

Alumni Notes

Class of 2005 (PCC)

Weena O. Pasqual-



2005 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Tourism & Hospitality Services (THS). Pasqual works at Maxis Stella Elementary School as a Classroom Teacher and has been working there for the past 10 months.

Class of 1999 (PCC)

Nicholas Aquino, Jr.



1999 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Criminal Justice (CJ). Aquino works at the Customs K-9 Unit as a Drug Detector Dog Scout and has been working there for the

past 4 years.

Class of 1981 (MOC)

Liza Ann Marbou



1981 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Marbou has been working at Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) as a Head-

End and International Operator for the past 16 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*.

Mesekiu's News
Palau Community College
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Celebrating Birthdays

Alvina Timarong	May	11
Keorung Olkeril	May	12
Kuye Belelai	May	13

Happy Birthday To You!

Sureor, Caleb Go Deep; Mesekiu Takes 1 – 0 Lead in Playoff Series

On Thursday, May 3rd, the Palau Community College baseball team took a 1 game advantage of the best-of-five series by defeating Ngerbeched 5 to 3. As expected, ace pitcher Sureor Ngirailemesang pitched for PCC, pitching 9 complete innings, allowing seven hits, and four base-on-balls and striking out seven. In the bottom of the second inning, Sureor sent a 0-0 pitch deep over the right field fence for a solo homer, helping his own cause by giving PCC an early lead.

PCC took a two run lead in the second on a double by Melengis Uchel who scored on Cleofas Iyar's sacrifice fly. Moments later, Ngirailemesang connected on his solo homer to give PCC a 2 – 0 early advantage. In the fourth, PCC increased the lead to 4 – 0 on a single by Uchel and a two-run homer by Caleb Meltel.

In the bottom of the fifth, Jason Monkeya singled, stole scoring base, and scored on a single by Del E. Mad.

PCC's lead was never challenged as Ngerbeched remained scoreless until the closing inning. The only threat came in the ninth and final inning when Ngerbeched leadoff hitter singled to reach base and Turu Tellei reached base on an error. Kalei Luii single to drive in Saridel and put Tellei on third base. The threat proved too little too late as the next batter flied out, followed by a strike out and PCC shortstop Mad robbed Eric Kyota of a hit by grabbing a hard-hit grounder deep behind the third base and threw Luii out at second base to end the game.

Sureor Ngirailemesang was the winning pitcher, while Fave Ngiramengior was charged with the loss.

Slugfest at Asahi Field: PCC 26, Ngerbeched 4

Led offensively by Sureor Ngirailemesang, Caleb Meltel and Dekei Ngiramengior, and defensively by Ty Saiske, the pennant winner PCC Mesekiu overwhelmed Ngerbeched on Monday, May 7th, in what may well be termed as majors' hitting clinic. The win gives PCC a 2 – 0 advantage in the best-of-five series.

None of the five Ngerbeched pitchers was able to tame the aggressive bats of PCC batters as they collected a record-setting 31 hits, including five home runs, one triple and seven doubles. Leading the offensive attack was Ngirailemesang who went 3-for-7 with two homers, including a grand slam and driving in 6 runs. Also contributing was Meltel who also had a pair of homers and 3 RBIs; Ngiramengior – 4-for-7 with a homer, a double and two singles and 3 RBIs; Dell E. Mad – 5-for-7 with two doubles; Melengis Uchel – 3-for-7 with a double; Omsuul Yalap- 3-for-6 with a double, Cleofas Iyar – 4-for-7 with a double; Saiske – 3-for-6 with a triple; and Spis Gordon with a single.

PCC's offensive performance of 31 hits

with 13 extra-baggers, including 5 homers in the playoffs is a feat that has not occurred in the Palau Major League and is unlikely to be repeated. Teamwise, PCC's offense batted an astounding 31-for-61.

On the mound for PCC was ace pitcher Ty Saiske who pitched a complete nine-inning game and struck out five and allowed only one run, a solo homer by veteran and PCC Alumni Clint Mersai. Drake Yosiwo, Fave Ngiramengior, Rivery Delutaoch, Brent Melairei, and Billy Umang pitched for Ngerbeched.

Health Resource Center Presents...

A Live Performance

by the HIV/AIDS Drama Group

Date: Wednesday, May 16th, 2007

Time: 5:00pm Sharp

Location: Mesekiu Bai

Come Relax, Enjoy Some Refreshments, and Watch an Exciting Live Performance! Everyone is welcome, do not miss out!

For more information, call 488-8618.



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MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, May 11, 2007

Weekly Newsletter

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44th PCC Commencement Exercise in Two Weeks!

The Palau Community College will be hosting the 44th Commencement Exercise this coming May 25th, 2007 at 10:00am at PCC Cafeteria. This year's graduates will not only include PCC students, but also graduates of the Substance Abuse and Addiction Counseling under the collaboration of the Ministry of Health and PCC as well a Adult High School Class of 2007.

According to Director Deikola Olikong, Chair of the Graduation Committee for the 44th Commencement Exercise, the committee members have been well assigned with their tasks and are prepared and confident that this year's

graduation will be as successful and memorable.

There are a total of ninety-four (94) students who are expected to graduate this year, but only seventy-two (72) will be able to attend the graduation: forty-eight (48) are PCC students; eighteen (18) are Adult High School students; six (6) are the Substance Abuse and Addiction Counseling students.

For further information about the 44th PCC Commencement Exercise, please contact Committee Chair Deikola Olikong at 488-3036 or Secretary Lesley Adachi at 488-2470/2471 ext. 257.

PCC Students Present Field Studies & Awarded Grants at Symposium



EMS students with PCC officials, PICRC CEO, Researchers and Staff, and family posing outside PICRC Conference Room after the symposium.

Two aspiring Environmental/Marine Science (EMS) students, Carmin Pipit and Victor Nestor gave their field study presentations last week during the 2nd Environmental/Marine Science Students' Symposium at Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC).

Carmin Pipit made a presentation on the *Impact of MPA on Holothurians: Ngimes and Cheremrum*. For her field study, Pipit chose MPA (Marine Protected Area) sites, Ngelukes and Ucher in Ngchesar State. Pipit discovered that there was a gradual increase of sea cucumbers in stations 3 and 4 in both Ngelukes and Ucher instead of Stations 1 and 2 due to the fact that they are both farthest from shore and are not immediately affected by sediments flowing into the ocean.

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Alumni Association Donates \$1K



(l-r): MOC/PCC Alumni Association President, Eugene Uehara handing over the \$1,000 dollar donation from the Association for the College's Endowment Fund to Ephraim Ngirachitei and President Dr. Tellei.

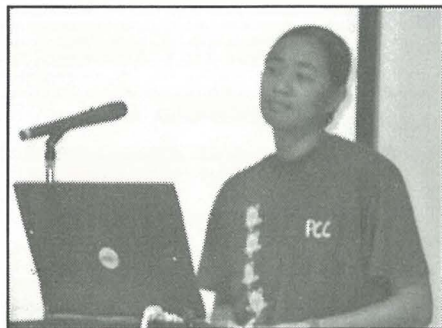
For a third a consecutive year, the MOC/PCC Alumni Association, the Belau Softball Umpire's Association (BSUA) and Tiull 2000 have again united to support the Palau Community College's

Endowment Fund. Acting on behalf of the three organizations, Eugene Uehara, President of the MOC/PCC Alumni Association presented their \$1,000 dollars donation to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Dorm Manager Ephraim Ngirachitei earlier this week. Uehara said that they raised the money through a softball tournament fundraiser that they recently conducted. He assured President Tellei that even though it is not much, the three organizations are committed to donating proceeds from their annual fundraising to the PCC Endowment Fund. President Tellei

thanked the three organizations for their charitable donation an further extended appreciation to other local organizations that are regular supporters of the College and its on-going fundraising campaign.

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Pipit concluded by stating that Ngeluk MPA is protecting ngimes and chermrum populations. She recommends that additional studies of ngimes is needed in other MPAs to better understand their biology; establish preventive measures on land to prevent sedimentation into ocean; and utilize other marine management methods in addition to MPAs because MPAs alone are not enough.

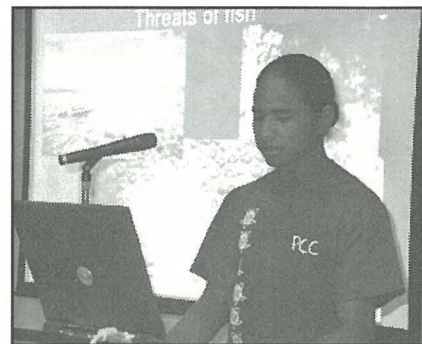


EMS Student, Carmin Pipit, answering questions from the audience for her presentation at the Symposium at Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC).

Victor Nestor, another aspiring Scientist, made his presentation on the *Comparison of Fish Abundance and*

Size Inside and Outside Cemetery Reef MPA. His data collection indicated that in all the fish inside cemetery reef and outside cemetery reef (controlled site), reked and mellemau were the most common. Reked, however, is twice as big as in the cemetery as compared to the ones in the controlled site while mellemau was only a mere two inches smaller in the cemetery than in the controlled site. But because the difference was so small, mellemau's size was insignificant data. Furthermore, Nestor commented that fish are more abundant in the cemetery than in the controlled site. Nestor concluded his presentation by validating that establishing MPA as a management tool is a success and that there are more fish and bigger fish at an MPA than outside at a controlled site. He recommended that improvement in law enforcement in protected areas is needed and that this should include monitoring programs.

After presenting their field studies, Pipit and Nestor were awarded the National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education Program (NSF-ATE) grants amounting to \$480 each. PCC was awarded this grant for three years and this is the second year of the

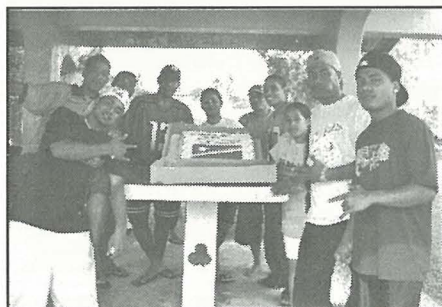


Victor Nestor giving his field study presentation on the *Comparison of Fish Abundance and Size Inside and Outside Cemetery Reef MPA*.

grant. This is a regional grant with a specific goal of attracting future generations of under-represented minorities into the science and technology fields. Grant activities include support for student research projects for each institution to fill data gaps identified by the local resource management agencies. This element is designed to strengthen relationships between the community colleges and the communities they serve, specifically in the technical disciplines, and support promising students to gain additional research experience in experimental design, data collection, data analysis and dissemination.

Pipit and Nestor thanks PCC Instructors, PICRC Researchers and Assistants, and their family for their tremendous support. Congratulations Carmin and Victor, job well done!

Marshall Islands' Organization Celebrate 28th Constitution Day

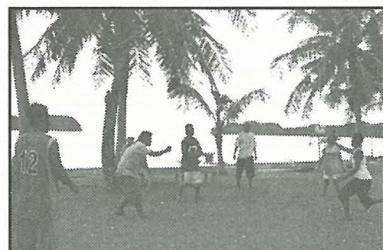


Republic of the Marshall Island students celebrating their Constitution Day.

On May 1st, the Republic of the Marshall Islands celebrated its 28th Constitution Day. However, because May 1st was a school day, the Marshall Island Organization on campus, head by leader Samuel Bikajela, observed and celebrated their Constitution Day this past weekend. The students enjoyed barbecuing and eating the delicious cake that had the Marshallese flag drawn on it.

Afterwards, Bikajela organized numerous fun games for everyone to enjoy. They first kicked off with the spinning game, volleyball, and then tug-of-war and some other games that kept them laughing until sunset.

Special thanks to Koror State Government, President Tellei, VP Jay Olegeriil, Dean Marensia Edward, Director Deikola Olikong, Ismael Anastacio, and Ephraim Ngirachitei for making it possible for the organization to celebrate their national day. Special thanks to Wanbe Mesubed and Sharon Redhor. Thank you all for your support!



BITS AND PIECES...

ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention All Graduates...

In line with the ongoing Graduating Student Exit Survey, we would like to request the spring 2007 graduating students listed below to fill up the assessment form at Development office on or before 15th day of May. This survey collects information from graduating students to help the college identify areas of improvement and assess the effectiveness of programs and services. As a graduating student, your evaluation is very important to PCC.

2007 Graduating Students

Rekemesik, Jenny Lee
Skang, Herelynna
Oketol, Iterir
Elbelau, Ruth
Beketaut, Elwais
Nena, Steve
Ramos, Michelle
Kobeney, Julita
Kuterbis, Leslie
Nobuo, Fusae
Ezekias, Randy
Joe, Tolena
Kelmal, Ngeaol
Remengesau, Delina
Meluat, Metocuv
Siksei, Jeacy
Kiep, Javits
Olkeriil, Deanne
Kloulechad, Ilima
Vicente, Jamilla

Thank you in advance for assisting the College in our ongoing process of assessment. For more information about the PCC Graduating Student Exit Survey, please contact ONZ at Development office at 488-2470 ext. 253.

New Library Hours...

8am-8pm (Mon-Fri.)

9am-6pm (Sat.)

12pm-6pm (Sun.)

Dry Litter Waste Management Pilot Project Gets Underway in Ngerikiil

A construction work for a Dry Litter Waste Management System pilot project started on April 16, 2007 at John Oiph's farm. This Dry Litter System is a collaborative Water Quality project between Palau Community College-Cooperative Research & Extension and Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Services (PCC-CRE and NMC-CREES).

The collaborative project was introduced to Palau Community College-Cooperative Research & Extension early last year 2006. Workshop and farm survey were conducted prior to the selection of a potential farmer for the pilot project. John Oiph's farm was selected for the pilot project from the majority of participants of various government agencies who attended the workshop. It was selected for these reasons: 1. Located near Ngerikiil water source 2. Located along the road (great location for demonstration) 3. Small-scale swine operation 4. John is interested and full time farmer.

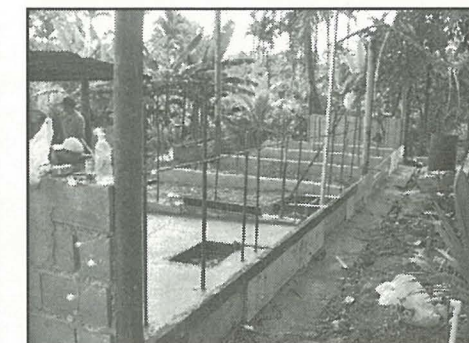
The Dry Litter System that is being constructed will be a demonstration for all the farmers and anybody who is interested in adopting the model for their farms. What is so special about this dry litter system is that it protects the water and land from contamination and it conserves water and produce lots of compost to farmers. For more information about the dry litter waste management, please contact VP Thomas Taro at 488-2746.



Dry Litter System still under construction at John Oiph's farm.



Construction of the Dry Litter System pilot project at John Oiph's farm in Ngerikiil, Airai.



One section of the Dry Litter System pilot project almost near completion in Ngerikiil, Airai.

CE Offering Summer Kids Program

PCC-Continuing Education (CE) Summer Kids Program for 2007 offers the following classes:

English Reading (3rd-8th Grade)
English Writing (3rd-8th Grade)
Palauan Reading (3rd-8th Grade)
Palauan Writing (3rd-8th Grade)
Math (3rd-8th Grade)
Music (3rd-8th Grade)

Marine Science Class (7th & 8th Grade)
Monday to Thursday from 9:00am to 11:00 am. Maximum number of students for this class is only 20 so, hurry and register your kids!

The classes are designed to provide educational activities for students, enhance their abilities to improve in the subject areas, and foster new skills.

These classes are on a first come first serve basis so register as soon as possible to ensure a spot for your kid (s) this summer. Classes will begin on June 25, 2007- July 20, 2007. Last day for registration is June 22, 2007. If anyone is interested or if you want to know more information about these classes, please contact Ms. Taruu Nakamura or Ms. Leona Blaluk at 488-2470/2471/6223.