

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2004 (PCC)

Jorella Kenty



2004 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Office Administration (OA). Kenty works as an Administrative Assistant for Koror State Public Land Authority. She has been working there

for the past 2 years.

### Class of 2000 (PCC) & 1987 (MOC)

Clarissa Rdang

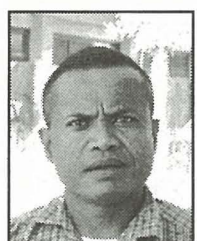


2000 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Nursing (NU) and a 1987 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Rdang

has been working at the Ministry of Health as a Professional Nurse for the past 11 years.

### Class of 1992 & 1989 (MOC)

Willy Mays Towai



1992 MOC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Police Science (PS) and a 1989 graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Automotive Mechanics Technology (AMT). He has been

working for 8 years at the Bureau of Public Safety as a Criminal Investigation Division Officer.

**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

Elizabeth deJong February 17  
Lourdes Reksid February 17  
Baskasio Oiterong February 22

**Happy Birthday To You!**

## More Show Support to PCC Endowment Fund



Ilebrang Basilio



Rena Iluches



Alan Marbou

Ministry of Health employee, Ilebrang Basilio, Koror State Government Legislature employee, Rena Iluches, and Koror State Government Youth Division Chief, Alan Marbou are the newest members of the Endowment Fund. PCC welcomes the new supporters of the Endowment Fund and invites others who have not signed up to show their support as well. For more information about the PCC Endowment Fund, please contact Hulda, Dilubch, Rilla, or Koyungil at the Development office at 488-2470 ext. 253.

## Attention All PCC Students

A photo shoot for all PCC students will be held at the SBA office on Wednesday, February 21st from 11:00am- 1:00pm. Please do not forget to stop by and get your picture taken for the College yearbook.

## Study Hall Available to All PCC Students

When: Monday- Thursday

Time: 6:30pm-9:30pm

Place: Study Hall Dorm B & C

Study Hall started last week Monday and will continue until May 15, 2007.

Visit PCC website: [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu) and learn all about Palau's only institution of higher education. While there, check out the PCC weekly newsletter, *Mesekiu's News*, including back issues!

## SPRING SEMESTER Important Dates to Remember

January 1 (M)	Holiday: New Year's Day
January 3-5 (W-F)	Placement Testing
January 4- (TH)	Freshman Orientation
January 8-11 (M-TH)	Advising & Registration
January 15 (M)	First Day of Instruction
January 15-19 (M-F)	Late Registration/ Drop & Add Period
February 23 (F)	Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades
March 5-9 (M-F)	Mid-term Period
March 12-16 (M-F)	Student's Spring Break
March 15 (TH)	Holiday- Youth Day
March 23 (F)	Last Day for Withdrawals
March 30 (F)	PCC Charter Day Celebration
April 2 (M)	PCC Charter Day
May 4 (F)	Holiday: Senior's Citizens' Day
May 11 (F)	Last Day of Instruction
May 14-16 (M-W)	Final Examination Period
May 16 (W)	Graduates' Grades Due
May 21 (M)	Grades Due
May 25 (F)	Commencement Exercises



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# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## Board of Regents Holds First Meeting for 2007



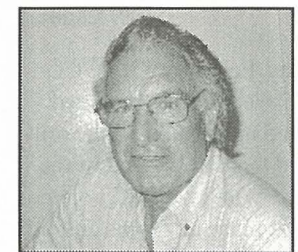
(Front-row from left): Proxy Regent of Republic of Marshall Islands, Romeo J. Alfred; FSM Regent, Andrew Yatilman; ROP Regent Masa-Aki Emesiochl. (Back-row from left): Dean of CRE - College of Marshall Islands, Diane De'brum; College of Micronesia's Business Manager, Ricardo Vera Cruz; PCC VP, Thomas Taru; COM-FSM President, James Spensin; PCC President, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei; and COM Land Grant Executive Director, Dr. Singeru Singeo after their Board of Regents meeting at the PCC Board Room on Tuesday.

The College of Micronesia- Board of Regents met on Monday for their first organizational meeting for 2007. Various topics were discussed including this year's budget, possible budgetary constraints for 2008 based on U.S. budget, work load of researchers which will mandate researchers to have three to four projects each, COM endowment investment, and election of new officers. The election results are as follows: ROP Regent, Masa-Aki Emesiochl remains the Chair, Marshall Islands Minister Wilfred

Kendal is the new Vice-Chair, and FSM Regent, Andrew Yatilman is the new Secretary/ Treasurer. The Board of Regents finished their second day of meeting with a luncheon sponsored by the College on Tuesday at the College's Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui. Since the Board of Regents hold quarterly meetings, they are scheduled to have their second meeting in Marshall Islands in June.

**Vocational/ Technical Education Awareness Week Set for March 12- 14. See Story on page 3.**

## Astronomer Helps PCC Research for an Engineering Program



Dr. Chris Purton

Having heard about Palau from Dr. Peter Black, a visiting professor from the States, Dr. Chris Purton decided to come and learn more about Palau and the College. Dr. Chris Purton is an Astronomer who has been working for the Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory in Canada for the past 25 years. Prior to his current job, he was a Physics and Astronomy Professor for 13 years.

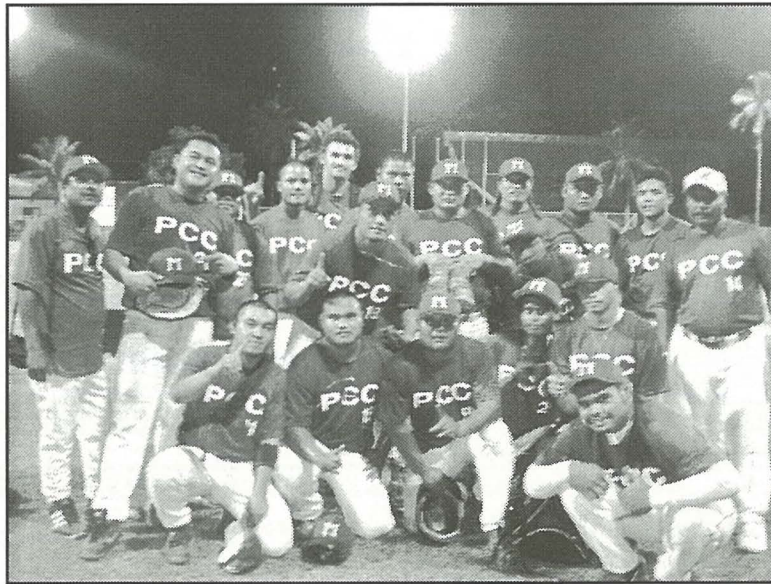
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## Japanese Professor Visits Campus



(l-r): Chief of Staff, Billy Kuartei, University of the Ryukyus Economics Professor, Hajime Oshiro, President Tellei, and Special Assistant, Todd Ngramengior pose for the camera during Professor Oshiro's courtesy visit last week.

## PCC Mesekiu Defeats Ngerbeched, 10-5



2007 Mesekiu Baseball Team Members

On Monday, February 12th, PCC Mesekiu Baseball team defeated Ngerbeched and remained the only undefeated team at the end of the first round. The win gave PCC sole possession of first place at 7 wins and no loss, followed by Airai with 6 wins and 3 losses, Ngardmau with 3 wins and 4 losses, Ngerbeched with 2 wins and 5 losses, Koror with 1 win and 6 losses, and Ngaraard with 7 losses. Ngerbeched scored early in the bottom of the first inning on a single by Kalei

Luii who stole second base and scored on a rare error by PCC first baseman. PCC quickly took the lead at the top of the second inning by scoring four runs on four consecutive singles by Melengis Uchel, Cleofas Iyar, Sureor Ngirailemesang, and Spis Gordon and a double by Bedor Kyota. In the third inning, PCC scored two more runs, increasing their lead to 6 to 1 when Omsuul Yalap and Dekei Ngiramengior both singled and Ngerbeched shortstop misplayed a hard grounder by Melengis

Uchel and Sureor Ngirailemesang singled. In the bottom of the same inning, Ngerbeched scored two runs to cut the deficit to 6 to 3. They scored another run in the fourth to further cut the deficit to two runs. PCC struck again in the fifth for two more runs on a triple by Caleb Meltel and a single by Melengis Uchel. Ace pitchers Drake Yoshiwo of Ngerbeched and Sureor Ngirailemesang kept both teams scoreless until the eighth inning. At the top of the eighth, PCC scored two runs on three doubles by Bedor Kyota, Dekei Ngiramengior, and Caleb Meltel, increasing the lead to 10 to 4. In the bottom of the ninth and final inning, Ngerbeched scored one for a final score of 10 to 5. Kaleb Dulei pitched three innings, allowing three singles. Sureor Ngirailemesang pitched six innings, striking out 7.

Result of the first round:

PCC	9	Ngardmau	3
PCC	24	Koror	3
PCC	27	Ngerbeched	7
PCC	4	Airai	2
PCC	20	Red Torch	10
PCC	9	Kayangel	4
PCC	10	Ngerbeched	5

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Dr. Purton arrived late last month and will be departing from the island later this month. Since his arrival, he has devoted some of his vacation time to help the college gather information for its upcoming Science, Technological, Engineering, and Mathematical (STEM) discipline program, particularly in the engineering area scheduled for Fall Semester 2007. Dr. Purton is researching and comparing the engineering programs of other neighboring universities such as University of Guam, University of Hawaii in Oahu and Hilo, and also Community Colleges in Seattle, San Diego, and Hilo just to name a few. He is concentrating on the engineering area because he thinks it will be most demanding. The College would like to thank Dr. Purton for taking some time off his vacation to help the College in its efforts to provide better and more services to its diverse student population.

## BTA Holds Meeting with Tourism & Hospitality Students



PCC Tourism & Hospitality students with Instructor Soledad Garcia (second from right) listen as the Belau Tourism Association (BTA) members talk about the Tourism Industry in Palau. The purpose of the meeting, last Friday, was to find out the students' interests in the industry and the necessities that they need to better enrich their field of study so that BTA can better help the students before and after they graduate.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Taiwan Scholarship Now Available...

The Palau National Scholarship Board is pleased to announce that the Taiwan Government Scholarship is now available for undergraduate and graduate level. The submission deadline for the scholarship is March 20th, 2007. For more information and application forms, please visit the Scholarship office located at the Palau High School campus or call the office at 488-3608.

### THANKS

#### PCC Students Thank Chairperson...

The College, especially the students, would like to thank Chairperson Bilung Gloria G. Salii for donating 92 pounds of very delicious bananas. Thank you Chairperson for your generous donation!

### REMINDER

#### Endowment Donors Fill Your Forms...

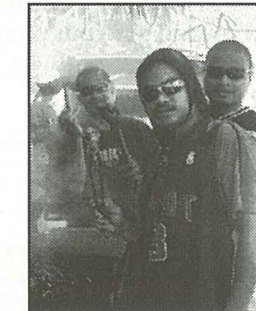
All bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund are reminded to come to PCC Development Office and complete their application packets, enabling them to get refunds for their donations. This reminder is for those who have not completed their packets. When your refund has been released, PCC will contact you and your refund may be picked up at the College. Refund checks will take approximately two weeks to be processed. Remember, the sooner we file your application, the sooner you receive your refund! If you are not sure whether or not your application packet is complete, please feel free to contact Hulda, Dilubch, Rilla, or Koyungil at PCC's Development Office at 488-2470/2471 ext. 253.

## AHS Begins Spring with BBQ

The PCC Adult High School started this Spring 2007 Semester on January 29, 2007. As a "Get-to-Know-You" activity, the students donated whatever food they could and celebrated the beginning of the semester with a barbecue last Friday. The 60+ students this spring include many new students who are eager to continue their education again.

This semester, the Adult High School is offering twelve classes. The PCC Adult High School wishes to thank the College staff who are donating their time to teach the AHS courses, specifically Mr. Alan Ziegler who is teaching Government and Law and Howard Charles who is teaching English III. Other teachers include Masaharu Tmodrang, Marcellus Ngiraingas, Secundina Azuma, Theodosia Kuartei, Scarlette Rechirei, Isabella Sumang, and Robert Ramarui.

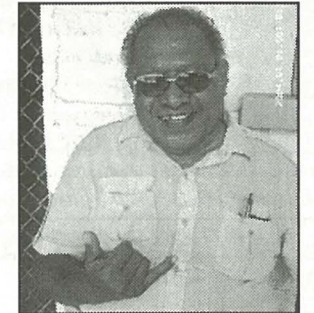
The Adult High School is also thankful to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) for



AHS students Halley, Yangi, Josh, and Randi barbecuing

the students who are assisting the program, particularly Ms. Alice Sbal, Rhondalynn Ngirarorou, and Ellevia Idesmang. These students have been very helpful in recruiting those who have taken some time off from school as well as some of the new students. The AHS program also thanks the College's Work Study Program for the assistance with other program needs.

The "Get-Together" last Friday is the beginning of the many activities that the AHS program is planning for the students this semester. All the students had fun and look forward to the rest of the semester.



"Uncle Lawrence" supervising all the activities.



## Voc./ Tech. Ed. Week Set for March

Work is well underway to prepare for this year's Vocational/ Technical Education Awareness Week after President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei's last month appointment of a committee to direct preparatory work for the notable College occasion.

The organizing committee which is chaired by Associate Dean Sherman Daniel is tasked with the overall planning and preparation of the awareness week, slated to coincide with the Ministry of Education's own awareness week during the second week of March. The purpose of the annually-held college event continues to focus on the promotion and

advocacy of college programs and services to the community, most especially to high school students who are prospective students of Palau Community College. Furthermore, the event aims to promote the College's vocational/ technical programs by providing an avenue for students to demonstrate competencies in their respective programs and showcasing their class projects to visiting high school students and community members.

This year's commemoration will be held from March 12-14, 2007. For more information about this year's awareness week, please contact Sherman Daniel at 488-2470/2471, ext. 254.