilubch, or Hulda at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471 to enroll or for more information.



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Bi-Weekly Endowment Donors, Let's Meet!

In planning for what will become an annual event for the College, PCC is hereby inviting all bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund to gather for an annual meeting. This meeting will be held on December 30th at the PCC Mesekiu Bai located on the campus courtyard, starting promptly at 11:30 am. During this meeting, all bi-weekly donors will find out how much they, as individuals, have donated for the year, and how much has been collectively contributed to the PCC Endowment Fund.

Therefore, all ROP employees, state government employees, as well as employees of semiautonomous agencies are requested to mark their calendars so as to be able to attend this first meeting that is hoped to become an annual event. Like the recently held PCC Thanksgiving fund raiser, there will be many

prizes to be raffled to many lucky winners.

However, unlike the PCC Thanksgiving fund raiser, you must be present to win this time. **Some of the prizes that we will give away include a round trip ticket to any destination in Micronesia, computer system, PNCC calling cards, Palau Pacific Resort and Palasia Hotel getaways, cell phone, shopping spree at Ace Hardware, free gasoline, beauty packages at local salons, Shimbros coolers and beach chairs, dinner at PPR, polo and tee shirts from Fish 'N Fins as well as Dolphins Pacific, and much much more!**

If you donate to the PCC Endowment Fund every two weeks, then you are invited to this once a year event. Let us get together and see how much we have raised for the year 2003 through our allotments. At

the same time, let us all finally meet each other and see just how many of us there are. At last count, we totalled more than 500 individuals, WOW!



Remember, we meet on Tuesday December 30, 2003 at the PCC Mesekiu Bai at 11:30 am. Come quench your thirst and treat yourself to some refreshments as we give away those wonderful prizes to many deserving endowment donors. In the meantime, if you have any questions about this upcoming event, please do not hesitate to contact Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471. Thank you very much and see you on December 30th!!!

ADAP Strikes Again!

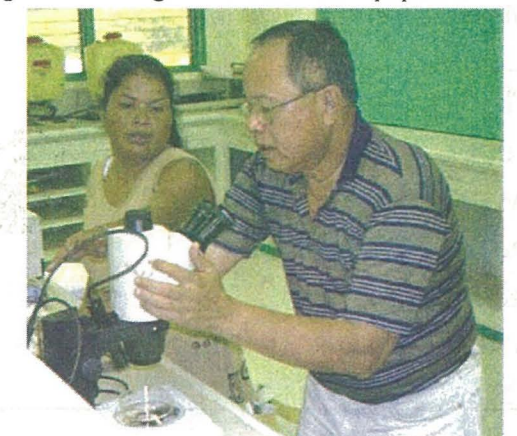
Two weeks ago, it was reported in this newsletter that the Agriculture Development in the American Pacific (ADAP) Project contributed \$2000 in scholarships to PCC agriculture students. This week ADAP has struck again by donating \$7000 worth of scientific equipment to Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) as part of ADAP's Distance Diagnostic by Digital Imaging and Recommendation System program. The aim of this project, operated out of University of Hawaii - Manoa, is to implement an internet-based agriculture diagnostic service in Palau and the rest of the Pacific. CRE received a digital camera, lap top computer, dissecting microscope and a compound microscope, which will be used to aid farmers troubled by insect pests.

With this new equipment, the Agriculture Staff at CRE will be able to help farmers whose crops are being damaged by insects. When a problem arises, CRE staff will photograph the damaged crop or the insect under one of the microscopes and send that picture via the internet to the insect database run by the Entomology Staff at the University of Hawaii - Manoa who can then provide assistance in combating the destructive pest. The database contains pictures from Hawaii, Guam, Pohnpei and other islands in the Pacific and can be seen by anyone at www.dddi.org/pacific/.

This past Monday and Tuesday, CRE staff were trained on the new equipment and networking procedures by ADAP representative, Juliana Yalamar. For the past two weeks, she has traveled to Guam, Pohnpei, and now Palau providing instruction in these new tools to extension agents and researchers who will all be part of this new diagnostic network.

Dr. Nelson Esguerra of CRE expressed his excitement at having these new tools with which to work with and how they will help with his research on biological control of harmful insect pests.

For more information about the Digital Imaging and Recommendation System or for assistance in identifying harmful insect pests, please contact Portia K. Franz or Dr. Nelson Esguerra at the CRE office at 488-4983. The photo below shows Ms. Yalamar(l) and Dr. Esguerra working with the donated equipment.



PCC Thanks Donors/Supporters

A very grateful Palau Community College family of Trustees, Administration, Faculty and Staff, and most especially students, would like to thank the many agencies, businesses, corporations, groups, and individuals for their generous support. Your commitment to Palau's only institution of higher education has resulted in a most successful 5th Thanksgiving Fund Raiser for the PCC Endowment Fund, where we exceeded our \$10,000 goal, and in fact raised **\$18,373.05!** In the spirit of this season of Thanksgiving, we would like to acknowledge the following for their support and commitment to the fundraiser by providing prizes as indicated:

Prize Giveaways

Palau/Taipei Non-Stop Round Trip Ticket
 Round Trip Ticket to any Micronesia destination
 Computer System and 2 Cell Phones
 Computer System with Printer
 Shopping Spree at DFS
 Free Tickets to STAR Theater
 Washing Machine, Dryer Machine, Microwave
 Fax Machine
 Car Tune Up
 Television, VCR, CD/Tape Player
 5 REALLY BIG PITI Fish
 Free Radio Advertisement (worth \$420)
 Shopping Spree at Ace Hardware
 Free outfit from Chen's Dress Shop
 1 Live baby pig
 Free Internet
 Free Pizza
 Free Gas
 \$1,700 worth Debusch Cards
 Free Cable for 1 Year & Free telephone line
 Cell Phone Programming, activation, and airtime
 Car-Towing Services
 Umbrellas & Tote Bags
 Tee Shirts
 Plants
 Overnight Fishing Trip
 Polo Shirts, Album, Address Books,
 Coloring Books, and Key Chains

Donor

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 Philip Reklai & Associate
 ComputersPlus
 Duty Free Shoppers
 Mr. & Mrs. Reggie and Faye Bennett
 Surangel & Sons Company
 Surangel & Sons Company
 Western Caroline Trading Company
 S&S Video Plus
 PITI
 WWFM 89.5 (Mr. Alfonso Diaz)
 Western Caroline Trading Company
 Changeina Masang
 Lucky's Farm (Mr. Ben Lakobong)
 Coconut Hut Cyber Cafe'
 Rock Island Cafe'
 Did Ra Ngmatel Gas Station
 Palau National Comm. Corp. (PNCC)
 PNCC
 PNCC Wireless
 Palau Wreckers Service
 Bank of Guam
 Fish 'N Fins
 Palau Community College
 Palau Community College
 Dolphins.Pacific

Dinner/Lunch Prizes provided by the following:

Coconut Terrace
 Furusato Restaurant
 Carp Restaurant
 Yokohama Restaurant
 Palasia Hotel Palau
 Barracuda Bar & Restaurant
 Emamelei Restaurant

Hotel Getaways courtesy of:

Palau Pacific Resort
 Carp Island Resort
 West Plaza Hotel
 Palasia Hotel Palau
 Penthouse Hotel

Beauty Packages as provided by the following:

Sonia's Beauty Salon
 Hiromi's Beauty Salon
 Hair Design Beauty Salon
 Kathy's Beauty Salon



From left are WWFM 89.5 Radio Station owner Mr. Alfonso Diaz, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, PCC student Ngirmeriil Ngirmeriil, and PCC Board of Trustees member Mrs. Valeria Toribiong. Mr. Ngirmeriil was the winner of this year's raffle draw grand prize which included: \$1,000.00, room at Palau Pacific Resort, Dinner at PPR Coconut Terrace, \$50 DEBUSCH phone card, \$250 shopping spree at ACE Hardware, One really big P.I.T.I. fish, \$100 shopping spree at Duty Free Shoppers, One Bank of Guam Umbrella, and \$420 worth of free radio advertisement at WWFM 89.5

Cash Prizes

\$1,000 Grand Prize
 \$500 First Prize
 \$250 Second Prize
 \$150 Third Prize
 \$100 Fourth Prize
 \$50 fifth-tenth prizes

Donor

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A Big Thank You to everyone who donated toward our 5th Thanksgiving Fund Raiser for the PCC Endowment Fund. Thanks for helping us raise \$18,373.05!!!



PCC Thanks Donors/Supporters

Other Major Donors & Ticket Holders for 2003 Thanksgiving Fund Raiser for PCC Endowment Fund

PCC Student Body Association	-	\$1,500	Surangel & Sons Company	-	\$1,063.05
M&F Company	-	\$1,000	Midtown Service Station	-	\$1,000
Moylan's Insurance Underwriters Inc.	-	\$1,000	Mr. Daniel Roland	-	\$1,000
Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Ltd.	-	\$580	Hawaiian Belau Rock Corp.	-	\$500
Mr. David John	-	\$500	Koror Wholesalers	-	\$500
Kumangai Bakery (Masato Kumangai)	-	\$495	Koror State Government	-	\$400
Palau Int'l. Coral Reef Center	-	\$300	Mr. Ramon Rechebei	-	\$300
Deloitte & Touche	-	\$250	MidCorp (Alan R. Seid)	-	\$250
U-Corporation (Did-Ra-Ngmatel)	-	\$200	Nat'l. Dev't. Bank of Palau	-	\$200
Franco's & Company	-	\$200	Airai State Government	-	\$200
SOCIO Micronesia, Inc.	-	\$200	Hanpa Construction Co., Ltd.	-	\$200
Mr. Frank Ho	-	\$200	Mrs. Dixie Tmetuchl	-	\$200
Dr. Cisca Omdiderengul Soaladaob	-	\$200	Palau Construction Bank, Ltd.	-	\$150
PCC Tourism Club	-	\$150	Dr. Harold Allen	-	\$100
Senator Lucius Malsol	-	\$100	United Paint Supply	-	\$100
Mr. Jeff Barcinas	-	\$100	Mr. Haruo Esang	-	\$100
Ridpath & Ragle	-	\$100	Pacific Savings Bank	-	\$100
Fish 'N Fins	-	\$100	UBDI Belau Tour	-	\$100
Shimbros International, Inc.	-	\$100	Ms. Rena Kloulechad	-	\$100
Ms. Annabel Lyman	-	\$100	Mrs. Clara T. Ueki	-	\$100
Pacific Family Medical Supply	-	\$100	Bem Ermii (Mr. Kerai Ngirmekur)-	-	\$100
Causeway Gas Station	-	\$100	Ms. Ulai Teltull	-	\$50
Sen. Steven Kanai	-	\$50	Melachelbeluu W. Rengiil	-	\$40
Oliver Yona	-	\$20			

Additional In-Kind Support

Mr. Alfonso Diaz (WWFM 89.5)	-	Free Radio Announcements and Live Broadcast of Thanksgiving Fund Raiser
Palau Horizon	-	Discount on Newspaper Advertisement

BITS AND PIECES...

Finals Next Week

Believe it or not, next week is final exam week for the PCC 2003 fall semester! Time sure does seem to fly. All students are reminded to open those text books and review them one more time so that final exam questions do not catch you off guard!

While we are already making plans on what we will be doing during the Christmas break, let us first address these all important final exams. In other words, do not get ahead of yourself. Finish those research papers, complete those pending projects, and turn in all other assignments.

Finally, study study and study, and be ready to ace your final exams. If you do all of these, you will be one happy person during the Christmas season. In fact, getting good grades may be the best present you give yourself this year. Don't think about it, just do it. Good luck on your finals!!!

Fall 2003 Academic Calendar

First day of instruction	August 18
Late Registration/Drop & Add Period	August 18-22
HOLIDAY: Labor Day	September 1
HOLIDAY: Indep. Day	October 1
Last Day to remove incomplete Summer Grades	October 2
Mid-term Period	October 13-17
HOLIDAY: UN Day	October 24
Last Day for all Withdrawals	October 27
HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving	November 27
Last Day of Instruction	December 5
Final Exam Period	December 8-10

Grades Due December 12

Ngaremlengui State Improves Road to PCC

The staff at PCC Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) would like to thank Governor John Skebong and the State of Ngaremlengui for making the drive to the Research and Development (R&D) Station in Ngermeskang a little bit easier. The Governor and staff of Ngaremlengui State contributed 20 cubic yards of coarse gravel, heavy equipment, and the manpower to repair about 150 feet of damaged dirt road leading to the Station last week. CRE staff travel daily on this road, which became dangerous to maneuver after weeks of heavy rains. PCC students, faculty and staff as well as other visitors to the R&D Station, now have easy access in any kind of weather to the Station to see CRE's many agriculture projects. This road maintenance project is just one of many contributions that Ngaremlengui State has provided to CRE's R&D Station in an effort to promote agriculture programs in Palau. The CRE staff would again like to extend sincere appreciation to the Governor and his staff.