

Alumni Notes

Class of 2005 (PCC)

Mayleen Rdechor -



2005 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Criminal Justice (CJ). Rdechor is a Social Studies teacher at the biggest high school in Palau-Palau High School.

Class of 2003 (PCC)

Heather Ngiratreged -



2003 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Tourism & Hospitality-Tour Services (THS). Ngiratreged is one of the hard-working Marketing Representatives at the Palau Visitor's Authority office, promoting Palau and its grand attractions to first-rate tourists from all over the world.

Class of 2002 (PCC)

Leonora Bates -



2002 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) in Tourism & Hospitality-Hotel Management (THM). Bates began her career as a Business teacher at Palau High School in

2005, teaching until early last year when she took on the position as the school's registrar.

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 in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

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Celebrating Birthdays

Becheseldil Taruu Nakamura September 15
Rogelio Vergara September 20

Happy Birthday To You!

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Heidi Cykana who is venturing outside of Wisconsin for the first time is the new librarian and will take over from Debra Neas after her orientation. Cykana worked as a librarian/instructor at Madison Media Institute (MMI), a private two-year technical school in Madison, Wisconsin. At MMI, Cykana coordinated and managed collections between MMI sister schools and was also involved in accreditation work.

Beard and Cykana both have offices at the library for those interested in paying them a visit. Welcome aboard Beard & Cykana!

Presidential Primary Election Un-official Results has Chin-Seid Ahead, Absentee Yet to be Counted

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| 1. Chin-Seid | ✓ | 2,335 votes |
| 2. Toribiong-Mariur | ✓ | 2,090 votes |
| 3. Whipps-Kuartei | ✓ | 1,968 votes |
| 4. Koshiha-Ngiraingas | ✓ | 1,298 votes |

Phase II of Real Estate Appraisal Training Set for November

The Continuing Education (CE) office will offer the second phase of the Real Estate Appraisal training this coming November. The training will be held from November 10-15, 2008 at the CE training room every evening from 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. Tutoring classes will also be held every morning from Monday, November 10 to Friday, November 14 for those who want to retake the test, which was administered back in March when the first phase of the Basic Principles of Real Estate Appraisal training was held.

Mark Gruber of the Micronesian Appraisal Associates based in Guam will again be conducting the training. Registration is open until the end of October 2008. For more information, please contact Taruu Nakamura or Dean Willy Wally at CE office at 488-6223.

Deadline Sept 28, 2008

THE MICRONESIA CHALLENGE

ESSAY AND DRAWING CONTEST

The Essay
Write a 500 word essay on the following topic:
What do you think are the biggest problems facing Palau's environment?

Age Categories:
• Under 12
• 13 - 17
• 18 - 24
Please tell us your name, age, phone number, and e-mail.
Winners receive CASH prizes!

The Drawing
How do you picture the Palau environment in 10 years?
Enter either contest, or both!

Mail to:
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P.O. Box 7256
Tammuning Guam 96931
Phone: 671-632-1197 or
808-769-9009

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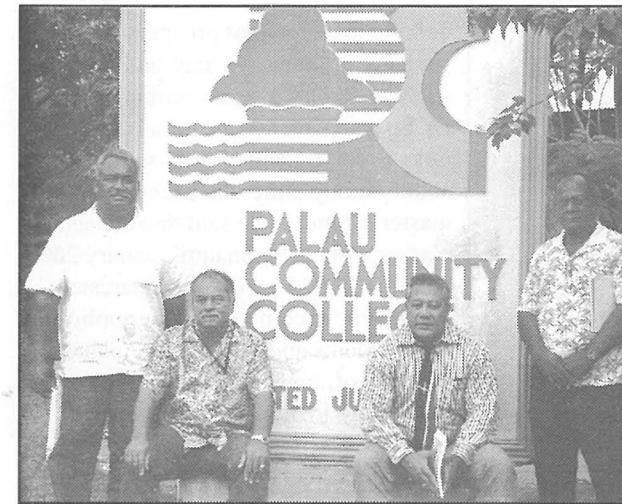


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Pohnpei DOE Officials Meet President Tellei



Pohnpei Department of Education officials pose for a photo with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei after their courtesy visit to the College. (l-r) President Tellei, Joe Villazon, Pohnpei State Director of Education, and Kadalino Damarlane and Reynold L. Albert, staff members of the Pohnpei Department of Education.

Three officials from the Pohnpei State Department of Education (DOE) were on island this week to meet with Palau's Ministry of Education personnel, particularly Palau High School staff to discuss matters of mutual interest. While in Palau, the group which included Joe Villazon, the Director of the Pohnpei Department of Education and two staff members Kadalino Damarlane and Reynold Albert also paid a courtesy call to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei.

school- in Madolenihm municipality in Pohnpei by Palau Community College.

Tellei, who earlier in his professional career served as the principal at PATS has acknowledged interest in a possible PCC-Pohnpei State partnership where PATS high school campus and facilities would be utilized to host mutually-beneficial PCC-sponsored extension programs & services to clients in Pohnpei State.



岡山大学

Okayama University Wants Ties with PCC

Professors and students from Okayama University, a prefectural university in Western Honshu, Japan showed keen interest in establishing formal ties between Okayama University

and Palau Community College during their visit to Palau two weeks ago. Professors Koji Kitamura, Takeshi Fujiwara and associate professor Wasa Fujii together with Naoko Takada, a graduate student in the humanities

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New Librarian and LS Instructor

Both from the US, one is from the State of Wisconsin and the other Oklahoma. The one from Wisconsin has never ventured anywhere beyond her state's border since birth, the other from Oklahoma has been to all states of the Union except Rhode Island. Now,

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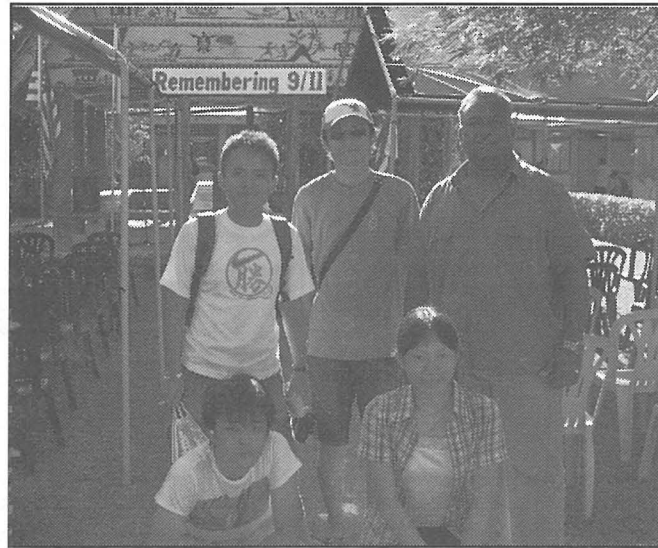


New Library & Information Services instructor Megan Beard (seated-left) and new Librarian Heidi Cykana with library staff Pioria Asito (standing-left), Grace Merong (standing-center) and Debra Neas at the library's Micro-Pacific collection section during yesterday's orientation for the two new staff of the College.



(seated l-r) Naoko Takada, Okayama University graduate student; President Tellei; Koji Kitamura, Okayama University professor; Liaison Officer Sestuko Otake. (standing l-r) Mengkur Karmelong, Koror State Solid Waste Management Officer; Risong Tarkong, ROP President's office; Takeshi Fujiwara, Okayama University professor; and Wasa Fujii, Okayama University associate professor.

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PCC President (r) with another group of students from Okayama University after their tour of the PCC campus.

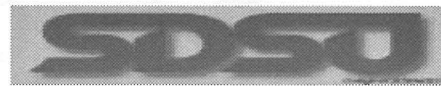
program at Okayama University met with PCC President Tellei and Vice President Jay Olegeriil. Professor Fujiwara of the Graduate School of Environmental Science said that Okayama University would be interested in initiating work that would lead to an establishment of a formal exchange program between the two institutions. He said that Palau's

pristine environment would be a perfect research destination for Environmental Science students.

President Tellei who has signed similar exchange programs between PCC and other Japanese colleges/universities such as the agreement with University of the Ryukyus-Okinawa readily offered his support of the proposal and asked that Okayama University

draft the initial agreement for review.

Other Japanese colleges/universities with active exchange programs include Ritsumeikan-Asia Pacific University in Oita Prefecture in southern Japan, Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan, and Japan Aviation Academy in Yamanashi Prefecture northeast of Tokyo.



Dr. Spencer Launches New Cohorts

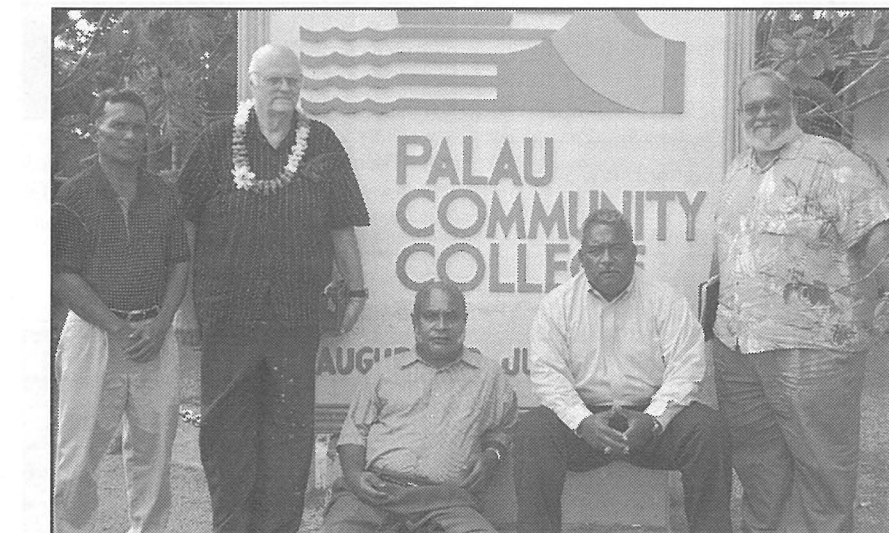
Only months after awarding master's degrees to twenty-two (22) deserving graduates of the San Diego State University (SDSU) online program at the PCC's Spring Commencement Exercises, Dr. Steve Spencer of SDSU was back in Palau again, this time to launch the new cohorts for both the bachelor's and master's program.

Talking to a crowd of prospective students on both Monday and Tuesday evening at the College's training room, Dr. Spencer detailed the initial administrative requirements for those serious about joining either the bachelor's or the master's cohort. He said that the actual classes will not begin until January 2009 and this should give those interested ample time to complete all the application requirements and pay all fees, including securing official transcripts from colleges/universities previously attended.

President Tellei who received a Plaque of Appreciation from San Diego State University (SDSU) during the spring graduation ceremony for his contribution to the success of the online program also attended both evening of the orientation. Tellei encouraged enrollment in the program, saying that the program fulfills one of the biggest needs of Palau by producing trained teachers for classrooms. Since the program's inception in 2001, it has graduated forty (40) with master's degrees and thirty (30) with bachelor's degrees.

For information about the SDSU-PCC online program, contact Sherman Daniel at 488-2470, ext. 254.

Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Beard, who yesterday appeared to still be suffering from jet-lag is scheduled to teach four Library & Information Services (LS) classes beginning Monday. She said she knows she is weeks behind in instructional time and has come up with a schedule to catch up, jet-lagged or not. (More on Back)



Dr. Steve Spencer (r) when he was in Palau in May to attend PCC's graduation. (l-r) Associate Dean Sherman Daniel, Dr. Mike Caldwell, Yap Senator Henry Falan, President Tellei, and Spencer.

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thousands of miles from home, both find themselves on an island, only weeks ago they admit did not know existed. Besides their vast differences in travel experiences, the two readily admit that they did not know about Palau and only read bits about it on the internet.

Megan Beard is the well-travelled Oklahoman and will serve as the new Library & Information Services (LS) instructor for Palau Community College. Beard is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a master's degree in Library & Information Science and prior to coming to PCC, worked as a Library Resident at the University of New

BITS AND PIECES...

TODAY

Student Trustee & ASPCC Officers Installation...

Today at noon is the induction ceremony for the newly-elected Student Trustee and ASPCC officers. Come out and bear witness as the new student leaders take their oath.

FAREWELL

College Bids Farewell...

PCC bids adieu to former English instructor, Upward Bound tutor, and Development Office ephemeral staff Jovanka Koshiba who left earlier this week to further her college career abroad. PCC thanks her for her services and wishes her the best of luck in all of her future undertaking. Bye Banka!

CLUBS

Music Club Organizes...

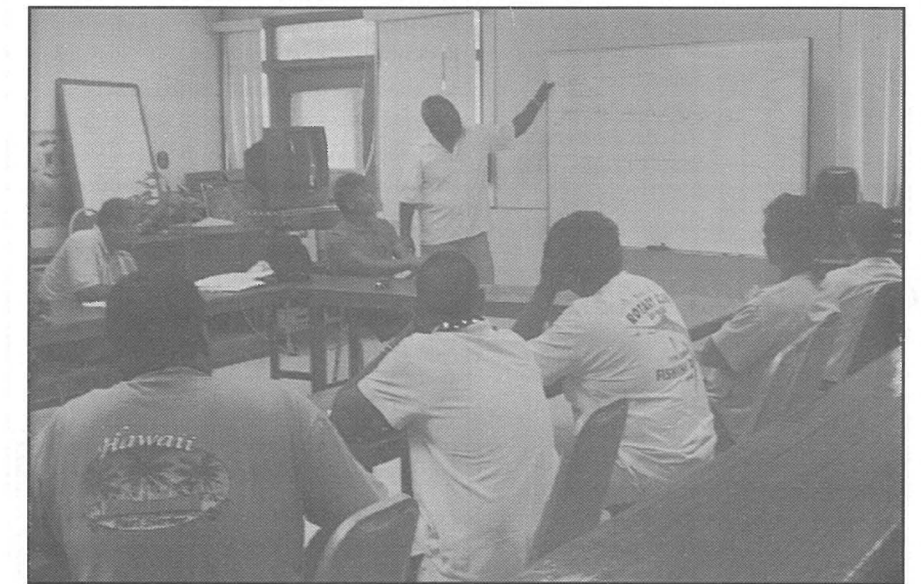
The Music Club recently held elections for new officers on September 17, and they are: Ikertang Tellei- President; Hugler Imetengel, Vice President; Kaytie Ngirarois, Secretary; Sean Alexander, Treasurer. Congratulations to the new officers and happy tunes!

APOLOGIES

Mesekiu's News Hiccups Big...

In the banner story in last Friday's Mesekiu's News issue "CYFAR-Guam Officials Visit", we erroneously referred to Vice President Thomas Taro as Taro Ngiraingas which is coincidentally the name of a high ranking chief of Airai and kind father of our own PCC System's Analyst Grace Alexander. Our apologies to Vice President Thomas Taro, Taro Ngiraingas, Grace Alexander, and their families for the grand confusion and mayhem this oversight caused.

Traditional Navigation Class to Start Soon

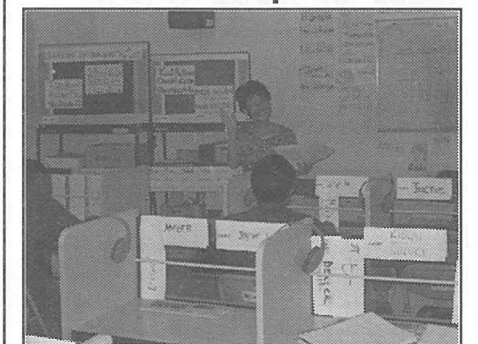


PCC President Tellei briefs cadets of the timeline of the Traditional Navigation class as Micronesia Voyaging Society member Shallum Etipson (next to Tellei), and Captain/Instructor Sesario Sewaralur (seated-left) look on.

President Tellei and Alingano Maisu Captain Sesario Sewaralur held the final meeting last with cadets of the Traditional Navigation class last night before the start of the program which is set to coincide with the emergence of the New Moon on Monday, September 29. Classes will begin with classroom instructions during the day with certain evenings reserved for star/constellation gazing and memorization on board the Alingano Voyaging Canoe. Captain Sesario will teach the class the help of his five assistants from Yap and his son Moss.

For more information about the Traditional Navigation class, please contact Ephraim Ngirachitei at telephone number 488-3074.

Conversational Japanese Class Popular



The Japanese language program at PCC remains popular among students with this Fall semester seeing a rise in the number of students signed up for the Conversational Japanese course. Former JICA volunteer Kimiko Hatsuda (c) is the instructor, teaching four sections of the class, daily.

Self-Study Standard I Committee Meets



Self-Study Standard I Committee Chairperson Kuye Belelai (center-right) convened a meeting of her committee on Wednesday to review work from sub-committees and go over the committee's overall timeline.