

Alumni Notes

Class of 2000 (PCC)

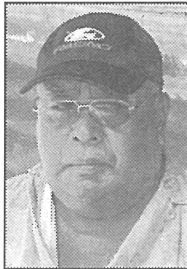
Wayne Andrew-



Graduated with a degree in Construction Engineering Technology. Is currently a delegate. Previously he worked as a teacher at Koror Elementary and as Conservation Manager of the Helen Reef Marine Protected Areas.

Class of 72 (MOC)

Walter Mariur -



Walter received a degree in Electrical Technology. He worked for the Public Works Department and retired in 2002. He previously worked as a marine electrician.

Class of 2004 (PCC)

Rumi Singeo -



A PCC graduate with an AS degree in Nursing. Rumi has been employed by the Ministry of Health since 2004. She previously worked as a B.M.S nurse and at the SDA clinic. She is in charge of breast feeding, nursing and nutrition.

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*.

Celebrating Birthdays



Charles Howard Sept 15
Becheseldil Nakamura Sept 19

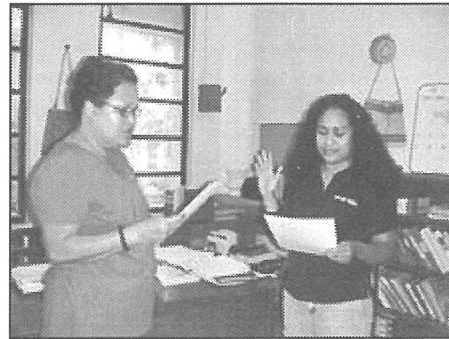
Happy Birthday To You!



MESEKIU'S NEWS

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New ASPCC President is Sworn In



New ASPCC President Sasha Lirow being sworn in by dean Edwards.

New ASPCC President Sasha Lirow (accounting major) was sworn in on Sept. 2nd. The ASPCC President is not elected but is granted the position automatically after serving as President-elect for one year. Elections for the remaining positions will take place on Sept. 16th at the PCC Mesekiu Bai between 8am and 5pm. There will be 13 open positions this year.

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 2 Freshmen Representatives
- 2 Sophomore Representatives
- 1 Marshall Island Representative
- 1 Palau Student Representative
- 1 Pohnpeian Student Representative
- 1 Kosraean Student Representative
- 1 Chuukese Student Representative
- 1 Yapese Student Representative
- 1 Marshallese Student Representative



We would like to extend our thanks to all our friends, colleagues and staff at Palau Community College for their support, charitable contributions and prayers during the loss of our brother, Silvino Maech. It means so much to have such loving friends during our time of grief.

Sincerely Akilina, Hamilton and Abel Maech

Fall Recreation Activity Schedule

September 8th
Co-ed softball tournament begins

All September
Volleyball tryouts/practice

September 21-25
Basketball Clinic (Coaching/Refereeing)

October (TBA)
Basketball tryouts/practice

October 5-9
Volleyball Midterm break tournament

November 26th & 27th
Thanksgiving King/Queen of the court

Recreation Office Contact

Office at PCC Dorms
hours: 12 - 9pm
phone: 488-3885
Norman, Hamilton, Weldon

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US Senate Staffers Visit Palau



(Left to Right) Steven Saunders, Dr. Tellei, Jeff Farrow, Palau's Consultant on COFA review, Wendy Fink and Isaac Edwards

In preparation for the 2009 Compact Review (Compact expires on Sept. 30), staff members of the US Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources visited Palau. This US Senate Committee has an oversight over territorial matters as well as those of the Freely Associated States (RMI,

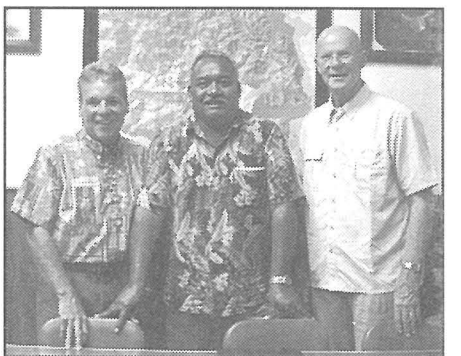
FSM, Palau). Their objective is to observe and make notes on how Palau and the US have progressed under the Compact of Free Association.

One of their stops was Palau Community College. Here at PCC we were eager to

show what we've accomplished using funds made available under the COFA.

The Compact of Association is under the jurisdiction of the US Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Chairman of the committee is Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) and the ranking member is Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) although neither were able to make it on this trip. Alan Stayman was on the committee and is regular visitor to Palau.

Educators Visit PCC

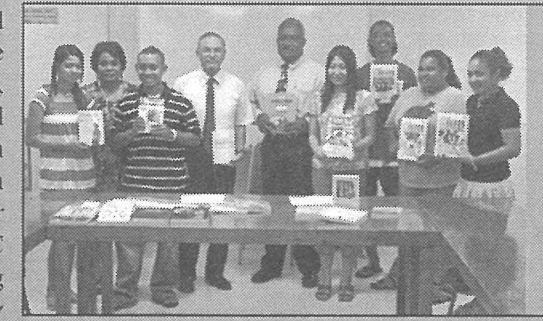


President Tellei with Tim Waters and John Kofel in the Board of Trustees boardroom.

Last week PCC had a special visit from two fellow educators, John Kofel of the JoDoCo Group and Tim Waters from Mcrel. Mcrel (Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning) is a nonprofit organization which offers assistance to educational institutes. John Kofel was previously the director of PREL (Pacific Resources for Education and Learning) an organization with a goal similar to that of Mcrel, but focused in the Pacific Islands. John was previously in Palau 9 years ago but for Tim this was his first time to

PCC Receives Donation from the Japan Foundation

On September 3rd PCC accepted a donation of Japanese-language textbooks, audio-visual aids, dictionaries, reference books and computer-assisted-instruction materials from the Japan Foundation. The hand-over ceremony took place in the PCC Continuing Education Training Room and was attended by



Dr. Tellei with Mr. Masayuki Takashima, Japanese Instructor Reiko Kawamura and students accepting the Foundations Gift.

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Japanese Charge d'Affaires Masayuki Takashima, Dr. Tellei, Vice President Jay Olegeriil, Dean Alvina Timarong, Japanese instructor Reiko Kawamura and PCC students.

The donation came from the Japan Foundation whose goal is to promote Japanese culture overseas and advance cultural exchange and understanding between Japan and other countries. The

Foundation makes many such donations and conducts a wide range of programs in over 180 countries. The objective of the donation program is to elevate the quality of Japanese Language instruction in overseas institutions.

The teaching materials included a wide range of books and media which will be a great asset to our students wishing to increase their knowledge of the Japanese Language.

FSA Gets New Officers

The PCC Faculty Senate Association has instated new officers. The previous office was made up of Vicki Maui (President), Jemmy Blelai (Vice President), Soledad Garcia (Treasurer) and Samantha Bells (Secretary). The new group will be Tutii Chilton (President), William Mitchell (Vice President), Megan Beard (Treasurer) and Danka Ledgerwood (Secretary).



New FAS officers Tutii Chilton, William Mitchell, Megan Beard and Danka Ledgerwood.

The Faculty Senate Association is in charge of helping faculty members with problems they may face and acting as an intermediary between the faculty and the Executive Committee. The FSA became an official non-profit organization in May of 2008, but the

group has been around since the time of the Micronesian Occupational College. For more information please contact one of the current FSA members.

PCC Graduate Receives Ekei Scholarship

The Ekei womens group has awarded PCC alumni Shane Salvador with a \$1,500 scholarship which they present to one outstanding student every year. This year recipient was Shane Salvador a PCC graduate who studied diving at and has since gone on to pursue a degree in civil engineering at Chico State University in California. Shane was unable to attend the ceremony which took place at the Ekei market and so his father, Riosang Salvador, accepted the check in his absence.

The Ekei womens group raises money through the sale of produce and other items at the Ekei market across the street from PCC. Their profits go to support lo-



Riosang Salvador accepting the scholarship check from members of the Ekei market group.

cal interests such as scholarships, donations and the annual Christmas parade.

911 Remembrance Day

This Friday PCC will be hosing it's annual 911 Remembrance Day Ceremony. The event will be held on Friday September 11 at 6:30 PM in the PCC front court yard. All students ,staff and community members are welcome to join us as we remember those who lost their lives in the 911 bombing.

Faces of PCC



One goal of the Mesekiu News is to help unite PCC as a family. To help everyone get acquainted we will feature photos and brief bios of PCC

staff and studens in the "Faces of PCC" section. If you want to appear in the newsletter or want to nominate someone just stop by the development office or call Elliott at 488-2470, ext 252.

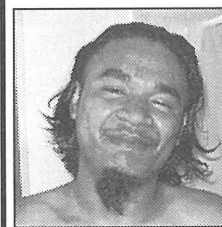
Reiko Kawamura



Ms. Kawamura is PCC's Japanese instructor. She has recently returned to Palau after a trip home to Japan and she is originally from Nagoya city.

Reiko was previously the PCC agriculture instructor t PCC nearly 10 years ago. Animals are one of her passions, especially dogs, cats and sheep. She also enjoys diving.

Burn Kaious (Grace)



Burn is a second year Electrical Technology major. He is from the Marshall Islands and is currently staying in the dorms. In his free time he enjoys music, TV and

playing cards.

Eunhea Kang (Grace)



Eunhea's English name is Grace. She is at PCC to study English and has been living in Palau for one and a half months.

She was previously a nurse but is now employed full time as a home maker. Her favorite food is Kimchee and when she is not at school she likes to sleep and watch Korean Dramas.

Just for Fun

This week we have misspelled ten words in the newsletter. The first person to find all ten (and spell them correctly) can stop by the development office for a prize. Last week's winner: Yuko Higa from the President's Office (again). Those that have won must wait one month to win again.

PTHSE

The PTHSE or Palau Tourism and Hospitality School of Excellence has raised nearly one third of the funding needed for the final cost of the project. This school is not only a landmark project for PCC but for all of Palau. It will train our work force to succeed in an industry which brings in over half of the countries revenue. Those wanting to make a donation to the school should contact Vicky Maui at 488-6008 or Peter Bonini at 488-2600.

Paddles Needed

The Paddlers Club is off to a great start with 30+ registered paddlers. We are currently looking for people to donate paddles, old, new and even broken paddles that could be repaired. To donate paddles please contact Elizabeth at Faculty Office 2, 488-2471 or Elliott at the Development Office, 488-2470, ext 252. Those wishing to join the club may still sign up. To participate please contact Elizabeth at Faculty Office 2, 488-2471, or Weldon at the recreation office, 488-3885.

ASPCC Elections

Elections for this years Associated Students of PCC (student government) will take place on Sept. 16th at the PCC Mesekiu Bai between 8:00am and 5:00pm.

Candidates must be full time students (12 credits or more), must have a GPA of 2.0 or above and must have no record of criminal offense. Only students who have pre-registered by the Sept. 10 deadline are eligible.

Journalism Club

Do you enjoy writing stories, taking pictures and exploring new things? Then maybe you're a journalist. If there is enough interest Instructor Danka would like to start a journalism club. Those who would like to join please inform Danka either through email dankainmicronesia@yahoo.com or stop by faculty office 3. Deadline is Sept. 30th. Thanks.

261 Days Into 270 Days of Construction of the New PCC Library



Holy Schmolly! Only nine more days until the scheduled opening of the new library. From the outside everything looks ready except for a few hanging lights. Get your library cards ready, it's almost check out time. The newly constructed building will house the library collections on the first two floors while the top floor will be used for faculty offices and the ASPCC office.

Donation from The Micronesian Voyaging Society Ensures Continuation of the Traditional Navigation Course

Ever since arriving at PCC and hearing about the Traditional Navigation course I have wanted nothing more than to experience the thrill of sailing the open sea using nothing but the sky and my senses to guide me. Thanks to the Micronesian Voyaging Society I may now get that opportunity. Last week the Societies President, Mr. Shallum Etpison provided a \$12,000 check to help fund the Non-Instrumental Navigation class at PCC. Donation were proceeds of the MVS Fundraiser ealier this year in March. This donation will ensure the offering of the second traditional navigation class.

The class will focus on sailing techniques as practiced in Micronesia before the arrival of modern devices such as the

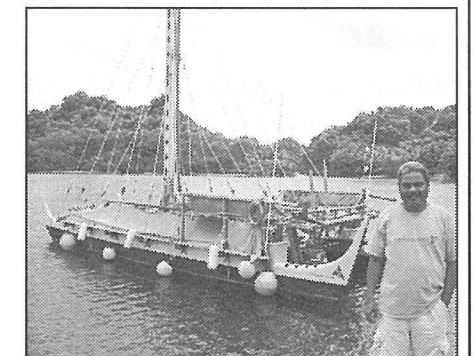
compass. Students will learn to sail, chart their path using the stars and identify weather patterns. The class will be taught by Master Navigator Sesario Sewaralur and will utilize the sailing vessel Alingano Maisu for training exercises.

Registration is open from now until Oct. 1st. Anyone is welcome to join although space is limited so apply early to ensure yourself a spot. To sign up stop by the PCC front office or contact one of the individuals below.

Ephraim at 488-3074 or Elliott at 488-2470 ext. 252



Dr. Tellei, Ephraim Ngrachitei and Sesario Sewaralur accepting the donation from Shallum Etpison and his son Tao Etpison.



Master Navigator Sesario Sewaralur and the sailing vessel Alingano Maisu.

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experience our island. Both men were here simply to make connections and offer their friendship to the college. PCC would like to thank them for their visit and look forward to their return.