

PCC Tourism & Hospitality Students Visit Peleliu

"144 Steps to Tragedy"

On Saturday, November 03, 2001, the Tourism and Hospitality Class (TH 100) led by Soledad Garcia gave us an opportunity to tour and learn some of the historical sites of World War II in Beliliou State. We heard many stories and toured many sites that still bear the remains of war.

One of the sites on the ridges that caught our attention was on Hill 400 (Rois Ngchemiangel). It is said that before the war ended in November 1945, a sniper hidden on top of the hill managed to kill additional American soldiers. The rugged coral rock terrain made it hard to hunt the sniper. After several attempts that results in few deaths, the sniper was shot and died on the spot. People were amazed when they discovered that the sniper was a female. Some says that she was a Japanese while others say that she was an Okinawan lady who was one of those who were brought in to Beliliou to entertain the Japanese soldiers. Even though we may never know who she really was as no record of the actual incident was kept like other tragedies of the same war, we can still climb up the 114 steps stairway to the top of Rois Ngchemiangel to see the monument built for her courage.

The whole trip was so educational for us. The tour guide (Willie Smau - a former MOC student) was aware of how important it is for him to do his job well in order to lure more tourist to visit the island. We did not just learn a World War II history, but we also saw the lodging accommodations available on the island and its services provided for the industry. Overall, our trip was fun, enjoyable, and most of all a success. We hope everyone who went benefited from it as much as we did.

This trip could not have happened without the help of Fidelia Tengoll, Todd Ngiramengior, Dean Alvina Timarong, and most of all President Patrick Tellei. We would like to thank you all for your help and support.

This article was submitted by Tourism & Hospitality students Helene Moros, Sato Beltau, and Jason Gajdusek.



PCC Library Has Over 250 Dissertations in its Micro-P Collection

The PCC Library now has 256 dissertations in its Micronesia-Pacific collection. The dissertations are available to anyone who wishes to utilize them for research work or those whose hobbies include reading dissertations.

According to the PCC Librarian, President Tellei's dissertation is due to be finished by the eve of next year and a copy will also be filed in the Micro-P collection.

Please note that all materials in the Micronesia-Pacific collection including the dissertations are considered reference materials only and cannot be checked out. For more information about the PCC's Micro-Pacific Collection and other library information, please contact 488-2471, ext.230

2001-2002 TOEFL TESTING DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline Date	Approximate Score Report Mailing Date
(1)	(2)	(3)
May 11, 2002	March 25, 2002	June 19, 2002

- 1) The Test of written English (TWE), a 30-minute test, will be given with TOEFL on all test dates.
- 2) This is the date when registration forms must be received by the TOEFL Registration Office in Princeton, NJ.
- 3) Score Reports will be mailed approximately four weeks after the test date.

Testing & Service Fees - \$110

Information Bulletin and Registration Forms are now available at the Student Life Office. Please see Myorang Besebes for assistance with registration.

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PCC Continuing Education Dean Attends Disaster Readiness Summit in NYC

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Service Administration sponsored a national summit entitled, "When Terror Strikes: Addressing the Nation's Mental Health & Substance Abuse Needs - Strengthening the Homeland Through Recovery, Resilience, & Readiness." The summit was held in New York City, from November 14-16, 2001.

Continuing Education Dean Willy Wally attended the summit on behalf of PCC along with nine others representing the Ministry of Health and other affiliated agencies in Palau.

Palau Community College was recently designated as a center for emergency health in the Pacific region with Dean Wally overseeing the coordination of the center. The summit addressed the problems that normally happen as a result of any disaster such as the unfortunate one that hit the World Trade Centers in the U.S.

Problems could be natural or man-made, but the impact can be very devastating to the nation as well as other nations, especially the ones who are directly connected to the affected victims. Furthermore, study shows that even the first responders to provide emergency help to disaster victims are also vulnerable to possible problems. The summit shared unbelievable survey results indicating an increase in mental illness, substance abuse and other domestic problems as an impact of the terror attack to the U.S.

The importance of sharing and learning about this information is to be able to plan and prepare ourselves for such unfortunate incidents if they ever happen. We should not wait for it to happen and then react to it. The goal now for Palau is to put a plan together that will identify resources that will be organized and utilized in case of an emergency in response to the issue of Mental Health & Substance Abuse.

For more details about the disaster summit, please contact the Dean Willy Wally at the office of Continuing Education at 488-2471.

PCC Agricultural Science Helps PMA Poultry Farm Ease Pinch of September 11 Attacks

by: PCC Agricultural Science

Palau is a long way from New York City, but the events of September 11, have been felt here as well. Poultry farmers in Palau have been particularly affected by changes in the regulations of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Poultry farmers here normally replace their laying hens every two years to keep egg production high. They order new chicks from a hatchery in Hawaii every six months. The chicks are sent by air, and can survive the trip as long as it is less than 48 hours. With the new FAA regulations, however, it is no longer possible for Palauan poultry farmers to order chicks from Hawaii. If this situation continues much longer, egg production will begin to decrease and prices will inevitably increase.

PCC's Agricultural Science Program is going to try to help out in a small way. On November 27, the Agriculture Program began incubating 500 eggs for the Palau Mission Academy (PMA) poultry farm. If all goes well, the chicks should hatch in 21 days - on December 18. Normally, only about half of the eggs hatch, and only half will be female so we expect to provide about 125 female chicks to the PMA farm. This is a very small number compared to over 6,000 hens at the farm, but it is what we can do (for starters). Keep reading the Mesekiu's News for progress report on this project.



Nelson Sisior of PMA Poultry candles an egg, while agriculture students and teacher observe. (l-r) Shiomi Hata, Hartman Ybelmar, Tharngan Loochaz, Emmanuel Tithingfal, Nelson Sisior.



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PCC ADULT HIGH SCHOOL

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The PCC Adult High School program, started in Fall 2001, has now completed the first semester of its second year. Seven (7) students are scheduled to graduate in the Spring of 2002, while twelve (12) students are due to finish in the summer of 2002. These students will be earning a high school diploma, which will be awarded by the Ministry of Education as the law requires. One of the courses of the Adult High School that has to be taken before graduation is On-the-Job Training. The Adult High School staff is working with the PCC Internship Coordinator Vincent Ito, to place the students at jobs that reflect their stated career interests. Below is the list of the Spring and Summer 2002 candidates with their career interests:

NAME	Graduation Date	Career Interest
Antipas, Dana	Spring 2002	Office Administration
Aoki, Takako	Summer 2002	Education
Baiei, Thomas	Summer 2002	Criminal Justice
Bechesrak, Robin	Summer 2002	General Electronics Tech.
Bedal, Mary Jane	Spring 2002	Agricultural Science
Bruce, John	Summer 2002	Computer Science
Emeterio, Virginia	Summer 2002	Office Administration
Fredericks, Forsythe	Summer 2002	General Electronics Tech.
Isaac, Ralph	Spring 2002	Construction Technology
Julius, Mayer	Spring 2002	Small Engine & Outboard Motor Technology
Manabat, Ofelia	Summer 2002	Office Administration
Otiwii, Sophia	Spring 2002	Criminal Justice
Oyama, Oliva	Summer 2002	Agricultural Science
Pedro, Ronnie Smith	Summer 2002	Construction Technology
Rii, Dietrich	Summer 2002	?
Sakuma, Ana Jean	Spring 2002	Office Administration
Tirso, Shirley	Summer 2002	Nursing
Ubedei, Inaria	Spring 2002	Agricultural Science
Yalap, Ody	Summer 2002	General Electronics Tech.

Upon graduation, the students can choose to work at entry-level jobs, or to continue on to post-secondary education. Many Adult High School students have expressed interest in continuing their education at Palau Community College. One of the advantages of housing the Adult High School on the PCC campus is that the students have ample opportunity to check the different career programs offered at PCC, and make better-informed choices about their future careers if they are not working already at a chosen field. Out of about 90+ students who enrolled in the Fall 2001 Semester, a total of 76 students are completing classes this semester.

Palauans interested in the program may contact Mrs. Senna Azuma, or Laura Mangham at phone number 488-2471. Registration for the Spring 2002 Semester is underway for continuing students, and interested individuals may pick up application forms at the Adult High School office, located next to the PCC Bookstore. Registration for new and returning students is from January 7 – 11, 2002.



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2002 SPRING AND SUMMER CALENDAR

Adult High School

SPRING 2002

January	1 (Tues.)	HOLIDAY: New Year
January	7-11 (Mon.-Fri.)	Registration of New and Returning Students Late Registration of Continuing Students
January	14 (Mon.)	First Day of Instruction
February	1 (Fri.)	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Fall 2001
February	25-28 (Mon.-Fri.)	MIDTERM PERIOD
March	15 (Fri.)	HOLIDAY: Youth Day (No Classes)
March	18-22 (Mon.-Fri.)	Spring Break (No classes)
March	29 (Fri.)	HOLIDAY: Good Friday (No Classes)
April	2 (Tues.)	PCC Charter Day
April	5 (Fri.)	PCC Charter Day Celebration
April	15-19 (Mon.-Fri.)	FINAL EXAM PERIOD
May	6 (Mon.)	HOLIDAY: Senior Citizens' Day
May	24 (Fri.)	GRADUATION DAY
May	27-31	Summer Break

SUMMER 2002

June	3-7 (Mon.-Fri.)	Registration of New and Returning Students Late Registration of Continuing Students
June	10 (Mon.)	First Day of Instruction
July	1 (Mon.)	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for Spring 2002
July	9 (Tues.)	HOLIDAY: President's Day (No Classes)
July	22-25 (Mon.-Fri.)	MIDTERM PERIOD
August	19-22 (Mon.-Fri.)	FINAL EXAM PERIOD

**Happy Holidays from
PCC Adult High School!**