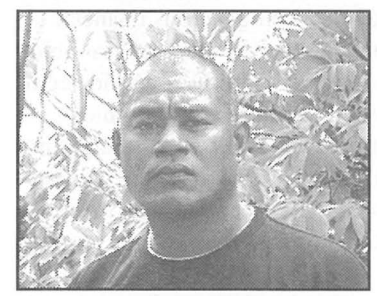




Chilton Returns to Teach and Write Ph.D. Dissertation



Tutii "Joe" Chilton

An athlete, an educator, a colleague, a friend (to many), a cousin, a son, a brother, a husband, a father...and now a Ph.D. candidate; these are words that describe PCC Social Science instructor Tutii "Joe" Chilton. After over a decade of sharing his knowledge in the classroom with his students at PCC, Chilton who is popularly known simply as "Joe", made up his mind to go back to school in pursuit of his life dream of obtaining a Ph.D.

Leaving his home, friends, family, and colleagues at PCC behind, Chilton took a two-year educational leave, enrolling in a Ph.D. program at the University of Hawaii (UH)- Manoa East-West Center (EWC). Chilton said that leaving his family behind was the hardest thing, but realizing that accomplishing his dream was not only his, but his family's as well, Chilton found the determination he needed.

After two years of sacrifice and sheer hardwork, Chilton successfully completed all of his course work including grueling comprehensive exams. He returned back home this summer to fulfill his educational leave agreement with PCC which is to go back to teaching full-time. He will also begin work on his dissertation which he says will focus on government style. His dissertation is titled *Kelulau er a Belau: Designing a 21st century Palauan*

society synthesizing contemporary technology and Palauan Values, Principles and Customs in Governance, Environment, Society and Education as key decision and planning principles for a preferred future of the Republic of Palau, which he is expected to complete at the end of next year and defend it in the summer of 2010.

On top of successfully completing his Ph.D. course work, Chilton said that his two-year experience as a student at the EWC exposed him to new teaching methods that he plans to apply in the classroom this coming Fall semester. Such methods include organizing a seminar class and creating a digital reader.

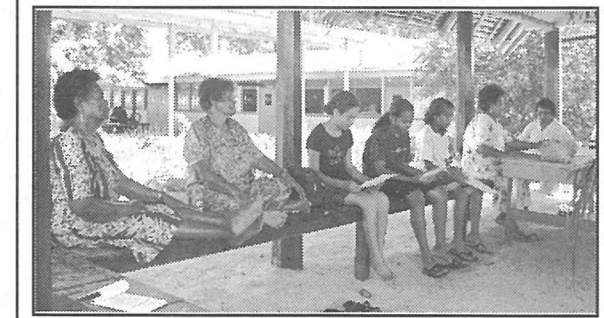
Thinking of his life experience, Chilton advises those who plan to embark on a similar path with a simple advice, "...get some work experience before you apply for a program [Ph.D.]. Having work experience will help you better connect

with theories, methods, and practices that will be most essential in a Ph.D. program." He also suggests that having a general idea on what you want to research helps distinguish what information, which classes, and who you need as an advisor for your topic of interest.

Chilton's long term goal is not only to meet his requirements with PCC, but ultimately to put into action what he's researching, understanding, and writing now. "I want to help Palau become as self-sufficient as possible and [for us Palauans] to continue to be producers of our own food, energy, transportation, communication, and culture as we all try to figure out how to live in this global society."

The PCC Family congratulates Chilton and wishes him the best as he embarks on an even more challenging task of balancing work and family as a Ph.D. candidate.

Cultural Instructors Strong Advocates of Palauan Heritage



Cultural instructors teaching some of the students chanting at Mesekiu Bai.

"Learning about Palauan culture and customs is very important in our daily lives, especially for the young generation", says one of the *mechas* who teaches weaving and chanting and tells

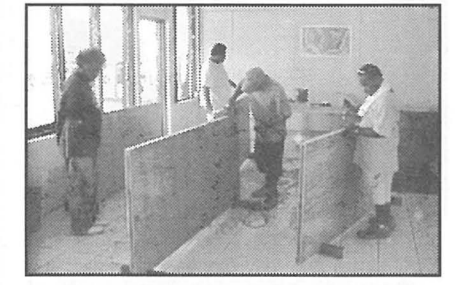
Palauan folklore at Mesekiu Bai on campus. For the past five weeks, Antonina Antonio, Antonia Orrukem, Myotel Kloulchad, and Ilek Iskawa have been devoting their mornings and afternoons advocating and educating the Palauan culture and customs to youngsters. They enthusiastically try to instill Palauan values as they believe that is

the only way to keep our heritage and be true Palauans. One of the *mechas* commented, "Knowing Palauan culture means knowing how to be respectful,

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OMIP Concludes Building Maintenance Training

Twelve employees from the Ministry of Education have recently completed an 80-hour course in Building Maintenance, conducted through the Operations & Maintenance Improvement Program (OMIP). The course was offered during a two-week period, June 30th through July 11th. The training included units on tools, materials, safety, carpentry, plumbing, electricity, masonry and building assessment. The course was taught by Lester Rekemesik, a carpentry instructor at the College. Participants came from various schools in Palau, including Peleliu Elementary School, Koror Elementary School, Palau High School, Airai Elementary School, Ngarard Elementary School, Ngerchelung Elementary School, Melekeok Elementary School, the Ministry of Education Central Office, and Ngiwal Elementary School. One week of the training involved doing various maintenance work at some of the schools in Koror, including George B. Harris and Koror Elementary Schools.



Participants of the Building Maintenance Training replacing the doors at George B. Harris Elementary School.

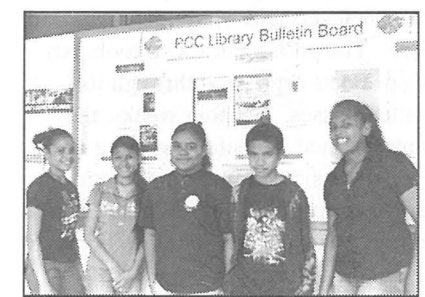
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obedient, and caring. Another stated that it is important to make the time to teach Palauan culture and customs. She also encouraged others to organize more cultural programs in order to educate the youth because in ten to twenty years, our heritage may no longer exist.

Advocating Palauan Heritage is so important to these women that even their choice of political figures for the upcoming election would depend on whether or not the presentation of Palau culture is on the top of their agenda.

Work-Study Students Assist Librarians

By: Uriik T. Luiu, Upward Bound Work-Study Student



Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Work-Study students working at the library (l-r): Tiffany Joseph, Cierra Sbal, Alexi Meltel, Takezo Yano, and Whitney Mad.

This summer, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) placed five of their most creative kids at the PCC Library. Alexi Meltel, Takezo Yano, Whitney Mad, Tiffany Joseph, and Reng Sbal have been learning and assisting with the day-to-day operations of the library. For the past few weeks, they have been shelving books, helping students and other patrons check-in and check-out books, and assisting in basic office tasks. On top of that, they have projects to organize the Library's Bulletin Board by gathering information from various sources such as the World News, Pacific News, and local Palauan News. They also put up information about the library which includes recommended books, library activities, and library announcements on the bulletin board.

Presidential Debate on Youth Issues Next Week

Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2008
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Place: Ngarachamayong Cultural Center

The event is FREE and everyone is invited to attend!

Alumni Notes Class of 2007 (PCC)

Charlie Simeon - 2007 PCC graduate with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Tourism & Hospitality-Food & Beverage (T.H.F.B.). Simeon works at the Ministry of Health- Division of Environmental Health as an Environmental Health Technician 1. He has been working there for the past 9 months.

Class of 1996 (PCC)

Cleofas Iyar, Jr. - 1996 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Construction (CEI). Iyar works at the Ministry of Finance- Division of Utility Collection as a Water Enforcement Officer 1. He has been working there for the past 2 years.

Class of 1982 (MOC)

Ignacia Oilouch - 1982 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Oilouch works at the Ministry of Education- Palau High School as a Palauan Studies Teacher. She has been working there for the past 27 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

Jalavenda Oshima	July	20
Grace Merong	July	22
Rehabeam Madlutk	July	23

Happy Birthday To You!

Create the Future of Palau. Be an Entrepreneur.

GLEAN - PCC Seminar on Entrepreneurial Marketing

Day 1: July 28, 2008

9:30 am - 9:45 am Opening Remarks by Kaleb Udoi, President, National Development Bank of Palau
9:50 am - 12:00 pm Introduction to Global Entrepreneurial Marketing by Tom Kosnik, Professor, Stanford University
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Lunch Provided
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm Chamber of Commerce Discussion: Challenges Palau Businesses Face
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Strategic Thinking Paper 1 (End of Day 1 Program)

Day 2: July 29, 2008

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Strategic Thinking Paper II: Small Group Discussions
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Cool Palau Business Brainstorming and Discussion by [GLEAN Alumni and Kenneth Uyehara, Chamber of Commerce]
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm Lunch Provided
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Case Study: Gumball Capital Overview and Execution by Ilana Seid
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm Global Leaders, Entrepreneurs and Altruists Network Presentation by Tom Kosnik
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm Program Closing Remarks by Palau Vice President Camsek Chin

Featuring Tom Kosnik, Professor of Management Science and Engineering, Stanford University

To register, please call Keobel Sakuma at 488-2624 or email GLEANPCC@gmail.com. All Presentations will be held at PCC Cafeteria.

Part II of Appraisal Training in August

The Continuing Education (CE) office will offer the second phase of the Real Estate Appraisal training this coming August 18th to August 23rd at the CE training room every evening from 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. Tutoring classes will also be held in the morning from Monday to Friday for those who want to retake the test, which was administered back in March when the first phase of the Basic Principles of Real Estate Appraisal training was held.

Mark Gruber of the Micronesian Appraisal Associates based in Guam will again be conducting the training. For more information, please contact Taruu Nakamura or Dean Willy Wally at CE office at 488-6223.

Internship Announcement

In preparation for Internship placement for Fall 2008, the number of students who will be participating in the internship training and their respective trade areas are needed at this time.

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 Extension Program Coordinator, Vincent Ito, and fill the required application forms. Application forms are ready for pick up anytime during working hours from Monday to Friday. Deadline for submission of completed application forms is Wednesday, July 30, 2008 in order for students to be considered for internship placement.

Kom Kmal Mesaul

By: Tutii Joe Chilton

I want to take this opportunity to thank Palau Community College, especially, President Tellei, Vice-President Olegeriil, Dean Timarong, the Board of PCC, faculty, staff, and students who gave me the opportunity to continue my education at the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

Because of their generous financial, moral and spiritual support I was able to go to Hawaii in July 2006 and begin my studies in the Futures Studies program, Political Science department at UH Manoa. Two years later, I have returned to Palau and PCC to give back what was so generously given to me.

I have completed my course work and my comprehensive exams. I am just waiting on the final results of my exams from my committee by August 2008, nevertheless, I will begin my research and writing of my dissertation this summer and hope to complete it by December 2009 and have my committee review it so that I can defend my dissertation sometime in June or July of 2010.

I would like to also thank the Palau Scholarship Board for giving me the financial support I needed to pursue my educational goals.

Finally, I would like to thank my family and friends for their continued support, love and advice in all that I do. Without all your support, I know I would not have been able to dream about continuing my education.

Please know that it is your support, advice, love, thoughts, and prayers that have sustained me in my two year absence from Palau and it will be your support again that will get me through the next two years of researching, writing, and defending my dissertation.

Kom Kmal Mesaul el Rokui!

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Kaeb Launching Next Week...

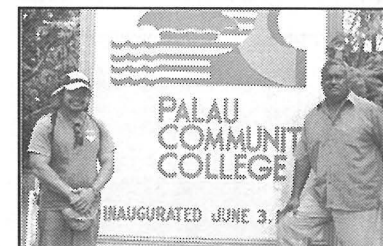
The traditional transport vessel called *Kaeb* that has been built by the master carver, Ebekeu Orukei Bukringang and his apprentices, will be launched next week Wednesday, July 23rd at 10am at the PCC wharf (*Diangel*). Feel free to come and witness this rare occasion.



Master carver, Ebekeu Orukei Bukringang inspecting the *Kaeb*.

WELCOME

Edward Temengil Meets with President Tellei...



President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei with Edward Temengil yesterday. Temengil who knew Tellei back in Saipan resides in Tinian and works as an educator for Tinian High School.

CONDOLENCES

Our Condolences

The College family expresses its deepest condolences to staff member McQuay Postol on the loss of his sister, Dirruchei Postol.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your most difficult time of sorrow and grief.



Three UBMS Participants Compete in Photo Essay, Three Wins Website Competition

Over the summer, the Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) program carried out the summer instructional component for its participants, providing intense instructional services in Mathematics and Science. The participants also took part in two projects organized through its computer classes. For four weeks, the students learned website designing and how to use basic computer applications and software programs such as Microsoft Word and Photoshop in order to compete in the universal TRIO Photo Essay Competition and the UBMS Website Designing Competition.

Last week Friday, six of the UBMS participants were awarded the top three places for each of the two competitions. Winners of the Photo Essay Competition are: Daphne Nestor, Zonia Kotaro, and Marlene Theodore. Their entries have been submitted to the TRIO Quest where they will be competing with other TRIO participants all over the United States. Daphne Nestor also took first place for the UBMS Website Design Competition while Marlene Theodore and Zonia Kotaro took second and third place



Photo Essay and Website Design 1st Place Winner: Daphne Nestor (c) with UBMS Assistant Director, Larry Wakakoro (l) and IT instructor Johvanna Yaoch (r) during last week's small awarding ceremony.

respectively. The computer classes offered were taught by PCC Information Technology (IT) instructor Johvanna Yaoch. The awards were funded by the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) as their goal is to recruit high school students to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program disciplines. LSAMP was also responsible for the financial assistance to hire IT tutors Indira Tell and Nathaniel Moses who assisted instructor Yaoch in conducting the computer classes.

AHS-Airai Students Takes Educational/Cultural Trip



Fifteen Airai Adult High School Students with their instructor Johnson Joshua posing for a picture before they departed for their educational and cultural field trip to the rock islands.

On Saturday, July 12, 2008, fifteen Talent Search (TS) participants from the Airai Adult High School (AHS) program and their math teacher, Johnson Joshua and TS Project Director Laura Mangham, went on an end-of-semester educational and cultural field trip to the rock islands. The students went to Ulong to visit the site where Captain Wilson built his ship to

return to England, and other shipwrecks around the rock islands.

The students enjoyed a nice barbecue, relaxed and enjoyed the nature, then continued on to see the Japanese boat wreck and other places of interest. The educational excursion helped the students appreciate the rich cultural heritage that is our unique islands of Palau, and the history of foreign contacts and how it affected the course of our culture and modern development.

The Airai AHS students began their second semester of courses on July 7, 2008, and will complete the courses on December 22, 2008, bringing the total to four courses completed on that date.