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HAPPY CHARTER DAY PCC!

Another Record Turnout Expected for President's Run/Walk



Last years runners and walkers line up at the starting line before the start of the President's Run/Walk.

athletes will join PCC President Patrick U. Tellei and hundreds of staff and students for the early morning event, making it the biggest held each year in terms of attendance.

Records show that last year's event saw over four-hundred participants and this years number should equal that, if not more.

An invitation also went out to the leadership of Palau and Palau President Toribong and some of his ministers are also expected.

For this year's Charter Day, the committee recommended to President Tellei that Run/Walk be the only activity for the day so that everyone be allowed the day-off to observe holy week and attend today's services in observance of Good Friday. Happy Charter Day PCC!

PCC celebrates Charter Day today with the traditional President's /Run Walk from the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge to the PCC Mesekiu Basketball court. With the nation on Olympic footing in preparation for the upcoming Micronesian Games, organizers are expecting to see another record turn

out of runners and walkers for the annual College event. Ephraim Ngirachitei who chairs the Charter Day organizing body this year said that he has consulted with the Palau National Olympic Committee office and extended an invitation to all athletes training for the Micronesian Games. The

UOG Trio Students Give \$250 to Endowment Fund

University of Guam TRIO Director Yoichi Rengiil, Assistant Director of TRIO Educational Talent Search (ETS) Lovelynn Mongami and eight of their students were stopped by campus on Wednesday to visit President Patrick U. Tellei and tour the campus. After the tour, the UOG



President Tellei (seated center-left) holding the \$250 donation from UOG TRIO Director Yoichi Rengiil (seated center-right), ETS Assistant Director Lovelynn Mongami (seated right) and students.

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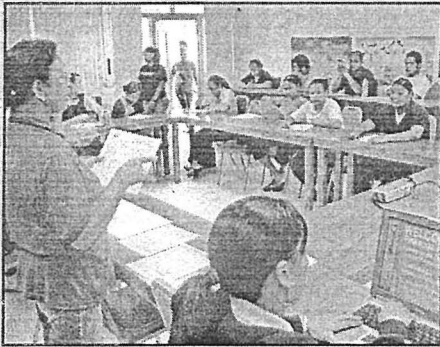
Pell Grant to Increase to \$5550 for School Year 2010-2011

*Written by: Dahlia Katosang
Director of Admission & Financial Aid.*

On March 23-25, 2010, the PCC Director of Admission & Financial Aid, Dahlia Katosang and financial aid staff conducted financial aid sessions with continuing students regarding Federal Financial Aid regulations and application requirements and assisted students in completing the 2010-2011 Application Forms.

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Pell Grant, from Front Page



Director of Admissions & Financial Aid Dahlia Katosang speaks to PCC continuing students at the Financial Aid seminar two weeks ago.

During the sessions, students were informed of the maximum annual Pell Grant to increase from \$5350 to \$5550, an increase by \$200. Other federal student aid programs available to

students are Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) and Federal Work-Study (FWS). However, students from FSM and the Marshall are only eligible to receive Pell Grant and the ACG while students from Palau are eligible for all the programs mentioned above due to the Compact from each entity. The purpose of these financial aid programs is to help pay for college education such as tuition, fees, room and board, etc.

For more information about Federal Financial Aid programs available at PCC, please stop by the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid or contact me, Dahlia Katosang at 488-2471, ext 235 or through email: dahliapcc@palaunet.com.

Donation, from Front Page

TRIO students and officials presented Tellei with a check in the amount of \$250 dollars. Rengiil said that the donation is collection of contributions from each of the visiting students including his assistant Mongami, and himself and they want it to go directly to the PCC Endowment Fund.

President Tellei thanked Rengiil and the students for their donation applauded their effort of never failing to make a contribution to the College during their annual visit to Palau. "Thank you for your donation to the development fund of PCC for future generation of students," Tellei said. The UOG-TRIO officials and students visit Palau each year as part of their Cul-

tural Awareness program. They have been coming to Palau for the last sixteen years and for the past five years, have made it a point to pay a courtesy call on President Tellei and make a contribution to the PCC Endowment Fund.



President Tellei (left) with Vice President Olegeriil next to him thanks UOG TRIO Director Yoichi Rengiil (far right) and students for their \$250 donation during their Wednesday meeting.

Tourism & Hospitality Club Caters During Ma's Visit



PCC Tourism & Hospitality Club members at the Rock Islands last Saturday. (photo courtesy of MBTV)

Students members of the PCC Tourism Club volunteered to assist in ushering and catering services during last week's visit of the Republic of China's President Ma Ying-jeou to Palau.

Led by their President Marie Lazaar, the students were part of the advance team to decorate and prepare the Rock Island of *Iou Lomekang* for the picnic leg of President Ma's itinerary.

The students decorated the lunch venue and prepared and served dishes for President Ma and his entourage who were accompanied by Palau President Toribiong and staff.

Agriculture Program Gets Help from Animal Shelter & PAWS



PCC Instructor Alex Gachalina, Animal Shelter Veterinarian Dr. Mihnea Muresanu and staff Sherman Sato.

PCC Agricultural Science instructor Alex Gachalian said that he received a donation of much-needed antibiotics from the Palau Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) and the Koror State Animal Shelter. Alex thanked the donors and said that the antibiotics will be used by his students to heal cuts and scrapes on the pigs at the Agriculture Farm at the PCC Research & Development Station on the big island of Babeldaob.

US Armed Forces on Campus for Recruitment



Army recruiters talk to student Samantha Rechelluul about the opportunities in the US Army.

Recruiters from the US Army and the US Marines recruiting station, Guam were on island this week to administer the AS-VAB test and talk to students interested in a career in the US Military.

The recruiters visit the campus every 6 months to administer the US military aptitude test and talk to students about the vast opportunities available if one chooses a career with the military.

BITS AND PIECES...

NEW FACULTY

One Time Student Joins Faculty...



Dolmii Remeliik, a one time student during school year 2003-2004 and a recent graduate of Arizona State University with a bachelor's degree in English

has joined the PCC faculty. Remeliik will work with the head of the English Department Marianne Temaungil in teaching classes and assist with the on-going work on program review and student learning outcome. Welcome aboard Ms. Remeliik.

CLEANUP

APSCC Cleanup this Saturday...

The Associated Students of PCC and their President Sasha Lirow will be holding a community cleanup this tomorrow.

Lirow said that students will break up into two groups and begin their trash pickup efforts on both ends of the island and converge at Long Island Park where the trash will be segregated and brought to the land fill.

After the cleanup, lunch will be served for all participants and fun activities such as volleyball competition will be held at long island.

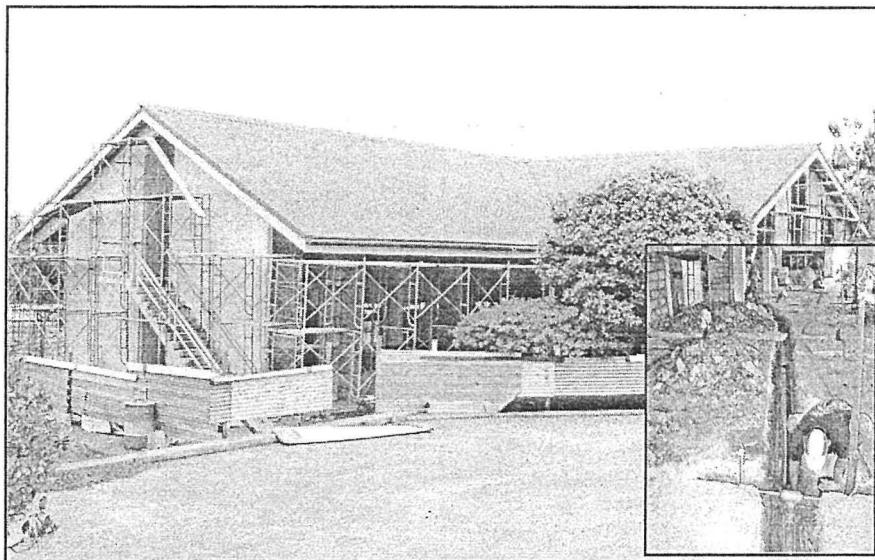
Interested staff or students may stop by Project Beacon Office or call Midori Mersai at 488-5654.

DONATION

AG Donates Pig to Dorm Students...

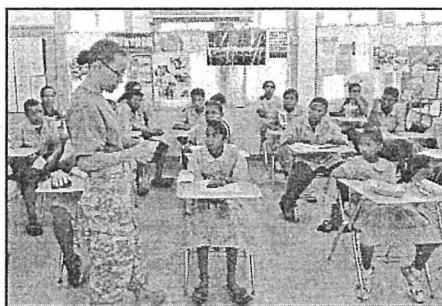
The PCC Agriculture program donated a 300+ pound pig to dorm students last week for the Pohnpeian BBQ. Alex Gachalian who heads the agriculture program at PCC said that they were happy to make the donation to the campus residents as they know how the dorm menu can sometimes become monotonous.

Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence



Construction work on the PTHSE is slated to be completed in August, 2010. (Inset) Worker connects the hundreds of feet of pipeline which will bring cooking gas to the Kitchen section of the tourism school.

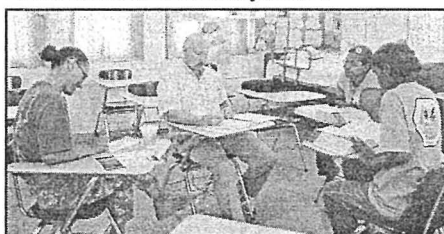
CAT Medic Enjoys Assignment at College



CAT Medic LT. Gabelko talks to visiting elementary school students during the Career & Technical Education awareness week.

Civic Action Medic LT. Katrina Kabelko says she enjoys her assignments teaching PCC Nursing students and taking them along on her clinical outreach services to the outlying states of Babeldaob.

During the recent Career Technical Education week, she was joined by MAJ. David Hardy, CAT Team Preventive Medicine Resident, and they both talked to visiting students who made a stop at the Nursing program station. Last week, Hardy and Gabelko co-lectured a Nursing class "Care of patients with disorders of the musculoskeletal system".



CAT Team Doctor MAJ. David Hardy (c) and Medic LT. Katrina Gabelko (l) during a class group discussion with Nursing students.

MOH, MOE & PCC Officials Meet

Officials from the Ministries of Health and Education met with President Tellei last week in an on-going series of meetings to map out a plan of action between the three institutions which will address the prevalent need for trained and qualified medical personnel at the Ministry of Health.



Top officials from PCC, MOH and MOE during their meeting earlier this week.

Minister of Education MasaAki Emesiochl, Directors Emery Wenty and Debbie Sbal attended on behalf of MOE, while Minister of Health Dr. Stevenson Kuartei attended with his directors and chiefs.

The purpose of the on-going meetings is to implement and support a health occupation program that essentially begins preparing potential students at the high school level and continues at PCC. After PCC, they can then fill the human resources need at the Ministry of Health or continue to earn higher credentials.

Alumni Notes

Class of 2001 & 2004 (PCC)

Shirely Odaol -



2004 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Office Administration (OA), and a 2001 graduate with an Associate of Science degree in Business Accounting (BA). Odaol works at Palau Pacific Resort.

Class of 1997 (PCC)

Dina Sandei -



1997 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) degree in General Office Clerk (GOC). Sandei works as a Secretary at the National Emergency Management Office (NEMO).

Class of 1997 (PCC)

Kesoal Keto Blaiiles -



1997 PCC graduate with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Liberal Arts (LA). Blaiiles is a Customer Service Representative at the Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC).

She is also one of the many employees at PNCC who loyally donate on a bi-weekly basis to the PCC Endowment Fund.

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

Richard Saburo April 3
Murais Sebangiol April 4



Happy Birthday To You!

Master Carver Helps PCC Complete its Traditional Canoes



Palauan Master Carver Ebekeu Orrukei Bukringang (seated-3rd right) with Mrs. Orrukei (center) is surrounded by PCC President Tellei (seated left) and other PCC officials during the luncheon ceremony on Wednesday to mark the completion work of the three traditional palauan Canoes Orrukei built during the last three months.

After five months of hard work, Master Carver *Rubak* Ebekeu Orrukei Bukringang has produced three beautiful traditional Palauan canoes (Kaeb) for the College. Taking up the job on campus five months

ago, Ebekeu began working on the three canoes with the assistance of maintenance worker Murais Sebangiol.

On Wednesday, the College sponsored a luncheon to mark the completion work of the canoes and to thank Orrukei for his help. During the luncheon, PCC Officials led by President saw first hand the result of the Master Carver's work.

Impressed by his work, President Tellei thanked Orrukei for agreeing to share his treasured mastery of traditional canoe building with the College.

The canoes will be used to revive and perpetuate traditional Palauan canoeing and sailing skills for interested Palauan Studies students. They can be used as "mini-labs" for students enrolled in the Non-instrument Navigation class.

FSA Gentlemen's Gourmet

submitted by: Faculty Senate Association

The PCC Faculty Senate Association is hosting its 2nd annual Gentlemen's Gourmet on Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 6-10 pm at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center. Come and enjoy the culinary creations of local gentlemen and chefs.

A \$20 ticket will get you a complementary drink and a chance to win a great prize. Money raised will help secure scholarships for future PCC students. To buy a ticket, please call 488-2471 and ask for Tutii Joe Chilton, Tim Mitchell, Danka Ledgerwood, or Megan Beard.

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Our Condolences

The PCC Family of students, staff, faculty and administrators express deepest sympathies to the family of Cafeteria staff Sharlene Skebong on the loss of her mother Oyaol Skebong. Also to Faculty member Vicky Maui on the passing of her sister Rosania Maui. Our thoughts and prayers to both the Skebong and Maui families during this most difficult time of sorrow and grief.

PCC is Closed Today for Charter Day and will Re-Open Again on Monday, April 5. Thank you.