

## Its the Soldier

It's the soldier, not the reporter  
Who has given us freedom of the press.  
It's the soldier, not the poet,



Who has given us freedom of speech.  
It's the soldier, not the campus organizer,  
Who has given us the freedom to  
demonstrate.  
It's the soldier, not the lawyer,  
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.  
It's the soldier who salutes the flag,  
Serves under the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
Who gives the protester the right to burn the flag.  
--- Father D.E. O'Brien

## SBDC CELEBRATES One YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Monday, August 28, 2003 the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) on campus celebrated their one year anniversary. Gracing the one year anniversary celebration was Otoichi Besebes, Minister of Commerce and Trade; Elbuchel Sadang, Minister of Finance; Kenneth Lujan, SBA Guam Branch Manager; Casey Jeszenka, Network Director-Small Islands Pacific Development Center; Mr. Lee Webber, Chairman-PISBDC Network advisory board; Mike Arriola, Economic Development Specialist; Marie-Mesa Kerlin, Director-Citibank Women in Business Program; and Denise Mendiola, Publisher-Real Woman Magazine.

After the commemoration ceremony, Mike Arriola conducted a morning workshop on how to write a business and secure a small business loan among other things. The afternoon workshop which was conducted by Marie-Mesa Kerlin and Denise Mendiola focused more on woman entrepreneurs, the type of advise and assistance that are available to women interested in starting their own small businesses.

The SBDC was established on campus one year ago with a grant from the US Small Business Administration and a matching fund from the Ministry of Commerce and Trade. Its purpose is to help current small business owners maximize their earning potential by providing professional business advise. It also provides technical expertise and counseling to individuals who are interested in starting a small business but are unable to because of their inability to secure a loan for start-up capital or drafting a business plan.

For detailed information and services offered by the Palau-SBDC, please contact Clinton Ngemaes as 488-6004.



Otoichi Besebes, Minister of Commerce and Trade with Marie-Mesa Kerlin cutting a cake commemorating the one year anniversary of the Palau-SBDC. Clint Ngemaes (r) is the center's director.

## SBA/Student Trustee Election Set for September 3rd Don't Forget to Vote!


The general election for the ntw Student Body Association members and the Student Trustee member has been established to be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2003. The poll will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and it will be held at the PCC Mesekiu Bai in the main courtyard. All student are strongly encouraged to come out and exercise your right to vote for those you believe can best serve you.

This newsletter would like to feature Endowment Club members' accomplishments and birthdays. Call Jay Olegeriil or Armstrong Debelbot at PCC Development Office at 488-2471, extension 253 and they will be very happy to assist you!

**Palau Community College** is proud to be at the forefront in Palau's efforts to provide higher education opportunities for her citizens. At PCC, we strive to guarantee quality and excellence in all our programs and services. Call the PCC Office of Admissions and Financial Aid or the PCC Development Office for information about PCC offerings. We will be very happy to assist you!

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### Celebrating Birthdays

	Vincent Ito	August 23
	Syozitaro Rekesiwang	August 23
	Weilling Sked	August 28
	Josepha Tutii	August 28
	Mistsko Walter	August 28

**Happy Birthday To You!!!**

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# MESEKIU'S NEWS

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## Hermine Retires, Allan Eyes Own Business

PCC's famous receptionist Ms. Hermine Joseph has decided to take on early retirement after over 25 years of dedicated service to Palau's only institution of higher learning. 'Mine', as she is known by everyone who worked with her, first started working at the College only two months after it had changed its name from Micronesian Occupational Center to Micronesian Occupational College, and only a year after the College was granted full accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Therefore, some would say that Mine herself has become an institution within an institution!

Initially hired on July 2, 1978 as a Clerk I, Hermine would retire as Senior Clerk after over 25 years of service. For 25 years, she has been the source of that consistently warm and friendly voice on the other end of the line at PCC's reception office. Whether your call to her was a routine telephone number inquiry or an angry outburst regarding a missed forwarded call, she would still respond with her trademark ever-pleasant voice, calming you down with her friendly and apologetic tone. Everyone here at PCC will surely miss Mine and her friendly voice. We will also miss her quick responses to our inquiries and can only hope that her replacement(s) can do half as good a job as she has done. We hope she enjoys her years of retirement as she truly does deserve them! Hermine is currently in the U.S. to visit and spend some time with her children. Thank you Hermine for the many years of dedicated service to PCC.



Hermine 'Mine' Joseph

Allan Rengechel, a cook with the PCC cafeteria resigned last month so he could concentrate his effort and focus on starting his own business. Allan who joined the cafeteria crew back in 1992 has been working as a cook since and has acquired extensive knowledge and experience that

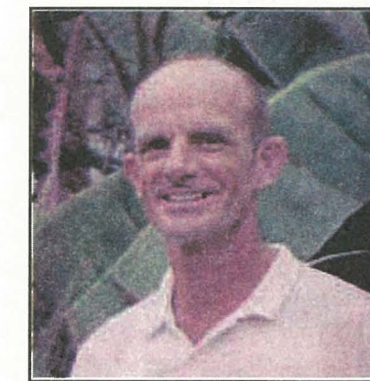
he plans to put into good use in his own business.



Allan preparing breakfast for PCC students who live in the dormitories.

Allan was an extremely dedicated employee who never once complained about having to work extra hours during occasion when PCC played host to major conferences, such as the Annual *Mechesil Belau* Conference (women's conference) and the PBILC (disability conference) which were held earlier this year. The College gratefully acknowledges Allan's eleven years of devoted service and wishes him well in his future undertaking.

## Dr. Miles Takes One Year Sabbatical



Dr. Joel Miles

PCC Associate Professor in Agriculture and Agriculture Club advisor Dr. Joel Miles has been given the green light by the College to take a year off to pursue other interests. Dr. Miles is currently working on a project for the Office of Environmental Response and Coordination (OERC) involving invasive terrestrial plants and animals.

The PCC agriculture program is currently utilizing two researchers from the PCC-CRE program to carry Dr. Miles' classes while a temporary replacement is being sought. Three agriculture classes are being offered this semester: two are upper-division courses taught by Dr. Aurora Del Rosario and Dr. Nelson Esquerra of PCC-CRE while the other is a lower division course in Animal Husbandry taught by Ms. Shiomi Hata, a JICA volunteer.

Dr. Miles' leave commenced on August 1 and thus he is due back on August 1, 2004. Good luck to you Dr. Miles.



## Private Consultant to Evaluate IMLS Grant Project

Dr. Elizabeth Rechebei, a private consultant from Saipan was on campus earlier this week to conduct an evaluation on the LSTA/IMLS grant. PCC hired her on a special one month contract to conduct a grant evaluation.

The grant which was awarded to the Ministry of Education back in 1998 was to establish a link between the Public Library and the Palau Community College Library allowing users the flexibility in accessing needed information with one stop at either libraries. The grant also was to eventually link-up all the elementary school libraries in Koror as well as all the other elementary schools in the other states of Palau to the Public Library and PCC Library.



Dr. Elizabeth Rechebei

Upon completing her comprehensive evaluation which is expected to delve as far back as 1998 when the grant was first awarded to the Ministry of Education, Dr. Rechebei will present her findings with recommendations to PCC President Tellei as well as the granting agency -USDOE.

## Fall 2003 Academic Calendar

First day of instruction	August 18
Late Registration/Drop & Add Period	August 18-22
<b>HOLIDAY: Labor Day</b>	<b>September 1</b>
<b>HOLIDAY: Indep. Day</b>	<b>October 1</b>
Last Day to remove incomplete Summer Grades	October 2
Mid-term Period	October 13-17
<b>HOLIDAY: UN Day</b>	<b>October 24</b>
Last Day for all Withdrawals	October 27
<b>HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving</b>	<b>November 27</b>
Last Day of Instruction	December 5
Final Exam Period	December 8-10
Grades Due	December 12

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Lesley Takes Leave, Teory To Oversee Registrar's

Lesley B. Adachi, who oversees the College's Registrar and Records Office, is on leave having started this Monday and ending on September 15th. Hence, she has designated Mrs. Teory Idechong to oversee the office during her absence. Everyone's kind cooperation with and support for Mrs. Idechong is appreciated.

### Self-Study Accreditation Update

The College's Self-Study Steering Committee has been working very hard to review the appraisal sections of the various Self-Study subcommittees. The Steering Committee meets every Thursday to review the drafts, and recommendations for modifications are then transmitted back to the subcommittees for their respective attention and appropriate action. With the self-imposed deadline of November fast approaching, we encourage everyone to tighten their working belts and continue exerting their much appreciated effort in seeing this vital College activity to its successful end. We are quite confident that our collective effort will produce a product that we can all be proud of!

### Get in Touch with Your MOC/PCC Classmates!

Would you like to get in touch with your MOC/PCC classmates? One way to do this is to have your contact number, mailing or e-mail address available at the PCC Development Office. We can announce (via this newsletter) that we have your contact number/address; thus, anyone who went to school with you and wishes to reach you may simply contact the PCC Development Office and we will help connect you to your classmate(s). We have been able to provide this unique service for an alumna in Pohnpei, FSM!

Therefore, find out what your college friends have been doing over these past years. Who knows, maybe they have been trying to touch base with you but have not been able to obtain your contact number/address. Try this service and see where it takes you!!!

## PCC Hires New GET Instructor Recommended by Outgoing Juarez

The General Electronic Technology (GET) program has a new instructor. Joel Yabes who is an alumnus of Marikina Institute of Science and Technology (MIST) in Marikina Town, Philippines has agreed to a one year teaching contract with PCC GET program.

Yabes was recommended by the former GET instructor, Jorge Juarez who left after two years to further his education. Yabes has an extensive background in industrial electronics technology including an established teaching experience where he has taught for the last twelve years at his alma-mater, MIST. Welcome aboard Yabes.



Joel Yabes, PCC GET Instructor

## Get Carded at Your PCC Library

Written by PCC Library Technician Ms. Imengel Mad

Can you name the one item that gives you the access to nearly everything on the web and in print and provides personal assistance to help you find what you're looking for? It's your library card. The PCC Library encourages all patrons to sign up for a library card. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. The PCC Library is reminding you to Get Carded @ your PCC Library and enjoy all the important things a library card gives you access to.

<http://www.whitehousehistory.org>

The White House Historical Association - Celebrate President's Day by visiting the most well known house in America, the White House. This site, maintained by the White House Historical Association, is an informative resource for facts about America's house and the people that have lived, worked and visited there. The site features a virtual White House tour; the objects and artwork presidents have left behind, biographies of American Presidents and First Ladies, and timelines illustrating how developments in architecture and technology have influenced the White House. The site's Learning Center includes lesson plans for teachers and interactive activities for students related to a variety of curriculum areas. Suitable for grades K - 12.



New students with a library staff during orientation.

The library encourages all teachers to bring in their students for orientation and tour. Teachers are required to accompany the class/group when visiting the library. Please contact me at 488-3540 or 488-3471 for any inquiries or to set up a schedule for a group visit.

<http://www.pdictionary.com>

The Internet Picture Dictionary - here's a fun way for youngsters to learn a few basic words in other languages. Designed for students of English as a Second Language (ESL), it works equally well for English-speaking students who would like to pick up a few words in another language. A picture that clearly identifies it accompanies each word in the dictionary. The dictionary is available in English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish and may be browsed alphabetically or by category such as animals, fruits, and tools. Activities such as flashcards and word scrambles in the language covered are also featured. Suitable for grades K - 8.

### First-Rate Calorie Cutter...



Here's another reason to boost fiber intake: It helps reduce the calories your body absorbs from what you eat. In a recent study, women and men who doubled their fiber consumption absorbed 90 and 130 fewer calories a day, respectively.

**Are you getting your 5?** Research shows that most people eat an average of three servings of fruits and vegetables a day. That's far short of the 5-9 daily servings recommended. Ideas: Add fruit to cereal at breakfast...snack on raw vegetables instead of potato chips... sip juice instead of coffee, tea or soda.

(Source: TopHealth, the health promotion and wellness newsletter)

## TOEFL TESTING DATES 2003-2004

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Rec't. Date at TOEFL Office)	Score Report Mailing Date
Oct. 18, 2003	August 29, 2003	November 26, 2003
May 15, 2004	March 29, 2004	June 23, 2004



- The Test of Written English (TWE) is given with the TOEFL test. It is a 30-minute writing test that is required of everyone taking the paper-based test. The TWE score is reported separately and is not added to the TOEFL score.

- Testing and Service Fees - \$130.00

- There are two ways to register for the test.

1. Online Registration - Those with American Express, VISA, JCB, Mastercard, and Discover credit cards may register for the test at the TOEFL Web site ([www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)), or see Karen Mobel at Human Resources Development for an arrangement to use PCC credit card.

2. Mail-in Registration - You may obtain the TOEFL Bulletin from Myorang Besebes at the PCC Student Life Office.

For information about TOEFL registration and testing, contact Marensia Edward at PCC telephone (680) 488-3036.

## Graduate Record Examination (GRE) 2003-2004 Dates for Paper-Based Administration

	Fees	Test Dates	Receipt Dates at ETS for Registration	Approximate Score Mailing Dates
General Test	\$140.00	October 25, 2003	August 29, 2003	December 05, 2003
Subject Test	\$150.00	November 08, 2003	September 12, 2003	December 19, 2003

For Registration Form and detailed information about the GRE, please feel free to contact PCC Office of Student life at 488-3036.