

## INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT

Fall Semester 2002

Student	Major	Training Station
1. Henaro Ngirailid	GE	S&S Video Plus
2. Houston Mad	BA	Palau Pacific Resort
3. Kayvin Yarotailug	TH	Palau Pacific Resort
4. Lawrence Uwelur	TH	Palau Pacific Resort
5. Irish Carlos	OA	Judiciary
6. Joren Inglong	OA	Judiciary
7. Jordan Siugresh	SE	Surangel & Sons
8. Kent Kerai	CJ	Patrol Boat
9. Patrick Tabelual	TH	Palau Visitors Authority
10. Persilla Rengil	OA	Bureau of Land & Survey

Internship is a four-credit training required of students in all program majors except Liberal Arts. It allows students to be placed on the jobs with employers in public or private agencies to work as intern trainees for the semester. The experience gained from the training will be counted as credits required to graduate.

The college recognizes and commends the above employers for their support and commitment for the program by voluntarily hosting the students as trainees for the 2002 fall semester.

## REMINDER: ECO-TOURISM CONFERENCE IS NEXT WEEK!

In case you have not heard, there will be an ECO-TOURISM Conference here in Palau to be held from September 12-13, 2002 at the PCC Cafeteria. The conference will be the first of its kind held in Palau and could lead to periodic conferences depending on the outcome of this first meet. Provided at no cost to the public, the conference will feature Taiwanese and Palauan experts in such fields as: Horticulture, Marine Biology, Oceanography, Fisheries Science, Biology, Environment and Engineering, Zoning (Building and Planning), Tourism, Environmental Conservation, etc. One of the main goals of the conference is to help Pacific nations in their efforts toward successful eco-tourism programs and activities.

The Palau community is invited to attend this conference which will provide everyone the opportunity to learn additional knowledge that will help us in our movement toward successful eco-tourism. For detailed information about the Conference, please contact Vicki Maui at PCC tel. no. 488-2471/6008, or Ms. Lisa Abraham at PVA tel. no. 488-2793.



Congratulations to the husband&wife team of Myos & Anne Mobil for joining the "Elaus Without Club." Complete Listing of club members to come in the next issue.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Kids "K"orner:

1. Five trucks By: Brian Floca
2. A child's seasonal treasury By: Betty Jones
3. The blob that ate everyone By: R.L. Stine
4. Ghost in the mirror By: R.L. Stine

### Periodicals:

1. New American: Crash and Burn
2. Forbes: Manhattan's Money Grab
3. ICAO Journal: Enhancing Security
4. Gourmet: The Magazine of Good Living

**Book Donations By:** Pioria Faungy and Melachelbeluu Wilhelm Rengil

### Micro - P Section:

1. CD-ROM: Learning about Palau
2. Coastal Fishes of South-Eastern Australia
3. Alms for Oblivion
4. American Pacific Business Magazine

### New Books:

1. Jump Again: More Adventures of Brer Rabbit, By: Van Dyke Parks
2. David Copperfield: Adopted for young readers
3. The Adventures of Tam Sawyer, Mark Twain
4. Honorable Murder (Film)

### NEXT WEEK...

- Wondering who are those people doing formations everyday on our College parking lot? Read next week's issue to find out!

### Celebrating Birthdays

Anne H. Mobil	Sept. 6
Midas Ngiracheluolu	Sept. 8
Sue Ikertang	Sept. 9
Joshua Ngirngbedangel	Sept. 9

Happy Birthday To You!

### Our Condolences

to  
Sherman Daniel  
on the untimely loss his father,  
Yaoch Daniel Ngirchokebai.



PCC Family



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# MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Friday, September 6, 2002

Weekly Newsletter

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## \$215,324 Dollars U.S. DOE Grant to Improve Science Program at PCC



Alvina Timarong,  
Dean-Academic Affairs

The College recently received great news from the U.S. Department of Education regarding the proposal it submitted for the Minority Science Improvement Grant. The proposal for the science grant which was compiled and submitted during the month of March by the Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong and science instructor Vernice Yuzi has been approved for funding. The Minority Science Improvement Grant will be used to improve and upgrade the science program at PCC. The grant will also be used to buy much needed equipment and supplies to be used in the science laboratory.

In a notification letter to Alvina Timarong, Dean of Academic Affairs, Mary Anne Payne of the U.S. Department of Education outlined the grant's award period and the amount of money to be authorized each year for the 3-year duration of the grant. The College will receive \$134,124.00 dollars for the first year cycle of the grant which is scheduled for October 1, 2002, and \$40,600.00 dollars for the second and the third year respectively for a total grant amount of \$215,324.00 dollars.

Dean Alvina Timarong will serve as the recipient's grant director while Vernice Yuzi will be the assistant director. The grant director will be traveling to the United States once a year for the three year period of the grant to attend compulsory grant meetings and updates.

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## Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Professor and Scholars on Campus

Dr. Nobuyuki Hatada and three of his students, Mika Otsuka, Min Young Kim, and Takahiro Sato, all third-year students from Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University arrived earlier this week to commence their two-week research work on sustainable tourism in the Republic of Palau. The focus of their research work will be on the number of tourist that visit Palau annually and more specifically, what percentage of that number is geared towards the sustainable tourism market.

Dr. Hatada and his students during their tour of the campus met with President Tellei, Vice-President Teriong, and all the Deans who all offered to help the professor and his students in anyway they can with their field research work.



Dr. Nobuyuki Hatada and his students stop for a photo-op with PCC President Patrick Tellei in front of the PCC Bai ra Mesekiu during their tour of the campus earlier this week. (l-r) Mika Otsuka, Min Young Kim, Dr. Hatada, Takahiro Sato and President Tellei.

## Shell Company Gives \$1000 Dollars Scholarship to PCC

The Shell Company, through its Vice President & Finance Director Phil Stalker and Shell-Palau Manager, Frank Kyota, gave a \$1000 dollars scholarship donation to PCC. Shell Company has been one of the consistent benefactors to the PCC scholarship programs since they began their scholarship fund in 2000.



PCC President Patrick Tellei (l) accepting the \$1000 dollars scholarship check from Mr. Kyota (c) and Mr. Stalker.

## 9/11 LIGHTS ON In Remembrance of the Victims

On Wednesday, September 11, 2002 everyone who will be driving a motor vehicle is asked to drive with their headlights on during daylight hours. This is to pay respect to the innocent victims who lost their lives on that tragic day. Also, to show solidarity with the United States of America in its fight to rid the world of terrorism, let us wear red, white and blue to work or school that day. Let's also not forget to remember those heroes who selflessly lost their lives to save others, and their families they left behind. Let us always and forever remember.

### Willes Tmecherur Promoted to Maintenance & Operations Supervisor

With the recent resignation of Jose Manabat as Maintenance & Operations Supervisor, Willes Tmecherur was recommended by the Director of Physical Plant Clement Kazuma and approved by PCC President Patrick Tellei to be promoted to fill the vacant supervisory position.

In a memorandum to President Patrick Tellei, Kazuma said that Tmecherur was first hired back in July, 1994 as a Supply Clerk, and because of his exceptional performance and willingness to take on additional responsibilities, he was soon promoted to become a Maintenance Technician. Kazuma continued on to say that Tmecherur has continually proved himself over the eight years that he has been employed at PCC as a most reliable and dependable employee.

In his new position, Tmecherur will be charged with facilitating and supervising the work of all maintenance technicians. He will be one of the two maintenance supervisors reporting to the Director of Physical Plant. Congratulations Willes!

### Agriculture Club Elects New Officers

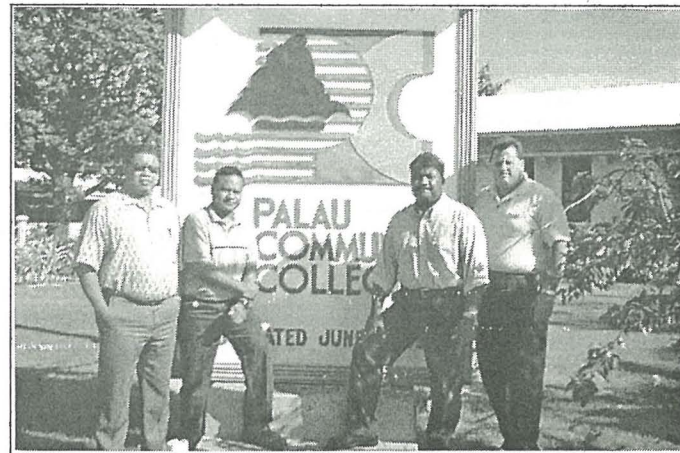
On August 29, 2002 during their annual general meeting, the Agriculture Club elected its new officers for the 2002-2003 school year.

President: Hartman Ybelmar  
Vice-President: Weiling Sked  
Secretary: Elorean Mabel  
Treasurer: Tharngan Loochaz

### Help Keep Campus Clean

With our fall 2002 enrollment at a ten-year high, our campus is literally packed with lots of new and familiar faces. We are nonetheless excited and happy to see that so many students are pursuing their higher educational goals right here at PCC. With greater numbers is the increased likelihood of litter around the campus. Thus, everyone from staff to students are requested to pitch in and throw our trash in the trash bins located throughout the campus. From big to small trash, let us keep our campus clean and beautiful. Thanks for your support!

## Palau Small Business Development Center To Open on Campus



Clinton Ngemaes (2nd-left) with Minister of Commerce & Trade Otoichi Besebes (left), PCC President Patrick Tellei (2nd-right) and a representative from the Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network.

The Palau Small Business Development Center (PSBDC) is slated to officially open its doors soon on campus. The establishment of the PSBDC is a final result of the collaborative effort between the R.O.P's Ministry of Commerce & Trade and the Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network in Guam.

Mr. Clinton Ngemaes, formerly of the Bureau of Domestic Affairs will serve as the center's director. Mr. Ngemaes has in the past taught computer classes at PCC and also Upward Bound Summer classes. In a meeting with PCC President Patrick Tellei, the Director of Bureau of Domestic Affairs, Mr. Salvador Tellames said that Mr. Ngemaes' work experience makes him highly qualified to be the head of the office. He further went on to say that he is proud to have trained Mr. Ngemaes at the Bureau of Domestic Affairs and is confident that he will be able to successfully take on the directorship of the new center.

### Student Body Association (SBA Election) School Year 2003

The SBA Election is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Mesekiu Bai. The candidates are being sought for the following offices: President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Class Representatives and Student Trustee.

Interested candidates are urged to register and pick up their petition form at the Office of Student Life no later than Wednesday, September 18, 2002.

You may call 488-3036 or stop by the Student Life Office for detailed information and qualification for SBA officers.

As a PCC student, exercise your right to be heard. Make sure to vote for your student representatives!

## NEW STUDENTS

### Tips for success

#### Maintaining a wholesome attitude about yourself

Feel good about yourself as an individual who has abilities and aptitudes that are valuable and unique. Do not be discouraged if you meet students who may seem to exceed you in those qualities, but believe in yourself and work to develop the potential of your own capacities.

#### Look at college as a job

Your job is that of a college student, and you will spend a certain number of hours each week working to accomplish certain tasks and certain goals. Furthermore, the amount and quality of your work will determine the benefits of your efforts. Always work diligently by doing your best and by submitting assignment on time. Do not skip classes. Be aware of the class attendance policy and always go to class on time.

#### Get to know your academic advisor

Your advisor will assist you in selecting a major or will help you to determine whether or not the course you have selected is best for you. Moreover, your advisor can make constructive suggestions and give guidance on good study habits, utilization of academic support services to augment your learning, and other helpful advice. Find out his/her office hours and seek assistance when necessary.

#### Get to know your instructor

Every instructor has office hours scheduled for student conferences. Do not procrastinate; arrange to confer with each instructor regularly. Conferences are a means of not only grasping a greater understanding of a given unit of study, but also are a means for your instructor to get to know you and provide the re-enforcement you need.

#### Maintain a positive attitude toward your instructor

Undoubtedly, you will hear of instructors to avoid; however, Palau Community College tries to secure the best faculty possible. It is true that every instructor is unique in academic preparation, teaching methodology, expectations of students, and personality. By following an instructor's directives and fulfilling the requirements, you should do well.

#### Utilize the support services the college provides

These include Student Health Clinic Services, Recreation, Counseling Services, Academic/Personal, Tutorial for Math and English, Transfer Services and Library. Among your first priorities should be finding out where they are located, getting acquainted with what they offer, and availing yourself of the services provided as often as necessary.

#### Develop and practice good study habits

Utilize the college Library. It is equipped with study areas that facilitate concentration and learning. It has a wide variety of learning materials and resources for your advantage. The College dormitories also have study areas for resident students as well, utilize and take advantage of them.

## Success in the Classroom

Here are some tips for getting the most out of your college classes.

- Be present and on time for every class session.
- Be mentally active. Constantly ask yourself questions: What are the important ideas here, do I see the connection, do I understand?
- Ask questions about things you don't understand, you'll be doing yourself (and others!) a favor.
- Get involved in the class. Volunteer answers. Sit near the front. Make sure the instructor knows your name and recognizes you as a conscientious student. Make friends in the class and develop a mutual support group.
- Take good notes. Anything teachers write on the chalk board is important information for the course.

## Success Outside the Classroom

- Don't hesitate to ask help from instructors. All instructors have office hours just for helping students. They want students to do well in their classes.
- Review what happened in the class. Rewrite notes if needed.
- Keep up with homework assignment. Prepare for tests well in advance. Putting work off and falling behind leads to BIG TROUBLES later on.
- Find others to work with. Two heads are better than one.
- If you don't know where to go for assistance, stop by the Retention Office or Student Services Office.

## PCC Joins Forces With Koror State Cultural/Youth Affairs Office to Offer Free Wood Carving Course

Palau Community College is teaming up with the Koror State Cultural & Youth Affairs Office to provide free Wood Carving training to any interested individuals. The program is targeting the unemployed youth population, trying to interest them in learning a skill that can land them a full or part-time job in the wood carving occupation. You can earn up to \$ 500.00 per week working as a wood carver.

The course runs for a total of seventy-five (75) hours and the course schedule can be arranged to your convenience. For more information, please call the PCC-Continuing Education Office at 488 - 2471. Registration will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis as the class size is limited to only fourteen individuals.