

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2006 (PCC)

Zillah Mereb -



2006 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Tourism & Hospitality (TH). She is working as an Administrative Assistant at the Ministry of Education.

### Class of 2004 (PCC)

Alan Marbou-



2004 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Criminal Justice (CJ). Marbou is the Chief of Youth Affairs with the Koror State Government. He has been working there for the

last four years.

### Class of 2004 (PCC)

Sydney Kemper -



2004 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) in Tourism & Hospitality-Tour Services (THTS). Kemper works as an Administrative Assistant with the office of the Marine

Conservation and Protected Area Program.

**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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An interview with various members of the ASPCC executive branch illustrates the extensive nature of the expectations of ASPCC members. Treasurer Marvin Matthew's duties while in office include the management and allocation of ASPCC funds for sponsored events, college club budgets, ASPCC fundraising logistics, reports on ASPCC funds in meetings, and handling every financial transaction for the ASPCC. President Elect/Vice-president Sasha Lirow and President Heston Kebou explained that ASPCC priorities this year include increasing awareness and use of school programs that offer tutorial and course management services, promoting good relationships between students and their instructors and advisors, and a green movement towards waste-reduction on campus. Vice-president Sasha invites students with ideas or proposals that may benefit the school to come forward with those ideas to her or to other ASPCC members. ASPCC President Heston Kebou has made possible the open student forums of two candidates and their running mates bidding for the top executive position this year. His goal to bring awareness of national issues and topics of interest that affect the Palau to the attention of PCC students has been very successful thus far. Kebou's top goals this year are in line with the goals of ASPCC with the addition of having the school adopt an official mascot to present a positive depiction of PCC for students and to the rest of the community. Keep up the good work and congratulations to all ASPCC members and to Student Trustee Elway Ikeda!

## 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.

## Our Condolences

The PCC Family of Staff and Students mourn the tragic loss of fellow student Kayla Ngiraungil, and extend Condolences and Sympathies to her family during this most difficult time of tremendous sorrow and grief.

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# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PCC Joins 14th Independence Day Celebration

The main festivities to mark the 14th anniversary of the Independence Day of Palau took place at the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge on Wednesday, October 1, 2008. Palau government's leadership were joined by special guests from abroad to mark the special occasion for Palau.

Palau Community College staff and students also turned out in great numbers to enjoy the day's merriment which included an early morning open water swim competition and an outrigger canoe race. The main attraction of course was the speed boat race later in the day. PCC students joined the canoe race and found themselves among top contenders in the 500 meter category, taking first place in the women's division

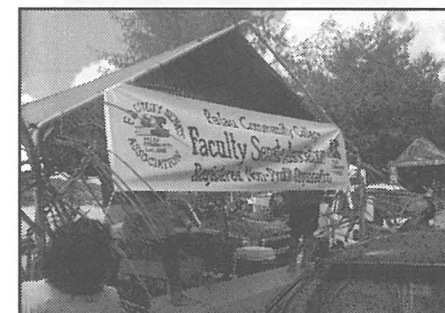
and second in the men's.

The PCC Faculty Senate Association (FSA), the Builders Club, and the Tourism & Hospitality Club also used the opportunity to raise funds by selling food items and other popular household products to the thousands at the gathering. According to FSA President Vicky Maui, they did real well in their food item sales, grossing well

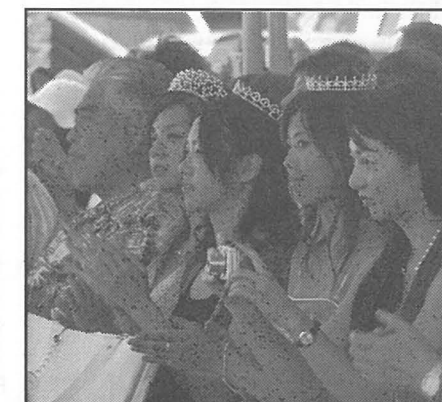


Palau President Tommy Remengesau Jr. delivers his message during the 14th Independence Day celebration on Wednesday, October 1 at the Japan-Palau Friendship bridge.

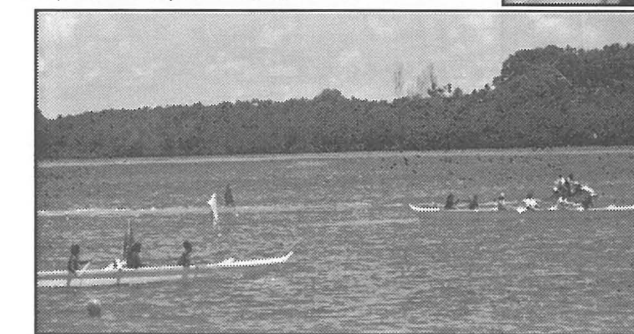
over \$1000 dollars. The Builders Club and the Tourism & Hospitality Club also turned profits.



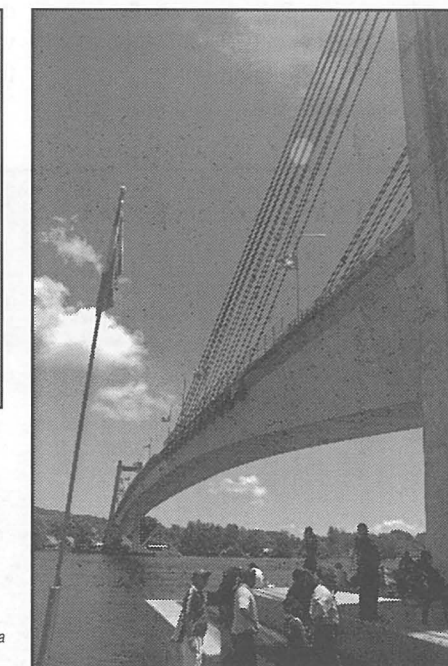
The FSA booth which sold food and other popular items, raked in over \$1000 dollars in sales during the Independence Day celebrations.



KAWAII-desu! Japanese "Princesses" who were part of the Japanese delegation to the Independence Day celebration.



PCC women's outrigger canoe team (r) finish first in the 500 meter sprints race during the 14th Independence Day celebration on Wednesday, October 1.



Spectators gearing up for the start of the day's main attraction- the speed boat race.

(photos courtesy of faculty members Danka Ledgerwood and Elizabeth deJong)

More photos inside

## ASPCC Installment Ceremony

By: Usong Tellei, Mesekiu's News Workstudy Student

Students, faculty, staff, parents and members of the Board witnessed the ushering of a new ASPCC governing body this past Friday (September 26, 2008). The formal installation of the popularly elected class representatives, state/republic leaders, executive officers, and the student appointed trustee was held in a noontime ceremony on the PCC quadrangle (quad). Speakers included PCC President Tellei, PCC Board of Trustees Vice-chair Mas-Aki Emesiochel, and ASPCC president Heston Kebou, with Student Life Director Deikola Olikong conducting the ceremony. PCC President Patrick Tellei, who bestowed opening remarks, stated that it would be an important year for the ASPCC and the student trustee with the national elections this November in addition to their duties as elected student officials. He challenged the new ASPCC members to meet their goals and to encourage their fellow students who are registered voters to exercise their voting rights. In emphasizing the importance of the national elections this year President Tellei alluded to his own years of education here at PCC (*then MOC*) and how the registered student voters at the time had the fortune to vote for entry amendments into Palau's newly formed constitution. The ASPCC now has similar chances in shaping the Republic's future and should promote

voter responsibility in other students for active participation in the elections. President Tellei's message to student trustee Elway Ikeda heralded the upcoming PCC Board decision as to PCC's tri-college relationship with the College of Micronesia (COM) and the College of the Marshall Islands (CMI), which would establish PCC as one of the college campuses wherein all students enrolled at any one of the three colleges are able to pursue their education goals. PCC Board Vice-chair MasaAki Emesiochl, representing Chairperson Bilung Gloria G. Salii who was overseas at the time, reminded the student leaders of their expected responsibilities before administering their oaths of office. Student Trustee Elway Ikeda represents the entire student body in the PCC Board of Trustees. He brings forth student concerns to the Board of Trustees ensuring the continuation of the successful student-board relationship here at the college. In an interview with Trustee Elway stated that a major goal of his this semester is to keep students aware of any Board decisions regarding College policy that directly influences daily student life and to preserve the voice of the students. Trustee Elway, who in his spare time dabbles in the local music scene, welcomes new ideas and proposals to the board.

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ASPCC Officers and Student Trustee pose for a group photo with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (center-back) after the inauguration ceremony last week.

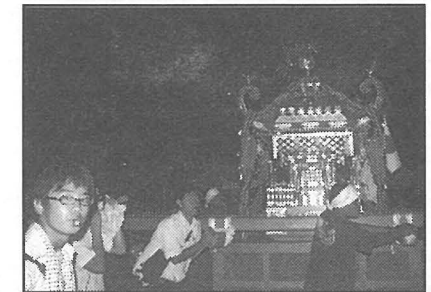
## Independence Day Pixs



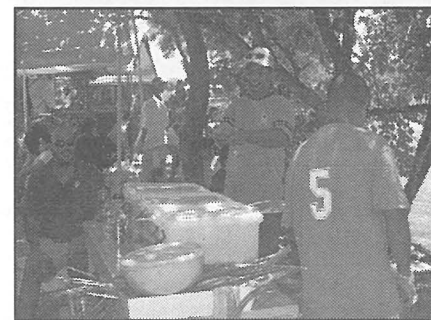
Powerboat race.



Harley-Davidson riders show their machines.



Japanese delegation's "Omigoshi" float.



PCC faculty members sell BBQ lunch plates.



FSA booth.

## BITS AND PIECES...

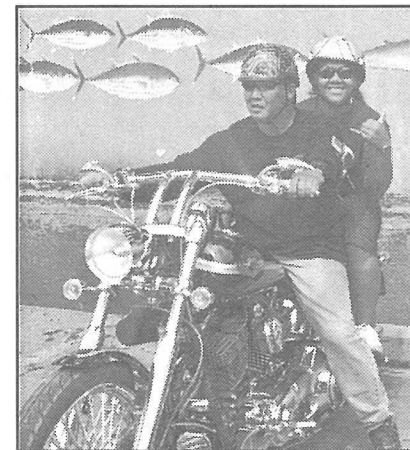
**TODAY**

PCC Environmental Club is organizing a campus clean-up today as part of the Independence Day celebration. Club President Ngedikes Benedict and her fellow officers and club members are inviting anyone interested in helping. The group will meet in front of Academic Affairs at 1:00 pm. For information, please contact club advisor Vernice Yuji at ext. 248.

**HOG WILD**

### Mariana's Harley-Davidson Club Members Visit...

The Guam Harley-Davidson bike riders visited the campus Monday as part of their annual Around the Island ride to celebrate Independence Day here in Palau. The event, which was held near the Track and Field, featured an exhibition of the Harley-Davidson bikes belonging to the Harley Club members who traveled here from Guam, and a bike ride around the parking lot in order for the students, faculty, staff, and patrons of PCC to experience the quality of the engines and sounds of the bikes. This event was a treat for Auto Mechanic majors who were able to view different bike engines and the mechanical components of these remarkable machines.



PCC student hitches a ride.

## Congratulations to the PCC Paddlers Who Competed at the Independence Day Celebrations Races

By: Elizabeth deJong, PCC Instructor and Canoe Coach

Our Mens team came second in the 1000 meter final with a time of 5:26.10. An amazing result considering the team has been training only since the beginning of semester (September), and for many this was their first competition. Thanks to our Coach Marcus Hangaripaii for his dedication in helping to make it happen.

Our Women's team won the 500 meter final with a time of 3:09.10, after a disastrous collision in their heat. They also won the 1000 meter final with a time of 6:40.32. A special thanks to the ladies from Canoe Association of Palau (CAP) "Learn to Paddle Program" who are our training buddies on Saturday and Sunday mornings. They filled the empty seats in our Womens team, and without their help we would not have succeeded.

Thank you also to Dean of Students, Marensia Edwards, and her dedicated staff who work in the background supporting our efforts. They also are an integral part of our PCC team.

For any women or men interested in joining our paddling teams, we paddle on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 6:15 until 8:00, and land train on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6:30 until 8:00. For more information please call PCC Rec - 488 3885 or Elizabeth - 488 2471 ext 241.

Results:

500m Women  
1st = PCC  
2nd = Ngardmau  
3rd = Ngerbeched

500m Men  
1st = Ngardmau Green  
2nd = Ngardmau Yellow  
3rd = Ngerbeched

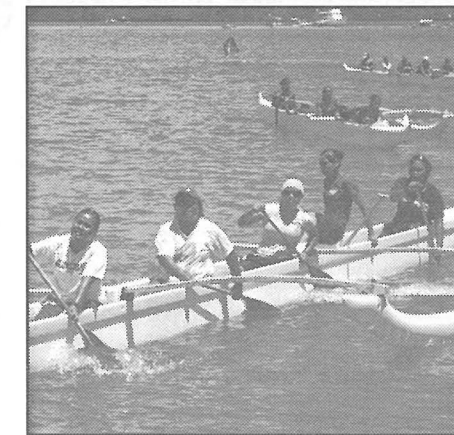
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Jr men 500/1000m  
1st = Ngardmau  
2nd = Ngerbeched

Jr. Mix 500m  
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2nd = Ngardmau  
3rd = PCC

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PCC women's team



PCC men's team