

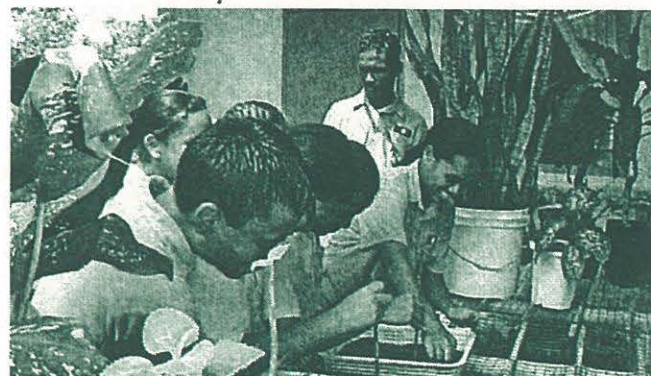
## Klebokl Wins Airai Constitutional Day Softball Tourney



Team Klebokl members receiving their first place prize of \$300 from Airai Governor Tmeuang Rengulbai. Second place went to Team Bud and Ongedechuul Kebruka came in third.

## PHS Agriculture Students Visit PCC

By: Dr. Joel Miles



PHS students planting tomato and bell pepper seeds.

On Thursday, April 5th, 13 lucky Palau High School agriculture students spent the afternoon at PCC as guests of the Agricultural Science Program. The students were surprised to learn that there are several different systems of raising chickens for egg and meat production. They observed the various methods of raising chickens at PCC and asked a lot of interesting questions. Collecting eggs was another fun activity, and resulted in more questions. All the eggs - almost 4 dozen - were placed in the incubator to hatch. In three weeks the eggs will hatch and the next activity will begin: learning how to care for young chicks. Here is a question one of the students asked: Does the hen have to be with the rooster in order to lay eggs? Do you know the answer to this question?

This was the first visit in a planned series of visits to PCC by PHS students. They will continue visiting every Thursday until the end of this school year. This program is the result of several months of planning by PCC and PHS agriculture faculty to strengthen cooperation between our two institutions. If all goes well, the program will continue next school year, and we hope to expand it to include other high schools as well.

The visiting students were welcomed by the Dean of Academic Affairs, Alvina Timarong. Dean Timarong invited them to learn as much as possible, and to keep PCC in their plans following graduation from high school. "Palau needs you," she told the group of young men and women, reminding them of the Republic's need for trained professionals in the field of agriculture.

Before departing, the students also planted seeds of tomato and bell peppers. The plants that grow from these seeds will be part of a lesson later this month. At the end of the school year, each student will have one chick and two containers of plants to take home. They won't be bored this Summer.

The following are the names of the visiting students: Jorella Kenty, Reggie Mabel, Demeter Masaharu, Shogun Nobuo, Everson Sadang, Omekrael Sadang, Weiling Sked, Dilreng Swei, Kentimt Telei, Caine Tmekei, Pionick Trolui, Umerang Yaoch, and Brandi Nongi. They were accompanied by their teacher, Lomisang Ngirmekur.

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## PCC BOARD GETS NEW MEMBER

### PCC STAFF TO SERVE ON NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP BOARD, ELECTION COMMISSION

The Senate of the Sixth Olbiil Era Kelulau at its Second Regular Session being held this month, approved the appointment of Mrs. Valeria Toribiong to serve as a member of the Palau Community College Board of Trustees.



Mrs. Valeria Toribiong

Mrs. Toribiong has an extensive background in education as she actually worked at PCC for over twenty (20) years. She first started at the College in March 1975 as School Counselor. In February 1980 she became Director of Admissions and Records. On January 1, 1994 she was promoted and became Director of Development Office, then a new division in the College. On October 31, 1995, after a little over twenty years of dedicated service to the education of Palau's youth through her work at the College, Mrs. Toribiong resigned to pursue private interests.

While working at the College, Mrs. Toribiong became a member of many national educational organizations which helped bring about improvements in many of the College's admissions operations as well as other College services. This four-year appointment of Mrs. Toribiong by ROP President Remengesau and her confirmation by the Senate is indication that Mrs. Toribiong possesses the knowledge and skills to be an active and contributing member of the dynamic PCC Board of Trustees. The College welcomes her back with wide open arms and looks forward to seeing her face on campus soon!

The appointment of Mr. Todd Ngramengior, Executive Assistant to the College President, by ROP President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. to serve as a member of the Palau National Scholarship Board, has been confirmed by the Senate of the Sixth Olbiil Era Kelulau. Mr. Ngramengior will join the Scholarship Board where two of its members, Mr. Jay Olegeriil (Director of Development) and Ms. Kuye Belelai (Upward Bound Project Director), are also working here at the College.

In addition, the PCC Dean of Students, Mr. Presley Etibek, was also confirmed by the Senate to serve as a member of the Palau Election Commission. Etibek and Ngramengior will each serve a four-year term in their respective appointed positions. The entire PCC family of students and staff congratulate Ngramengior and Etibek as they take on this added responsibility on behalf of the Republic.

## BILUNG Reappointed to College Board

The Senate has confirmed the reappointment of Bilung Gloria G. Salii, by ROP President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., for another four-year term as member of the PCC Board of Trustees. Trustee Salii has been a College Trustee since its inception in 1993, serving as Vice Chairperson of the Board. Last year, she was the College's representative to the College of Micronesia (COM) Board of Regents, serving as Chairperson of that Board. At the PCC Board of Trustees' annual organizational meeting held in January this year, the Board unanimously voted Trustee Salii to serve as Chairperson of the Board, a position she holds to this day. The College has benefited in many ways under Trustee Salii's tenure and welcomes the good news that she will be with us for another four-year term as we continue our collective efforts to provide quality and excellence in our programs and services!

### Celebrating Birthdays



Joel Miles

April 17

Happy Birthday to you !!!

### TOEFL Information for School Year 2000-01

Test Dates	Registration deadline	Scores mailed
May 12, 2001	Mar. 26, 2001	June 20, 2001

\* Registration fee is \$110 and you may contact the PCC Counseling Office at 488-3036 for more information.

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### Mesekiu's News Challenge #4:

The first person to submit the correct date of PCC President Tellei's investiture will win a free bento at the PCC Bookstore. Interested Entrants may submit their responses to Armstrong Debelbot at the PCC Development Office or call him at PCC telephone number 488-2471, extension 250 no later than Wednesday April 18, 2001.

## Institutional Effectiveness Program Commences

This year the College, spearheaded by the Development Office, has begun the implementation of its Institutional Effectiveness Program (IEP). The IEP is designed to improve the College for the benefit of its students and clients as well as further the College's commitment to excellence through continuous improvement. Over time all programs and services of the College will be assessed with recommendations for improvement.

A task force is formed for each program or service in a priority order determined by the Vice Presidents of the College. Their responsibilities include collecting relevant information, identify critical areas of success, establish indicators by which effectiveness can be evaluated, determine mechanisms for documenting if established criteria are met, make recommendations based on the data gathered and communicate the results to the appropriate personnel of the College.

Recently, the Financial Report Task Force completed the first assessment of this college service. A report was written and discussed with the Vice President of Administration and Finance for the possible implementation of recommendations. The Development Office, especially Fran Kinsang (Strategic Planning and Institutional Research Coordinator), would like to thank Akiko Beketaut (Upward Bound), Marensia Edward (Student Life), Helene Moros (Bookstore), Vernice Rechebei (Project Beacon), Jefferson Tellei (Cafeteria), and Willy Wally (Continuing Education) for their time and effort on behalf of the College in this endeavor. Without their cooperation and hard work, the task could not have been accomplished.



Fran Kinsang of the Development Office spearheads the College's Institutional Effectiveness Program

## All ROP Employees Invited to Join Endowment Club

Palau Community College continues to invite all employees of the public and private sector to join us in the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. Donate up to 10% of your taxable income every year and receive a full refund as PCC is a public non-profit organization. For your information, more than 100 PCC employees have been on this program for the past three to four years. **Last year, we were joined by five employees of the Palau National Government and 15 employees of Aimeliik Elementary School as well as Aimeliik State Government.**

Upon joining, they challenged all their counterparts in the government and school system to follow; however, their challenge has remained unanswered thus far, with one exception. **Maris Stella School teachers as well as their principal Mr. Felix Okabe (a former PCC Trustee) joined the Endowment Club this year!** Indeed the club gets bigger and we want to increase it even more. Therefore, we continue to invite all employees to join this worthy cause. Because the purpose of the PCC Endowment Fund is to ensure the financial viability of Palau's only community college, your membership means you play an important role in the future of higher education for Palau.

By enrolling in the Endowment Club, you contribute whatever amount you like and are eligible to receive up to 10% of your taxable income at the end of the year. In other words, you donate to a most noteworthy cause and get your money back! This is truly a win-win opportunity so we encourage all employees to join the club today. Join us and secure the future of Palau Community College, OUR COLLEGE, for our children and their children. *Together, we can make a difference!*

To enroll in the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club or to get more information about the PCC Endowment Fund or about other Programs at PCC, call

**Jay Olegeriil or Armstrong Debelbot at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.**

**They will be very happy to assist you.**

## Get an MBA, M.S., or a Ph.D. for Free

The Republic of China is offering an opportunity for individuals to study at the National Pingtung University of Science and Technology M.S. and Ph.D. programs for Foreign Agriculturists.

The Republic of China is also offering the same opportunity for individuals to study at the National Chengchi University College of Commerce International MBA Program. This program is brand new and will be launched in the fall 2001 term.

Individuals who are accepted to any of these programs will have all their educational and related expenses fully paid for by the Republic of China. This offer by the Republic of China comes from their plan "To Improve the Exchange of Agricultural Technologies between the Republic of China and Foreign Countries with Diplomatic Relations".

Anyone who is interested in obtaining an application or would like more information may contact Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.

## Maya Wins Mesekiu Challenge #3

Congratulations to Jeremiah "Maya" Rafael for winning *Mesekiu's News* Challenge #3. Maya correctly stated the year that PCC first received full accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. In fact, Maya's answer included the month and year, June 1977. As a prize for his answer to the challenge, Maya receives a free lunch bento at the PCC Bookstore courtesy of the PCC Development Office.

## PCC's Accreditation:

Since 1977, and again in 1982, 1987, 1992, and 1997, PCC has undergone site visits and reviews of institutional self-evaluation as required every five years. Each time PCC has received reaffirmation of its accreditation status from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. For more information about PCC's accreditation status, contact Presley Etibek at PCC telephone number 488-5122.

# RETENTION WEB PAGE

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

## Attention All Second Year Students and their Advisors

In preparation for Internship placement for Summer Semester, 2001, we need to know the number of students who will be eligible to participate in the training and their respective trade areas at this time. This will allow us time to identify and secure commitments from appropriate employers who will be providing training stations to our students.

To assist in this effort, student advisors are requested to review their advisees folders and to advise those who will be eligible to participate in the training to come to the CE Office and see the Extension Program Coordinator, Mr. Vincent Ito, and fill out the required application forms. Application forms are now ready for pick up anytime during working hours. Deadline for submission of completed application forms is Friday, May 4, 2001 in order for students to be considered for internship placement.

Internship is a 4-credit course provided as final requirement for students who have completed all their course requirements on campus or have one remaining course to be taken concurrently with the training. It allows students to be placed on the job in their respective field of training working on a full time basis as an intern trainee for the semester. The practical experience gained in the training will be counted as credits required to graduate.

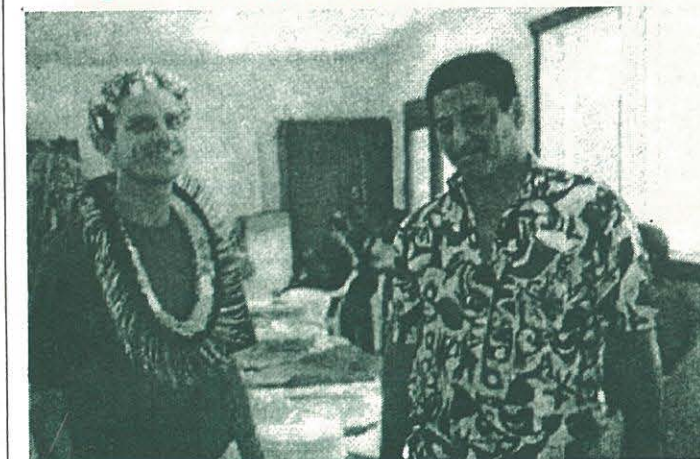
Your prompt assistance and support on this matter is much appreciated.

## PCC-CRE Graduates 10 in Vegetable Production



Program participants pose with PCC President Patrick Tellei (r) and Anita Suta, PCC-CRE Vice President. The training participants included employees from PCAA, DAMR, OEK, Peleliu State, Palau Organic Farm, and also PCC-CRE.

## Agricultural Science Instructor Spends Spring Break in Yap



PCC Agricultural Science instructor, Dr. Joel Miles (l) and Yap State's Chief of Forestry, Tamdad Selog.

Dr. Joel Miles, PCC Agricultural Science instructor was in Yap during the Spring break to provide a workshop on the Eradication of Invasive Grass/Weeds. Dr. Miles' trip to Yap was per a request from Yap State's Chief of Forestry, Tamdad Selog, to PCC President Patrick Tellei.

The trip schedule was made to coincide with the Spring break holiday so as not to disrupt Dr. Miles' class schedule. The entire trip was financed by the U.S. Forest Service.

## Spring 2001 Prospective Graduates

Fall 2001 - 14 Prospective Graduates  
Spring 2001 - 25 Prospective Graduates  
Summer 2001 - 67 Prospective Graduates

## Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2001

April	13	F	Holiday: Good Friday
May	3	TH	Last Day of Instruction
May	4	F	Holiday: Senior Citizen's Day
May	7-9	M-W	Final Examination Period
May	11	F	Grades Due/ End of Spring Semester
May	18	F	Commencement Exercise/ Graduation