

## Airforce CAT Team Builds Gazebo for Cafe



As part of its community service, the Airforce CAT team has offered its professional service to help construct a Gazebo behind the PCC cafeteria. All materials for the construction are being provided by PCC while the CAT team provides the expert labor. The structure will be equipped to handle barbecues and other food preparation functions suited for the outdoors. Work on the Gazebo is slated to be completed by next week according to the Palauan trainees working for the CAT team.

## Expansion of Restroom Facility to House Old Files and Online Computer Lab



Above, construction of an additional room and a second floor level to the existing restroom facility continues on schedule. Located behind the Upward Bound office, the added room will serve as a storage for college files required to be kept for five years. The second level will be equipped with computers and will serve as an online computer laboratory for students enrolled in the San Diego State University online program.

### Library Hours- Spring Semester 2006

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm  
 Saturday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
 Sunday: 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

### Celebrating Birthdays

Postol McQuay	February 4
Elenita Brel	February 8
Pioria Faungy	February 9

Happy Birthday To You!

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## High School Survey Concludes with Palau High

PCC Development Office staff completed its survey this week of all high school juniors and seniors in the Republic of Palau after administering the survey to the final and largest (enrollment) high school in the Republic of Palau- Palau High School.

With the adept help of Palau High School Principal Theodore Borja in scheduling arrangements, the Development office staff along with other PCC personnel were able to successfully administer the survey to close to 300 Palau High School juniors and seniors in 16 different classes during their first period. "By scheduling the survey at first period, we can be sure that most of the targeted students are reached as most of them have first period classes," said Principal Borja after the survey.

Conducted every three years, the survey's main objective is to find out from the target group (high school juniors and seniors) what field of studies they would be most interested in pursuing after graduation and if Palau Community College would be an option for them if they do decide to pursue a college education.

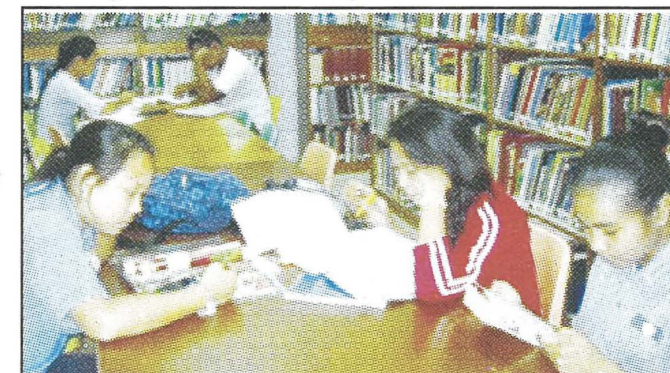
The high school survey which commenced with Mindszenty High School, Emmaus High School, and continuing on to Bethania High School, Belau

Modekngai School and Palau Mission Academy was supposed to have been concluded with Palau High School earlier last week, but due to the fire incident at one of PHS' classroom last week, PHS officials asked that it to be rescheduled to this week.

With all high schools now surveyed, work to compile the results is underway and results should be readily available for publication this month.

In line with its purpose of continually improving its programs and services to students, both present and future, PCC will analyze the survey results to determine how it's best used in further enhancing programs and services at the college.

Palau Community College extends its appreciation to all the Principals and staff of all the high schools in Palau for making ammendments in their busy schedule to accommodate the college in conducting its a survey.



Every fall semester, PCC enrolls the highest number of Palau High School graduates compared to graduates from other high schools in Palau. (above) Palau High School students take advantage of the vast volume of resource materials at the PCC Library for their research work.

## President Tellei Off-Island to Attend Land Grant & PPEC Meetings



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei left Palau earlier this week with PCC-CRE Vice President Thomas

Taro to attend a meeting in Pohnpei. President Tellei and Vice President Taro are due to attend a crucial meeting with Land Grant officials to discuss the possible extension of the COM-FSM land grant treaty to 2009, permitting it to coincide with the Palau Compact renegotiations.

Palau Community College is a land grant institution under the umbrella of the COM-FSM land grant treaty, and thus such extension would be most welcome as it ensures further continuity of much needed federal financial assistance to help with the number of on-going aquaculture and agriculture projects at the PCC's Research & Development station.

After Pohnpei, Vice President Taro is expected to return to Palau while President Tellei will continue on to Honolulu, Hawaii where he is scheduled to attend the annual meeting of the Pacific Postsecondary Educational Council (PPEC) from February 6-7. President Tellei is scheduled to return back to Palau by mid-week next week.



### SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP

#### "Agriculture - Tourism"

Date : February 13 2006  
 Time : 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Place : Coral Reef Center  
 Fees : \$10.00 per participant (Non-refundable)

Contact: Palau Small Business Development Center @ 488-6004/775-2472 to pre-register.

**SYNOPSIS:** This Workshop will help participants to better understand the challenges of the new e-commerce/marketing medium, the Internet and the powerful relationship with the agriculture & travel industry. They will be introduced to examples of "best practice" in the agriculture-tourism industry, learn how to get started, including and introduction to business planning and the importance of preparing one. Participants will be able to obtain vital information and agriculture resources to evaluate, prepare, start and own an "Ag-Tourism" business!

#### AGENDA

8:00 am—9:00 am	Registration, Coffee/Tea
9:00 am—11:30 am	Ag-Tourism (Walk Tour, Best Practices, Ideas & Making It Work)
11:30 am—1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm—2:00 pm	USDA-Palm Service Agency
2:00 pm—3:00 pm	USDA-Rural Development
3:15 pm—3:30 pm	Break
4:00 pm—5:00 pm	Wrap-up, Q & A and Evaluation

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## CE Outreach Program Goes to Southwest Islands

The Continuing Education (CE) office staff Sharon Elbelau and trainer Jesse Sakuma, a renowned small engine mechanic travelled to the southwest island of Sonsorol on January 24 to conduct an outreach class on Small Engine Repair & Maintenance.



(seated l-r) Samuel Bemar, Hilary Jonas, Lee Pedro. (standing l-r) Joe Yongowemau, Jesse Sakuma (trainer), Speaker Nicholas Aquino, Kalisto Nestor, David P. Antonio and Joe Kintoki.

Boat operators from the neighboring islands of Merir and Pulo Anna joined others on Sonsorol to take part in the week-long class that centered around the repair and upkeep of an outboard motor. Under the guidance and supervision of instructor Sakuma, the boat operators received hands-on training, learning basic maintenance and tune-up procedures from replacing old spark plugs to adjusting carburetors, and other techniques for properly tuning and maintaining an outboard engine.

CE staff Elbelau said that the trainees found the class informative and applauded the college's effort in extending such programs beyond Koror to remote places such as the southwest islands. "Given our island's size and remoteness, our resources are extremely limited and, so we are totally dependent on our boats to fish the surrounding waters for food resources. Knowing how to maintain our boats in good running order is a must and we thank the college for its help," said one trainee.

This class is just one of many outreach programs that the Continuing Education office extends to various states throughout Palau. The CE office congratulates all trainees and extends its appreciation to Sonsorol State Governor Damian Albis and the people of Sonsorol, especially Salvador "Papa Salva" Kintoki and his family for their generous hospitality and support in helping make the class possible.

## PCC Vocational/Technical Education Week Set for March 13-17



Associate Dean Sherman Daniel

The PCC Vocational/Technical Education Week has been set for March 13-17 of this year. This is according to Associate Dean Sherman Daniel who is the co-chair of the organizing committee for the event.

Daniel who is the co-leader of the organizing committee with Vicky Maui of the Tourism & Hospitality program said that March 13-14 will be the days where the event will cater to the primary target groups which are high school juniors and seniors. After the Youth Day holiday break on January 15, activities will resume on January 16 with attention then to be

focused on the rest of high school and elementary school students. Daniel said that he is coordinating with Marleen Ngirametuker of the MOE's Gear-Up program to orchestrate a smooth visit of possibly hundreds of elementary school students.

On January 17, which is the final day of the Voc./Tech. Education Week, doors will be opened to the general public. The public will tour the shop areas and also get a chance bid on popular student-crafted products such as bookshelves, bookcases, tables, barbecue grills, and other items.

The Voc./Tech. Education Week is an

## Talent Search Program Switches Tactics, Brings Services to Students



Instead of offering services to its 600 student clientele on campus, the Talent Search Program (TSP) is now bringing it tutoring and counseling services to elementary and high school campuses from Koror to Airai. This is according to TSP Counselors Angelio Anthonio and Scarlett Rechirei. "Our mandate allows us to serve 600 students from these areas so we figured it would be more practical and convenient to bring our services to them instead of the other way around," said Rechirei. "Working with each school, we now have set schedules each week for counselors and tutors to visit each school to offer counseling and tutoring services," said Anthonio. "This arrangement benefits the students most as they can continue to receive our much needed services in the comfort of their classrooms instead of our cramped office facility," he added.

The Talent Search program has an open enrollment policy and thus encourages students to take advantage of the services that it offers year round. To find out more about the Talent Search Program and its services, please contact telephone number 488-3926.

occasion that allows PCC students, especially those in the Vocational/Technical fields to promote their respective programs through demonstrations and product displays to prospective PCC students as well as to the general public.

To find out more about the upcoming PCC Vocational/ Technical Education Week, please contact Sherman Daniel at telephone number 488-2471, ext. 254, or Vicky Maui at 488-6008.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Kiwi to Help Revive Construction Tech. Courses ....

Elizabeth De Jong, a former PATS High School instructor from New Zealand is slated to arrive in March this year to work with Construction Technology instructor Lester Rekemesik in teaching CT classes.

Dejong, who is an architect by trade with a BA degree in architecture specializes in Computer Aided Designs (CAD) and is expected to revive some of the drafting and blue print reading classes that were previously taught by now retired instructor William Mobil. With a strong background in Science, De Jong is seen as someone who may possibly initiate physics classes at PCC.

### SDSU Masters Program Orientation to start this month ....



Dean of Continuing Ed. Willy Wally

There will be a one-week orientation for all 2006 San Diego State University (SDSU) Master of Arts applicants beginning Monday, February 13, thru Saturday, February 18.

The meeting will be held at the Continuing Education training

room from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm with SDSU professor Theresa Lally.

The following topics will be covered:

- Orientation to Masters Program
- Technology Orientation
- Intro. to ARP 680 (Leadership for Next Decade)

All applicants for the SDSU Masters program are required to attend this very important orientation. Questions, please call Willy Wally, Dean of Continuing Education at 488-6223.

### UB Program Implements Intelli-Math Program

To help its students hone their math skills, the Upward Bound program has incorporated into its services to students a program called Intelli-Math. Intelli-Math is a computerized tutorial program that allows students to go online and practice math solving problems at their own pace. The tutorial program is interactive and very easy to use, making it popular for all students.

## Environmental/Marine Science Scholarship

Applications are still being accepted for the Environmental/ Marine Science Program Scholarship. Applications are available at the Development Office for those interested. This scholarship program is for citizens of Palau and the Freely Associated States. The following are the criteria for student applicants:

### High School Student Applicant

- Must be a high school graduating senior
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50
- Have been accepted to Palau Community College
- Must have TOEFL score

### PCC Student Applicant

- Full-time student
- Enrolled in Environmental/Marine Science Program
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5

### Other Student Applicants (undergraduate)

- Currently enrolled as full-time student in an accredited or recognized post-secondary institution
- Have a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.50
- Provide current college transcript
- Maintain full-time status

### Other Student Applicants (graduate)

- Currently enrolled as full-time student in an accredited or recognized post-secondary institution
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Provide current college transcript
- Maintain full-time status

### Supporting documents to be submitted with the application:

- Copy of Palau, FSM, or RMI Passport or notarized copy of birth certificate
- Copy of acceptance letter from PCC or other accredited or recognized post-secondary institutions
- Official school transcripts
- Copy of high school diploma (high school student applicants only)
- Copy of degree (graduate student applicants only)

All applicants are required to submit their completed application forms with supporting documents to the PCC Development office by Friday, February 10, 2006.