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## **A Sizzling Hot Update on Project 8**

**May 13, 2004**

### **The Long Winter**

Thanks for "bearing" with us these long 18 months since the Project 8 upgrade began. Almost ready to emerge from hibernation, Project 8 is nearly complete and is set to go live on June 7, 2004.

***But here's where things get a little sticky, honey.***

### **The Fizzle Before the Sizzle**

Put this "beary" important date in your datebook: May 27. The Project 8 upgrade requires a complete shut down of the current PeopleSoft Student/Human Resources system at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 27th.

During the shut-down, technicians will put their paws to work performing the system conversion over Memorial Day weekend. During the first week in June, the system will be operational for a few select staff members in Student Records, Human Resources and Payroll to address critical student services and complete the short-term payroll for June while the project team tests the system to ensure the conversion was not too hot, not too cold, but just right!

### **Project 8 gets Hot, Hot, Hot!**

On June 7th, Project 8 emerges into Spring! June 7th is the day students and faculty will start using the hot, new eServices component built on PeopleSoft's state-of-the-art Internet technology.

#### **What's Been Happening in the Den?**

*Since our last sizzling update, the project team has accomplished the following:*

- Improved eServices to better serve Palomar faculty and students.
- Created a PeopleSoft systems training center.
- Developed end-user training materials and added a PeopleSoft upgrade resource page to the Palomar Training Website.
- Formed a mentor program to help train as many people as quickly as possible.
- Trained over 250 end-users and mentors to date.
- Installed a new credit card application that will reduce processing service fees.
- Acquired and installed hardware and software to enable on-campus operations of PeopleSoft 8.
- Applied all PeopleSoft patches released through March 15, 2004.
- Set up a new security system to prevent unauthorized access to employee and student data.
- Re-tested the application to ensure all menus, pages, queries, and reports perform as expected.
- Initiated development of a Faculty eServices training tutorial with completion expected in late May.

*End user training, documentation and testing will continue through the month of May in preparation for full transition during the first week on June.*

**Stay cool and have  
a sizzlin' hot summer!**



**For more information on Project 8, contact Information Services at x2140.**