




Alumni Notes
Class of 2005 (PCC)
Yutaka Gibbons Jr. -

 2005 PCC graduate with an Associate Science (AS) degree in Construction Technology (CT). Gibbons is a teacher at Palau High School and is currently enrolled in the SDSU Bachelor Program.

Class of 1997 (PCC)
Avery Midas -

 1997 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Midas works as an election officer with the Palau Election Office, a position he has held for the past nine years. Midas is also a steady supporter of the PCC Endowment Fund, giving on a bi-weekly basis.

Class of 1973 (MOC)
Innocencio Kazuma -

 1973 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Electronics. Kazuma is a Sergeant with the Fish & Wildlife Protection Division. He is the older brother of the PCC Director of Physical Plant, Clement Kazuma.

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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Mesekiu Beats Stingers with Second Stringers

The Mesekiu Basketball team notched another win in its record with the decisive victory over the Stingers last Wednesday. The lighter and more agile Mesekiu players were able to outrun and out-score the Stingers. In fact, the Mesekiu's starting line up easily built a double-digit lead early in the game which allowed coach Hamilton Maech to comfortably play most of his second-stringers. Maech said that last night's game was a perfect opportunity for his bench to log in some playing time and gain experience. "Our division has a lot of tough competition so we are always happy when our second string can play, and the win is an added bonus. It was a win-win situation as our substitutes got to play while our starting lineup got rested for tougher meets," said a visibly happy coach Maech after their win on Wednesday. The Mesekiu is playing the Blue Sharks tonight and ask fans to come out and show their support. For more information about the Mesekiu Basketball, contact Coach Hamilton Maech at 488-3885.

(Game Schedule Below)

Wednesday	25-Feb	7:30	Stingers vs. PCC Mesekiu
Friday	27-Feb	6:00	PCC Mesekiu vs. Blue Sharks
Wednesday	4-Mar	6:00	PCC Mesekiu vs. Surangel
Wednesday	11-Mar	6:00	Styxers vs. PCC Mesekiu
Friday	13-Mar	6:00	PCC Mesekiu vs. Ranchers
Friday	20-Mar	7:30	Islanders vs. PCC Mesekiu
Wednesday	25-Mar	7:30	Peched vs. PCC Mesekiu

Mesekiu Canoe Team

Can you swim?...Then you can learn to be a professional outrigger canoe paddler. Contact Mesekiu Canoe Team manager Elizabeth deJong at ext 241, or stop by her office in the Temekai building. Canoes going out every Saturday & Sunday morning at Rip-Tide. Transport and paddles provided.

Public Works Staff Increases Allotment, PPUC Staff Joins Endowment

This week, Bureau of Public Works staff Isaac Mitsuru, a bi-weekly contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund increased his allotment. Mitsuru has been an endowment fund supporter for many years. Also from Palau Public Utilities Corporation, customer service representative Evita Andres became the newest contributor to the Endowment Fund. PCC applauds Mitsuru's gesture and encourages his colleagues and others to find out if they are eligible for allotment increase. PCC also welcomes new member Andres and welcomes others employees from PPUC to join Andres.



Isaac Mitsuru of the Bureau of Public Works



Evita Andres of PPUC

For information on how to enroll in the Endowment, to find out if you can increase your allotment, or to find out if your 2008 refund check is out, please contact Armstrong, Dilubch, Nino, or Usong at the telephone number 488-2471, ext. 253.

Funeral Announcement

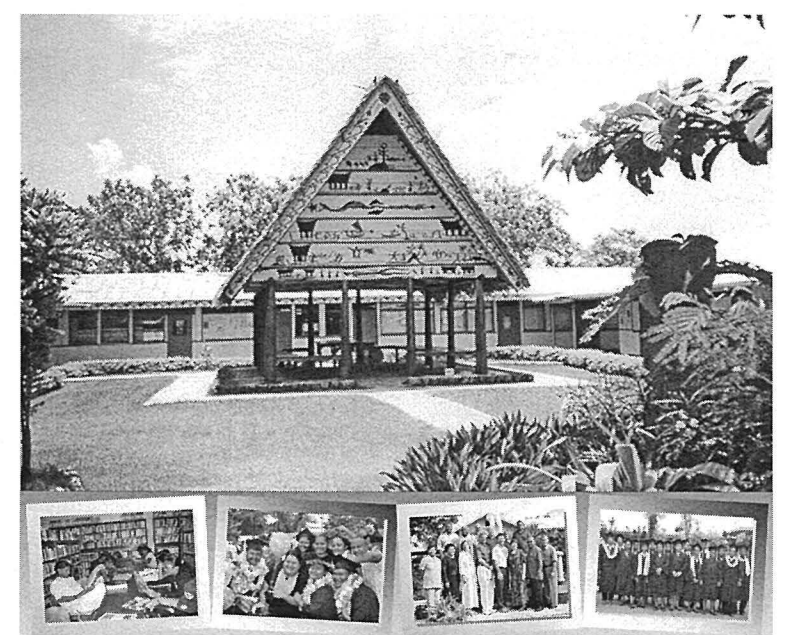
The funeral service for Karen's sister, Fidelis Mobel will be held tomorrow, February 28 at the family estate in Ngeribukel, Ngerbeched Hamlet. PCC staff who want to attend the service are asked to meet at the main parking lot at 8:30 and carpool. Our thoughts and prayers are with Karen and the Mobel family.

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First PCC Fact Book in Print



2008-2009 FACT BOOK



Accredited by Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

First PCC Fact Book currently in print.

The first Fact Book for PCC has been compiled by the Institutional Research Analyst Nino Pate and is now in print. The new publication which presents a comprehensive profile of Palau Community College includes the most commonly requested information such as enrollment & graduate summaries. It also lists programs offered and those with highest enrollments. The book also

narrates an overview of PCC's history which details the schools accreditation background. After the first volume is published, subsequent volumes will be produced annually with updated numbers and information. The Institutional Research Analyst & Assessment Consultant, Niño Pate who served as the primary compiler of the

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Obama Signs Act to Increase Pell Grant



The Pell Grant has made the dream of obtaining a College degree possible for many Palauan students, including many at PCC.

The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid wishes to inform the college community as well as the public that U.S. President Barack Obama has signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 on February 17, 2009, an act which included an appropriated amount for the Federal Pell Grant Program. The money will increase the maximum Federal Pell Grant award to \$5,350 for the 2009-2010 award year. This will be an increase of \$619 from the 2008-2009 award year. Palau Community

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Second Stringers Improve Mesekiu Basketball Record to 7-5



Mesekiu Basketball Team

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Pell Grant, from Front Page

College encourages graduating high school seniors to start their college life experience right here at home at our very own college. For students who qualify, the Federal Pell Grant will cover 100% of tuition at PCC.

The Federal Pell Grant is part of the student aid extended by the U. S. Department of Education to cover expenses of tuition and fees, room and board, transportation, etc. The Pell Grant is biggest award in terms of amount that PCC administers to qualified students attending the College. The increase will allow more student aid for PCC students and indeed all eligible students across the United States in the coming award year. Student response to the increase has been overwhelmingly positive. Mesekiu's News interviewed students yesterday to gauge response and nearly all were in favor of the increase. Arke Tolenoa, said that the increase would greatly benefit students in their pursuit of education here at PCC.

Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) Treasurer Marvin J. Matthew also greatly favored the increase it comes at a perfect time to cover the recent increase in tuition. Interested students and their parents are encouraged to contact the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid to find out how one can apply for the Pell Grant program, including other federal student aid such as the College Work-Study program.

Fact Book, from Front Page

Fact Book acknowledges the help of numerous College staff who provided data and input for the publication. Special thanks to Vice President Olegeriil, Personnel Manager Karen Mobel, Business Office Manager Lori Joseph, Registrar Lesley Adachi, Director Deikola Olikong, and instructors Elizabeth deJong and Danka Ledgerwood. Other colleges and universities in the Pacific are also working on similar publications all in an effort to facilitate the exchange of information between schools.

CACC Holds Meeting on Campus



President Tellei (r) meeting with CACC members in the Board Room.

The Civic Action Coordination Committee (CACC) held its monthly regular meeting last Tuesday in the PCC Board Room. President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei who is a member and recently took over as chair of the committee from Billy Kuartei, former Chief of Staff under the Remengesau administration, invited the group to meet on campus. Representing the new administration of Toribiong to

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WCTC Staff Finish Mandarin Class

Several employees of one of the biggest private companies in Palau- Western Caroline Trading Company received their Certificate of Completion last night after weeks of intensive lessons in conversational Mandarin. PCC President Tellei and Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally were at hand to congratulate the students and hand out certificates. The Mandarin language program was taught by instructor Ginger Tzu-Ching Chen.

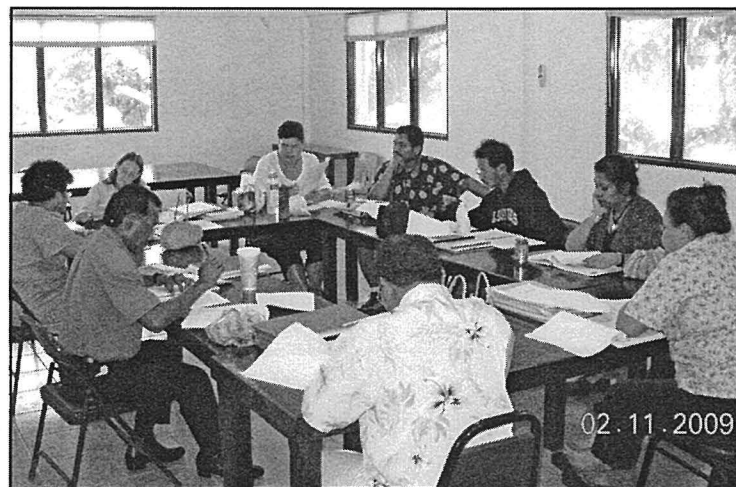


President Tellei (2nd right) congratulates a student of the Mandarin language program as Instructor Chen and Dean Wally look on.

Accreditation Self-Study Update

The writing of the final description of the college's 2010 comprehensive Self-Study Report has begun. The 2010 Self-Study Steering Committee, tasked with the report's design and publication, has made

commendable progress in the overall completion of the report. For the final description the Steering Committee must thoroughly review each Standard's Committee descriptions to ensure that their dialogues accurately address the content from the *Guide to Evaluating Institutions*, and furthermore the steering committee must respond to the official recommendations from the 2003 Self-Study Report and integrate into the



Accreditation Self-Study Steering Committee meeting

report their responses to the evaluation questions posed by the Accreditation Team's Report Findings in their 2007 visit as well. The final descriptions of each standard with completed appraisals and plans are tentatively scheduled to be submitted before the Self-Study Steering Committee on March 27, 2009.

BITS AND PIECES...

TODAY

Voc. Tech. Week steering committee members to meet today at 4:00 pm at the Auto Mechanics classroom.

TODAY

Master Plan subcommittee membership due today to Armstrong at the Development Office. You may also email them to polou@palau.edu. Please contact Armstrong or Nino at ext. 253 if you have any questions. Thank you.

LEARN PALAUAN

Basic Palauan Class Forming...

Do you want to learn Palauan? The Continuing Education is forming a class for basic Palauan language. Interested individuals are asked to contact Dean Willy Wally at the Continuing Education office at 488-2471, ext. 237.

REMEMBER

Dates to Remember

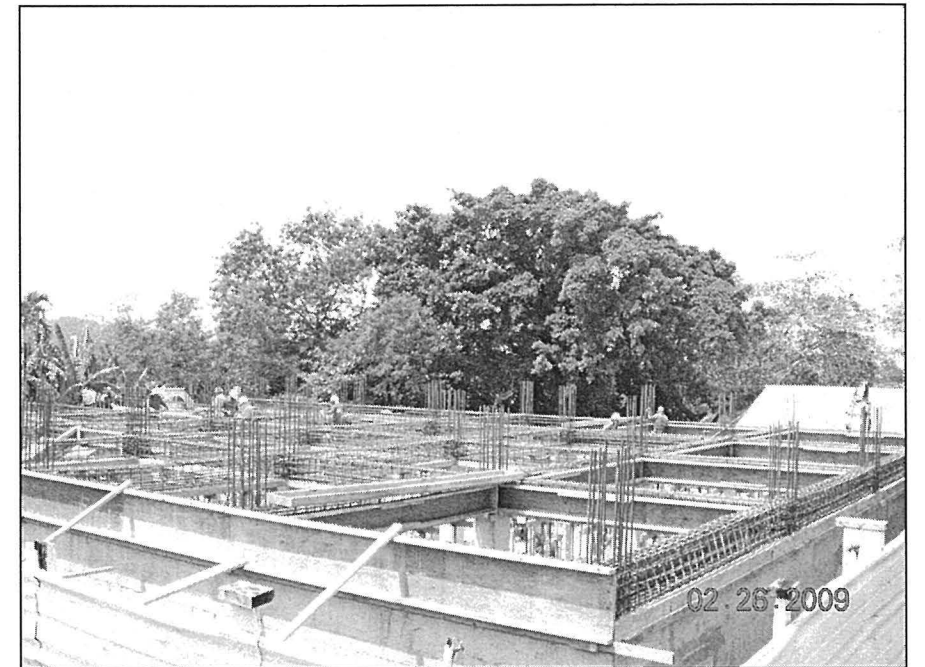
- March 9-13 Midterm Period
- March 12-13 Science Fair
- March 16 Youth Day
- March 16-20 Spring Break
- March 18-19 Voc. Tech. Week
- March 20 Last Day of Withdrawals
- April 2 Charter Day
- April 3 Charter Day Celebrated

APOLOGIES

Mesekiu's News Hiccups...

In the front page story in last Friday's Mesekiu's News issue "IT Design Interactive Game for Voc. Tech. Week", we erroneously referred to IT student Evan Ongrung as Ervin Ongrung in the photo caption. Our apologies to Evan Ongrung for error.

58 Days Into 270 Days of Construction of the New PCC Library



Workers put finishing touch on the rebar and forms for the second floor tie beams yesterday. Concrete pouring should take place over the weekend. The new PCC Library will be a three-story structure with a section of its top floor designated for faculty offices. Construction work is slated to be completed in September.

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the meeting was Seit Andres. Other CACC members representing the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Environmental Quality Protection Board, and the Capital Improvement Project office were also in attendance.

US Air Force Civic Action Team Officer-in-Charge Captain Christopher Bulson,

and Master Sergeant Freddie Davis who attended the meeting on behalf of the CAT Team, briefed everyone on the status of on-going CAT Team projects.

The Civic Action Coordination Committee is a Palau government body that meets on a monthly basis with CAT Team officers to review and qualify applications for community projects to be performed by the CAT Team.

Continuing Education Training Programs

Class	Status/Participants
1. Mandarin Class	Ongoing/Public
2. Counseling Class	Ongoing/Ministry of Health
3. Japanese Class	Phillipine Embassy
4. Customer Service and Communication	Palau National Communications Corp (PNCC)
5. National Incident Management System	Ministry of Health Ministry of Justice
6. Residential Appraisal	Interested Community
7. Basic Computer	Community
8. Computer Class-PAGEMAKER	Social Security Office
9. Emergency Management Training	Ministry of Justice
10. Outboard Motor Repair Class	Community

To find out more about the above training programs or other CE training services, contact the Dean of Continuing Education Willy Wally at 488-2471, ext. 239.