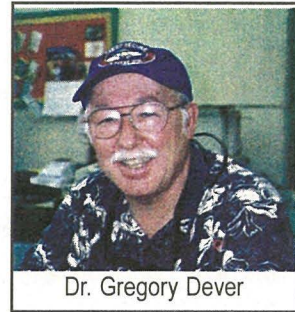


Dr. Dever Joins Endowment Club

Last week, Dr. Gregory Dever, Program Director of the PCC-based Area Health Education Center (AHEC) became the newest member of the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club. As a member, Dr. Dever donates to the PCC Endowment Fund through bi-weekly allotments. At the end of the calendar year, he applies for and receives a refund for his donations as we are a non-profit organization. Dr. Dever joins over 500 employees of the national government as well as employees of several state and semi-autonomous agencies who donate to the endowment fund on a bi-weekly basis.

Although he is the newest member, Dr. Dever is now the biggest bi-weekly contributor. He has issued a challenge to his colleagues and all others to join us as we strive to secure the future viability of our college, Palau Community College. Welcome aboard, Dr. Dever!



Dr. Gregory Dever

If you are already donating every two weeks, then don't forget to come to the PCC campus on Tuesday December 30th at 11:30am, 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 previous issues of this paper, we will fill out the refund forms that will enable us to get refunds for our bi-weekly donations!

Furthermore, we will give away fabulous prizes to many of those present at the meeting. Such prizes include a round trip ticket to any destination in Micronesia, computer system, PNCC calling cards, Palau Pacific Resort and Palasia Hotel getaways, cell phone, shopping spree at Ace Hardware, free gasoline, beauty packages at local salons, Shimbros coolers and beach chairs, dinner at PPR, polo and tee shirts from Fish 'N Fins as well as Dolphins Pacific, and much much more! 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 tel. no. 488-2470/2471.

Celebrating Birthdays



Myorang Besebes	December 19
Miriam Kual	December 20
Domingo Morei	December 20
Jesus Christ	December 25

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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Tkebui, We will Miss You.

This fall 2003 semester marks the beginning of the fourth year of the Adult High School program. Many students have come and gone - some to go back to work or because of some other family obligations, had to take a break from school. Those who continued and completed their program and earned a diploma, have also gone on to work, or to attend college, most of them here at Palau Community College.



The PCC Adult High School is very proud of all their graduates, but none more so than Jay Jay Tkebui (Antuch) Ilemelong of Ngaremlengui State. Tkebui enrolled in the program in the Spring of 2002. Quite but very friendly, Tkebui approached everyone with his shy smile. Working very hard, he passed all his courses - he never once had to repeat a course, and just completed his AHS program at the end of this Fall 2003 Semester, and earned his high school diploma. Tkebui's accomplishment shows that anyone with determination and the will to accomplish anything, can do so. We're very sad to have to say good-bye to our classmate, friend, and brother, but we are also grateful to have known him the short time he was with us. We'll surely miss him and offer our condolences to his family who will miss him even more.

THANK YOU MESSAGE

I am very fortunate to have friends, colleagues, and relatives here at PCC and elsewhere, who showered me with prayers and kind thoughts, assistance and comfort on the passing of my father, Yoseb Ngowakl. Your kindness and gestures of goodwill will remain in my heart forever. To all of you, Kom Kmal Mlo Mesaul, Thank You Very Much, Maraming Salamat Po, Kalahngan, Kirisou Chabur, Kulo, Kam Magar, Komol Tata.

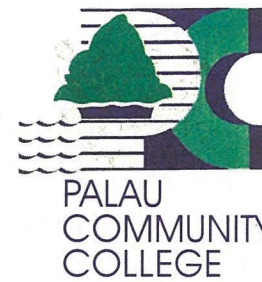
/s/ Josepha Tutii

1st Oceania, from page 3

The Baseball Federation and Palau Major League extend appreciation to PCC, Ministry of Community & Cultural Affairs, Oceania National Olympic Committee, Palau National Olympic Committee and all umpires, officials for their contributions toward making this event a reality. Special recognition to Mobil Oil for donating \$15,000 to cover the costs of the event and Palau Pacific Resort and Palasia Hotel as well for their monetary donations.

As preparation of Team Palau continues, we ask you to support our team. Today at the PCC Parking Lot from 11:00am - 5:00pm, you may drop your donations to our Team Palau volunteers manning the tent. Stop by and give our young athletes that much needed boost. In the meantime, you may contact Ms. Baklai Temengil at Palau National Olympic Committee office tel. number 488-6562 for detail information about this upcoming event.

Team Palau for the 1st Oceania AAA Baseball Tournament: Jamal Tmatk, Melngis Uchel, Dkei Ngiramengior, CJ Martin, Eric Kyota, Merei Ise, Ty Saiske, Patrick Pablo, Omsuul Yalap, Sadang Osarch, Sureor Ngirailemesang, Blaluk Ildip, Randy Mitsuo, Steve Aldrich, Lendle Blelai, Madri Smus, and Doulee Alfonso



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Merry Christmas, One and All!



This year, Christmas day will fall on Thursday next week. Hence, most of this week's issue will be devoted to wishing everyone a very merry Christmas full of happiness and quality time with friends and loved ones. With Thanksgiving having just come and gone, the spirit of giving thanks mingled with that of the holiday season is sure to bring about positive outcomes.

Taking advantage of this, we at PCC wish all our constituents: students, faculty, staff, board members, parents, friends, benefactors, donors, partners, associates, sister schools, colleagues, and everyone else a merry Christmas! Palau Community College has been able to provide programs and services for our students and the community because of the continued support and commitment coming to us from all of you.

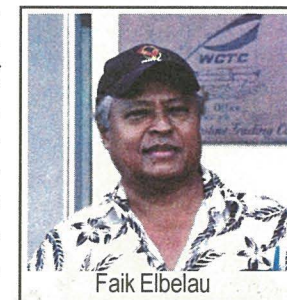
Furthermore, we are confident that you will continue to support PCC in the year to come, ensuring that Palau's students and those of the Micronesian region will have access to quality educational programs and services available at your college, Palau Community College. Together, you have made PCC what it is today, one of the best community colleges in the Pacific region. Let us continue to make our College even better, if not the best, for the benefit of future students. Merry Christmas, one and all!!!



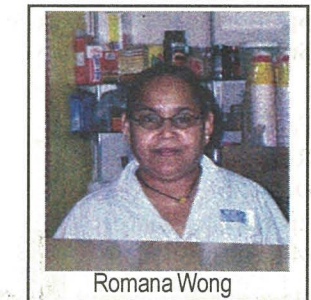
PCC students and staff wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. From left are Janelle Iyechad, Norma Adelbai, Calvin Sato, Weiling Bekiar Sked, and Renette Derbei Meyer.

Student Learning Enriched by Local Managers/Supervisors

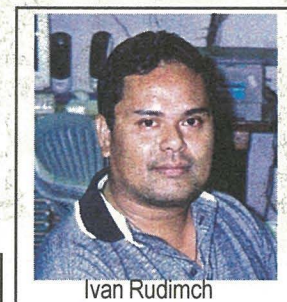
Happy holidays and many thanks to a number of local managers/supervisors from several businesses, public as well as semi-government agencies who contributed significantly to the learning experiences of the students enrolled in OA 208 - Personnel Supervision this fall semester. While the theoretical aspect of learning may have provided the fundamentals of personnel supervision, these interactions with local managers/supervisors provided the students with valuable experience-based insights into the art of human resource management. PCC is grateful for the community's effort in helping prepare our young people for Palau's workforce. Many thanks to the following managers/supervisors: Helen Moded of KB Shell Gas Station, Faik Elbelau of Western Caroline Trading Company, Marlene Inygo of PIDC Market, Lisa Abraham of Palau Visitors Authority, Yvonne Singeo of the Festival of Arts Office, Renei Melz of Kramer's Cafe', Kathy Temol of Palasia Hotel Palau, Victor Kumangai, Jr. of Belau Transfer & Terminal Company, Ivan Rudimch of Topside MOBIL Gas Station, Romana Wong of Winchell's, Tom Watson of Surangel & Sons Company, and Ezra Takeo, Lesley B. Adachi, and Todd Ngiramengior of Palau Community College.



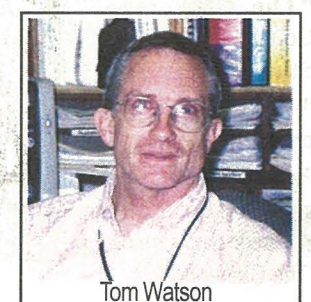
Faik Elbelau



Romana Wong



Ivan Rudimch



Tom Watson

Ungil Kurismas Ma Budech el Beches el Rak!

TUESDAY NIGHTS' THE GATHERING!!!

A spectacular way to make new friends and spend time with old ones!



Yes, this is the place to be! Micronesian Youth all over Palau are invited to join the "The Gathering" at the Palau Community College Cafeteria on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. of every month starting January 2004. All PCC students and local high school students are invited to attend. The first initial GATHERING, however, was held this week TUESDAY December 16, 2003 at Palau Community College Cafeteria. The focus of the evening was *FAMILY*.

Have an IDEA? Want to Voice an OPINION? What issues are We youth confronted with in Our Day and time? Don't sit there and say, "I wish I knew what I could do," Come and find out. Formulate your own thoughts and ideas. Be proactive with your future and the lives of those you care about!

Tuesday Nights is designed to encourage youth to actively participate in addressing local, state and national issues regarding one of the most precious commodities the world holds...our Youth. Drugs and Alcohol are just symptoms of deeper concerns facing our youth today. There is help and ways we can face these issues together.

Tuesday Nights encourages positive role modeling and identifying good role models among our peers, families and community. But most importantly...how to be ONE!

IN A NUTSHELL, TUESDAY NIGHTS OFFERS MICRONESIAN YOUTH THE FOLLOWING:

What?

- A place to Gather and collectively pull together thoughts and ideas about issues facing youth today.
- Key-Note Speakers that only speak for no more than 15 minutes (you time them!)
- It is all about YOU.
- Great Entertainment (skits, music every fourth Tuesday!)
- General Discussion (Oprah Style!...or for you men Tuesday Night Live!)

How?

- Through the united efforts and representation of youth from their respective countries.
- To unite our efforts in understanding better and address issues facing young people today.
 - a. family issues
 - b. drug and alcohol abuse issues
 - c. citizenship issues
 - d. educational issues
 - e. identity issues
- To facilitate a "Gathering" that is interactive, intellectually stimulating, and fun in nature.

Sponsored: PCC Student Life and Bedochel Center
Supported by: Ministry of Health and Affiliates, Palau Community College, Bedochel Center, Tiul Belau and others.

Facilitators:
 Roland Tangelbad
 Didiich Omengebar
 Ephraim Ngirachitei
 Mike Ongalibang

Have questions about "The Gathering"?
 Contact PCC Office of Student Life at tel. number 488-3036.

Photo on the right:
 Participants and facilitators pose for a group picture in the first ever meeting of "The Gathering".



PCC Congratulates Gov. J. David and Lt. Gov. J. Yakana

In what could be billed as the closest gubernatorial race in recent times in Pohnpei, FSM, the incumbents retained their seats by the slimmest of margins.

Governor Johnny David won garnering some 8,345 votes while challenger Del Pangelinan received 8,212, a difference of only 133 votes. In the lieutenant governor's race, incumbent Jack Yakana received 8,293 votes while Churchill Edward garnered 8,253 votes, only 40 votes behind the incumbent! Candidate Edward, in his first run for public office, was impressive.

The leadership of Palau Community College congratulates the leaders of Pohnpei and offer them an opportunity to have PCC help in their human resources development.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year From your Student Volunteers at the PCC Development Office & the Bookstore:

Kazue Sugiyama, Ali Blaluk, Rsei Oderiong, Ileaki Kotaro, Olivia Jerry, Jovan Akitaya, Elorean Mabel, Gain Beketaut, Shinoy Emesiochel, Ryan Ruluked, Kate Jonas, and Katsumi Ngirchokebail

BITS AND PIECES...

Norinston is DCA Director in Kosrae

The College recently received season's greetings from an alumnus, Mr. Norinston Joe. Joe received an AS degree in Electrical Technology in 1980. At the present, he is the Director of the Department of Community Affairs in Kosrae state, Federated States of Micronesia.



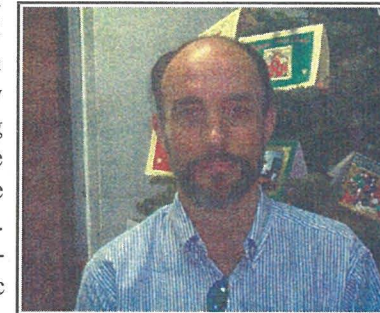
Yap SEED Now Yap DOE, Again

Did you know that the Yap State Education Enterprising Department (SEED) is now back to its original name, Yap State Department of Education? This time it is headed by Director Rosa H. Tacheliol. Palau Community College congratulates Tacheliol and looks forward to working with her to promote higher educational opportunities in the Micronesian and Pacific region.

Dr. Durand Accepts Yap Post

Dr. Mark Andre Durand, Training Coordinator for the PCC-based Area Health Education Center (AHEC), has accepted a post at the Yap State Hospital. Starting in January 2004, he will become Director of Health Services. Dr. Durand has been with AHEC for almost two years. AHEC runs a post graduate program geared toward a diploma in family practice. It receives its funding from U.S. federal grants thru the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. At the present, it has young physician participants from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Yap State Chuuk State, and the Republic of Palau. It is in its third year of operation in Palau and anticipated to continue to provide much needed medical training for the Micronesian region for years to come.

Palau Community College will miss Dr. Durand as he also ran the PCC Clinic providing free medical services for PCC students and personnel. Nevertheless, we wish him much success as he takes on this latest challenge in his already distinguished career.



1st Oceania AAA Baseball Tournament in Palau

The first Oceania AAA Baseball Tournament for youth ages 16-18 years old is scheduled to take place in Palau on January 17-23, 2004. The Belau Baseball Federation (BBF) and Palau Major League (PML) are working diligently with Baseball Confederation Oceania (BCO) to ensure a successful baseball event in Palau. Members of BBF and PML have conducted various meetings to finalize all preparation stages and strategies for fundraising to host the event. The Tournament Director for the AAA is Mr. Adair Sumang under the guidance of BBF President, Ambassador Johnson Toribiong and PML President,

Minister Alexander Merep. Palau will not only host this event, but has prepared a team to compete for the Oceania team to the AAA World Championships, which is scheduled for Taipei in September 2004. The visiting teams are Guam, Saipan, and Australia. At this time, a suggested schedule has been formatted with Palau and Guam kicking off the first game on the first day of the event at Asahi Ball field. The head coach for Team Palau is Mr. Uchel Sechewas with the assistance of Mr. Todd Ngiramengior and Jemmy Watanabe.

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Key Questions to Ask When Selecting Gifts

The following article is taken from: Campus Events Professional, October 2003 Issue. It may be used as a guide in buying your gifts this Christmas.

- * How much do you want to spend? Many resource companies provide price levels: \$50, \$175, \$5,000? High end says high end; economy says economy. Either may be appropriate depending on the situation.
- * What feeling do you want to evoke? Elegance? Comfort? Affection? Hip and in touch? Awareness about a cause, campaign, mission, or school?
- * Why are you giving? To honor employees for years of service? To thank a donor? To bring awareness? Holiday gifts for special constituents?
- * What category of gift are you most comfortable with? Food? Imprinted clothing, technical, computer and desk items, jewelry or any items made of gold, silver, leather, or crystal, etc?



New Arrivals at PCC Library!

Check out the following new arrivals at your PCC Library:

- "Foolish/Unfoolish" Reflections on love Ashanti
- "Sweet Valley University"
- "Artemis Fowl" Book 1 & 2
- "Die in Plain Sight" by: Elizabeth Lowell
- "The Lone Drow" Book 2 of the Hunters Blades Trilogy
- "Light in Shadow" by: Jayne Ann Krentz

All Library patrons are notified that from December 15, 2003 - January 9, 2004, the PCC Library hours will be as follows:

Monday - Friday	8:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am - 6:00pm
Sunday	12noon - 6:00pm