

Alumni Notes

Class of 2000 (PCC)

Llemalt Ngirailemesang -



2000 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Electrical Technology (ET). Ngirailemesang works at the Palau Public Utility Corporation as a Surveyor/Estimator.

Attended in 2000 (PCC)

Olive Mellil -



Took Education courses at PCC in 2000 for one year while holding a full time position as a classroom teacher at Ngardmau Elementary School. She is now working as a Clerk for the State Legislature of the State of Ngwal. Mellil is also a contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund.

Class of 1987 (MOC)

Sherman Daniel -



1987 MOC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in General Electronics Technology (GET). Daniel is the Associate Dean of the School of Technical Education here at PCC. In

addition to his responsibilities as associate dean, Daniel has worked closely with PCC President Tellei and San Diego State University officials in making the SDSU-PCC Online program the success that it is today. Daniel is himself a graduate of the online program, holding a bachelor and a master's degree in the field of educational leadership.

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 and all alumni in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.



MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Mesekiu Loses Close Game to Styxers

After easily beating the Styxers in the first round, the tables were turned on the Mesekiu Basketball players when they faced-off again against the Styxers last Wednesday in a contest that was too close to call until the final buzzer sounded.

Mesekiu coach Hamilton Maech readily agreed after last Wednesday's loss that the absence of his center and two power forwards contributed to their loss. "The loss could have been avoided if we had our complete starting line-up," he said. "But I'm still proud of how hard the rest of the guys played. It was very close and would have been a great confidence builder for our subs had we won." With the team's win-loss record now at 8-7, Maech is hopeful that with the return of his center and forwards for next game, their chances of improving their record is good.

The Mesekiu play Ranchers this evening at 6:00 pm.

For more information about Mesekiu basketball, contact Coach Hamilton Maech at 488-3885.

(Game Schedule Below)

Friday	13-Mar	6:00	PCC Mesekiu vs. Ranchers
Friday	20-Mar	7:30	Islanders vs. PCC Mesekiu
Wednesday	25-Mar	7:30	Peched vs. PCC Mesekiu

Message of Condolences

Our Condolences to the family of the late Edangel Ayano Baules who passed away last Friday. Baules who worked for many years with the College's Land Grant- CRE department until her retirement in 2002 was laid to rest yesterday.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, especially her children Joy, Oliver, Olympia, Oscar, and the rest of her family.

Celebrating Birthdays

Taro Thomas	March 13
Gibson Towai	March 13
Elsengel Recheke	March 13
Petrus Itelmong	March 15
Karen Mobil	March 17
Bruce Rimirch	March 19



Happy Birthday To You!



New Endowment Fund Members from MOE and Palau Shipping Co.



Lawrence Oseked of the Ministry of Education

The PCC Endowment Fund Club welcomes new members Lawrence Oseked and Benraick Isaac. Oseked is a PCC alumni who now works

for the Ministry of Education's Special Education department. Isaac on the other hand is an employee of shipping giant, Palau Shipping Company. PCC thanks Oseked and Isaac who now join hundreds from government and private offices who give on a bi-weekly basis to the PCC Endowment Fund. For information on how to enroll in the Endowment, to find out if you can increase your allotment, or to find out if your 2008 refund check is ready for pick-up, please contact Armstrong, Dilubch, Nino, or Usong at the telephone number 488-2471, ext. 253.

HAPPY YOUTH DAY PALAU

Because this year's Youth Day Holiday falls on Sunday, March 15th, Monday, March 16th has been designated a holiday in observance of the youth day. All offices will be closed on Monday and will re-open again for business on Tuesday, March 17. Happy Youth Day to all the youth of Palau!



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Weekly Newsletter

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Career/Technical Awareness Week on March 18-19

Associate Dean of the School of Technical Education Sherman Daniel who is leading the effort to prepare for the PCC Career/Technical Education Awareness Week said yesterday during a meeting with his planning committee that everything is pretty much in place and ready for next week's event. Working with officials from the Ministry of Education, Daniel said that the two-day event will see elementary and high school students throughout Palau converge at PCC to tour the campus and witness displays and demonstrations by PCC students.

The shop area loop where Automotive Mechanics, General Electronics, Welding, Construction Technology, Criminal Justice, and Air Condition Repair classrooms will be where most demonstrations and displays will be had for the visitors. A total of 15 programs will have displays/demos.

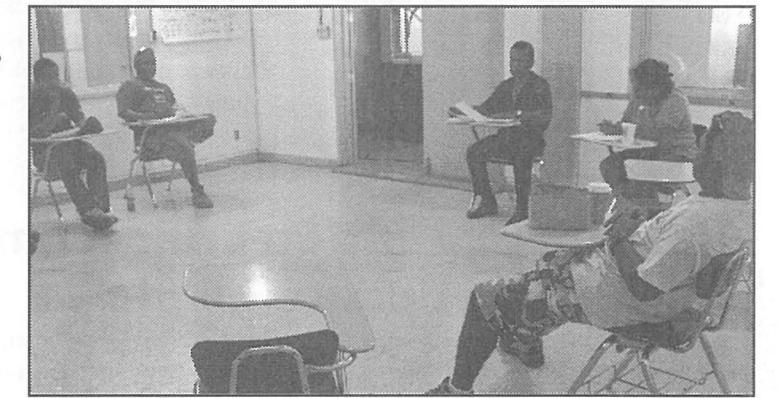
The PCC Career/Technical Education Week is an event that promotes and advocates awareness of College programs and services to elementary and high school students and the community through visits and tours of the campus. During the tour, visitors are able to see PCC students demonstrate their skills and proficiencies in their respective field of studies.

Instructors and students in Construction Technology and Welding programs will have, in addition to their demonstrations, actual products available for sale at the conclusion of the awareness week. are already preparing their projects and displays for the visiting students as well as the general public.

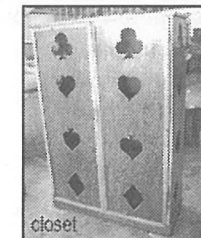
Construction Technology will sell

products such as dressers, rocking chairs, stools, chests, coffee tables, writing desks, expandable tables. The Welding program will have barbecue grills, flower stands, and chicken case/traps.

Last year, the awareness week hosted nearly 1000 elementary and high school students. For more information about the PCC Career/Technical Education Week, please contact Sherman Daniel and Armstrong Debelbot at 488-2471, or Vicky Maui at 488-6008.



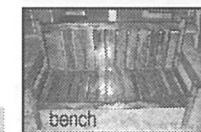
Associate Dean Sherman Daniel (middle) meets with planning committee members of the PCC Career/Technical Education Awareness Week.



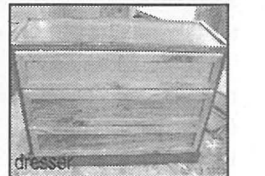
closet



chair-desk



bench



dresser

Some of the popular items to be sold at the conclusion of the two-day PCC Career/Tech. Awareness Week include dressers, closets, benches and chair-desks.

AG Club Gives \$304 to Endowment

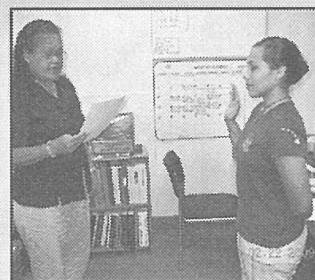


Agriculture club officers and their advisor Alex Gachalian present their donation to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei yesterday.

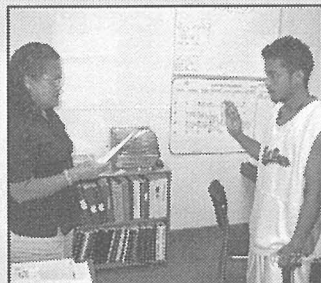
The PCC Agriculture Club donated \$304 dollars to the PCC Endowment Fund yesterday. Agriculture instructor and also club advisor Alex Gachalian and officers club officers met with PCC President Tellei to present him with their donation. The Agriculture Club is one of the most active club on campus and a regular donor to the Endowment Fund. PCC thanks the Agriculture club for their generous donation.

New Student Leaders for Palau and RMI Sworn In

Dean of Students Marenzia Edward administered the oath the oath of office last month to new student leaders Carmel Hanser of Palau and Paulson Laiden of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Carmel will be replacing former Palau State Leader Duet Toribiong. Laiden on the other hand, will be taking over from Edgar Nena as the new representative for



Dean Edward administers oath to new Palauan student leader Carmel Hanser.



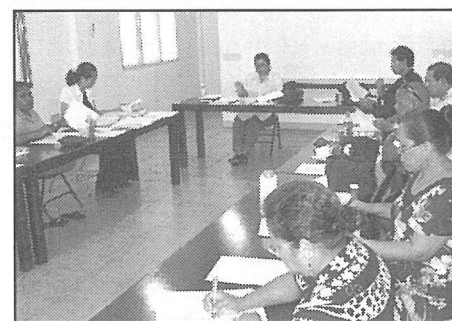
New RMI student leader Paulson Laiden(r) is sworn-in by Dean of Students Marenzia Edward.

the Marshallese students to the overall governing student body- Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPPCC). PCC wishes both Hanser and Laiden the best as they take on the challenge of fulfilling the mandate of a student leader while continuing to maintain good academic standing.

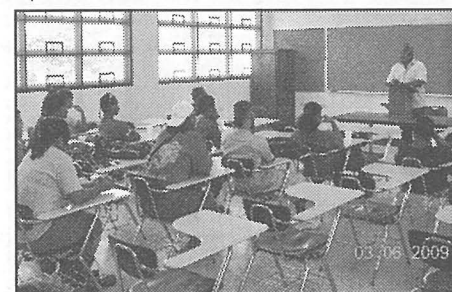
ALO & Self-Study Steering Committee to Update All Staff

To make sure that the discussion and dialogue concerning the on-going accreditation self-study work does not only happen at the steering committee and subcommittee levels, but to everyone at the College, President Tellei has further tasked the Accreditation Liaison Officer Dahlia Katosang, the Self Study steering committee, and the various Standard committees heads to hold an all-day meeting at the cafeteria next week Tuesday, March 17th. The purpose of the meeting is to bring everyone together under one roof so that the accreditation liaison officer and the steering committee members can share with everyone the progress of the self-study work since discussions began last fall. To ensure that nobody is left out during next week's meeting, a memorandum from President Tellei went out to all employees of the college with an attached roster designating individuals to at least one of the four standards in the self-study report. This officially makes everyone at the college an active participant in the on-going work to put together an accreditation self-study report due in early 2010. Next week's meeting will allow those who were not directly

involved in steering committee meetings and sub-committee meetings to find out about the self-study report.



Standard 1 (Mission & Effectiveness) committee chair Kuye Belelai (c) and members during a meeting earlier this week to finalize their "description" report to the self-study steering committee. Standard 1 is one of the four standards that needs to be addressed in the self-study report.



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei spent a good portion of last week and this week meeting with students about the progress of the self-study work, among other things.

Workshop on Customer Service Aimed at Improving Staff Friendliness

Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally conducted a training in Effective Communication and Customer Service on Tuesday and Wednesday to many front-line staff of the college. The training that focused on effective communication during the first day and customer service on the second, was attended mostly by clerks, secretaries, administrative assistants, and other front line technicians whose daily responsibilities include direct contact with students and other customers of the college. The friendliness of staff at particular offices on campus has been called into question by students in recent surveys, and the training will hopefully help bring back good practices and habits that promotes friendlier offices and workplaces.



Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally helps make PCC a friendlier place through customer service training.

Students Get SCUBA Certification



Students who signed up in the beginning of the semester in the SCUBA certification program received their open water certification two weeks ago and the advanced open water certification last week. They are pictured above during their graduation ceremony last week with their instructor Jacky Babon (standing center-right) and assistant instructor Malsol Obak, both of Fish N' Fins.

BITS AND PIECES...

TODAY

Belau Science Fair...

Students from elementary and high schools throughout Palau will be in the cafeteria today to display their winning science projects for the Belau Science Fair. Judges will screen the projects and select winners for the various categories, including the overall winning school which will take the Belau Science Fair traveling trophy to their school.

SPRING BREAK

Next week is Spring Break so have an enjoyable and safe Spring Break. A word of thanks to those students who have volunteered to be tour guides during the two-day Career/Tech. Awareness event next week.

REMINDER

As we all celebrate Spring Break next week, this is just a reminder to all the 10 Year Master Plan strategic direction chairs: please submit your reports (digital and hard copy) to Armstrong or Nino at the Development Office. Thank you.

REMEMBER

Dates to Remember

March 9-13	Midterm Period
March 12-13	Science Fair
March 16	Youth Day Holiday
March 16-20	Spring Break
March 18-19	Career/Tech. Week
March 20	Last Day of Withdrawals
April 2	Charter Day
April 3	Charter Day Celebrated

Spring Break Week Schedule

Monday	March 16- Youth Day Holiday
Tuesday	March 17- Self-Study Meeting
Wednesday	March 18- Career Tech. Awareness APAFS Meeting
Thursday	March 19- Career Tech. Awareness
Tues.-Fri.	March 17-20: Master Plan Reports Due

72 Days Into 270 Days of Construction of the New PCC Library



Construction work is progressing on schedule with the second floor columns already going up.

Japanese Movie Gala

Title: *Nabbie's Love* (Romantic Comedy)
When: Saturday, March 14th
Time: 6:30 pm
Where: PCC Cafeteria



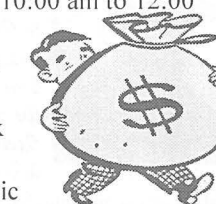
Nabbie's Love is an award winning movie about the passionate love once shared by two young lovers who were forced apart some 60 years ago by their families, separated by the vast oceans and continents, with the everlasting hope of rekindling the flames of the love and happiness they once knew in each other's arms.

Shot in the Aguri Island of Okinawa, Japan, the movie depicts the colorful lifestyle in these small islands mixed with an eclectic soundtrack of Japanese, English, and Irish influences. The movie earned the Netpac Award, Best Director (Nakae), Best Supporting Actress (Naomi Nishida), and Best Supporting Actor (Jun Murakami).

Come one, come all to experience and enjoy this wonderful love story for all ages. Made possible by Embassy of Japan and Japan Foundation. The movie is open to the public and admission is free!

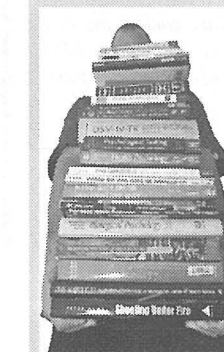
APAFS Workshop

The Association of Pacific Asian Fiduciary Studies will be conducting a workshop on Sound Investment Practices & Money Management next week Wednesday at the cafeteria from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. The workshop will focus on investment practices that can work in these current depressed economic times. The public is invited to join the free workshop. High school and PCC students are also encouraged to attend. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Call Sherman Daniel at 488-2471 for further information.



DONATE USED BOOKS

Finished with a book?



Drop it off at any library before Friday, April 17th. Or call 488-3540 and we'll pick it up!

Donations will be used for the PAL Library Week Book Sale on Saturday, April 18th.

All sales go to help the libraries of Palau!