

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2007 (PCC)

Mary Arius -



2007 PCC graduate with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Library & Information Services. Immediately after graduation, she was hired as the Head Librarian at the Palau Public Library.

### Class of 1996 (PCC)

Jolanda Warren-



1996 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science degree in Police Science. Warren works as a Customs Officer with the Division of Customs of Palau's Ministry of Finance.

### Class of 1988(MOC)

Jinny Ngirengkoi -



1988 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in General Office Clerk. Ngirengkoi has worked for many years as the Administrative Assistant for Ngarchelong State Office.

**Alumni Notes** showcases MOC&PCC alumni who contribute to the quality of life in their local community and are positive role models for other PCC students to emulate. If you are that alumni or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you in future issues of the *Mesekiu News*.

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### Celebrating Birthdays

Dilmai Saiske March 03  
Deikola Olikong March 08  
Rose A. Kohama March 10

Happy Birthday To You!

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to former VP of Admin. & Finance Leo Ben Teriong, Governor Vicky Kanai, and all the winners of the recently held election for the State of Airai! Best wishes from PCC.

## FSA Biannual Garage Sale Big Success

Contributed by Faculty Senate Association

Last Sunday, several faculty members joined together for the first FSA Garage Sale of the year. Pants, clothes, toys, videos and more were piled high at the start of the day, but with the great prices, it didn't take long until things were flying off the shelves. Some of the hottest items were Mike Fedison's cherry tomato plants, which cannot be found anywhere else in Palau, and the baby items donated by Judge Alexandra Foster.

Around lunchtime, FSA President, Joe



FSA members and supporters pose for a photo during their fundraiser last weekend.

### OPEN Season for Endowment Fund

PCC Development Office continues to process refund applications for all government and nongovernment employees. So if you have not filed your income tax refund application yet, stop by and let Dilubch take care of your Endowment needs.

#### Don't forget to bring the following:

- ✓ Check stub #26 or Wages & Tax Form for year 2009.
- ✓ Original receipts for your donations to other nonprofit organizations.

To find out how you can join the hundreds who are already giving to the Endowment Fund, contact the PCC Development Office at 488-2471, ext. 253, if you can't come to the office, contact the office at 488-2471, ext. 253 and we'll send someone to find you.

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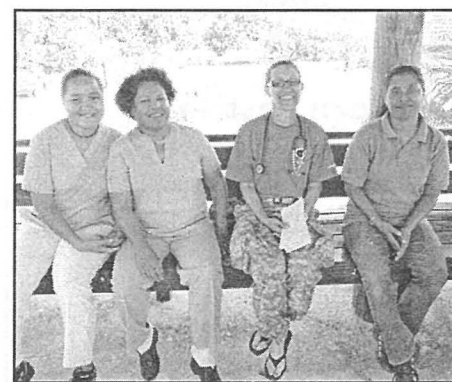
Chilton, and FSA Vice President, Tim Mitchell, fired up the grill. The simple menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausage dogs was a big hit. One customer even noted that the burgers were "twice as good as Bem Ermii at half the price!" And, as always, Keiden Skilang's ice cold coconuts were a crowd favorite.

By 4 pm, the garage sale came to a close, with nearly all items sold and over \$250 in profits for FSA student scholarships and awards!

The FSA would like to thank everyone who stopped by the garage sale and all those who made donations of cash or items for the sale: Lesley Adachi, Megan Beard, Eric Carlson, Joe Chilton, Elizabeth De Jong, Ken Faungy, Mike Fedison, Alexandra Foster, Soledad Garcia, Joe's Bar & Grill, Reiko Kawamura, Danka Ledgerwood, Tim Mitchell, Lynn Polloi, Keiden Skilang, and Marianne Temaungil. And finally, a big thanks to Wiles Tmecherur for stopping by on his day off to set up the tent for the garage sale.

If you would like to donate items for the next garage sale, please contact Danka Ledgerwood at 488-2471.

### Nursing Students Join CAT Outreach Program



PCC Nursing students and instructor Terry Ngimang (2nd-left) with Army Civic Action Team (CAT) medic LT. Katrina Gabelko on a clinical outreach program to the outlying states in the big island of Babeldaob.

As part of their learning experience, Nursing students now accompany Army Civic Action Team (CAT) LT. Katrina Gabelko on her clinical outreach programs to the states of Babeldaob which do not have easy access to medical services. The students will learn to provide health screening help Gabelko with patient education.

FREE!!!



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# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## Accreditation Team Wraps Up Work



Accreditation visiting team chair Dr. Leon Richards (r) consults with PCC Accreditation Liaison Officer Dahlia Katosang as team members review documents in the exclusive Evidence Room on Monday.

The Accreditation Team visit to validate the 2009 PCC Self-Study Report concluded yesterday with an exit meeting with President

Tellei. Members of the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and

### Mandarin Instructor Trains Palau Reps to 2010 World Expo



Mandarin instructor Ginger (2nd-right) and her students during the certificate awarding ceremony last month.

"Ni Hao Ma?" "Wo mi le!" "Wo tuzi e!" which all mean, "how are you", "I am lost", "I am hungry-feed me now" in Mandarin Chinese are some of the expressions that Mandarin Instructor Tsu-Ching

Chen better known as Ginger taught her students in her recently concluded basic Mandarin class. Unlike previous classes she has taught, Ginger said that this class was extra special as four of her nine students (Baulbei Isechal, Phillip Tirso, Ngedikes Becheserrak, and Victoria Wesley) are actually members of the Palau delegation and will be representing Palau to the upcoming World-Expo in Shanghai, China this April.

"In addition to the basic conversation lessons, I also taught them "survival" Chinese in case they are lost in China. I am confident that they have learned the basic language skills to represent Palau well at the Expo, and in case they get lost, they know how to ask for food and directions" Ginger said.

College's (ACCJC-WASC) eleven-person visitation team also held a general assembly with the entire College community after the meeting with Tellei. In the general assembly, Team Chair Leon Richards said that the team will file its report to the Commission, after which the Commission will make its decision

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### Ambassador Cox and AusAid Reps Visit



(seated l-r) President Tellei; Simon Cramp, Dir. of AusAid for Polynesia & Micronesia section; John Pilbeam, Dir. of Australia Dept. of Foreign Affairs & Trade; and Ambassador Cox. (standing l-r) Dir. Gustav Aitaro of Palau's Ministry of State, and Majella Walsh, Aus-Aid Program Manager.

Australian Ambassador Susan Cox with AusAid officials John Pilbeam, Simon Cramp and Majella Walsh paid a visit to the College earlier this week and met with President Tellei.

The meeting was an opportunity for the Cox and Aus-Aid officials to find out first hand how the past support from the Australian government have been utilized and also discuss possible future assistance.

The Mandarin class offered through the Continuing Education office began in November last year and concluded last month.

For information about when the next Mandarin class will start, contact the Continuing Education office at 488-2471, ext. 227.

**Accreditation from Front Page** regarding PCC's accreditation status.

The team began its work on Monday, meticulously reviewing documents and holding meetings and interviews with key PCC students, staff, faculty, and administrators including student leaders and representatives. All of this was done to confirm that previous ACCJC-WASC recommendations have been met, and that PCC is meeting or exceeding the current Accreditation Standards. Members also had the opportunity to walk



Assistant Team Chair Dr. Salvatore Lanzilotti (c) visits the Automotive Mechanics Tech. lab during the campus tour.

around campus for a first hand look at classrooms and laboratory facilities as well as observe class sessions and meet students and instructors. They even met the Uigher students and learned more about the special language program that PCC has put in place to help the Uighers get assimilated into the Palau community.



**Tuesday Nite Program Teaches HIV/STI Prevention**



CDU representative talks to students about HIV/STI prevention.



CDU representatives prepare for the onslaught of prevention.

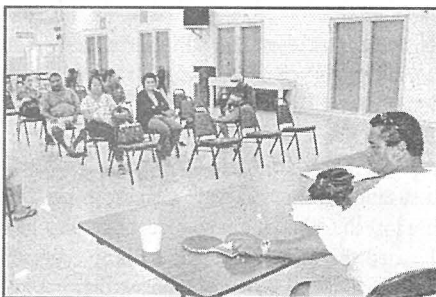
The Student Life and Housing office staff and officials from the Ministry of Health-Communicable Disease Unit (CDU) teamed-up to organize this month's *Tuesday Night* program at the PCC Cafeteria. The theme of the program was HIV/STI Prevention, aimed at educating student and helping them become more informed about leading healthier lifestyles, free of STDs and HIV.

The Tuesday Night program is an activity hatched by the Office of Student Life and Housing with the aim of making the educational experiences of PCC students more enriching through such health & lifestyle seminars.

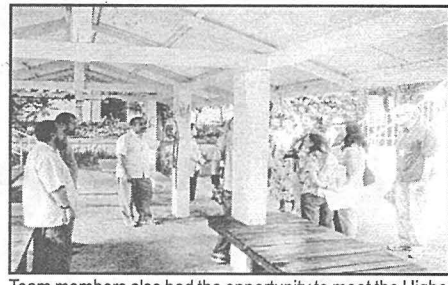
PCC thanks CDU Administrator Johanna Ngruchelbad and her staff for their professional assistance in making the Tuesday Night program a truly informative session for all in attendance.

**CSO Holds Meeting**

Members of the Classified Staff Organization (CSO) met last week with their President Ephraim Ngirachitei to plan for upcoming elections for new officers. Other issues discussed during the meeting included the Health Insurance Coverage among other issues. CSO meetings are open to anyone who wishes to observe. To find out about when the next meeting will be held, contact President Ephraim Ngirachitei at 488-3074.



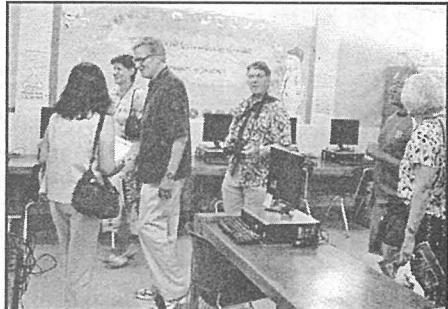
CSO President Ephraim Ngirachitei and CSO members during their meeting last week.



Team members also had the opportunity to meet the Uigher students (l) during their campus tour.

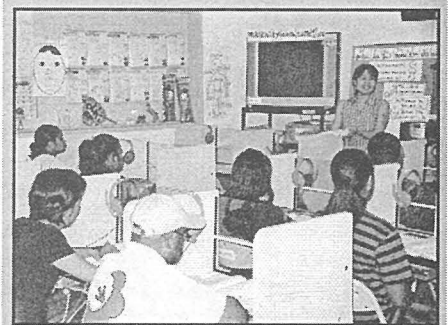


Team Chair Dr. Leon Richards addresses the crowd during the general faculty and staff briefing on Monday. Briefings were held at the end of each day during the team's four-day visit.



Faculty Senate Association President Joe Chilton (2nd-right) with the Team Members during their tour of the Online Computer Laboratory facility. Chilton and fellow faculty member Marianne Temaungil led the tour of the campus.

**Japanese Language Class Remains Popular**



Japanese instructor Reiko Kawamura lecturing in one of her two Japanese language classes that are offered this semester. Kawamura said that even though her Japanese classes are required only of Tourism & Hospitality majors, others students both full-time and part-time prefer it as an elective.

Other language classes offered at the College through the Continuing Education program includes Palauan, Chinese Mandarin, and Tagalog.

**BITS AND PIECES...**

**GRADUATION**

**Prospective Graduates...**

All prospective graduates for Spring & Summer 2010 are required to file an application for graduation no later than next Friday, February 26, 2010. Applications may be filed at the Registrar & Records office.

**CHARTER DAY**

**Organizing Committee Picked...**

In preparation for the upcoming Annual Charter Day for the College, the Organizing Committee will hold their first meeting next week.

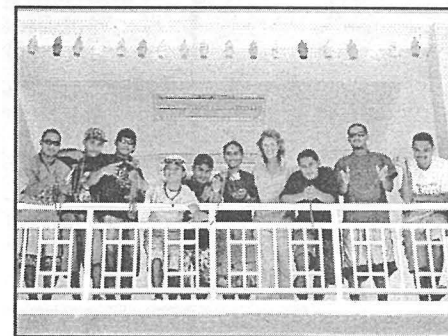
**LIBRARY**

**PCC Library Hours**

Mon.-Thurs.	8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday	12:00pm - 8:00 pm

**FESTIVAL**

**Lantern Festival Celebrated...**



Students celebrated the Chinese Lantern Festival last week by hearing a bit about its history from Mandarin Instructor Ginger Chen. Then, with the assistance of instructors Elizabeth deJong and Megan Beard, they made paper lanterns and decorated the entrance to the faculty office. (see photo above)

**Library Gets Donations from both Near and Far**

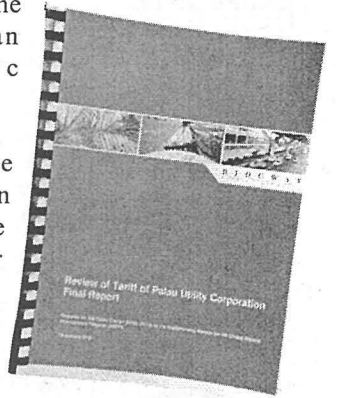
The library recently received book and material donations from the following individuals on island and off-island:

Faculty members Marianne Temaungil donated (26) children books, (10) posters, and a bundle of bookmarks. Father James C. Gould, SJ of the Sacred Heart church donated (5) books. Marcus Heaster of England donated (2) books. Coral Reef Research Foundation donated (5) books for the library's Micro-Pacific collection.

The Final Report on the Review of Tariff of Palau Utility Corporation which was prepared by the Palau Energy Office and the United Nations Development Program

(UNDP) is now available at the PCC Library in the Micronesian Pacific Collection.

For more information about these donations or any other books in the PCC Library collection, please contact Linda Kloulechad at 488- 3540.



**Japanese Researchers Tour Campus**

Last week, a group of researchers from universities across Japan visited the PCC campus and stopped at the library to browse through the Micro-Pacific special collection.

Former faculty Takashi Mita who is now a researcher with the Osaka University Global Collaboration Center traveled with the group and donated a copy of his dissertation to the library. Others were able to meet with library technician Grace Merong who helped them locate and note resources that may be useful to their research.



(l-r) Yujin Yaguchi, Toru Umezaki, Masako Notoji, Dr. Greg Dvorak, and Dr. Takashi Mita.

The library's Micro-Pacific special collection which contains rare and hard to find literary, historical, and scholarly materials on Micronesia-Pacific is popular among doctoral students from the region whose dissertation's focus on the Micronesia-Pacific.

**Join the Rising Tide!**

Members of the Rising Tide, PCC's Journalism Club, are working on the first student produced newsletter for the campus. If you would like to join the club or make a contribution to the newsletter, please stop by the next meeting on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Mesekiu Bai. Contributions to the student newsletter can be about anything students are interested in: fashion on campus, interviews, student life, dorm activities, sports, sleeping, parties, etc. and may be in the form of articles, drawings, cartoons, or photographs. For more information, contact Marianne, Danka, or Megan at 488-2471 or stop by the faculty office.



(Back row - left to right) Danka Ledgerwood, Santolin Patris, Midori Mersai, Megan Beard, Mailie Ngirou, Peterson Adelbai, Wilson Gideon. (Front row - left to right) Kenjiro Faungy, Valerai Falanug, Sandy Fernandez, Jasmine R. Basilius, Cherie Lynn T. Rengjii, Dante Rengjii. Members not in photo: Marianne Temaungil, Carmel Hanser, Tyler N. Siang, Jethray Sisor, Jasper Basilius, Stin Adenano, Sieske Kini, Juliet Kandy, SK Yesiki, Aileen Sallel, and Emerald Sebastian.