

PCC Softball Schedule, Spring 2000

4 vs. 8 - Friday, Feb. 25th
 3 vs. 7 - Friday, Feb. 25th @ 7:45 pm
 1 vs. 6 - Monday, Feb. 28th
 2 vs. 5 - Wednesday, March 1st
 3 vs. 8 - Friday, March 3rd
 4 vs. 7 - Friday, March 3rd @ 7:45 pm
 3 vs. 6 - Monday, March 6th
 1 vs. 8 - Wednesday, March 8th
 2 vs. 7 - Friday, March 10th
 4 vs. 5 - Friday, March 10th @ 7:45 pm
 1 vs. 7 - Monday, March 13th
 2 vs. 8 - Friday, March 17th @ 5 pm
 4 vs. 6 - Friday, March 17th @ 6:30 pm
 3 vs. 5 - Friday, March 17th @ 7:30 pm
 End of regular season!

Contact Ismael at 488-3885 for more information.

Celebrating Birthdays

Simiko Amida February 28
 Angela Ngirngerak March 01
Happy Birthday to you two!

Meseki's News
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Teams:

1. Cinco De Mayo
2. Yasai
3. Outsiders NWO
4. Ed. & Training
5. Admin. & Finance
6. Hijackers
7. ABU 2000
8. M-Reps



Note: All games will be held at Meyuns Ball Field on MWF beginning at 6:30 pm except otherwise stated. Please see official team roster to identify your team. Note also cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers.

Rained-Out Games Schedule

- Game 1 - 1 vs. 2 at 1:00 p.m.
- Game 2 - 3 vs. 4 at 2:00 p.m.
- Game 3 - 6 vs. 8 at 3:00 p.m.
- Game 4 - 2 vs. 4 at 4:00 p.m.
- Game 5 - 5 vs. 7 at 5:00 p.m.
- Game 6 - 7 vs. 8 at 6:00 p.m.
- Game 7 - 1 vs. 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- Game 8 - 5 vs. 6 at 8:00 p.m.

All the above games will be played on Saturday, February 26 at Meyuns Ball Field, weather permitting. Otherwise the whole rained-out games schedule will be move to Sunday, February 27.

Each game will be played in an hour period only, per Chief Umpire's clock. All game ground rules shall remain. Above decision was agreed by all team captains on 02/14/2000.

PCC Library Breaks All Previous Records!

By: Jane Barnwell, Librarian

January 2000 ushers in the new millennium. It was also a noteworthy month for the PCC Library. Previous statistics for user activity shattered!! A record total of 19,300 individuals used the PCC Library in the first month of the new year, including 603 users from the community (which includes high school and elementary school students). A total of 3,186 books were circulated, 2,049 were fiction. We are very proud and excited by these numbers. More people are using the PCC Library's resources and services. Based on the number of fiction titles being read, we believe that reading for enjoyment is becoming more common throughout our various user groups. User activity in February appears to be keeping pace, if not exceeding January's figures, so stay tuned for further news!!

YEARBOOKS for \$15.00

The 1998-99 yearbook is now selling for \$15.00 a copy at the SBA Office.

The 1999-2000 yearbook staff is currently organizing and all interested students can sign up at the SBA office. The SBA welcomes ideas and suggestions for this year's yearbook. Call 488-2461 for more information



Palau Community College MESEKI'S NEWS

Friday, February 25, 2000

Weekly Newsletter

Volume 2, Issue 7

UOG Continues to Fulfill Mission To Aid Micronesian Students

Despite its geographical proximity, the University of Guam has often been "distant" and unresponsive to Palau on issues such as articulation. However, recent events seem to promise a renewed commitment to assisting Palau Community College students as they pursue their advanced degrees.

PCC President Patrick Tellei sent a letter of support to UOG President Nededog to assist him in his proposal to accept all PCC AA graduates as juniors at UOG. In other words, PCC students who complete the Liberal Art program need not take any general education courses if they enroll at UOG. Ideally, students could complete four-year degrees in just two years at Guam. President Nededog made this request to the UOG Board of Regents earlier this month.

PCC's course articulation agreement with UOG expires in May 2000. So far, the new agreement (being drafted) will include more general education courses (69 credits) as well as two accounting courses and two education courses.

Finally, UOG has authorized PCC (pending PCC Board approval) to offer third-year classes in areas such as accounting, criminal justice and education. In most cases, an on-island instructor can be certified by UOG and teach on schedule to accommodate the community.

PCC looks forward to a new era of cooperation and mutual respect between the two institutions, and to an increase of education opportunities for students.

UB Counselors, Dean of Students and Project Beacon Staff in San Diego for WESTOP Conference.

Debra Ngiraingas and Nica Kloulechad, Upward Bound (UB) Counselors, are leaving on February 26 to attend the 22nd Annual Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP) in San Diego, California.

Ngiraingas and Kloulechad will be joining the Dean of Students, Presley Etibek and other Project Beacon staff who left last week to attend the pre-conference seminars.

Upward Bound Director, Kuye Belelai and Lead Instructor Helen Immanuel were also scheduled to travel to San Diego for the one-week conference but cancelled at the last minute as both fell ill with minor head colds.

Total trip expense for the two UB counselors which is estimated at about \$6,000 dollars will be paid for by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.



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31 Enrolled in On-line SDSU Classes at PCC

Bachelors in Vocational Education Participants

Secundina Azuma	Sherman Daniel
Clement Kazuma	Karen Mobil
Helene Moros	Joan Philip
Serelina Ridep	Josepha Tutii

Masters of Arts in Education Participants

Faith Kloulubak	Theodore Borja
Sinton Soalablai	Raynold Mechol
Armstrong Debelbot	Faith Swords
Clara Maile Andreas	Yuri Kishigawa
Laura S. Mangham	Maurine Alexander
Marianne Temaungil	Meridith Randall
Huan Hosei	Baskasio Oiterong
Sarah M. Clayton	Wilma Sukrad
Regina Mesebeluu	Epimachus Moses
Cynthia Malsol	Kimberly Wallace
Alvina Timarong	Silvester Mikel
Ngiraiechol Joe Pedro	

PCC Softball League
 All Rained-out games to be played tomorrow
 See Schedule on Page 4



PCC to Participate in Job "Shadowing" Program

On February 24th, Education & Training Vice President Mario Katosang, along with his assistants Associate Dean Sherman Daniel and Dean Meridith Randall, took part in a meeting called by the Business/Education Partnership of the School-to-Work Initiative. At that meeting, School-to-Work (STW) members outlined plans for 127 PHS students to "shadow" workers in the community on March 7th, then report on their experiences. Forty-six employees, including PCC, will host students on that day; the Ministries of Health and Education, PPR and the National Judiciary will receive the largest number.



Dean of Academic Affairs Meridith Randall and Associate Dean Sherman Daniel.

PHS Principal Ray Mechol expressed appreciation to all meeting participants especially employers for their support in implementing the program and helping to prepare students to enter the workforce.

Plans are already in the making to hold such program annually as well as extend its duration.

Congressman Underwood from Guam Secures Inclusion of FAS Citizens in Gates Foundation Scholarship Program

For the third time, Congressman Robert A. Underwood has successfully requested the consideration of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation on behalf of Pacific Islanders. He was informed that his request to allow citizens of the Freely Associated States (FAS), which includes Palau, to participate in the Foundation's Millenium Scholars Program has been granted.

"Over the past few weeks, I have been working very hard with the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), who are agents for the Gates Foundation Millenium Scholars, trying to make sure that Pacific Islanders are included and I am very happy to report that the Fund has decided to include citizens of the FAS for eligibility in the scholarship program. We have worked hard hard to make sure that U.S. nationals, primarily from American Samoa and permanent residents were included.

Now we have taken this additional step to include our fellow islanders from the surrounding region," the Congressman said.

Congressman Underwood also said the UNCF also agreed to use the criterion that anyone who qualifies for the federal Pell Grant program should also be eligible for the Millenium Scholars Fund. "This was a particularly critical step, because I think that a number of Micronesians may find themselves eligible and may meet the qualifications and we wanted to make sure that they are included," he said.

The UNCF also agreed to work with Congressman Underwood, Congressman Eni Faleomavaega of American Samoa and Senator Daniel Akaka of Hawaii to

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PCC Staff Pool Resources to Aid Colleague

The tradition of goodwill and generosity continues at PCC as twenty-six staff came through with monetary donations to help a fellow colleague in need.

Fran Kinsang of the Development Office received word last Tuesday from home (USA) that she was needed immediately to attend to a family emergency. As word spread on campus of Fran's plight, all her friends came forward to offer what little help they could to help Fran defray some of her expenses for the costly trip.

The following individuals are acknowledged for keeping the long-standing, goodwill spirit alive at PCC.

Donations to Fran Kinsang from her friends

1. Merelyn Omelau	\$ 20.00
2. Lory Joseph	20.00
3. Presley Etibek	15.00
4. Debra Ngiraingas	10.00
5. Helen Immanuel	10.00
6. Nica Kloulechad	10.00
7. Jay Olegeriil	50.00
8. Veronica Sengebau	5.00
9. Armstrong Debelbot	10.00
10. Hulda Lucas	5.00
11. Akiko Beketaut	10.00
12. Jane Barnwell	20.00 w/card
13. Grace Merong	5.00
14. Willes Tmecherur	3.00
15. Byron Tellei	3.00
16. Mr. & Mrs. Katosang	20.00
17. Keith Ignacio	5.00
18. Myorang Besebes	20.00
19. Seba Tutii	5.00
20. Vernice Yuzi	5.00
21. Sue Ikertang	5.00
22. Wilma Tmecherur	5.00
23. Lei Senior	5.00
24. Dannies Uehara	3.00
25. Ben Ueda	5.00
26. Rosendo Skang	5.00
	\$279.00

RETENTION WEB PAGE

By: Leslie Adachi, PCC Retention Office, Tel.#: 488-2471, ext. 247

Shining Stars for this Week

You are required to put in 3 hours per week in the reading lab for a total of 30 hours a semester. We want to recognize and congratulate the following students who have successfully completed all 30 hours of reading.

McQueen Elidechedong Shirley James
Jason Fasulidal Hiroko Matsushima

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undertake as wide reaching an effort as possible to get the word out to potential nominees and nominators. "We are going to be assisting in distributing nomination forms, although they can be accessed on the Gates Foundation website," Underwood said. "We are trying to extend these opportunities and we will continue to work hard to try to provide as many scholarship opportunities for Pacific Islanders," further said the Congressman.

More information about the program can be found at www.gatesfoundation.org and www.gmsp.org

News Release
Internet,
February 3, 2000

The SCUBA Diving class' students, instructor, and boat driver are extremely grateful for all the wonderful lunches that Ezra Takeo and the cafeteria staff have prepared for us during our weekend classes. Thank you for going the extra mile to make sure that we don't starve when we are sixty feet under at Blue Corner, German Channel, Turtle Cove, etc. Thank You :)

2nd Lite-Fishing Derby Held

February 12, 2000

First Place: Thomas Taro and Kevin Polloi - 118 fish
Second Place: Joshua Ngirngbedangel - 110 fish
Third Place: Peter, Ongesii, and Emis - 100 fish
Fourth Place: Francis Tomei - 18 fish
Fifth Place: Belechel Ngirngbedangel - # of catch unknown

Interested individuals can contact Joshua Ngirngbedangel at 488-2471 to register for the next derby.

TOEFL Bulletin for 1999-00

Test date: May 13, 2000

Registration fee: \$75.00

Deadline: March 27, 2000

Registration by mail - Mail in the form at least three weeks prior to test date.

For more information, please contact Sabra at the PCC Counseling Office at 488-3036.

Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2000

March 6-10	Midterm period
March 15	Holiday: Youth Day
March 17	Last day for all withdrawals
March 20-24	Spring Break
March 31	PCC Charter Day
May 4	Last day of instruction
May 5	Holiday: Senior citizen's day
May 8-10	Final examination period
May 12	Grades due
May 19	PCC commencement exercises

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