

ALUMNI NOTES:

Class of 2003



Robertha Moon - PCC Alumna 2003. Ms. Moon received her A.S. degree in Elementary Education. She also earned her Associate of Science degree in Office Administration in 2002. Ms. Robertha Moon is currently teaching at the Koror Elementary School.

Class of 1999



Patrick Tabelual - PCC Alumnus 1999. Mr. Tabelual received his A.S. degree in Tourism and Hospitality Management. He is currently working as a supervisor for the Asanuma store in Madalaii.

Great job you two! You are a positive example for our PCC students to emulate!

Alumni Notes offers short highlights on the many PCC/MOC alumni who have made a difference in Palau and in the region. If you are an alumni or know someone that is, just email Temmy Temengil of the PCC Development Office at temmyt@palau.edu and send us a few lines about yourself or something about the alumni you know.

2005 PIALA Conference in Kosrae

The island of the Sleeping Lady of the Federated States of Micronesia is very proud to host the 15th Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums. This year, the PIALA conference will be held in Kosrae from November 7-10, 2005. The theme of this year's conference is: "Resources Today and Learning Tomorrow." The Palau Association of Libraries (PAL) members and anyone interested in more information may contact Imengel Mad, PIALA President, by e-mail address imengelm@palau.edu. Interested individuals are all encouraged to mark their calendars and plan to attend this conference. All our friends in Kosrae are working so hard to make all the arrangements. Your presence and participation will help make this event a success.

In other news, PCC Library recently acquired some new materials for its Micro-P collections. Here are some of them:

Epistemological articulation: *Blebaol, klomengelungel ma tekoi er Belau*

A dissertation submitted to the Graduate Division of the University of Hawaii at Manoa in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctorate of Philosophy in Education, August 2004 by Isebong Maura Asang.

Palau Museum:

First Concert of Music and Dance, May 7, 1966 Mindszenty Auditorium, Koror. Given in the honor of the late Benjamin Mersai and Sid Seid, dedicated members of the Palau Museum Committee.

PCC Library also received some new titles for its fiction collection. Stop by and check-out these new books. The library staff also would like to give special "mesulang" to all their donors who have continued to donate reading materials for the library collection. Thank you very much for helping improve and expand the PCC library collection and for enabling the library to provide more of the materials to the patrons for their leisure reading. Palau Community College Library relies on donations to help keep its fiction section active and current.

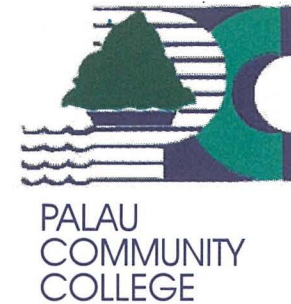
CONDOLENCES

The entire PCC staff and students would like to express their condolences to the family of Vernice Andrew who passed away recently. Ms. Andrew was a PCC Alumna who graduated in 2003 with an A.S. degree in Office Administration. In 2004, she also earned her A.S. degree in Business Accounting. In March of this year, Andrew started working as a secretary for the Project Beacon Office.

The entire PCC family is keeping the family of Vernice Andrew in thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time for them.

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Development Office Staff Attends Taiwan ICDF

Conference



Armstrong Debelbot (r) receiving the Outstanding Performance Award from Dr. Michel Lu, Spokesman and Director General for the Taiwan Government Information Office.

The Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF), through the Embassy of Taiwan in the Republic of Palau, recently extended an invitation to Palau Community College for one of its staff to attend a two-week seminar in the Republic of China-Taiwan. After submitting and essay with the application, Armstrong Debelbot of the Development Office was informed by the Taiwan Embassy in Palau that he has been accepted to attend the seminar.

The seminar, which began on June 8 and concluded on July 21, was designed to introduce the Taiwan Media Industries to all the countries that are allied with or have diplomatic ties with the Republic of China-Taiwan. It also aimed to emphasize the effort that the Taiwan media industries have undertaken to promote the country of Taiwan in the international community, most especially to its allied countries.

Over 30 participants from 26 different countries from Africa, South/Central America, the Caribbean and the Pacific were in attendance. Joining Palau at the conference to make the Pacific island delegation were our Micronesian neighbors of Kiribati, the Polynesian island of Tuvalu, and the Melanesian islands of

Solomon and Fiji.

All country participants had the opportunity to share their own experiences with regards to the media industries and its development in their own respective countries. Participants were further given the opportunity to individually deliver their own country report with specific emphasis given to challenges and difficulties facing the industries in their countries. Debelbot's presentation included a succinct overview of Palau that depicted the people, the economy, and the government. According to Debelbot, most of the conference participants, especially the countries from Africa, Central/South America, and even some island countries from the Caribbean never knew of Palau and showed great interest during Debelbot's presentation. They were most interested in the very special relationship that a country the size of Palau has forged with such great world economic powers such as Taiwan, Japan, and USA. Debelbot especially fielded a fair number of questions regarding the special relationship that Palau has with the USA under the Compact Free Association.

Also in his presentation, Debelbot talked about how Palau resembles Taiwan's democratic government system, a government that puts great emphasis on the freedom of the press, thus helping the media industry flourish without censorship and constraint, compared to the media industries from the other participating countries. He also talked about the mutually beneficial interdependency between the Palau government and the media industry (print media), with the government relying on the media to disseminate information to the public and the media looking to the government as a main source of news. Debelbot concluded his presentation by talking about how Palau Community College, as a non-profit organization, *(continued on Page 3)*



Debelbot's presentation included the overview of Palau and the special relationship between Palau Community College, the government and the local media industry.

SSS-Project Beacon Participants Trek to Ngermid – Etpison Museum and Mordor (*where is that?*)

By: Project Beacon office



On June 24, 2005 (*Friday*), Mr. Melson Miko from Bureau of Arts & Culture, accompanied 19 Project Beacon Participants and 2 Project Beacon staff on a historical journey to the *Mother & Child Monolith* located in Ngermid. Mr. Miko explained the cultural significance of the monolith. At first, it was difficult to see the mother and child. But after Mr. Miko pointed it out, it was clear to see the shape of the child clinging to the mother's face. Students learned that the smell of raw fish or of the ocean are something the gods cannot tolerate. And because the mother had not taken the smell off her hands completely and had brought her child to the *abai* to see the *RUK* dancers, she and her child were turned into stone. Mr. Miko also accompanied the students to the *Etpison Museum* where he also gave descriptive explanations on some of the artifacts and pictures of other historical sites that were in the museum. A number of artifacts and historical sites were covered, such as *Ngot me a Chai* for pounding taro and *Badrulchau* in Ngerchelong.

In the afternoon, participants were treated to a movie, where they trekked to *Mordor* with Frodo, in *Return of the King*, the last part in the *Lord of the Rings* series. The academic activity setting is consistent with previous matinees, where students brush up on their analytical and writing skills after screening the movie. Twenty-two students participated in the afternoon activity. All in all, each student had a wonderful time learning about the history of the *Mother and Child monolith* and touring the Etpison Museum.

SSS-Project Beacon would like to thank the Bureau of Arts & Culture in allowing Mr. Melson Miko to accompany us on our cultural exposure field trips, where he was able to educate us about Palau history. Much appreciation goes to the Etpison Museum staff and Elvis (*the cockatoo*) for the opportunity to tour the place.



Thank you

The Development Office staff would like to thank the following offices and their staff for continually writing and submitting articles for our weekly newsletter, *Mesekiu's News*:

- Project Beacon ----- Adora A. Nobuo and Cynthia Malsol
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- Library ----- Gretchen Raynolds, Imengel Mad and Pioria Faungy
- Upward Bound ----- Kuye Belelai
- CE Office ----- All Staff
- Student Services ----- Presley Etibek

Again, thank you so much for your time and effort in sharing your news with us.

BITS AND PIECES...

Scholarship Applications Available.....

Applications for all PCC based scholarship programs are now available for school year 2005-2006. These scholarship programs are:

- *Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc. Scholarship
- *Prince Leeboo Scholarship
- *Shell Company (Pacific Islands) Limited Scholarship
- *Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship
- *Pierantozzi Scholarship
- *Karita Asanuma Memorial Scholarship (New)

All interested applicants may stop by at the PCC Development Office to pick up an application. Application packets are to be completed and submitted to the PCC Development Office no later than Friday August 12, 2005, the deadline date. For more information about these above mentioned scholarship programs, contact PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471, extension 253.

Website of the Week...

www.voanews.com/english/science/200-10-25-voa17.cfm

One Look Dictionary Search- OneLook is a specialized search engine that allows you to simultaneously look for a term in about 1,000 online dictionaries. Some are general purpose English dictionaries. Others, says founder Bob Ware, are quite specialized, reflecting the breadth of the Internet: "There's technical dictionaries out there; there's dictionaries of terms used in home construction, ... medical fields and the legal fields." You can also search language dictionaries.

Dates to Remember....

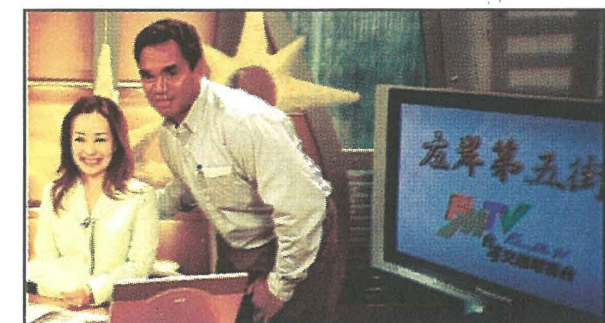
June	29 (W)	Last Day for All Withdrawals
July	7 (TH)	Last Day of Instruction
July	8 (F)	Holiday: Constitutional Day
July	11-13 (M-W)	Final Examination
July	18 (M)	Grades Due End of Summer Session

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has benefited tremendously from its warm and cordial relationship to the local media and press, both government and private. All conference participants also had the opportunity to hear from numerous lecturers and presenters from a range of Taiwanese media and press industries. The Taiwan Government Information Office (GIO), through its spokesman Dr. Michel Lu, gave a lecture that provided a comprehensive and an insightful view into the Taiwan media industry, its current trend and environment. His lecture also covered the short but difficult political history of Taiwan and how it has evolved over the past several decades from the era of the Martial Law under President Chiang Kai-Shek to the contemporary multi-party government that is a flourishing democracy. He also talked about how the recent political changes have helped to promote the freedom of the press among other things. Other conference presenters were from private press and media companies that gave unique insights about their own individual corporations. Aside from the lectures and roundtable discussions, the conference participants also had the opportunity to visit newspaper, television and radio station companies to see first hand how the daily operation of such an integral industry operates. Upon completion of the conference, Debelbot, along with all other participants of the Taiwan Media Industries Conference were awarded certificate of achievements by official from the Taiwan ICDF and the Taiwan Government. During the awarding ceremonies, Debelbot and the representative from Fiji, Elike Bomani were also recognized and received awards for their outstanding performances. The Taiwan ICDF program has in the past provided similar training opportunities to the staff of Palau Community College, namely in the field of sports, information technology, and education. Palau Community College extends its sincere appreciation to Taiwan ICDF and Taiwan Embassy here in the Republic of Palau for continuing to make available such excellent opportunities to Palau Community College and the Republic of Palau.



Taiwan ICDF conference participants.



Debelbot visiting with Anchorwoman at Formosa TV, Taiwan's leading TV station with the biggest viewership.