

# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## OEK Approves of PCC during Annual Congressional Budget Hearing



Board of Trustees Chairperson Bilung Gloria G. Sali (l), President Tellei (c), and Vice President Olegeriil chat with senators Kathy Kesolei, Surangel Whipps Jr. and Aimelilik State Delegate Kalistus Ngirturong in the senate chambers after the joint congressional budget hearing for PCC's 2009-2010 budget.

budget hearing. Attending the hearing on behalf of the College was Chairperson of the Board of Trustees Bilung Gloria G. Sali, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei and Vice President of Administration and Finance Jay Olegeriil. After Chairperson Sali's opening statement to the Senate and

activities the College has undertaken to date. Throughout his twenty-minute presentation, Tellei detailed new developments in the area of academic programs, student services, federal TRIO and land grant programs, and major infrastructure projects at the College.

Tellei reiterated during his presentation that despite PCC's relatively level budget for the past nine years, PCC has been able to find ways to implement new programs and services. In doing so, he said the college has been able to improve and expand essential infrastructures such as classroom buildings and the soon-to-open three-story college library, both of which cost millions of dollars. Such buildings are both critical to the college's viability as a US accredited institution of higher learning.

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Last Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, the College made the annual pilgrimage along with other heads of government offices to the national capitol in Ngerulmud, Melekeok for the Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK) congressional

House of Delegates joint committee hearing. President Tellei took the floor and shared with members of congress the major accomplishments and

## Interim Librarian Neas Attends ALA Conference

The American Library Association (ALA) holds an annual conference for library professionals. This year, Ms. Debra O. Neas, PCC Interim Librarian attended the annual conference held from July 9 to 16 in the windy city (Chicago, Illinois). Ms. Neas' attendance in the conference was funded through Institute of Museum and Library Sciences (IMLS) Grant, a Ministry of Education grant administered through PCC. The conference was centered on the business of libraries, services, and career and education opportunities. In addition to attending numerous educational sessions,

Ms. Neas met a number of notable authors who provided autographed books to be donated to the college library.

While in the states, Librarian Neas also took part in a 3-day training by Follet, the provider of Destiny Library Software used by PCC and MOE and their partner libraries. The training is also an activity under Connectivity Project of the IMLS Grant, designed to connect all libraries in the Republic of Palau for the purpose of library collections sharing through

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## PCC Donates Chairs

Last Friday (July 31<sup>st</sup>) PCC donated 30 new chairs to Koror Elementary School. The chairs will be used to accommodate 30 new students who are scheduled to begin classes this fall. PCC has helped Koror Elementary school in the past by donating supplies and lending staff when there are unexpected needs for the school and students.



President Tellei (standing-back), Vice President Jay Olegeriil (l) and PCC students present chair donations to Koror Elementary School Principal Andrew Tabelual.

## Great Presentations by Graduating Environmental & Marine Science Majors

By: Elliot Benzle, Staff Writer

Graduates in the Environmental and Marine Science Major complete their program by doing a research project focused on the environment. After research is complete they present the results to other students, PCC staff and others interested in the environment.

preferred most. The presentations show Palau's potential to become less reliable on off island producers for food products. A study about coral was done by Ngedikes Benedict and Zenaida Orak presented information on the river flow and clarity of the Tabecheding river.

This year's presentations were held last Friday and covered topics related to a sustainable Palau. The leading lecture was an in-depth survey on giant clams on the main islands of Palau by student John Stills.



PCC Environmental/Marine Science students with pose for a photo with their instructor Vernice Yuzi (c) and special guest Don Dengokl.

A presentation on producing locally processed foods presented by students Renee Benardo and Jadie Ngelulei Ililau showed the production of a variety of products made from taro and tapioca. Taste tests showed which ones people

**Our Condolences**  
The PCC Family of Trustees, Administrators, Faculty, Staff and Students express deepest sympathies to Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees Masa-Aki Emesiochl on the recent loss of his father Rechiuang Emesiochl Yoshiwo. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time of sorrow and mourning.

### Alumni Notes

#### Class of 2000 (PCC)

Lemalt Ngirailmesang -



2000 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Electrical Technology (ET). Ngirailmesang works at the Palau Public Utility Corporation as a Surveyor/Estimator.

#### Attended in 2000 (PCC)

Olive Mellil -



Took Education courses at PCC in 2000 for one year while holding a full time position as a classroom teacher at Ngardmau Elementary School. She is now working as a Clerk for the State Legislature of the State of Ngwal. Mellil is also a contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund.

#### Class of 1987 (MOC)

Sherman Daniel -



1987 MOC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in General Electronics Technology (GET). Daniel is the Associate Dean of the School of Technical Education here at PCC. In

addition to his responsibilities as associate dean, Daniel has worked closely with PCC President Tellei and San Diego State University officials in making the SDSU-PCC online program the success that it is today. Daniel is himself a graduate of the online program, holding a bachelor and a master's degree in the field of educational leadership.

**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 and all alumni in future issues of the Mesekiu's News.

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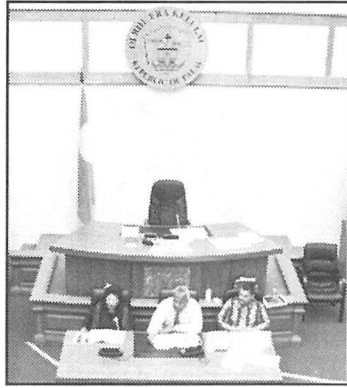
\*Kid-friendly\* lunch menus are made fresh daily at rock bottom prices. Also available: cup of noodles, canned meats, crackers, chips, and more. Music CDs by Palauan artists also available. Call us at 488-2471, ext. 270, or drop in for a visit.

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**Celebrating Birthdays**

Grace Alexander	Aug 8
Koyungil Kebekol	Aug 11
Marlyne Olkeriil	Aug 12
Kashilda Bruno	Aug 13

**Happy Birthday To You!**



Chairperson Bilung, President Tellei and Vice President Olegeriil at last Friday's OEK/Congress budget hearing.

President Tellei also shared with members of Congress that the officials of the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges (ACCJC), the sanctioning body that accredits PCC, will be visiting the College in March 2010 to conduct a site visit. Tellei said that such visits are mandatory in order for the College to continue to be eligible for millions in US federal financial assistance such as Pell Grant. He said that the cost of the visit is \$50,000 dollars and hopes that the congress will take the amount into consideration

**PCC Vision Statement:** - where we want to be  
**We Guarantee Quality & Excellence**  
**PCC Mission Statement:** - who we are & what we do  
**Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.**

when it deliberates on the PCC budget.

After Tellei's presentation, members of congress collectively praised the College for its accomplishments, and said that Tellei's presentation is very compelling and they will do their best to find new fund sources to help the College.

**ALA, from Front Page**

electronic accessibility. In line with the college's staff development policy, Interim Librarian Neas will conduct a workshop(s) for library personnel and other interested individuals to transfer the skills and information gained her attendance and

participation in these conference and training.

For more information about the ALA training or the subsequent workshops, please contact Interim Librarian Debra Neas at 488-2471, ext. 261.



Interim Librarian Debra Neas (l) and staff.

**Republic of Palau  
 Palau Community College  
 Koror, Republic of Palau 96940  
 NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that Palau Community College will receive sealed proposals from interested contractors thru the Office of the Vice President for Administration, Palau Community College, P.O. Box 9, Koror, Republic of Palau 96940, beginning on July 31, 2009 for the construction of the Two Storey Class room/laboratory building until 10:00 a.m. September 20, 2009 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened. All bids must be accompanied by a bidder's bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid price. Bid security may be bid bond, certified check or cashiers check made payable to the Palau Community College.

The information for Bidders, Bid Form, Contract Forms, Plans, Specifications and other contract documents may be examined at: Palau Community College, Office of the Vice President for Administration  
 PCC Ukall Building, Koror State, Republic of Palau

Copies may be obtained at the above office upon payment of \$250.00 for each set. The cost of each set of plans and specification is not refundable. Additional two (2) sets will be furnished to the successful bidder without additional charges. Bidders' qualification requirements may be obtained at PCC at no cost. Pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on July 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Palau Community College Conference Room and from there to the site for a site visit. Palau Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposals in the interest of the College. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of opening thereof. For more information concerning this Bid Announcement, contact Mr. Jay Olegeriil, Vice President for Administration & Finance at telephone numbers: 488-2471 extension 228  
 Project Cost Range: \$300,000 - 350,000.

/s/  
 Jay Olegeriil  
 Vice President for Administration & Finance

**BITS AND PIECES...**

**TODAY**

**CE Yap Apprentices to Receive Certificates ...**

The Continuing Education (CE) office will be handing out certificate of completion to three (3) Yap apprentices during a luncheon today. The three apprentices who recently completed their summer training are part of the joint effort by PCC, Yap Department of Education, and various government and private businesses in Palau to facilitate and implement summer training opportunities in Palau for Yap Department of Education workers.

**Student Services Office Marks Summer's End with Luncheon...**

Dean of Student Services Marensia Edward is sponsoring a special luncheon today for her entire department to officially mark the end of summer. The luncheon which will be held at Arirang restaurant- a popular eatery known for its "all-you-can-eat" kimchee menu- is by invitation only.

**MEETING**

**Academic Affairs Holds Faculty Meeting ...**

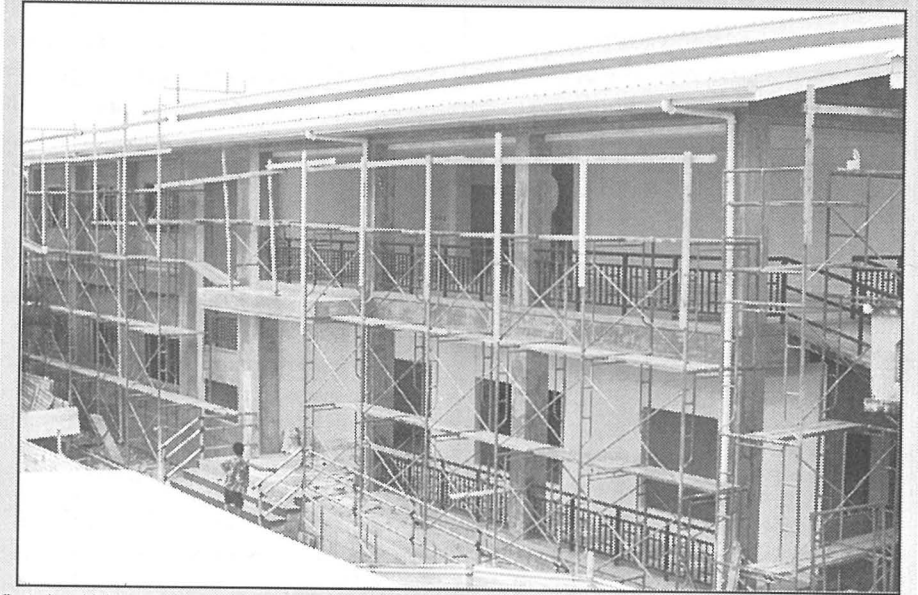
With ten more days until the first day of class, the Academic Affairs held a meeting of all faculty members yesterday to discuss program the ongoing work on accreditation, Student Learning Outcomes, rubrics and program assessments. President Tellei, Dean of Academic Affairs Timarong, Associate Dean Sherman Daniel, Institutional Researcher Nino Pate, and all faculty members attended.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Registration is Next Week...**

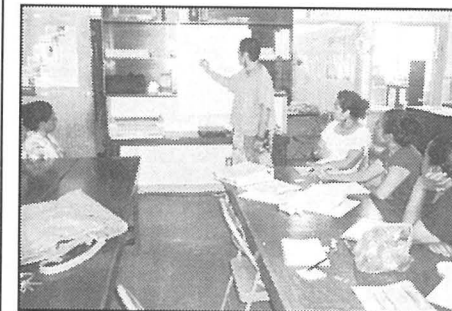
- Aug. 7 Grades Due
- Aug. 10-13 Registration
- Aug. 14 Last day to change grades for Summer Semester
- Aug. 17 First Day of Instruction - Fall Semester

**New PCC Library  
 226 Days Into 270 Days of Construction**



Forty-four (44) more days to go according to the original construction schedule of the new three-story library building. The building will house the library collections on the first two floors while the top floor will accommodate office spaces for faculty members and officers of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC).

**UB Receives Training from Local Expert**



Professional consultant Mary Wenty (standing) conducts staff development training for the Upward Bound office Director Kuye Belelai (l) and staff.

The Upward Bound office Director Kuye Belelai and staff found time from their busy schedule to fit in a staff development training

**Advisory Group Established to Augment SLO**



To improve Student Learning Outcome, and Advisory Group comprised of local professional has been established (full Story in next week issue)

on Record Keeping & Data Management conducted by a local consultant. Mary Wenty, a professional who has years of experience working for the Republic of Palau's executive branch spent two hours each morning this week working with Belelai and staff. Sessions focused on refining the Upward Bound office's organization of files and data, all in an effort to further improve services to clients. The Upward Bound office which is funded by US federal funds has been referred to by President Tellei as a model example of an efficient and resourceful office.



Dr. Kenneth Gonzales (standing-right) with President Tellei (c) and members of the Executive Committee after the exit meeting last week to wrap up the Institutional Effectiveness workshop. (seated l-r) Vice President Jay Olegeriil, Director Kuye Belelai, Classified Staff Organization President Ephraim Ngrachitei, and Dean Marensia Edward. (standing l-r) Director Armstrong Debelbot, Associate Dean Sherman Daniel, President Tellei, Director Tchuzie Tadao, and Gonzalez.



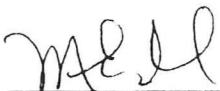
**Fall 2009 Registration by Appointment**  
**Office of Registrar & Records**  
**August 10th - 13th (Monday - Thursday)**

TO: All Students & Concerned Staff

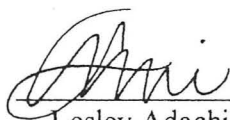
Please note your assigned registration dates below and also review the overall list of students posted outside the Office of Registrar & Records.

From now until the Fall registration period, students may make payments of the tuition deposit and must settle any outstanding account at Business Office. Please be reminded that a clearance to register will not be issued until outstanding accounts and tuition deposits are paid. If you are eligible for federal aid, your financial aid documents must also be completed before the registration period.

<u>DAYS/DATES/TIME</u>	<u>REMAINING CREDITS</u>
<b><u>Monday/August 10, 2009 – Day 1</u></b>	
8:30 – 11:30 am	Fall & Spring Graduates with 3-19 credits left
1:00 – 3:30 pm	Continuing Students with 20-30 credits left
<b><u>Tuesday/August 11, 2009 – Day 2</u></b>	
8:30 – 11:30 am	Continuing Students with 31-45 credits left
1:00 – 3:30 pm	Continuing Students with 45-56 credits left
<b><u>Wednesday/August 12, 2009 – Day 3</u></b>	
8:30 – 11:30 am	Continuing Students with 57-80 credits left
1:00 – 3:30 pm	Continue w/ students with 57-80 credits left
<b><u>Thursday/August 13, 2009 – Day 4</u></b>	
8:30 – 11:30 am	New, Returning, Readmit, Unclassified, Enrichment & Dual Students
1:00 – 3:30pm	OPEN to anyone who missed assigned registration slot and late admission.

  
 Marensia Edward  
 Dean of Students

  
 Date

  
 Lesley Adachi  
 Registrar

  
 Date