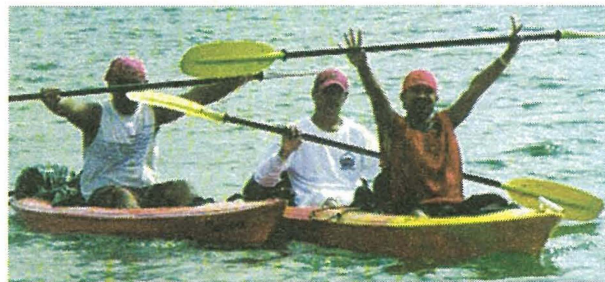


More Mangrove Clean-Up Pictures



PCC Endowment Club

New Members:

- Jessee Sengebaw - Palau EQPB
- Rikel Kual - Aimeliik Head Start
- Fritzerald Demei - Ministry of Justice
- Kirkland Tem - Palau Pacific Resort
- Olkeriil Yaoch - Bureau of Agriculture

Current members- increased contribution:

- Deborah Elibosang- Ministry of Health
- Sadako Tadao - Ministry of Health
- Dora Masubed- Ministry of Health
- Vera Matul- Immigration
- Tarita Holm- Ministry of Resources & Development
- Lovelynn Shiro- PCAA- Headstart
- Edward Tadao- Land Court

Financial Aid Night Schedule For 2006-2007 School Year

DATE (JANUARY 2006)	HIGH SCHOOLS	# of Seniors	TIME	PLACE
19- Thursday	Mindzerity (MHS)	41	7:00pm	MHS Cafeteria
23- Monday		149		
24- Tuesday		-		
25- Wednesday	PHS	-	7:00pm	PHS Resource Center
26- Thursday		-		
27- Friday		-		
26- Thursday	Bethania (BHS)	16	7:00pm	EHS Cafeteria
26- Thursday	Emmaus (EHS)	9	7:00pm	EHS Cafeteria
28- Saturday	Belau Modelingei (BMS)	7	9:00am	CETraining Room
30- Monday	Palau Mission Acad. (PMA)	25	7:00pm	CETraining Room
Total Seniors		247		

Celebrating Birthdays

- "Pind" Sengebaw January 21
 - Byron Tellei January 23
 - Huan Hosei January 24
- Happy Birthday To You!

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Message of Condolences

Our condolences to
Tommy Temengil on the most
 sudden and sad loss of his father
Edobo Temengil.
 Our prayers and thoughts are
 with you in this most difficult time
 of sorrow.
 Your PCC family

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**Articulation with UH-Hilo Reaffirmed
 with Visit of Vice Chancellor**



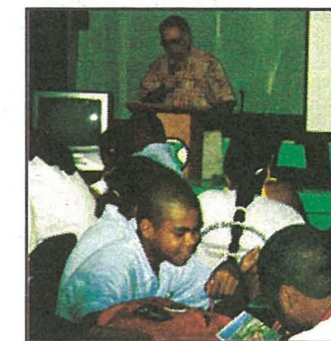
(l-r) Jim Mellon, UH-Hilo Director of Student Development; Dr. Keith Meiser, UH-Hilo Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC President; Alvina Timarong, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs; and Vernice Yuzi, PCC Science Instructor.

Dr. Keith Meiser, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Hawaii at Hilo and Jim Mellon, Director of Student Development were on campus on Tuesday, January 17 to meet with PCC administrators and students. The visit by the two UH-Hilo executives was to promote UH-Hilo to high school seniors and PCC students who might be interested in pursuing or furthering their college education at the university. It also provided the opportunity for officials from UH-Hilo and PCC to meet in person and review the five year old articulation program between the two institutions.

Dr. Meiser and Jim Mellon met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong to review and reaffirm the institutions articulation agreement as it has been five years since its implementation. Discussions also involved the possibility of including the three new PCC programs (Information Technology, Library Science, Business Administration) in the articulation agreement.

Furthermore, the feasibility of articulating select PCC Environmental/ Marine Science courses with UH-Hilo Marine Science courses was also considered. Vernice Yuzi, PCC science instructor who also participated in the meeting said that if implemented, it will allow for transfer of science courses, thus making it easier for PCC students to have their credits accepted if they enroll with the renowned Marine Science program at UH-Hilo. PCC's current articulation agreement with UH-Hilo allows for PCC students, especially those enrolled in the liberal arts program to continue their college education at UH-Hilo with upperclassmen standing after PCC.

High school and PCC students who were interested in finding out more about UH-Hilo and its program offerings also had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Miser and Mellon later that afternoon at the PCC cafeteria. Classic Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math & Science students from Palau High School were among other high school and PCC students who packed the cafeteria to hear Dr. Miser and Mellon's presentation about UH-Hilo. The students also heard from several UH-Hilo alumni who shared their own personal stories during their years at UH-Hilo.



Dr. Keith Meiser, UH-Hilo Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs talk to high school and PCC students about UH-Hilo.

**PICRC 5th Anniversary
 Celebration Concludes
 with Banquet Gala**

The two-week long festivities to mark the 5th Anniversary for the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) culminated last Wednesday, January 18, 2006 with a banquet to raise funds for the coral reef center. The \$50 dollars per plate dinner was held on the grounds of the coral reef center and raised over \$8000 dollars.

Sponsored by ROP President Tommy E. Remengesau Jr. and PICRC Board of Directors Chairman Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, the banquet gala was attended by the High Chief Ibedul and members of the Council of Chiefs including ROP Vice President Elias Camsek Chin and members of both houses of the OEK. Members of the diplomatic corp also graced the occasion together with representatives from various donor companies and non-profit organizations that have supported the PICRC since its establishment five years ago. PCC Officials and SBA officers were also in attendance.

The dinner concluded with Chairman of the Board of Directors Dr. Tellei and members of the board recognizing and thanking all donors for their support over the years.



PCC Officials at the PICRC banquet.

Planet Blue Sea Kayak Tours Helps Clean “Idederach” Mangrove

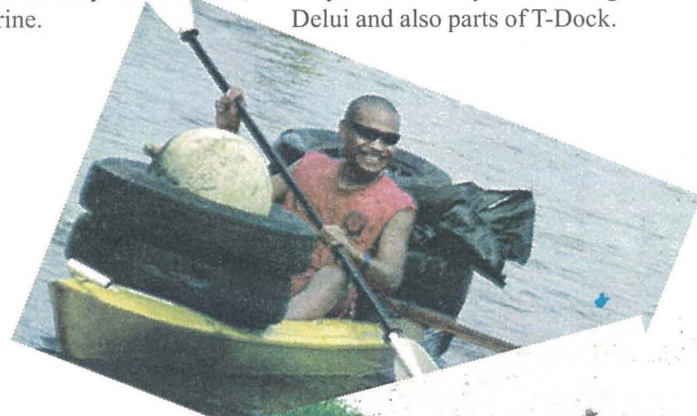
Ron Leidich, owner of Planet Blue Sea Kayak Tours donated 24 of his ocean kayaks to PCC when he heard that both staff and students were mounting a pre-spring semester clean-up of the mangrove area behind the campus. In addition to his Kayak donation to the clean-up effort, he also volunteered some of his experienced kayak staff to help with the organization of the mangrove cleanup.

Leidich met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei before the start of the clean-up. Dr. Tellei thanked Leidich for his generous contribution and also for his eagerness and enthusiasm in supporting activities such as the mangrove cleanup that advocates and promotes clean and healthy environment, both land and marine.

Using the kayaks, students and staff hauled in from the mangrove and surrounding waters bags of trash and debris which were brought to the collection area at the PCC “Idederach” boat/canoe ramp. The half day clean-up covered the mangrove area from the Meyuns causeway to the village of Delui and also parts of T-Dock.



Surrounded by staff of PCC and Planet Blue Sea Kayak Tours, Ron Leidich (c) owner of Planet Blue Sea Kayak Tours with his infant son shakes hand with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei prior to the start of the mangrove clean-up.



Biggest trash found was this outrigger canoe stumbled upon by Project Beacon Director Vernice Rechebei and her staff :-O



BITS AND PIECES...

Former KES Teacher Now Counselor for Upward Bound Program....



Deskim Tutii

Deskim Tutii is now the Academic Information Coordinator with the Upward Bound (UB) program. Formerly, a 7th grade teacher with Koror Elementary School, Tutii started working for the Upward Bound program in the late

fall of 2005. “With the UB program always looking for ways to expand and further improve services to its students, Tutii, with his employment background in education is a welcome addition to the UB staff,” expressed program director Kuye Belelai. Tutii’s prime responsibilities will be to manage an automated record-keeping system for all current and past UB students, oversee computer classes, and manage class scheduling.

Dorm Students Enjoy Free Aquarium Tour at PICRC....

On January 14, 2006, Recreation office staff Eriko Yahagi and sixteen dorm residents enjoyed a free tour of the Palau International Coral Reef Center. Celebrating its 5th anniversary, the center was offering free tours to interested individuals or groups and Yahagi and the students took advantage of the free guided tour of the center. According to Yahagi, the students had a wonderful time and cameback from the tour with new knowledge of how valuable our marine environment and its inhabitants are.



PCC-CRE Water Quality Program

Submitted by: PCC-CRE Staff

On January 14, 2006, Dr. Allan C. Sabaldica from Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Services visited Palau to promote a “Dry Litter Waste Management System” for Piggery farms. The project is one of the projects of the PCC-CRE Water Quality Program. It is funded by US EPA. The Dry Litter System prevents water pollution and promotes healthy environment and water conservation in piggery farms.

Due to a tight schedule here in Palau Dr. Sabaldica was able to only visit and assess five piggery farms namely, Bendix Lakobong’s farm in Koror, Ivan Rubeang’s Piggery farm in Airai, Landis Rechelluul’s Piggery Farm in Airai, John Oiph Piggery Farm in Airai and Abia Madlutk’s Piggery farm in Ngeremlengui for a potential “Dry Litter System” demonstration in Palau in March this year.

Dr. Sabaldica also did a Power Point presentation and DVD presentation of the “Dry Litter Waste Management System” on Jan. 17, 2006 at PCC CE Training Room which 20 people attended the presentation.

The participants were from EQPB, DEH, Koror State Sanitation, NRCS, Koror State Public Work Director, Bureau of Agriculture and PCC-CRE Agriculture Staff. The presentation targeted these agencies named above so that the extension agents/ workers from the agencies could do a collaborative work with PCC-CRE Water Quality program and train or introduce the system to the farmers and community people.



Dr. Allan C. Sabaldica of Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Services

For more information about this report, please contact Lei Rechelluul at the PCC-CRE office at 48882746.

Library Hours for Spring Semester 2006

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

Happy New Year to all!