

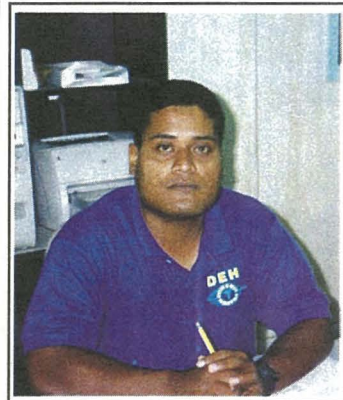
## Endowment Fund Club Welcomes New Members!

Palau Community College is extremely happy to announce the addition of two newest members to the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. By joining the club, these individuals donate to the endowment fund thru bi-weekly allotments and at the end of each year, apply for and receive refunds for their donations as we are a non-profit organization. These two individuals are none other than PCC Dean of Academic Affairs **Ms. Alvina Timarong** and PCC alumni **Mr. Oshiro Lorin** who now works in the Ministry of Health's Division of Environmental Health. PCC welcomes Alvina and Oshiro as they join over 500 ROP and PCC employees who are current members. If you would like to join us or would like further information about the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club, please do not hesitate to contact Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471, or e-mail jayo@palau.edu.

If you are already donating every two weeks, then don't forget to come to the PCC campus on Tuesday December 30th for our very first annual meeting. At the meeting, we will find out how much we individually and collectively donated to the PCC endowment fund this year. At the same time, as mentioned in last week's issue of this paper, we will give away fabulous prizes to many of those present at the meeting. Since we must be present to be eligible to win, each and every one of us is reminded and urged to attend our very first meeting. Let's shake the PCC campus as we help the College through our donations to the PCC Endowment Fund. Again, if you would like more information about our upcoming meeting, feel free to call Jay at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.



Ms. Alvina Timarong



Mr. Oshiro Lorin

### Project Beacon Students, from front page

He stressed that time management falls under every area of your life and it will be the key element to success in school, work, and our future. The highlight of Mr. Hosei's talk was his closing words, "Success must be your motivation."

After a good meal and an hour to rest in the shade, we got ourselves ready for the drive to the sixth cultural site, *Badrulechau*. This is where huge, ancient monoliths stand on the hillside of Ngerulechau. As the legend goes, these monoliths were supposed to be the posts for a huge bai that the ancient gods were planning to build. Nearing the end of the day, we finished our trip with a visit to the cultural site *Tilorech*, and then we moved down to the dock to close our great trip.

The cultural trip to Ngarchelong was incredible because we were able to see many of the spectacular cultural sites that make Ngarchelong unique. In addition, many of us got to learn more about each other through the sharing of notes, food and drinks, and helping each other tread the paths of the cultural sites.

This trip was really excellent! We thank the entire PCC, Mr. Melson Miko of the Bureau of Arts and Culture, and the people of Ngarchelong state for making this trip possible and memorable. It is trips like these that really break down barriers to learning and make it possible for students to come together. Thank you.



PCC Project Beacon students pose for a group photo with guide Mr. Melson Miko (kneeling, front right) in front of the site *Ewatel*.

### Celebrating Birthdays



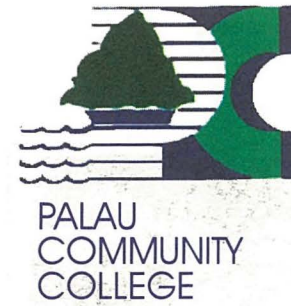
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## Ngarchelong Sites Impress Project Beacon Students

Written by PCC students Milson Seymour, Anisa Hanser, Stephanie Lorenzo, and Mesikt Idechong

This semester the second Project Beacon cultural trip went to Ngarchelong state, located on the north end of Babeldaob. We, the Project Beacon program participants, were excited about the trip because most of us had never been to Ngarchelong and were anxious to see what kinds of cultural sites Ngarchelong had to offer.

Our first cultural site visit was *Sureor el Bad* which is located on the roadside of Mengellang village. The second site was *Bai ra Mengellang*. On the top of the stairs leading to the bai stand two figures carved out of wood. These figures represent the winged god, Uchelrusiang, and the first Uong er Etei of Ngarchelong. After visiting the *Ewatel* or stone fortress of Ngerebau village, we moved on to the *Bai ra Ollei*. It was here that we were amazed to see a little sculpted canoe, a monolith of the goddess Iluochel, and an actual stone coffin called *Tet el Bad*.

When it was nearing lunchtime, we moved down to the dock of Ollei to enjoy our delicious meal prepared by the PCC cafeteria staff. But before we could enjoy our meal, Huan Hosei gave a very encouraging talk on the importance of time management at school and at home.

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Mr. Melson Miko of the ROP Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs' Bureau of Arts and Culture explains the cultural importance of *Tet el Bad* to PCC Project Beacon students.

### Upcoming Events...

Annual ROP Christmas Caroling and Candy Giveaways at 'Bethlehem Park'  
- December 15-24, 2003

PCC to Sponsor Christmas Candy Giveaway at 'Bethlehem Park'  
- December 19, 2003

Annual Get Together of all PCC 'Business Club' Members  
- December 19, 2003 at HLC

Christmas Day [Holiday]  
- December 25, 2003

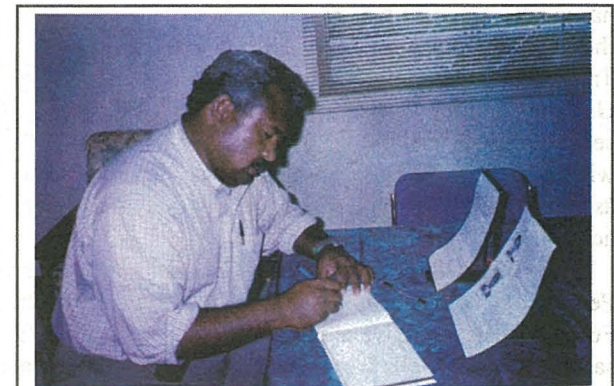
Meeting of all ROP and PCC Bi-weekly donors to PCC Endowment Fund at PCC  
- December 30, 2003

Questions about these dates/events?  
Contact Jay Olegeriil at PCC tel. 488-2471.

## Our Condolences to Japan

On Wednesday last week, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei and Development Officer Jay Olegeriil, on behalf of the College, visited the Embassy of Japan in Palau and signed the Condolence Book that was put in place in remembrance of two of Japan's diplomatic heroes, Mr. Katsuhiko Oku and Mr. Masamori Inoue. Oku was Counselor of the Embassy of Japan in Great Britain and Inoue was Third Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Iraq.

Both gentlemen were shot and killed in Iraq on November 29, 2003 in an ambush while performing their official duties on behalf of their country. It is understood that they were on their way to a meeting to discuss humanitarian aid to the people of Iraq. The entire Palau Community College family expresses its sincere sympathies to our very close friend and neighbor, Japan.



Palau Community College President Patrick U. Tellei signs Condolence Book at Embassy of Japan in Palau

## CJ Students Score Big at Local Schools

Written by PCC Criminal Justice Students

On November 20, 2003, Palau Community College was represented by a various groups of police and community relations (CJ-122) students along with their Instructor Joan Philip. Each group was assigned to come up with an idea on how to sell and promote the concept of police and community relations. It had to be based on what we have learned and researched in our class.

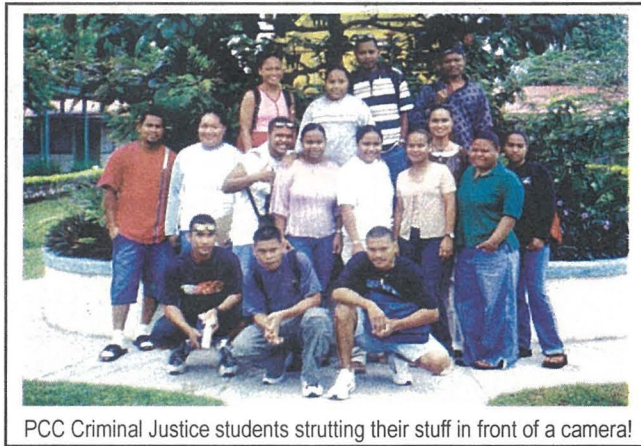
Our targets were the 4<sup>th</sup> graders of each elementary school in Koror and Airai because we felt that they were mature enough to understand what we are going to present to them and we believe that at their age, children usually have a misconception of the police officers as people to be afraid of and all they do is chase bad guys all day.

The main idea that we wanted to instill in the children's mind was that police officers are also our friends and that they shouldn't be afraid to talk to the police officers

if they have a problem. The schools we went to were Airai Elementary School, Koror Elementary School, George B. Harris Elementary School, and MarisStella Elementary School. The materials we brought to enhance our teachings were Police Image coloring books, posters, and activity sheets with pencils.

All these materials were for the children to keep as reminders of what they have just learned. We were all surprised with how much knowledge about crimes and drugs the children had. All of them were very excited and wanted to know every little detail of what was being presented to them. Some even asked really funny questions that made us all laugh. For instance, one student ask what's going to happen if we chew betel nut and smoke marijuana at the same time. Others just wanted to know how we could escape from a bad man without getting hurt.

Overall, the presentations all went smoothly and we felt that when we left the schools, the children had a different view of the police officers and one that is good. They even sent us thank you letters expressing their sincere gratitude for doing a wonderful job. We thank our Instructor Joan Philip for giving us the opportunity to be able to speak to the children about the role of police officers and educate them about crimes and drugs. The schools that were involved saw the positive impact the project had on the children and asked if we can do it again. As such, Ms. Philip has begun making arrangements for a similar presentation to be held in the near future.



PCC Criminal Justice students strutting their stuff in front of a camera!

## New Palau SBDC Staff: Mr. Alfred J. Fung

This article taken from: PISBDCN Pacific Business Partners, Nov. 2003 Vol. 1 No.3

The Palau [Small Business Development Center] SBDC now has much needed help on board; thanks to the guidance and support of the PISBDCN Director, Mr. Casey Jeszenka, Minister of Commerce & Trade Mr. Otoichi Besebes, Palau Community College President Patrick U. Tellei, and the United States Peace Corps Office in Palau. On the second week of November, the Center got a Peace Corp volunteer who will assist with counseling, program planning & implementations (such as the planned young entrepreneurs program), and other SBDC related activities.

Mr. Alfred Jeng Fung, a California native, is in Palau as a Peace Corp volunteer to assume this needed role by the SBDC. Mr. Fung has had extensive experiences in business. He has served as a salary teller for Wells Fargo Bank, Assistant Office Manager for A.T. Hsu Medical Corporation, and as an intern for Algalita Marine Research Foundation. He earned a BA degree in Philosophy at the University of California, Los Angeles with business and administration specialization, and has had extensive trainings on basic and intermediate accounting as well as micro- and macro-economics, to name a few.

The Palau SBDC wishes to extend a warm welcome and 'Alii' to Mr. Alfred Jeng Fung and looks forward to working with him.

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## Elia Graduates from 12th Police Academy



Palau Community College Security Guard Mr. Elia Rdiall graduated from the 12th Polic Academy on Friday November 28, 2003 at the PCC Cafetorium. As a cadet in the academy, Rdiall underwent twelve (12) intense weeks of academic routines that are designed to increase cadets' skills and knowledge with regard to Palau's enforcement of its laws, policies and practices of the various law enforcement agencies, etc. The cadets also underwent grueling physical routines geared at improving their overall physique and ability to perform when deemed necessary. The photo above shows Rdiall's PCC colleagues attending his graduation. From left are Mr. Willes Tmecherur, Cadet Elia Rdiall, Mr. Byron Tellei, and Mr. Clement Kazuma.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Students & Staff Be Careful

The construction of bleachers at the Palau National Track located on the PCC campus and the renovation of PCC Dorm 'D' have already begun. These projects are done in preparing for the upcoming 9th Festival of Pacific Arts to be hosted by Palau in July 2004. As such, numerous heavy equipment and major earth moving activities will be taking place around the vicinity of both the track and Dorm 'D'. Therefore, for safety purposes, all PCC faculty, staff and students as well as our guests and visitors are advised to stay clear of these areas.

### Maintenance Team Paints Buildings

Thanks to our PCC Maintenance Team, the College's Ukall, Miich, and Dort buildings are beginning to look like new. The team has been busy for the past few weeks painting these buildings and their roofs. This daunting project is still going on; therefore, all PCC staff and students are asked to give our Maintenance team a salute and a nod of appreciation should we see them carrying their paint tools or on the roof painting!

### Congratulations, PCC Students!!!

PCC students who persevered for the 2003 fall semester are to be congratulated for having successfully completed yet another phase in their higher education endeavor. Today officially ends the semester and begins the much anticipated and deserved Christmas break!

The College faculty and staff, in commending the students for a job well done, would like to remind them of these few important points. In celebrating the holiday season, you will be invited to many social get togethers. Therefore, always remember that your safety and that of others is of utmost importance. Drive responsibly and do not drink alcoholic beverages unless you are legally allowed to do so and have a designated driver. After all, we at PCC would like to see you begin the 2004 spring semester with us in the same healthy state you are in now. Be safe!

## FSA Reorganizes Vicki Maui is President

The Palau Community College Faculty Senate Association has finally held election of its officers with the following results:

<b>President</b>	<b>Vicki Maui</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Marcus Hangaripaii</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Marianne Temaungil</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Epimachus Moses</b>

The Faculty Senate Association, an independent body, has representation in many College decision-making bodies, including but not limited to the Committee on Programs and Curricula, the Executive Committee, Self-Study/Accreditation Steering Committee, and other ad-hoc committees.

Therefore, the College congratulates these new officers as they take on additional duties and responsibilities. As always, PCC looks forward to working with the Faculty Senate Association in addressing matters of mutual concern for the PCC faculty and Palau Community College.

The new FSA leadership represents a wide array of expertise in terms of academic fields of study. FSA president Vicki Maui first came to PCC back in 1979 as a counselor, later becoming an instructor until 1992 when she relocated to Saipan. In 1999, she returned to the College. Today, she heads the PCC Tourism & Hospitality program. Vice President Marcus Hangaripaii has been with the College since 1998 except for two years when he went on educational leave. He teaches Criminal Justice courses. Secretary Marianne Temaungil came on board in 1989 and has been with us since, teaching English courses. Treasurer Epimachus Moses has been teaching at PCC since 1992, teaching both Math and Computer courses.

The photo on the right is that of Tourism and Hospitality Instructor Ms. Vicki Maui. She is the new President of the PCC Faculty Senate Association.



## PCC BAIS SPORTING NEW LOOKS!

In case you recently visited the PCC campus and haven't noticed, the two *bais*, *Mesekiu el Bai* and *Bai ra Lebuu*, located on the College campus are sporting brand new looks this holiday season. Thanks to some very industrious PCC students who were sponsored by the PCC Student Body Association, these two *bais* were recently repainted, bringing back to life the famous legends and historical events depicted on the beams and other parts of the *bais*.

By simply looking at the carvings on these newly repainted *bais*, one can almost imagine being there when all varieties of fish spouted from the Breadfruit Tree of *Ngibital*, or when Prince Lebuu set sail for England in 1783, or when he was laid to rest after being afflicted with small pox. Indeed, one can simply visit the Micronesia-Pacific Collection in the PCC Library and read the descriptions behind each and every drawing on both *bais*. In the meantime, we thank the PCC students for taking the initiative to repaint our two *bais*, making our campus all the more attractive for our guests, visitors and ourselves!



PCC students flank the *Bai ra Lebuu* simply to get their photo taken!

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