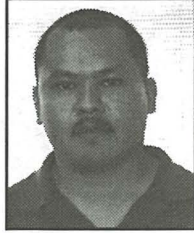


## Alumni Notes

The three MOC/PCC Alumni featured below are members of the 2008 PML Runner-Up team of Ngerbeched.

### Clint Mersai - 3rd Baseman



1994 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Police Science (PS). Mersai is currently the Deputy Chief of the Revenue Collection Unit of the Ministry of Finance. He has been

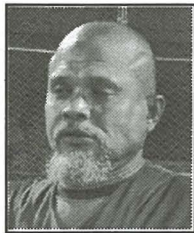
working at the Ministry of Finance for a total of 13 years.

### Felix Francisco - 1st Baseman



Majored in Secretarial Science (SEC) in the mid-90's. Francisco is a Detective Lieutenant of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Ministry of Justice. He has been working there for the past 22 years.

### Alonz Moses - D. Hitter



1983 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology (SEOMT). Moses works at the Olbil Era Kelulau (CEK)- Joint Staff as

a Head Copier Technician. He has been working there for many 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

Rosendo Skang	May	02
Ephraim Ngirachitei	May	04
Seit Andreas	May	04
Soledad Garcia	May	06
Maurine Alexander	May	06
Gamberlyn Ngirmeril	May	08

**Happy Birthday To You!**

## To All Second Year Students and Counselors/ Academic Advisors

In preparation for Internship placement for Summer 2008, the number of students who will be participating in the internship training and their respective trade areas is needed at this time. This will allow Extension Program Coordinator, Vincent Ito time to identify and secure commitments from appropriate employers who will be providing training to the students.

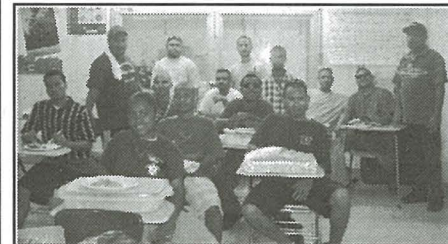
Academic Advisors are requested to review their advisees' folders and to advise those who will be eligible to participate in internship training to come to Academic Affairs office and see Vincent and fill out required application forms. Application forms are now ready for pick up anytime during working hours from Monday to Friday. Deadline for submission of completed application

forms is Friday, May 16, 2008 in order for students to be considered for internship placement.

Internship is provided as a final requirement for students who have completed all their course requirements on campus or at most have one remaining 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 intern trainee for the semester. The practical experience gained from the training will be counted as credits required for students to graduate.

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

## Three PHS Practicum Students Complete Auto Mechanics Training



Auto Mechanic instructor Eugene Uehara (standing right) with his students and PHS students who recently completed their practicum training.

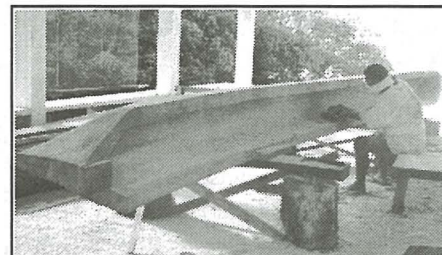
Every spring semester, the College helps practicum students from Palau High School (PHS) to provide hands-on training in their chosen field. Last week, three PHS practicum students, Isaiah Roberto, Lawson Renguul, and Courtney Higa, completed a semester worth of training in the PCC Automotive Mechanics Technology program. From January to April, Auto Mechanics instructor, Eugene Uehara provided instruction while the students applied their skills, working alongside and learning with the Auto Mechanic students.

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Mixing food and games, FSA members and guests also participated in the various interactive games with prizes for winners. Highlight of the evening was the recognition and award to FSA members who have been active in the association. FSA Star Award were given as follows: 10 Stars- Vicki Maui and Soledad Garcia; 7-9 Stars- Samantha Bells; 4-6 Stars- Elizabeth De Jong; 1-3 Stars- Pam Bidwell, Margie Buban, Nobby Enano, Alex Gachalian, Ramon Garcia, Danka Ledgerwood, Tim W.Mitchell, Epi Moses, Adora Nobuo, Lester Rekemesik, Anthony Villa, Natalia Rekemesik, and Keiden Skilang.

The dinner was organized by the FSA and its officers Soledad Garcia, Wilma Sukrad, and Samantha Bells.

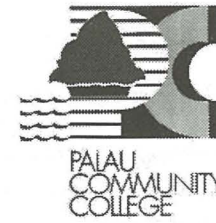
## Kaeb Building at PCC Wharf



Robat Saburo working on the Kaeb at the College's wharf. Saburo, Patrick Oilouch, and master carver Ebekeu Orukei Bukringang are building the Kaeb- Palau's traditional transport vessel.

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# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## Epic Victory for Mesekiu Baseball!

*Tellei: It's Our Time to Shine*



2008 Palau Major League (PML) Champions, PCC Mesekiu Baseball Team. President Tellei (back right) and VP Thomas Taro (center back) celebrate with the champions.

"There will be no repeat of last year!" That was the battle cry of the Mesekiu baseball team as it made school history on Tuesday by becoming the first baseball team to bring the Palau Major League Baseball championship trophy home to Palau Community College. The pointed slogan served as reminder for the team not to replicate last year's anticlimactic performance which saw it take the pennant but not the championship.

"I am very happy for our Mesekiu baseball team! They have indeed made history by becoming the first college baseball team to become champions and I

congratulate all the players for their superb performance," an ecstatic PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei said.

The Mesekiu team, only in its second championship appearance since its formation in 2002, faced the more seasoned team of Ngerbeched with the likes of veteran players such as Alonz Moses and Ngirmeril Felix Francisco. Fourth game into the best of seven series and the contest was even at two games each, with all indications hinting at a deciding game seven. Mesekiu team manager Todd Ngiramengior said he knew that a long drawn out contest was

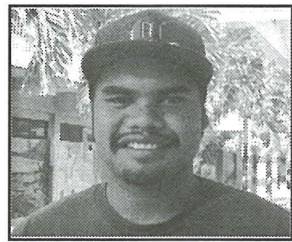
not to his team's advantage and thus passed them to clinch the series in game six, after the nail-bitter win game five, upping them one game ahead of Ngerbeched. Taking the manager's advice to heart, Mesekiu players opened the fateful game six with a swift six run lead in the first inning and never looked back. Ngerbeched put two on the board in the third inning but the Mesekiu players, seemingly sensing victory, continued to expand their lead with more runs in the fourth and fifth innings, and another in the seventh. Ngerbeched's token runs in the seventh and ninth inning were not enough as the Mesekiu team concluded the momentous game six as the 2008 Palau Major League Baseball Champions. "By the seventh inning, I was already summoning the media, I had a feeling that we would be the champs after that game," recalled Ngiramengior. "We resolved not to repeat our last year's fate, and we did not!"

This epic win, according to Tellei, actually brings full circle a winning cycle that began decades ago with the predecessors of Palau Community College. "Palau Intermediate School and Palau Vocational School had champion baseball teams and renowned players such as MOC/PCC alumni Ngirchochit

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**See back page for our special Alumni Notes section featuring players from the Runner-Up Ngerbeched Team who are also alumni of MOC/PCC.**

## PCC Student to Attend the 56th US Presidential Inauguration



Melngis Uchel, PCC student majoring in GET

A known baseball home-run king, Melngis Uchel also excelled in academics and thus, has been invited by the University Presidential Inaugural Conference (UPIC) to witness the 56<sup>th</sup> Inauguration of the President of the United States of America as an Inaugural Scholar.

In high school, Uchel was chosen to participate in the Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC) in Washington, D.C. "Based on his leadership skills demonstrated at the GYLC"...Uchel was personally selected to witness one of the most historical events in the United States.

Uchel will have the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the electoral

process as well as transition of power as he will take part in the five-day inaugural activities. He will be able to witness first-hand the swearing-in of the President on January 20, 2009 as well as experience the grandeur of the inaugural parade and presidential motorcade on its way to the White House, attend a Black Tie Gala Inaugural Ball, and take part in other exclusive activities surrounding this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, especially for someone as young as Uchel and coming from a small island nation of Palau. He will also have the opportunity to meet and interact with prominent VIPs, White House officials, congressional staff, government leaders, political experts, and other leading decision makers at the Conference. Uchel will also have the opportunity to be inspired by distinguished keynote speakers and participate in group events with other fellow inaugural scholars. Previous speakers included Dr. Patch Adams; Sandra Day O'Connor; W. Ralph Basham; General Michael V. Hayden, USAF; Edward Hailes; Victoria Toensing; and Kenneth W. Starr, just to name a few.

## 'Tuesday Night' Program Focuses on Self-Discipline

To better help the students make the best of their remaining weeks of school, the Student Life office hosted the last 'Tuesday Night' Program for this semester, focusing on Self-Discipline through a documentary film *Chasing The Dream*.

*Chasing The Dream* by the Micronesian Seminar Productions, featured decorated Micronesian athletes in their respective sports. The athletes revealed that self-discipline is the primary factor to which they achieved their goals, each explaining their obstacles and how they overcame them to fulfill their dreams. The film also mentions the importance of being focused, giving more effort, being disciplined, and dedicated in whatever one is striving to achieve.

In a summarization of the film by Counselor Winfred Recheiungel, he

mentioned that self-discipline is an individualistic character, it starts with an individual. Self-discipline is "knowing yourself and what's good and bad for you; know who's in authority; overcoming obstacles and not being afraid or shy to do so", he said. He also encouraged the students to push themselves to attain their goals, to identify their weaknesses and improve on them.

This was the last 'Tuesday Night' Program for the semester as school will conclude for the summer break. The program will resume when school begins in the fall.



Students watching a documentary film at the last 'Tuesday Night' Program for the semester.

## FSA Celebrates End-of-School-Year



By: Danka Ledgerwood  
Photos by: Danka & Ron Ledgerwood

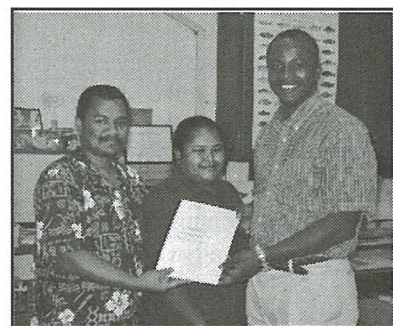


FSA Members celebrating the end of the school year at Ellilai Restaurant last Friday.

The Faculty Senate Association (FSA) members marked the end-of-school-year with a dinner celebration last Friday at the classy Ellilai Restaurant. FSA members and their guests were treated to a lavish dinner that set each person back about \$25. The restaurant's magnificent view of Koror impressed all as they relaxed and enjoyed the sumptuous meal of grilled seafood variety. In attendance were 23 instructors and their guests. Also gracing the occasion was the Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong, SSS-Project Beacon Director Vernice Rechebei, and Assistant Attorney General Ron K. Ledgerwood.

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## College Receives Auditing Report



Vice President Jay Olegeriil (l) with Staff Auditor Debbie Ngiraibai (c) and Principal Partner Karvin L. Flynn (r) of J. Scott Magliari & Co. yesterday. Flynn and Ngiraibai personally delivered the College's Auditing Reports. J. Scott Magliari & Co. has been conducting regular audit of the College for the past several years.

## BITS AND PIECES... Summer Kids Program to Begin Soon...

The Continuing Education (CE) office would like to announce that registration for the following 2008 Summer Kids Program classes are now open:

- English Reading (3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- English Writing (3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Palauan Writing (3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Palauan Reading (3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Art Class (3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Keyboarding (5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Math (3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Marine Science Class (5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

The classes are designed to provide educational activities for students, enhance their abilities to improve in the subject areas, and foster new skills. Classes will begin on June 9, 2008 and will end on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Last day to register is June 6, 2008.

These classes are on a first come first serve basis. Maximum number of students for each class is 25. For registration or for more information, please call Taruu Nakamura or Leona Blaluk at CE office at 488-2470/6223.

## YSO Thanks PNCC...

By: Alvin Matam, YSO President



The Yapese Student Organization (YSO) would like to thank the Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) for inviting us to perform for the PITA 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting reception. We would especially want to acknowledge the PNCC employees who contributed to our organization, Laurinda Meyar and Director Captain Arvin Raymond.

## Graduation Set for May 23rd...

According to the Graduation Committee Chair, Vernice Rechebei, the 45<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises is set for May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Preparations are already underway to ensure that the graduation ceremony will be as successful. For more information, please contact Chair Rechebei at 488-3073.

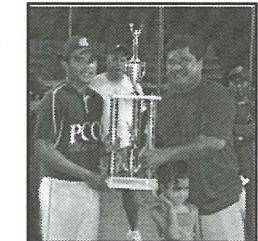
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Tolngii and others. Micronesian Occupational Center and Micronesian Occupational College teams were active participants of the league, but unfortunately never made it to the championships. Now with PCC's win, we can say that the cycle has come full circle- and what better to punctuate it with than the much coveted trophy," said Tellei, recollecting the earlier years of baseball at the College.

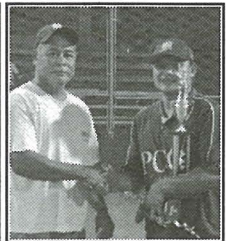
The Palau Community College Mesekiu Baseball Team organized in 2002, ten years after the transition of the Micronesian Occupational College (MOC) to Palau Community College in 1993. Team Manager Ngiramengior and Coach Norman Sato have been with the team since its inception. Also involved in the formation years of the Mesekiu team are Koror Delegate Joel Toribiong and the Felix Kyota. Both veterans of the game, they helped Ngiramengior and Sato to put down the basic foundation for what is today a champion ball club.

As Palau's college, Palau Community College does not celebrate alone but rather shares this historical moment with all people of Palau, especially baseball fans. With this, PCC extends profound appreciation to all of its supporters and fans throughout Palau. It also thanks the students, staff, and the school leadership for their support, especially the Cafeteria staff, Project Beacon office, Development office, Vice President Taro, and President

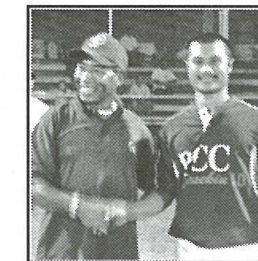
Tellei. For the less-than-happy fans of Ngerbeched, Airai and the rest, PCC President Tellei shares these words. "Ng kuk temel a PCC- It's our time to shine!"



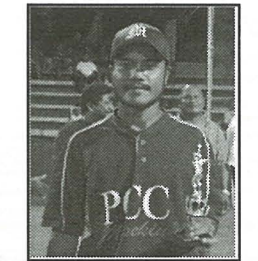
Ty Saiske (l) receives the pennant trophy from Senator Mlib Tmetuchel on behalf of the Mesekiu team.



Sureor Ngirailemesang (r) receives the MVP award from Regis Akitaya. He also received an award for the most strike-outs.

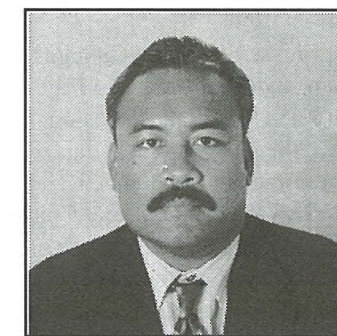


Merei Ise (r) receives an award from John Skebong for hitting a home-run during the championship game.



Etitel Mad (l) and Cleofas Iyar (r) were among the top ten recipients for best batting average.

## Happy Senior Citizens' Day!



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, EdD

On behalf of the Palau Community College (PCC) Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and most especially the Students, President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei takes this opportunity and wishes a Happy & Healthy Senior

Citizens' Day to all the Senior Citizens in the Republic of Palau. May God Continue to Keep You Strong and Healthy!