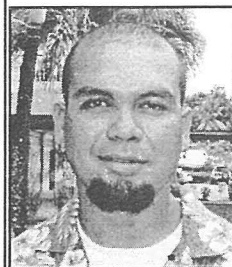


Alumni Notes

Class of 2005 (PCC)

John Scott Adelbai Bruce -



2005 PCC graduate with an Associate Science degree in Office Administration. Bruce is a Lead Solar Panel Installer with Real Goods Solar based in San Jose, California.

Class of 2010 (PCC)

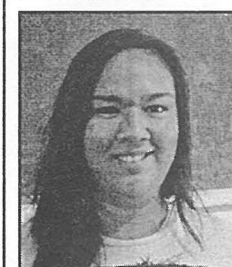
Mary Arius-



Graduated with an Associate of Science degree Library & Information Services. Arius is the Librarian at the Palau Public Library.

Class of 2010 (PCC)

Difiaur Lenore Tellei -



Graduated this Spring as a Double-Major with an AA in Liberal Arts and an AS in Information Technology. She now works full-time as a Tutor for the Student Support Services office, helping students with Math and English. She has already been accepted to UH-Manoa this fall to pursue a degree in Computer Science.

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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Adult High Trailblazer Returns to Say Thanks

He was a member of the first class that enrolled in the Adult High School program when the program opened its doors in 2000. He graduated and was one of the first AHS graduate to enroll at PCC and receive his AS degree. Now he lives in California and works for a major solar panel installation company- Real Goods Solar. John Scott Adelbai Bruce is yet another success story out of the AHS program. He was on island last week for a visit and stopped by the college to visit and thank Tellei and AHS for giving him a second chance on life. PCC congratulates



(l-r) President Tellei, Bruce, VP Jay Olegeriil, and Bruce's brother.

Bruce and wishes him continued success! (See Bruce's Alumni Notes profile on left)

Yano & Sons Market Gives to PCC



Yano & Sons market has donated about 400 lbs. of fresh vegetables to the PCC Cafeteria.

TH Club Promotes "Clean" Environment



Student members of the PCC Tourism & Hospitality Club stand together with officials from the Koror State Solid Waste Management office and Palau Visitors Authority next to a "wishing well" they constructed together on Ngeremdiu Rock Island. The group whose activities focus on promoting sustainable tourism and eco-friendly activities said the well symbolizes their working partnership, and serves as reminder to visitors of Ngeremdiu island to keep it clean.

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Weekly Newsletter

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Tellei Briefs Ex-Com After Commission Meeting



President Tellei (c-right) meets with the members of the Executive Committee last week after returning from an ACCJC commissioners meeting where PCC accreditation status was among the items on the agenda. Tellei said that commissioners' pronouncement will be made public next month.

President Tellei met with members of his Executive Committee last week to talk about his recent trip to attend the commissioner's meeting for the

Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges (ACCJC) in California. Tellei who is a commissioner himself, said that the June meeting held special meaning

for the college as one of the items on the agenda was PCC's accreditation.

President Tellei told members of the Executive Committee that the commission discussed PCC's accreditation status during the meeting, but as the President of the College, meeting rules dictated that he excuse himself when the item came up for discussion. As such, the commissioners' pronouncement regarding PCC's accreditation will be made public next month. In the meantime Tellei said that PCC should continue its effort in ensuring that Student Learning and Student Success remains in the forefront.

PCC Accreditation History

1977 - Granted Full Accreditation
1982 - Accreditation Reaffirmed
1987 - Accreditation Reaffirmed
1992 - Accreditation Reaffirmed
1998 - Accreditation Reaffirmed
2004 - Accreditation Reaffirmed
2010 - Decision out in July 2010

Former Librarian Conducts Workshop



Barnwell meeting with PCC Interim Librarian Debra Neas and Library Technician Pioria Asito.

Jane Barnwell who served as Librarian at PCC for many years before moving to Hawaii to take on a position with the UH-Manoa Library was on island last week to conduct a workshop for librarians. Barnwell who is now the Director of

Library and Information Literacy Initiative with the Pacific Resources for Education & Learning (PREL) talked to workshop participants about a number of topics among which were: Developing the library as a community resource; utilizing grants to help expand library services; leadership in libraries; strategies for internet research; and active promotion of library services to the community.

Grace Merong of the PCC library attended the workshop along with a number of PCC Library & Information Services alumni who are now working for public, medical, school and museum libraries across Palau.

PCC Execs Justify Budget to OEK

Accompanied by College President Patrick Tellei and Vice President of Administration and Finance Jay Olegeriil, the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Bilung Gloria G. Sali made the annual pilgrimage to the seat of Palau's government in Ngerulmud, Melekeok to update Congress members on the state of affairs of the college and to request for funds for the upcoming fiscal year.

(See PCC Execs on Page 2)

(PCC Execs, from Front Page)



President Tellei (c-back) and Chairperson of the Board Bilung Gloria G. Saliu meet with college officials to review the budget.

Prepared with a 45 minute comprehensive presentation which covered everything from recently completed Capital Improvement Projects on campus to funds in the college endowment, from training/program offerings to student graduation rate and instructor salaries, Chairperson Bilung and the two top college executives appeared before the Ways & Means Committee of the House of Delegates to answer questions from committee members as well as offer a budget proposal for next year. Bilung and Tellei, throughout the presentation, appealed to committee members to keep in mind that the level of support PCC receives from the congress has direct implications on the college's accreditation, and it is PCC's accreditation that enables its students to remain eligible for millions of dollars annually in US federal funds.

After the presentation, committee members were in agreement in their approval of the numerous accomplishments at the college. They lauded Chairperson Bilung and the college leadership for the good work they have done for the school, and promised to do all they can, despite the apparent budget constraints, to entertain the college's budget request.

WIA Students to Provide Extra Help for Offices this Summer

The Workforce Investment Act office has assigned eighteen high school students to work with various offices on campus this summer as part of their learning experience. The students will be assigned to offices according to their field of interest, and along with the hands-on training, they will also be receiving a stipend every two weeks.

The students assigned to PCC will be on five-week assignments scheduled to commence on July 5 and end on the second week of August.

Open University of Japan Officials Visit

Officials and professors from Open University of Japan visited the college last month and met with President Tellei to discuss ways in which the two institutions can work together to promote and advance student learning. Talks centered on possibilities for student/staff exchange program among others.

PCC has established agreements with a handful of post-secondary institutions in Japan such as Waseda University, University of the Ryukyus, Ritsumeikan-Asia Pacific University, and Japan Aviation Academy.



President Tellei (seated-left) with the visiting officials and professors from OUJ.

Continuing Education Classes

FREE Session on Constitutional Law of Palau

Instructor: Kevin Bennardo, Court Counsel to the Supreme Court of Palau

Topic:

Class 6:

Article IV, Section 10: Freedom from Excessive Punishment

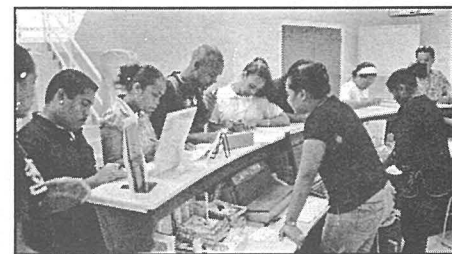
Wrap-up

Class Schedule: One hour every Wednesday night from 6 pm to 7 pm. for six weeks starting the week of May 24th and ending the week of June 28th. All classes will be held at Continuing Education Training Room.



WIA students wait in line to get their office assignments from Executive to the President Todd Ngiramengior (l) last week.

New Library Busy this Summer



Library patrons line up to check out books.

The recently-christened PCC Library is doing exactly what it was built for, attracting patrons of all ages. In addition to the services it offers to PCC students and the regular patrons from the community, the library is bustling with activity this summer playing host to workshops and offering guided tours to elementary and high school kids on summer break.

Of course it also hosts those who frequent the library simply for its supercold air-conditions and free email/internet. The library staff thank all guests for their patronage!



Library staff Tanya Ngirkuteling

BITS AND PIECES...

DONATION

Yano's Market Gives to PCC Again...

Yano & Sons Market donated again this week over 100 lbs. of fresh vegetables (cucumbers, egg plants, okra, and markoso) to the cafeteria. This month alone, the food establishment which specializes in selling Palauan dishes has donated about 400 pounds of fresh vegetables to PCC. Thank you Yano & Sons Market for your generosity! (photos on back page)

LIBRARY

Summer Activities

- ✓ Internet Searching/EBSCO Training
- ✓ Online Catalog Training
- ✓ Gmail/Email Set-Up

Training begins June 16 - End of July on every Wednesday & Friday from 1:00-4:00 pm. Training is for ages 12 & Up. Call 488-3540 and talk to Tanya Ngirkuteling or Jolene Ulengchong for more details.

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Summer Seminar for Teachers...

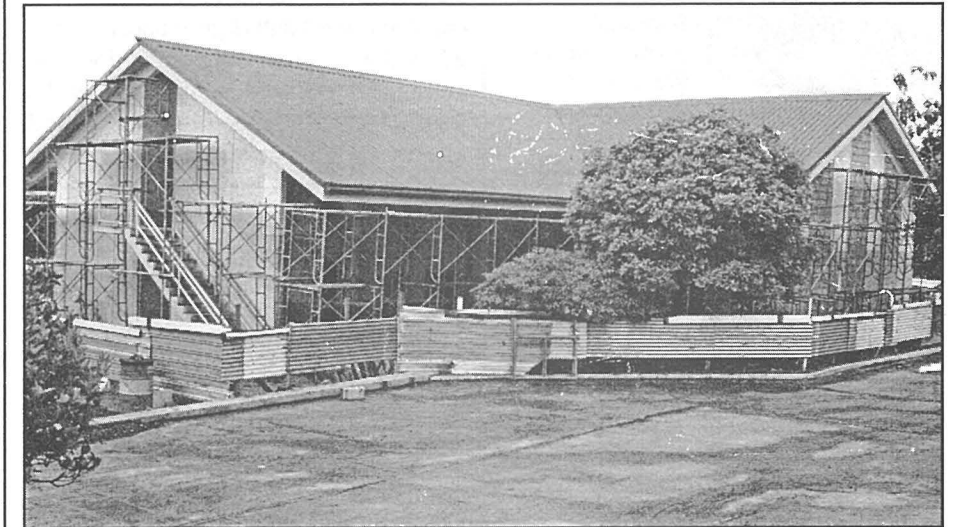
A seminar will be held in Hawaii from August 8 to August 13 entitled "Hawaii National Great Teachers Seminar". For information, go the following website www.greatteacher.hawaii.edu The contact person is Ms. Cindy Martin at: cindymar@hawaii.edu. Fliers also available at Faculty Senate Association mailboxes locate in the Academic Affairs office.

SCHOLARSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

Scholarship & Internship Opportunities...

The office of the Micronesia Challenge is offering thousands of dollars in scholarships as well as internship opportunities for qualified students and individuals. For details, stop by the PCC Development Office or contact: The Micronesia Challenge Regional Office, P.O. Box 4040, Koror, Republic of Palau 96940. Telephone: 680-488-8008; Fax: 680-488-8003

PTHSE Construction to be Completed in August 2010



Construction work continues this week on the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence (PTHSE). With a combined floor space of over 11,000 square feet, the state-of-the-art building will boast a guest room, reception area, kitchen and a dining area. The PTHSE which is a joint project between the Ministry of Education, Belau Tourism Association and Palau Community College will serve as a laboratory for Tourism & Hospitality students.

ROC-Taiwan Makes Hefty Donation to PTHSE

The ongoing effort of raising hundreds of thousand dollars to fund the construction and complete furnishings of the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School Excellence (PTHSE) just got lighter by \$300,000 thousand dollars, thanks to a hefty donation from the Republic of China-Taiwan.

According to instructor Vicky Maui who heads the Tourism & Hospitality program at PCC and one of the organizer of the fund-raiser, the donation will go towards the completion work of the two-story building which has a price tag of about \$700,000 thousand dollars. Maui said she is extremely grateful for the generosity of the Republic of China's government, saying the money which amounts to nearly a third of the PTHSE's price tag will help tremendously in keeping the construction on schedule. Construction work is slated to be completed in August.

ROC-Taiwan Ambassador to Palau Maggie Tien made the donation on behalf her government after visiting the construction site and meeting with Vicky Maui and PCC officials.

Upon completion, the school will replicate a five-star hotel setting and will boast one



PTHSE building. (inset) Mr. Peter Bonini of Palau Pacific Resort, Republic of China Ambassador Maggie Tien and Tourism & Hospitality Instructor Vicky Maui during a recent tour of the construction site.

luxurious hotel-style room complete with a reception area. It will also feature a restaurant and kitchen. The model setup will serve as a functional laboratory for students enrolled in the Tourism & Hospitality program, providing them with the appropriate setting as they learn first-rate room service, food handling & preparation, and customer service.

The PTHSE is a joint work between the Ministry of Education, Belau Tourism Association, and Palau Community College.