

Alumni Notes

Class of 2000 (PCC)

Hon. Wayne Andrew -



2000 PCC graduate with a Associate of Science degree in Construction Technology. Andrew was popularly elected as a delegate to represent the citizenry of the Southwest Island State of Hatohobei to the House of Delegates-8th Palau National Congress.

Class of 1993 (PCC)

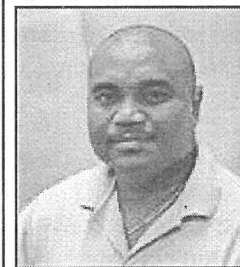
Fabian Iyar -



1993 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) in Business Accounting. Iyar who was the Class Valedictorian is now the Chief Executive Officer of the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC).

Class of 1986 (MOC)

Ricky Mechol -



1986 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in General Electronics Technology. Mechol works as the Sergeant-at-Arms with the House of Delegates of the 8th Palau National Congress.

Delegates of the 8th Palau National Congress.

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 News*.

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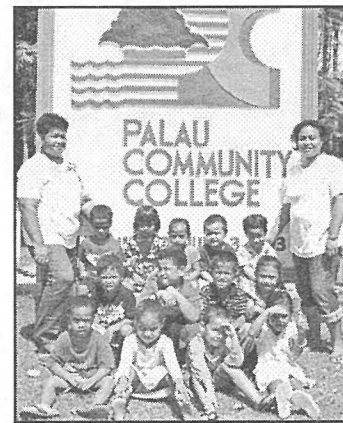
Cleanup, from Page 3

Dean of Students Marensia Edward assisted by Registrar Lesley Adachi were spotted shearing the shrubbery between Miich and Ukall buildings. Project Beacon Director and her staff also took to the outer walls of Dort Building with soap and water. Even though classes were held that day, students and faculty members were also seen joining the schools top executives in the cleanup.

The all-day campus cleanup revealed the spirit of teamwork among the rank and file and the executives of the College. A spirit of partnership that indiscriminately involves everyone.



Day Care Kids Help Cleanup



Students of the PCC Day Care Center who did their small part in last Friday's all-campus cleanup pose for a photo with the teachers in front of the College emblem.

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) Director, Office of Student Life & Housing
Salary range: \$16,010-\$24,647
 - (1) Counselor, Office of Student Life & Housing
Salary range: \$12, 653-\$19,479
- For application forms and information, please contact Karen Moberl at the PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227.



OPEN Season for Endowment Fund

PCC Development Office continues to process refund applications for all government and nongovernment employees. So if you have not filed your income tax refund application yet, stop by and let Dilubch take care of your Endowment needs.

Don't forget to bring the following:

- ✓ Check stub #26 or Wages & Tax Form for year 2009.
- ✓ Original receipts for your donations to other nonprofit organizations.

To find out how you can join the hundreds who are already giving to the Endowment Fund, contact the PCC Development Office at 488-2471, ext. 253, if you can't come to the office, contact the office at 488-2471, ext. 253 and we'll send someone to find you.

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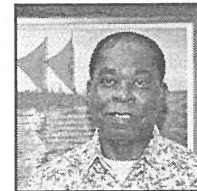


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Weekly Newsletter

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Accreditation Visiting Team Members



Team chair Dr. Leon Richard of Kapiolani Community College in Hawaii.



Assistant chair Dr. Salvatore Lanzilotti of Kapiolani Community College in Hawaii.



Dr. Audrey Yamagata-Noji of Mt. San Antonio College.



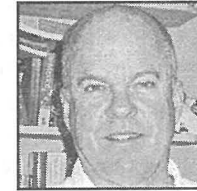
Carol Bloch of Los Angeles County College.



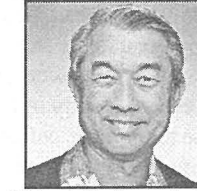
Catherine Chenu-Campbell of Sacramento City College.



Dr. Daniel Walden of Los Angeles Southwest College.



Gary Allen of Santa Rosa Junior College.



Michael Unebasami of UH Community Colleges.



Dr. Susan Bangasser of San Bernardino Community College.

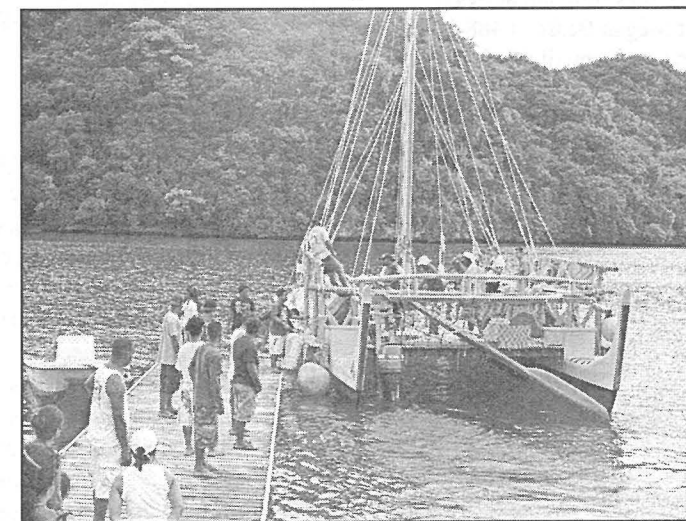


Dr. Roger Welt formerly of Allen Hancock College.

Members of the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and College's (ACCJC-WASC) eleven-person accreditation visitation team are arriving this weekend. Nine are scheduled to arrive on Saturday,

February 27, and the rest on Sunday. The team begins on Monday March 1st with what will be a four-day of meetings and interviews with PCC staff, faculty & students. This is all in an effort to validate the 2009 PCC Self-Study Report.

Students Sail for Ngulu Atoll



Students enrolled in the Non-instrumental Navigation class left last Saturday on Alingano Maisu on a 10+ day voyage that will take them to the Yap's outer island of Ngulu. On this trip, the students will be guided by their instructor Captain Sesario and his crew as they navigate using traditional methods (without compass or GPS).



Bernadette Howard of Windward Community College

The group is led by Kapiolani Community College (KCC) Chancellor Dr. Leon Richards who was here for an advance visit last month with assistant Salvatore Lanzilotti, also of KCC, will also send some members to Yap State to assess PCC's course offerings there. Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong will accompany the members.

Postponed Students Seminar to be Held Today

The students seminar sponsored by the student leaders which was originally scheduled for last Friday but postponed will be held today in the new assembly hall in Dort building.

Career & Technical Education Week Update

The planning committee tasked to plan for the Career/Technical Education (CTE) Awareness Week met again this week. According to Associate Dean Sherman Daniel who is leading the effort, he said much of the work now is concentrated on lining up the program for the two day event. He said that students and their program instructors are now working on their demonstration projects which will be showcased during the CTE awareness week event set for March 17-18. Daniel said that he is also working closely with Vice President Thomas Taro (Chair of STEM Fair) as

the two College events will be held on the same days.

The awareness week is an annual "open house" event for the college where elementary and high school students are invited to tour the campus, get acquainted with PCC students and officials, and learn about the technical and academic programs available at PCC.

LS Students Tour Local Archives and Libraries

Few people realize what a wide range of libraries and information centers are found in our small nation of Palau. From the PCC Library, to the Belau National Archive, to the Belau National Hospital Library, Palau is rich with information resources. With so much available, it is important for local librarians to be familiar with the local resources and to know what is available at each of the libraries. So, as part of *Micronesia Pacific Information Resources* (LS115) course, students are visiting many of the local libraries and information centers to see first hand what each location has to offer.

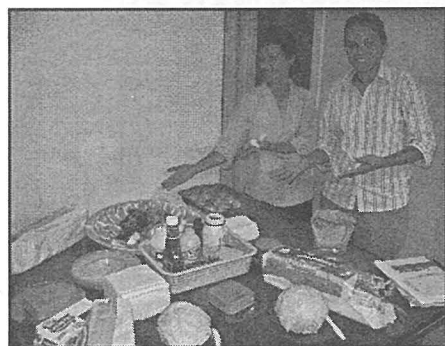
The first stop was the Belau National Archives, where archivist Naomi Ngirakamerang took students on a tour of the collection and explained the purpose and mission of the national archives. Students learned about the record keeping project sponsored by Pacific Regional Branch International Council on Archives (PARBICA) and had the opportunity to see the archive's microfilming project and spend time exploring the rare Trust Territory documents.

The next stop was PCC's own Micronesia Pacific collection. Arguably the largest

collection of materials about Palau and Micronesia, the PCC Micro-P collection held many surprises for the students. Micro-P Librarian, Grace Merong, introduced the group to the vertical files, which hold many documents from local conferences, inaugurations, workshops and other local events. Many of these items are unique to the PCC collection, and cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

Over the next few weeks, the LS students will have the opportunity to visit the Palau Judiciary Library, Belau National Hospital Library, and Belau National Museum Library. Each of these libraries houses a unique collection with valuable resources about Palau, Micronesia, and the Pacific. If you're interested in joining the library tours or would like more information about the Library Services program at PCC, please contact Megan Beard at 488-2471 or email megan.pcc@gmail.com.

Faculty Senate Goes Green



FSA members now use recyclable containers and utensils during their lunch meetings.

The PCC Faculty Senate Association (FSA) is jumping on the "green" bandwagon! In line with President

Former Faculty Donates Paper



Former faculty member Takashi Mita (l) hands a copy of his doctoral dissertation to library technician Grace Merong during Mita's visit earlier this week.

Mita who worked at the Japan Embassy in Palau and taught social science here at PCC for one semester in 2008 is a Political Scientist with the Osaka University Global Collaboration Center.

His dissertation can be found in the dissertation collection housed in the Micro-Pacific section of the new PCC library.

The Rising Tide is Back

Reincarnated after 10 years, the PCC Rising Tide is back on campus! Started as a writing and literary journal club nearly a decade ago, the Rising Tide has now transformed into the journalism club for PCC. New members attended the first meeting on Wednesday to discuss possible projects and interests. The group is considering the creation of a monthly student newspaper, which will contain a wide range of articles written by PCC students, such as movie reviews, fashion on campus, comics, interviews and more. Everyone on campus is invited to join the Rising Tide and make contributes to the newspaper. If you're interested in joining, the next Rising Tide meeting is Wednesday, March 3rd at the Mesekiu Bai. For more information, contact Danka, Marianne or Megan at the faculty office.

BITS AND PIECES...

GRADUATION

Prospective Graduates...

All prospective graduates for Spring & Summer 2010 are required to file an application for graduation no later than next Friday, February 26, 2010. Applications may be filed at the Registrar & Records office.

FIELD TRIP



Talent Search Student on a recent Cultural Field trip to the historical site of "Tetelbad" in Ngarchelong state.

SALE

FSA Biannual Sale...

Mark your calendars! The Faculty Senate Association Biannual Garage Sale is this Sunday, February 28th! As always, there will be a wide range of garage sale items at great prices, but this time the FSA is spicing it up a bit. During the Garage Sale there will also be a BBQ with the best hot dogs and hamburgers you've ever tasted, and the musical stylings of some of our favorite student singers. So don't forget to stop by and check it out! Proceeds from the Garage Sale go to support student scholarships and awards. For more information, contact Danka Ledgerwood at the faculty office.

Dugong Campaign Slogan Contest

In line with this year's worldwide theme of Bio-diversity, PCC is taking part as a participating partner in the 2010 Dugong Awareness Project to raise local awareness about the animal and the need for the conservation of its habitats.

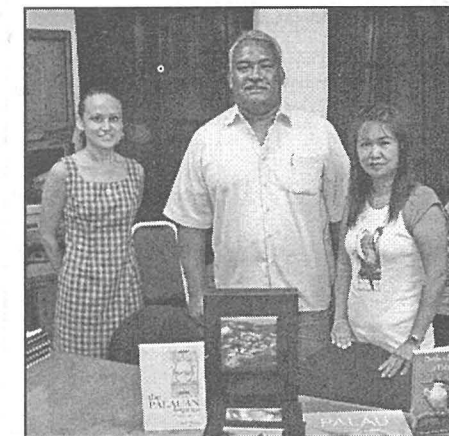
To support such effort, PCC is sponsoring a Dugong Campaign Slogan Contest open to all PCC students. Slogans must be written in Palauan. For guidelines, contact PCC Vernice Yuzi at 488-2471, ext. 240. Winners will have a chance to participate in a helicopter ride to photograph dugongs in the wild.

(see ad on right)

Mandy Etpison Donates Books

Mandy Etpison of Etpison Museum donated over \$1000 dollars worth of books to the PCC library. Tess Soriano presented the books to President Tellei and Interim-librarian Debra Neas at the boardroom earlier this week.

Tellei thanked Mandy for the donations and said that he only wished the donation would have coincided with the upcoming grand opening of the new PCC library. The books will initially be placed on a special display at the reception area before being moved to their permanent location in the Micro-P collection.



(l-r) Neas, Tellei and Soriano with the donations from Mandy Etpison.

General Cleanup Involves All

The call to mobilize for a campus wide general cleanup last Friday was indeed heeded by all as the day saw not only the specialists at maintenance division who are normally called for during such



A good crowd gathers around Vice President Olegeriil as he water blasts the outside walls of the administration building during last Friday's general cleanup.

cleanups, but even the schools executives roll up their sleeves for a go on the weed-wacker or the water blaster machine. Vice President of Administration and Finance Jay Olegeriil who on an any given busy Friday probably could not be bothered for anything, spent the whole morning washing the front side walk and a good couple of hours of the early afternoon water blasting the outer walls of the administration building with his staff.

Executive assistant to the President Todd Ngiramengior in casual shorts and oversized flip-flops raked grass and leaves for the entire length of Dort building.

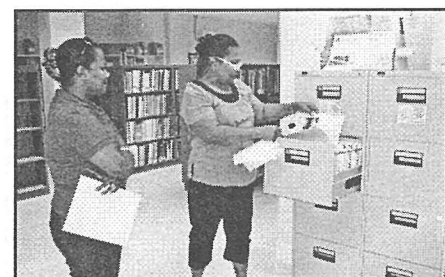
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CONTESTS ANNOUNCEMENT

Dugong Drawing (ages 6-12) Rules: **Dugong Essay (ages 12- 18)**
 - letter size paper - minimum 2 pages
 - any materials OK - typed in English
 - no words allowed on the drawing - double-spaced
 - name, age and tel number on the back - name, age and tel number

The winning essay and drawing entry will be published in the local newspapers, and the students will get the opportunity to join one of the helicopter surveys to see dugongs in the wild. These contests are open to any local school or individual Palauan students.

Please drop off your entry by February 28, 2010 at the Etpison Museum (488- 6730/ 488- 4322) or email your essay to: etpison@palaunet.com
 A panel of judges will select the winners during the Science Week at PCC in March.



LS student Journey Teruzi (l) is shown around the Micro-Pacific collection by library technician Grace Merong.