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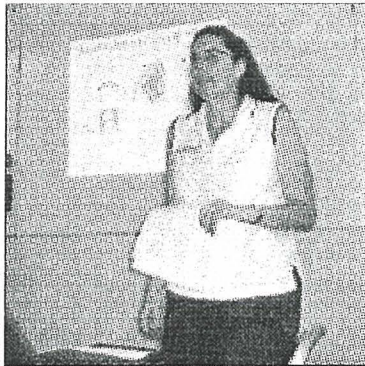
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Weekly Newsletter

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## ***UH-Manoa Specialist Helps CRE Host Workshop***

Leilani Rechelluul, PCC-CRE staff



Trisha Macomber, Educational Specialist from the University of Hawaii-Manoa.

On February 24, 2005, Palau Community College Cooperative Research & Extension hosted a Rainwater Catchment Systems workshop at the CE Training room. PCC-CRE was fortunate to have Trisha Macomber, an Educational Specialist from University of Hawaii, Manoa- College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR)/ Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management conduct the workshop to mostly government employees. The workshop covered topics on *Rainwater Catchment systems, Water Testing (H2S), Contaminants, Catchment Maintenance, water & human health, decontamination techniques, and water purification techniques (including solar pasteurization in water*

*bottles).*

The workshop was attended by representatives from the Department of Environmental Health, Palau- EQPB, Koror State Sanitation Division, Melekeok State Government, Ngaraard State Government and staff from PCC-CRE. Participants said that the workshop was very educational and they information they acquired will help them in their work of purifying, testing and improving water quality to the community. *Please call at 488-2746 for more information about this workshop.*

### **Voc./Tech. Educational Week Schedule**

#### **Monday 3/13/06**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Elm. Students

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Elm. Students

#### **Tuesday 3/14/06**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Elm. Students

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Elm. Students

#### **Wednesday 3/15/06**

Youth Day Holiday

#### **Thursday 3/16/06**

9:00 am - 11:00 am - High Sch. Students

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - High Sch. Students

#### **Friday 3/17/06**

9:00 am - 11:00 am - Public Tour

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Item Auction/Sale

**For more information, please call  
Sherman Daniel or Vicky Maui at 488-2471.**

## **President Tellei Meets with Faculty Senate Association**

PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, Ed.D., met with Faculty Senate Association (FSA) members last week to discuss a number of subject matters ranging from accreditation and improvement of student learning outcomes to a new faculty office and lounge area that is planned to occupy the basement level of the new library building.

During the meeting, Dr. Tellei shared with FSA Officers and the entire FSA membership that the Accrediting Commission has accepted the Progress Report that was submitted in October 2005 and thanked everyone for their

dedication and support in the ongoing accreditation process.

He said that the commission accepted the Progress Report but also emphasized that the Focused Midterm Report which is due by March 15, 2007, should focus on the improvement of student learning outcome (SLO) through systematic cycles of planning and evaluation. Dr. Tellei asked for everyone's continued support as work gets underway for the preparation of the Focused Midterm Report.

Dr. Tellei also disclosed plans for a

centralized office area and lounge for faculty members. He said that the new library building's 1st floor area is being designed to accommodate several faculty offices, a lounge area including a kitchen facility. A centralized faculty area will benefit not only the instructors but also the students, providing them with a one-stop area where they can see all their instructors.

Encouraging them take advantage of staff development opportunities, Dr. Tellei also said that the faculty should not be distracted with advising, but rather focus on teaching and staff development. He suggested that FSA should appoints and ad-hoc committee to put a plan in place for staff development, taking into account that time off during spring break and summer are ideal for attending workshops and conferences.

The meeting concluded with Dr. Tellei proposing that a follow-up evening meeting be arranged so that more instructors may participate.

## HRD Conducts Meeting on ASC Retirement Plan

Karen Mobil, Personnel Manager with the Human Resource Department conducted meetings last week with PCC employees to gauge their knowledge and interest about the Administrative Services Corporation (ASC) retirement plan.

Mobil said that this retirement plan is open to all College employees including those who are currently enrolled in the Civil Service Pension Plan (CSPP). "Unlike the Civil Service Pension Plan where only Palauan citizens are eligible, the ASC plan covers everyone," said Mobil during the meeting. "This is an excellent option for those College employees who are not eligible for the current College retirement plan," she added.

Mobil also said that similar to the CSPP matching percentage, the College will match up to 6% of contributions by those employees who enroll in the ASC and are not eligible for the CSPP.

Interested employees are encouraged to stop or call the Human Resource Department at 488-2471, ext. 227 for more detailed information.

## Students Visit Local Construction Site, Learn About Steel Framing

Always looking for ways to further expand the scope of his students' learning experience, Construction Technology instructor Lester Rekemesik took students in his CT 122 (Floor & Wall Framing) & CT 123 (Roof Framing) classes to visit a local construction site in Malakal where a multi-story steel frame hotel is being built.

The visit to the site was made possible after instructor Rekemesik's request was given the okay by the hotel owner Ngirasibong Lucius Malsol.

Rekemesik said that the construction technology classes he currently teaches touches on floor, wall, and roof framing techniques and methods, with the use of concrete and wood. "The site tour and inspection was extra special as the steel frame construction gave my students the opportunity to learn about the distinctively different framing procedures through the use of steel," he said.

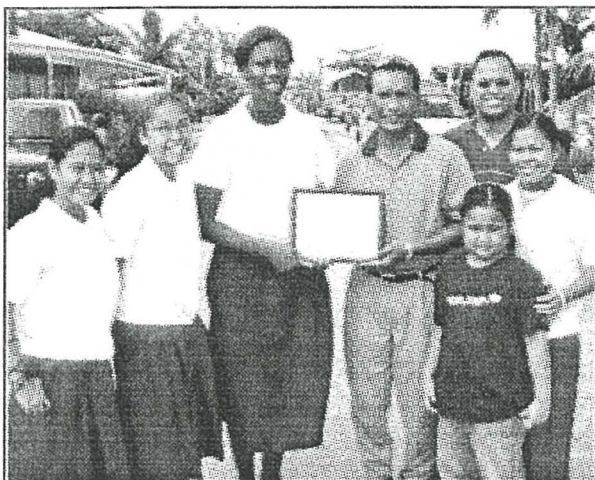


Construction Technology students with their instructor Lester Rekemesik, visit a hotel construction site in Malakal.

Rekemesik and his students were shown around the site by Ngirasibong Lucius Malsol, who introduced the students to some of the workers who were brought in from overseas to work on the steel frame structure. Ngirasibong praised the students for selecting the field of construction technology, emphasizing the tremendous local need for skilled construction workers.

The students said that the site visit was very informative and extend their appreciation to Ngirasibong for his assistance in making the visit possible.

## Associate Dean Recognized by Local High School



Associate Dean of Technical Education Sherman Daniel (c-right) receives a plaque of appreciation from Mindszenty high school students and their teacher/advisor Martin Carl (b-right).

Mindszenty High School students, accompanied by their teacher/advisor Martin Carl stopped on campus earlier this week to present a plaque of appreciation to Associate Dean of Technical Education, Sherman Daniel.

The plague was awarded to Daniel as a token of the students' gratitude for his participation during the Catholic Mission Schools' Week celebration which was held during January 31-February 6.

Daniel was invited by organizers of the Catholic Mission Schools' Week to represent Palau Community College as one of the guest speakers during the week-long celebration.

The students and their advisor Carl, who were themselves members of the organizing committee thanked Daniel for his talk during the Catholic Mission Schools' Week. They said that his address to students about the importance of vocational education in Palau was very informative, especially to Mindszenty High School students who do not have vocational areas in their school curriculum like other high schools in Palau.

## **BITS AND PIECES...**

### **Continuing Education's Palauan Language Class Gets Thumbs-Up...**

The recently-concluded Basic Palauan Language class conducted by the Continuing Education was very successful according to students who took the class.

The students gave the class and the instructor Myorang Miner high marks during the post-lesson evaluation. According to Miner, the students, who were mostly Americans, said that they enjoyed learning Palauan language so much that they asked for a similar class to be offered again but will also include Palauan culture.

In response to the request, the Continuing Education office has already scheduled the next Palauan class for the first week of next month. All interested individuals are asked to contact Shay or Taruu at 488-6223 for registration.

### **IT Instructor Gets Nod to Facilitate Technology Classes for SDSU...**



Johvanna Yaoch

PCC Faculty member Johvanna Yaoch received word from San Diego State University that she has been approved to serve as a

class facilitator for all technology courses offered through the online bachelors program.

Yaoch was approved after her credentials were received and accepted by Dr. Steve Spencer who is the director of the Center for Pacific Studies at SDSU, overseeing the online program offering with PCC.

Yaoch is currently teaching IT 105 (PC Office Application), IT 200 (Intermediate PC Office), CS 100 (Computer Literacy).

## **SSS-Project Beacon: Jobsite Visit and Dorm Activities**



Project Beacon students and instructors at Dolphins Pacific office after their visit to Dolphins Bay Park.

On February 21, 2006, Twenty-two (22) Project Beacon students went on a Jobsite visit to Dolphins Pacific. The students enjoyed the "walking tour" of Dolphin Bay, and had fun avoiding getting wet from the dolphins' splashing tricks. Amid the fun, it was quite an educational experience for the students. As noted by one of the program participants, Shane Salvador, "Dolphin Bay is well-equipped and accessible for disabled people, especially in 'close encounters' where there are hydraulic lifts to bring the individual into the water to interact with the dolphins. More interestingly, that dolphins have special connections with the disabled and therefore, are not threatened by them, even when they block the dolphin's blow hole." Heston Aluka Kebou, a Project Beacon student also noted that, he was happy to learn that Dolphins Pacific staff, tries to educate people about the importance



Project Beacon students take a break from the Financial Aid workshop to pose for a picture.

of cleaning and conserving all marine living things in Dolphin Bay as well as Palau waters.

After the tour, the students enjoyed a relaxing moment at the Emerald Lagoon and participated in a Workshop entitled "Careers in Marine Science". The topic of the workshop was

appropriate as it relates to the nature of the work conducted at Dolphin Bay. The intent of the workshop was to inform students of the various career opportunities in Marine Science or related field. To supplement the workshop, Dolphin Bay's Supervisor Billy Watson gave a brief summary of his own career path and how he ended up being a supervisor/dolphin trainer. He was also able to demonstrate how to train dolphins, as well as other household pets like cats, dogs and roosters. To conclude our trip, the students enjoyed a light lunch before returning to school.

In another activity, on Friday night, February 24, 2006, Project Beacon held a "Financial Aid Workshop." The focus was to remind students to renew their FAFSA applications, and reiterate the eligibility requirements for receiving aid, including the importance of maintaining

good financial standing in order to continue receiving financial aid. Since it was a Friday night, program staff treated students to a movie. Aside from providing a fun activity for our students, it was also an opportunity for them to relax and get to know each other better on an informal setting. Students that participated enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to the next scheduled dorm activities.

**Alumni Notes**  
**Class of 2003 (PCC)**



*Sabina Andrew-2003 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Tourism & Hospitality- Tour Services. Andrew currently works as a teacher at Palau High School- Palau's biggest high school.*

**Class of 1998(PCC)**



*Lbhong Walter-1998 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk. Walter has been with the Pacific Savings Bank for 7 years as a New Account Clerk.*

**Class of 1996 (PCC)**



*Jolanda Warren-1996 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Police Science Academy. Warren is working as a Customs Officer under the Ministry of Finance. She has been with the Ministry for 9 years.*

**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*

**Celebrating Birthdays**



Deikola Olikong March 08

Happy Birthday To You!



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**"Tuesday Night" Program  
Focus on HIV/AIDS  
Education**



Mayla Adolph talking to students about HIV/AIDS and its prevention.

HIV/AIDS education and awareness was the focus of attention during last "Tuesday Night" program which was held at the PCC cafeteria. Mrs. Mayla Adolph and Mrs. Margaret Sisserson from the HIV/AIDS program with the Ministry of Health shared with PCC students information about the deadly virus and ways in which it can be prevented from spreading. Dorm manager Ephraim Ngirachitei who organized the event with the help of others from Student Life and Housing expressed their gratitude to Mayla Adolph and Margaret Sisserson for their presentation.

They also thanked Edward Anastacio and his group for the live music and entertainment.

The next "Tuesday Night" program is scheduled for March 28. Everyone is invited.



Deikola Olikong(r), PCC counselor joins students in a work session during the "Tuesday Night" Program.

**Vacancy  
Announcements**

Position: Researcher/Aquaculturist  
Location: Cooperative Research & Extension  
Salary: \$25,000- \$30,000 per annum  
*(depending on qualifications)*

Position: (1) Science Instructor  
Location: Student Support Services Office  
*(federally funded program)*  
Salary: \$16,010- \$18,730 per annum  
*(depending on qualifications)*

Application forms can be obtained from the Human Resources Division at Palau Community College or by visiting our website at [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu).

**Tax & Licenses Workshop**

Presented by: Palau SBDC, Division of Revenue & Taxation, and Social Security Administration



Date: Thursday, March 9, 2006  
Time: 6:00 pm

Place: PCC Btaches Building, Room 68  
What to bring: USB drive, CDRW

Synopsis: Introduction to new imposed tax regulations on businesses, employment, tax calculations, and general overview on various business licenses.

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