

**Alumni Notes**

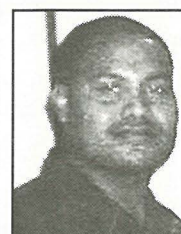
**Class of 2005 (PCC)**

**Alice Faletam** -  
 2005 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Office Administration (CA). Faletam works at Palau Community College as a Dormitory Office Clerk and has been working there for the past 9 months.



**Class of 2002 & 1999 (PCC)**

**Jeffrey Marbey** -  
 2002 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Criminal Justice (CJ) and a 1999 graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Construction/Carpentry (CEJ). Marbey works at the State Court of Yap as a Probation Officer and has been working there for the past year and 3 months.



**Class of 1974 (MOC)**

**Albert Eberdong** -  
 1974 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Welding (WELD). Eberdong works at the Ministry of Finance-Division of Property & Supply as a Procurement & Supply Specialist 1 and has been working there for the past 23 years.



**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's News*.

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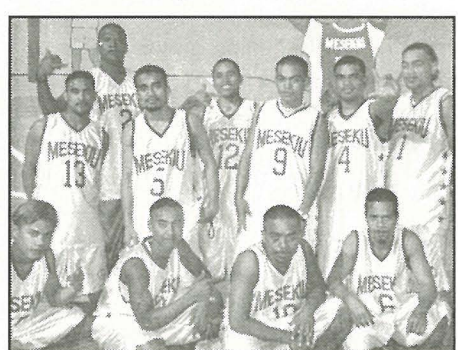
**Celebrating Birthdays**  
 Johnston Kloulubak April 16  
**Happy Birthday To You!**

**More Show Support to PCC Endowment Fund**



PCC Dormitory Office Clerk, Alice Faletam and PCC Security Service Officer, Herman Rdechor are the newest members of the Endowment Fund. PCC welcomes the new supporters of the Endowment Fund and invites others who have not signed up to show their support as well. For more information about the PCC Endowment Fund, please contact Hulda, Dilubch, or Koyungil at Development office at 488-2470 ext. 253.

**Basketball Team Currently in 4th Place**



Mesekiu Basketball Team posing for a picture outside the Cafeteria. With the leadership of two Co-Team Captains, Duffy Tulensru (top scorer) and Gregory Meyar (top rebounder), the team is currently in 4th place in Div.II-Pool A with 4 wins and 3 losses for the 2nd round of the 2006-2007 NBL. They are now awaiting the playoff schedule.

**Items For Sale**

The Welding and Construction students are selling their class projects so, come and check them out!

Dressers, Tables, and Barbecue Grills of all shapes and sizes are for sale!

If you are interested, please contact Jade at Academic Affairs at 488-2471 ext. 245.



**Saiske & Ngirailemesang Combo Subdue Airai for another PCC Win**

On Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> the PCC Mesekiu (18-1) defeated Airai (14-6) behind superb pitching by Ty Saiske and Sureor Ngirailemesang who combined for a three-hitter thrashing 12-3 win over Airai. Starter Saiske pitched four strong innings, striking out four and allowing only 2 singles. Ngirailemesang struck out 10 and allowed only 1 single in five innings, including retiring the side in order on only 9 pitches in the final inning.

Offensively, once again the PCC Mesekiu demonstrated the potency of its offense by collecting 18 hits, with each starting player reaching base and scoring. While Airai's scores only came in the third inning via errors, Mesekiu's offensive attack produced runs in almost every inning, including six runs in the eighth inning. Caleb Meltel collected two doubles and two singles; Dekei Ngiramengior and Omsuul Yalap each with two singles and a double; Melengis Uchel - single and a double; Ngirailemesang - two singles; Cleofas Iyar - single; and Saiske - one single.

On Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, the PCC Mesekiu won against Koror, 20-2. This was a very unique game as it only ended in the third inning by forfeiture at the request of the Koror team. Mesekiu team will have its final game of the regular season against Ngardmau Pirates on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, they continue to practice in preparation for the playoffs.

**New Library Hours...**  
 8am-8pm (Mon-Fri.)  
 9am-6pm (Sat.)  
 12pm-6pm (Sun.)

Visit PCC website: [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu) and learn all about Palau's only institution of higher education. While there, check out the PCC weekly newsletter, *Mesekiu's News*, including back issues!

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**MESEKIU'S NEWS**

Friday, April 13, 2007 Weekly Newsletter Volume 9, Issue 15

**14th Charter Day Celebration Today!**

Palau Community College celebrates its 14th Charter Day today, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Today's events kick-off at 5:30 am with the traditional President's Run/Walk from Japan- Palau Friendship Bridge to PCC track. The Run/Walk is open to the public and is known to attract hundreds of walkers and runners. After the run/walk, the Babeldaob Island Tour for PCC staff and students will depart at 8:00 am. Hundreds of staff and students are also expected for the tour which will be highlighted by a guided tour of the new Capitol in Ngerulmud, Melekeok. According to Ephraim Ngirachitei who chairs the Charter Day planning committee, the tour of Babeldaob and the Capitol building will give students and staff the opportunity to visit the new Capitol, and visit the three branches of the government (Executive, Legislative, Judiciary) and see the inner-workings of the government. Other stops on the Babeldaob island tour will also include the historical site of

**Hanafuda Tournney...**

Open for All Ages  
 PCC Cafeteria  
 April 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>  
 Categories include:  
 Singles- \$5.00  
 Doubles- \$10.00  
 Mixed Doubles- \$10.00

Prizes include piglets, dressers, shirts, bags, and more!

For more information and registration, please contact Koyu, Hulda, or Lu at PCC Development Office at 488-2470/2471 ext. 253.

Badrulchau (stone monoliths) in the state of Ngarchelong and the Melekeok State building- Bailechesau- another historical land mark in the state of Melekeok. The youth group of Melekeok state will prepare a traditional lunch for the visitors. As part of the Charter Day celebration,

the College will also hold a Hanafuda Tournney Fundraiser (see above ad) to be held at the PCC Cafeteria. The public is invited to join in this event which will raise funds for the PCC Endowment Fund. For more information regarding the 14th Charter Day, contact Chairman Ephraim Ngirachitei at telephone number 488-3074.

**President Tellei Attends the 2007 State of the Republic Address**



(l-r): Rdechor Mutsuo Delkuu, Acting Ngirturong John Sugiyama, Ambassador Daiziro Nakamura, Madrengebuked Thomas Remengesau, President Tellei, Ibedul Yutaka Gibbons, and Heimong Sebastian Marino. President Tellei joined the group for lunch after taking in the State of the Republic Address delivered by President Tommy E. Remengesau Jr.

**REMINDER**

In commemoration of the 2007 Earth Day on April 20<sup>th</sup>, the front PCC parking lot facing the main road will be closed from 8:00am-6:00pm to accomodate the numerous educational and fun-filled activities and booths that will be situated there. All PCC Staff and Students are kindly requested to park their vehicles at all other available parking lots across the campus for that day. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Oiterong and Ngiracheluolu Retire After 56 Years of Service



Baskasio Oiterong, retired Math Instructor.

The College has been very fortunate in having Baskasio Oiterong and Midas Ngiracheluolu contribute a total of fifty-six (56) years of service to the College.

Mr. Baskasio Oiterong began his career at the College as a Math Instructor in 1982. Since 1993, Oiterong taught 2,239 students before he retired in February of this year. This figure, however, does not include the years when he first began teaching up to 1992. Therefore, it can be said that he has taught over 2,239 students. He dedicated 25 years teaching a broad range of math courses, concentrating more on developmental math and technical math.

"I came on board in 1989, and Oiterong was already working here. We were then colleagues as instructors. Oiterong was very influential and was always there to assist the students. He did a great job professionally", says Dean Alvina Timarong.

Another PCC staff, Midas Ngiracheluolu retired from the College after 31 years. Ngiracheluolu began his career at then Micronesian



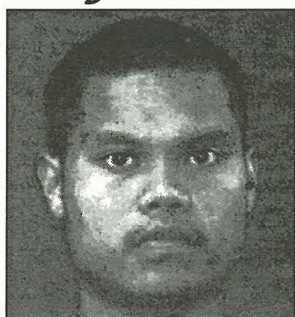
Midas Ngiracheluolu, retired Security Service Officer.

Occupational Center (MOC) as a Warehouseman in 1976. Then in 1983 when the College was then called Micronesian Occupational College (MOC), he became a Supply Technician. Then in 1994 when the College was no longer MOC, but Palau Community College (PCC), he became a Supply Clerk. In 2000, he began working as a Maintenance Technician for two years before he became a Security Service Officer up until his retirement late in February and his limited term contract ended late last month.

In honor of their services, the Faculty Senate and the Administration hosted farewell luncheons for Oiterong and Ngiracheluolu.

The Board of Trustees, President Dr. Tellei, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and most especially the Students, thank Mr. Oiterong and Mr. Ngiracheluolu for all the years they have contributed their services to the College. The PCC Family extends Best Wishes and Happy Retirement to Oiterong and Ngiracheluolu! We will miss you both very much!

## Deepest Condolences



Gelvon Gates

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students, President Dr. Tellei extends deepest condolences to the Family of PCC student, Gelvon Gates. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.

## Green Machine Servicing Course Offered at the College



Small Engine Instructor, Joshua Ngirngbedangel (center) with trainees from the Bureau of Public Works and Sewer Treatment Plant at the Small Engine Shop at PCC.

A short-term training course covering the service and maintenance of green machines began this week at the College. The 40-hour class is being conducted during the evening hours for Bureau of Public Works employees, primarily from the Road and Ground crew, and the Sewer Treatment Plant. The course is being sponsored by the Operations and Maintenance Improvement Program (OMIP) at the College, and is being taught by the Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology Instructor, Mr. Joshua Ngirngbedangel. Trainees are learning about the different systems that make up a green machine, how to maintain them, how to service them, and how to overhaul the engine. The training is primarily hands-on, and it should help Public Works personnel make their equipment last much longer. For more information, please contact Don Hanser or Sherman Daniel at OMIP office at 488-2471 ext. 254.

## PCC Offering Free Training in Basic Mandarin

There are two classes to choose from. One is offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 6pm to 7:30pm. The other is offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 2pm to 4pm. Classes will begin on April 23, 2007 and ends on June 1, 2007. Registration is now open, please call Taruu or Leona at PCC Continuing Education at 488-6223 to register.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### ANNOUNCEMENT

### French Scholarship Offered...

The French Embassy in Pohnpei, FSM is offering a full scholarship (covers tuition, living allowance, etc.) starting this summer 2007. Based on study interests, applicants will be placed accordingly at French institutions in the Pacific or in France. This scholarship will be offered to one (1) student only for this summer, but in the following year, two scholarships will be offered to two (2) successful applicants. The deadline for applications is on April 27th, 2007.

#### Qualifications

- ~ Must be 18 years old.
- ~ Must have a valid Palauan passport.
- ~ Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- ~ Must have the willingness and commitment to finish the scholarship term and further their education.

If interested, please submit copies of your birth certificate, passport, and transcript to PCC Dean of Academic Affairs, Alvina Timarong. For more information or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dean Timarong at the Academic Affairs office at 488-2470/2471 ext. 245.

### CORRECTION

### Sincerest Apology to Miriam Anastacio...

In last week's issue of Mesekiu's News under the story "Work-Study Students' Success Stories- Part 5", Koror Elementary School Teacher, Miriam Anastacio's name was mistakenly written as Miriam Ignacio. We sincerely apologize to Miriam Anastacio for the error.

## TIPS FOR THE CLASSROOM

Taken from Study Tips.com at <http://www.how-to-study.com>

### A Strategy for Reading Textbooks

SQRW is a four-step strategy for reading and taking notes from chapters in a textbook. Each letter stands for one step in the strategy. Using SQRW will help you to understand what you read and to prepare a written record of what you learned. The written record will be valuable when you have to participate in a class discussion and again when you study for a test. Read to learn what to do for each step in SQRW.

#### Survey.

Surveying brings to mind what you already know about the topic of a chapter and prepares you for learning more. To survey a chapter, read the title, introduction, headings, and the summary or conclusion. Also, examine all visuals such as pictures, tables, maps, and/or graphs and read the caption that goes with each. By surveying a chapter, you will quickly learn what the chapter is about.

#### Question.

You need to have questions in your mind as you read. Questions give you a purpose for reading and help you stay focused on the reading assignment. Form questions by changing each chapter heading into a question. Use the words *who, what, when, where, why, or how* to form questions. For example, for the heading "Uses of Electricity" in a chapter about how science improves lives, you might form the question "What are some

uses of electricity?" If a heading is stated as a question, use that question. When a heading contains more than one idea, form a question for each idea. Do not form questions for the Introduction, Summary, or Conclusion.

#### Read.

Read the information that follows each heading to find the answer to each question you formed. As you do this, you may decide you need to change a question or turn it into several questions to be answered. Stay focused and flexible so you can gather as much information as you need to answer each question.

#### Write.

Write each question and its answer in your notebook. Reread each of your written answers to be sure each answer is legible and contains all the important information needed to answer the question. As you practice using SQRW, you will find you learn more and have good study notes to use to prepare for class participation and tests.

*HINT: Once you complete the Survey step for the entire chapter, complete the Question, Read, and Write steps for the first heading. Then complete the Question, Read, and Write steps for the second heading, and so on for the remaining headings in the chapter.*

## Second Air Conditioner Training Commences



Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Instructor, Ramon Garcia (far left) with Air Conditioner trainees during one of their afternoon training outside one of the PCC classrooms.

Earlier this week, the short-term training course in air-conditioner maintenance and

servicing commenced. The 48 hours hands-on training is being offered primarily for state government employees, but participants from the national government ministries are also participating. The class, which is being held for four afternoons a week for a month, will cover installation, maintenance, servicing, and troubleshooting of air-conditioners. This course is being sponsored by the Operations and Maintenance Improvement Program (OMIP).

For more information about the training, please contact Don Hanser or Sherman Daniel at OMIP office at 488-2471 ext. 254.