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MAY: THE NATIONAL HERITAGE MONTH

It is common knowledge to Filipinos that the month of May showcases a lot of Philippine traditions. We have fiesta celebrations happening in different barangays, *Flores de Mayo* which highlights Filipina beauties and personalities and even procession of different saints and images of Mama Mary bringing into light the significance of religiosity of every Filipino devotee. All these and more are just but few important celebrations Filipinos commonly value and observe.

More so, the month of May celebrates the National Heritage Month which features different traditions, the Filipino pride, and timeless cultural practices. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's Proclamation No. 439 declares the month of May of every year as National Heritage Month, keeping the state informed about conserving and promoting the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources.

Truly, the Heritage month brings out the cultural awareness where everyone is invited to witness the wealth of history of the country. It also reminds the novelty, heroism, pride, freedom, and honor of every individual involved in the discourse of history.

"You can't tell cultural heritage to sleep while we're helping the poor earn a living. It could disappear or die if you don't preserve it now."

Amb. Ramon V. del Rosario
Chairman, PHINMA Foundation

Thus, we could hear a lot of stories from the past that are worth recalling every now and then. Personally, I believe that history is part of our lives and should be recognized and valued by all because it helps us grow in wisdom to gradually understand ourselves, our relationships to others and to the country as a whole.

The legacy and heritage of Filipino traditions and practices should be installed in us to deeply strengthen our awareness of our culture, to actively involve ourselves to whatever activities it calls in promoting the Filipino values and be proud of.

Jenneth G. Capule

A SEQUEL TO THE ADVENTURE OF DR. JOHN CROSSLEY

Dr. John N. Crossley, a professor of Logic from Monash University in Australia and who was featured in the previous issue of the *News-in-Print* was again in Manila last January 29, 2008; the purpose of his re-visit was to continue his explorations on the 16th century rare books of the Heritage Library that might possibly belong to Fernando de los Ríos.

Upon his return, Dr. Crossley gave the Library a copy of his article entitled *One Man's Library, Manila, ca. 1611 – a First Look* which was published in the *Script and Print*, vol. 3, no. 4 (2006), the bulletin of the Bibliographical Society of Australia and New Zealand. The said article highlighted the library of the University of Santo Tomas of Manila as unique in the Philippines having a significant and very large rare books collection where he found a number of books in the 16th century that belonged to De los Ríos. He

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FORUM ON HANDLING DONATIONS

The Philippine Normal University–Library Science (PNU-LISSA), Inc. organized a forum entitled “Handling Donations and Outsourcing Websites.” This was held on May 13, 2008 at the PLAI Office, 3rd Flr. of the National Library in Ermita, Manila.

The forum was divided into two (2) sessions: “Handling Donations and Outsourcing” was discussed during the morning session by Ms. Consuelo J. Estigoy, Chief Librarian of the Eduardo Josen Library in Tarlac. She discussed how Wikipedia defines sourcing. “Effective sourcing increases the breadth and depth of the resource.” This caters to the educational needs of the institution and to scholars who depend on the collection. Strategies of sourcing include sourcing assessment, project management, donor selection evaluation and strategic sourcing. A good solicitor must:

- ◆ be resourceful,
- ◆ establish a good network,
- ◆ be diligent in follow-up, and
- ◆ have a positive attitude.

A guideline on handling donations was presented along with a sample solicitation letter that can be used for requesting books. A list of free online resources recommended to researchers was also shared.

The afternoon session was held at the Thomas Jefferson Information Center (TJIC), US Embassy in Manila. The participants were welcomed by the newly appointed Director of TJIC, Ms. Reyza Alenzuela. She presented an overview of the TJIC, its mission, that is, to assist Filipinos in understanding the United States by providing information and materials which focus on American policies, practices, history, and culture. The Embassy is also tasked to respond to requests for current information from policy makers as well as from the general public.

Their services mainly involve reference and outreach. Reference services are being extended to contacts, mission officers and staff,

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ACQUISITION AND ORGANIZATION OF ELECTRONIC RESOURCES IN LIBRARY SERVICES

The University of Santo Tomas Library Science Alumni Association (USTLSAA) in cooperation with the De La Salle University Library organized a 2-day seminar entitled "Acquisition and Organization of Electronic Resources in Library Services." It was held on April 16 & 17, 2008 at the College of St Benilde (CSB) Hotel in Malate, Manila.

This seminar was one of the major activities of the USTLSAA Board of Officers 2006-2008. The objectives are as follows:

1. to acquaint information professionals with alternative ways of acquiring library materials;
2. to aid librarians in collecting and developing electronic resources;
3. to acquire new knowledge in cataloging and indexing library materials using standards;
4. to share experiences, challenges, and solutions to problems/concerns on collection development and library services in the electronic environment;
5. to train participants on how to assess and promote electronic journals in academic libraries; and
6. to present methods of organizing library materials using different standards.

The opening remarks was delivered by Dr. Nora Claravall, ex-officio, a professor and expert in the field of information technology. On the first day of the seminar, there were four sessions; all the speakers come from De La Salle University Library. The first topic was “Collection Development and Management of Electronic Resources” which was discussed by Ms. William S. A. Frias, head, Technical Department of DLSU Library. The second lecture was “On-line Ordering and Acquisition: an Emerging Trend in Digital by Ms. Jocelyn Balangue, Acquisition Librarian of DLSU. Ms. Alicia Rillo, consultant, Tanco Asia Philippines and Mr. Hussein Mipanpa of Asia Philippines discussed “Digitization of Library Materials.” The topic on “Promotion of Electronic Journals in Academic Libraries” was discussed by Mr. Jomini Manuel Abaya, Sales

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UST LIBRARY IN-HOUSE SEMINAR

The yearly in-house seminar of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library staff was held on May 29-30, 2008 at the Conference Hall of the Library. The Committee on Professional Development in coordination with the Committee on Physical Facilities organized the activity entitled “Fundamentals of an Excellent Workflow.”

The Invocation was given by Ms. Leonila Manuel, head librarian of the Social Sciences section. Ms. Kaori Fuchigami, one of the Reference librarians, delivered the opening remarks. Three members of the staff shared their insights about the seminars they attended during the past year. Invited speakers talked on different topics of their expertise.

Ms. Fatima Calingasan, one of the catalogers, acted as emcee during the first day. Ms. Ginalyn Matias, a staff assigned at the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library, echoed the seminar she attended on the “Conservation of Documentary Heritage Collection.” She talked about the conservation, preservation and restoration of rare collections. The topic “Developing New Skills, Competencies and Improved Attitudes: a Manifesto for Today’s Librarian” was discussed by Ms. Michelle San Gabriel, head librarian of the UST High School Library. She mentioned the importance of information technology in the library, fundamentals of ethics to librarianship, skills of a modern librarian and the active involvement of the librarian in qualitative research. She read the *Manifesto for the Millennium Librarian* prepared by Prof. Candida Agcaoili, former UST Chief Librarian and currently a professor at the UST Graduate School, in order to inform the librarians of their roles and responsibilities.

Still on the first day, Dr. Rhona Bergantin, Infectious Disease Specialist from the UST Hospital talked on the “Whats, Hows and Whys of Dengue.” She explained the signs and symptoms of dengue fever as well as the preventive measures against the virus.

The origin and characteristics of a mosquito-carrying dengue was discussed by Mr. Hilario Villegas, Sanitary Inspector, District IV in his topic entitled “Ipinakikilala: Lamok ng Dengue.” Dr. Ma Salve Olalia, Director of the UST Health Service talked about “USTeps to Dengue Prevention.” She gave importance on proper hygiene, good sanitation and prevention against dengue fever. She presented the plans and programs of the UST Health Service to promote healthy lifestyle, good



The roster of speakers: (from left) Mrs. G. Santiago, Mr. H. Villegas & Dr. S. Olalia, Engr. O. Gagarin, Ms. N. Matawaran, Atty. N. Divina, Ms. M. San Gabriel, Prof. C. Bautista, Dr. R. Bergantin, and Ms. M. Palermo.

sanitation as well as the wellness program for the Thomasian community. “Show Me the Money” was the topic of the speaker Assoc. Prof. Charmina Lou Bautista, faculty member, Faculty of Engineering. She gave practical tips on how to manage one’s finances, the types of investments and how to become a millionaire. She advocates a simple lifestyle and to share one’s blessings with the less fortunate ones. According to her, “the more we give, the more we will receive.” Ms. Nora Matawaran, head librarian of the Serials section, shared what she learned from the seminar on “Books Across Asia.” According to her, reading is very important because it expands a person’s perspective; “people who read more, know more.” The seminar discussed the new paradigm in librarianship, multiple roles of librarian and the importance of knowing your ASEAN neighbors through reading.

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USTHS LIBRARY ORGANIZES FORUM ON “INTERNET AS AN INFORMATION RESOURCE”

Information age has tremendously changed the way we live today. Our lives and everyday tasks have been greatly affected by the so-called Information and Communications Technology (ICT). We are becoming more inclined to ICT, knowing very well about the potentials this technology could offer as it continually upgrades the way we live, the way we do business, and the way we explore for greater knowledge. Even kids are already exposed to the wonders of information and communication technology. In view of this, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library in

modern technology, to use this knowledge to become better individuals. The Master of Ceremonies for this activity was Mr. Charles Deita, also a faculty member from the UST High School.

Engr. Jale Nonan, E-leap Technology and Infrastructure Manager from the UST Ed-Tech Center, was the guest speaker. His presentation included the following:

- ◆ Introduction to the Internet and the world wide web. He discussed the simple definition of Internet as the “collection of computers scattered all over the world that are connected together to share information across each other;” the keyword is INFORMATION
- ◆ How the Internet works. He presented the Internet movie **Warriors of the Net**, a perfect tool for introducing Internet to novice users to help them visualize on how the Net works.
- ◆ Comparison between life before the Internet and now – with regards to classroom set-up, process of research and interaction.
- ◆ Overview of the tools and information that are available on the Internet.



In photo are: Ms. A. Timbangcaya, Engr. J Nonan, Ms. M. San Gabriel and Mr. R. Sandoval.

cooperation with the UST High School department, organized a forum entitled **Internet as an Information Resource**; the purpose of which is to empower the students in the effective, productive, and creative use of the Internet. It was held last March 6, 2008 at the Benavides Auditorium, UST High School building.

Mrs. Eden Tolentino, Principal of the UST High School department, gave the inspirational message, reminding and encouraging students to be at par with the others in terms of the proper and meaningful use of the Internet. The opening remarks was delivered by Mr. Raymond Sandoval, faculty member and the Library Coordinator of the High School department. He focused on the need for students to become knowledgeable about

<p>The Classroom - Then</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The blackboard/ whiteboard ◆ Paper quizzes/exams ◆ Typewritten projects ◆ “Manila paper” reports 	<p>The Classroom – Now</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Online Classes ◆ Online quizzes/exams ◆ “Computerized” project ◆ “Powerpoint” reports
<p>Research – Then</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The encyclopedia ◆ The library ◆ Books 	<p>Research – Now</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Wikipedia ◆ The library online ◆ eBooks
<p>Interaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The gaming arcade ◆ The diary/slambook 	<p>Interaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ online gaming phenomenon ◆ Friendster/ Myspac/ Facebook/ Multiply ◆ Blogs

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USTLA LIBRARY TOUR

The University of Santo Tomas Librarians Association (USTLA) conducted a library tour last October 19, 2007. The two libraries visited were ABS-CBN Library and Ateneo de Manila Rizal Library. The activity aims to enhance the professional growth of the librarians through observation and hands-on experience on the different services that these libraries offer.

The first destination was the ABS-CBN Library Archives. It is composed of seven centers. One of the centers was headed by Ms. Dorie Camacho, a true-blooded Thomasian. She is the director of Media Asset Management Center (MAMC) where the translation transcription and synopsis of films were done. The presentation was done at their conference hall by two members of the staff who were also UST graduates. There was a power point presentation of the various services the network offers. It also tells how a film is transferred to other media such as VHS, CD, DVD and other digital formats. According to Ms. Camacho, this project costs billion of dollars. The big server which they call MAMS is an enterprise multimedia management solution providing control of their collection all over the world.

The Film Archives Center is the next center that the group visited. The functions of this area are

restoration, scanning, dubbing and film inspection. The archives vault is also located in this area. The film, pictures, posters, costumes, etc. are placed in the compact shelves for preservation purposes. The other area that the librarians went to see was the Technical Operation Center (TOC) which is composed of 70,000 films. They are not using LC or DDC Classification Scheme. Instead, they have their own classification system and it was observed that materials are arranged by names of the artists and synopsis of films.

The second destination was the Ateneo de Manila Rizal Library. Ms. Susan Pador, the head of the Reference section, was kind enough to tour the librarians around. She explained the different electronic resources they have in their collections. To mention a few are: ProQuest, EBSCO, Encyclopedia Britannica Online, ACM Digital Library, ACS (American Chemical Society), ISI Current Contents, PROLA, AIP (American Institute of Physics). She also showed the library's huge Acquisition and Technical room. The Circulation counter which can be found at the annex library has a total floor area of 7,000 sq. m. The reading room has a 700 seating capacity while the multimedia room can accommodate 40 users which included a typing room and photocopying machines. The computer section has 161 computers for students' use. There is also a "self-service machine" for those who borrow books by themselves. This is done by

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MIGUEL DE BENAVIDES LIBRARY GOES TO CAMIGUIN DE BABUYANES

Camiguin de Babuyan is one of the five major isles of the Babuyan group of islands. It is located 100 miles in the northern most part of the Philippines. It is separated from the rest of Luzon by the Babuyan Channel and from the Batanes Islands north of Balintang Channel. Camiguin Island is usually hit by strong typhoon thrice every year between July to November. During these months agricultural activities are indigent.

At present, Camiguin Island has five schools; three elementary (Minabel Elementary School, Naguilian Elementary School, Balatubat Elementary School), and two high schools, (Calayan High School -Camiguin Annex and Lyceum of Camiguin). The students had to go to mainland Aparri for their college education.

Four librarians from the UST Miguel de

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The team of librarians flanked by the supporting teams (2nd from left: F. Calingasan, K. Fuchigami, S. Viernes and C. Lopez with Fr. Mactal, O.P. at the center).

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pointed out that it is noteworthy to consider that these books together with over four hundred (400) other books printed before 1600 are still in Manila and have survived the tropical climate, insects infestations, and most of all, the bombing during the Second World War. Also included in his article is a brief account of the life of De los Ríos giving emphasis on significant points such as:

- ◆ *his arrival to the Philippines from Mexico in 1588*
- ◆ *his excellent reputation as a mathematician and astronomer*
- ◆ *was the administrator of the royal hospital in Manila in 1594*
- ◆ *was responsible for appointing a Chinese artist to make a statue of Our Lady of the Rosary (La Naval), which is still in Santo Domingo church in Manila*
- ◆ *he drew the first large-scale colored map of Luzon and Taiwan in 1597*
- ◆ *became a secular priest in about 1600.*
- ◆ *returned to Spain in 1605 as Procurator General and came back to the Philippines in 1611*
- ◆ *went back to Spain in 1618, and there he presented various memorials to the king, especially about treating the Filipinos properly and respectfully.*

According to Dr. Crossley, nothing has been heard of him after that year.

I have come to know more about Dr. Crossley and his current research when I had interviewed him last February 13, 2008. Although he had always been extremely attentive to accuracy and details, still the entire interview had been light and enjoyable. He mentioned that after examining thoroughly all the 16th century rare books, he had found another seven books belonging to De los Ríos of which one is doubtful. However, he also found ten other books with the ownership mark “Colegio de Nuestra Señora del Santo Rosario,” the name of the University of Santo Tomas in 1611. When I asked him what made him interested in exploring the books of De los Ríos, he said that it is the most notable book in the library. The first edition of Copernicus’ *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium* which apparently belonged to De los Ríos, really entices him. He said that this book is the entry point to look for more books of De los Ríos. It was Fr. Angel Aparicio, O. P. that initially drew his attention to it. When Dr. Crossley found the name of De los Ríos on the title page of this *Copernicus’* book, it prompted him to check other scientific books previous to 1600 that are at the UST Heritage Library. Since he is a mathematician by profession, this made him more interested about De los Ríos’ works since the latter was also a mathematician and astronomer. Finally, Dr. Crossley discovered that De los Ríos had only few works about ‘science’ and ‘navigation’;

majority of his books are on ‘exegesis of the Bible’.

The next part of my interview was like a blast from the past when he recalled how long he has been conducting research in the Philippines and how he has come to the library of the University. It was in the year 1974 when he first came to the Philippines to do some works on Mathematics. Later, as he was conducting his research in Oxford in 1979, he came across a book entitled *Barlaam at Josaphat* in one of the entries of a catalogue in the Bodleian Library. This book was in Tagalog and published by the University of Santo Tomas Press in 1712. When he came to the UST Library, he was introduced by Prof. Regalado Trota Jose, a consultant from the Center for Conservation of Cultural Property and Environment in the Tropics (CCPET), to Fr. Aparicio from whom he came to know that the UST Heritage Library has a copy of the Spanish edition of *Barlaam at Josaphat*, also published by the UST Press. Aside from this book and the book of Copernicus, Dr. Crossley felt more fascinated about the invaluable collections of the Heritage Library.

Dr. Crossley plans to publish a paper with the title *Una Biblioteca Española en las Islas Filipinas en 1611*” which will feature all the books of De los Ríos. He also gave a seminar in Monash University last March about De los Ríos and his books. Lastly, he plans to go to Europe this year, particularly to Seville, Spain, to search for more information about this fascinating figure.

According to Dr. Crossley, studying the books of De los Ríos, one gets an idea of the turmoil of the political and spiritual situations in the 16th century. He also added that during this period, Martin Luther was an active leader of a great religious revolt and that, many books on heresies came out. The Council of Trent was sitting then for a long time between 1545 and 1563. It marked a major turning point in the efforts of the Catholic church to respond to the challenge of the Protestant Reformation and formed a key part of the Counter-Reformation. Aside from the books of De los Ríos, Dr. Crossley also admired his concern for the *Indios* (native Filipinos) whom he wanted to be treated lawfully.

It has been a great privilege to interview Dr. John N. Crossley, a man of blithe spirit, big-hearted, and highly knowledgeable. It is so rewarding to know of a person who came all the way from Australia and has made a significant recognition of the rare collections of the UST Heritage Library. He has opened the minds of the people of the world to the realm of these invaluable rare books where only few would know of its existence and significance.

Jenneth G. Capule

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and individuals who need information about the US by phone, fax and e-mail. Ms. Alenzuela stressed that they can answer any inquiry about US except inquiries about acquiring a US visa. Sources of information are books, journals and online resources which include US government websites, Internet and databases. Part of their outreach service is TJIC Alert, Subject Bibliography, Information Packets, Lectures and Presentations, American Corner and American Shelves.

TJIC Alert is the official newsletter of the center with topics on democracy and human rights, political security, economics, global issues, and society and values. It is being distributed to other libraries and institutions nationwide. Subject Bibliography of print and electronic materials are also customized to address every current issue. Information Packets are compilation issue-oriented materials prepared to provide background information. Lectures, Trainings, and Presentations are being conducted to promote the US Embassy Homepage, services and resources, and to assist in accessing US information resources. Currently, there are 14 American Corners installed in the different regions of the Philippines: 3 in Luzon, 4 in Visayas, and 7 in Mindanao.

An overview of the American Studies Resource Center (ASRC) at the De La Salle University was presented by its Director, Ms. Jocelyn Ladlad. The collection of the old Thomas Jefferson Library in Makati was transferred to this center.

The affair was concluded by Ms. Brinerdine Alejandrino, Information Resource Specialists, who discussed the different US government websites. She gave useful tips on how US websites can be easily identified to suit a specific inquiry.

The forum was successful in enriching knowledge and skills on how to handle donations which could be useful to the Gifts and Exchange section of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. Added insights on one of the world's most influential nations surely intensify our reference services.

Maria Czarina D. Lopez

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Consultant of CENGAGE Learning. In-between sessions there were product demonstrations.

On the second day, there were two lectures: the first was "On-line Cataloging and Indexing of Library Materials Using MARC," by Ms. Ana Maria B. Fresnido, Library Director of DLSU. The last topic was "Assessment of On-line Resources" by Ms. Frias. There was an open forum after each topic. A half-day tour of the De La Salle Library and its Museum was conducted on the second day.

The activity was a very fruitful undertaking of the USTLSAA Board of Officers in its effort to continue the project initiated by the demised president of the Association, Ms. Sally Tuason of Jose Rizal University (JRU). The leadership of the Association was left in the hands of the current Vice-President Ms. Cynthia Cordova, De La Salle University, Taft with the able assistance of the rest of the officers, namely, Ms. Marivic Usita, University of Santo Tomas (UST), Ms. Emerlita Rodis, St. Joseph's College (SJC), Ms. Dorie Camacho, ABS-CBN, Ms. Ma. Teresa Estoya, UST and Ms. Cecille Lobo, UST.

Marivic G. Usita

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For the second day, the emcee was Ms. Theresa Estoya, head librarian of the Graduate School section. The following are the speakers: Engr. Oliver Gagarin, Superintendent, UST Buildings and Grounds office who lectured on "Silid-Aklatan: Maayos at Ligas." His talk focused on the proper building maintenance, safety and security measures being undertaken by his department to protect and safeguard the Thomasian community. He gave some security and preventive measures to be implemented in the library. "Updates on Copyright Law" was discussed by Atty. Nilo Divina, faculty member from the UST Faculty of Civil Law. His discussions revolved around the "frequently asked questions" on copyright. He explained well the description, scope and limitations and the importance of the law on copyright. Questions and clarifications were entertained during the open forum. A wrap up of the seminar was done by Ms. Marilou Palermo, head librarian of the Filipiniana section.

The seminar was very interesting, informative and fruitful. Surely, the library staff gained so much information from this activity.

Marilou G. Palermo

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Engr. Nonan gave emphasis to Online Databases available at the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. Knowing these resources available in the campus, he encouraged the participants to make use of these information resources in their research. He suggested that as researchers of the Net, they will have to evaluate the information sources, their reliability as well as their accessibility.

For a start, Engr. Nonan asked the students some trivia questions about the Internet and the computer. The participants had fun because for every correct answer, he gave away a UST mouse pad. His excellent presentation was able to motivate the participants to listen attentively and to participate actively in the *question and answer* portion.



The activity was participated in by all the sophomore high school students, administrators of the High School department, selected faculty members and librarians. It was truly a fruitful and inspiring lecture.

Our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to Engr. Jale Nonan for sharing his expertise. His excellent presentation is a big factor to the success of this activity.

The prime mover of this activity, Mrs. Michelle San Gabriel, head Librarian of the High School Library, formally concluded the session by way of a closing remarks. She extends her gratitude to the High School and Library departments Administrators, to the TLE department and to all those who have been part this activity for their support and for being the co-partners of the High School Library in this initial venture.

Michelle M. San Gabriel

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swiping the person's valid identification card and the book/s. Clients who have overdue books cannot use the self-service machine. The library uses the Library of Congress Classification Scheme.

The group had their lunch at Tramway in Quezon City where everyone partook the sumptuous meal, a special treat to the librarians courtesy of former UST librarians, namely, Edna Recaña, Olivia Castillo and Arlene Albis. The last stopover was the ACE Water Spa for an afternoon of relaxation. It is one way of releasing stress and pressure from life's daily routine, a subtle way of feeling God's goodness and realizing that life is so beautiful that one has to enjoy and be thankful for all the blessings that come his way.

The tour was very informative and relaxing at the same time. The librarians not only supplied their minds with knowledge about the different services and systems that both libraries could offer but they also nourished their body with good food and complete relaxation.

The UST librarians would like to acknowledge the Library Administrators for their support and the USTLA officers for their efforts to make this activity possible.

Lucila B. Adriano

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Benavides library left March 18, 2008 for a mission trip to Camiguin island. The group was composed of Fatima Calingasan, Kaori Fuchigami, Sabina Viernes, and yours truly who acted as the team leader. The trip to Aparri lasted 14 hours including stopover in Bulacan and Tuguegarao. Upon arrival, we were graciously received by Ms. Anna Balatubat, a native of Camiguin.

After a quick breakfast, we were brought to a nearby pier to take the *St. Joseph*, a 20-seater wooden boat bound for Camiguin. It took us another 5 hours of open-sea travel to get to the island. The infamous rough waters were relatively calm during this time. Upon docking, we were greeted by the school Director, Fr. Rolando Mactal, O.P. He was flocked by volunteer students fresh from the film viewing of *The Passion of the Christ*, an activity marking the observance of the Lenten season.

We were then escorted to their lodgings for the duration of the mission. It is mostly made of wood and lack the basic suburban luxuries of bug screens, electric fans, and door locks. Restrooms are communal and outhouse-styled. Beds are the traditional "papag" void of the cushions that pamper the slumber back home. Smart communications is the

only mobile network company that has its signal felt in the island and even that was intermittent. Charging of electronic gadgets such as cellular phones was only allowed at dusk within the five-hour window of generator-driven power. The selling mark-up for common goods such as soda beverages is very high since it is with much difficulty that these items are procured.

For a start, Fr. Mactal showed both the old library and the new one which was on its finishing touches. Upon seeing the disarray of the old library, we doubted if we would be able to finish the task for the duration of our stay. Since there was much to be done, we started work right away. We tried to complete the accessioning of the books for record purposes. Despite our apprehensions, our enthusiasm was revived by a hearty welcome dinner of lobsters and seafood delights served that night.

Maundy Thursday, the librarians had an early breakfast with the rest of the troop who were doing the painting of the murals of the new library. They were Professors Tony Zamora and Ken Torres, faculty members from the College of Fine Arts and Design with their student, Nathaniel Rosales.

After breakfast, the librarians together with Ms. Helen Palo, the school librarian, aided by some of the teachers and students started sorting the books. We removed duplicate copies of textbooks, worn out books, and elementary books in the collection. The latter were to be donated to the nearby elementary school.

Shortly after lunch, Ms. Viernes started accessioning the fiction books in the collection while the rest of the group continued with the sorting. The librarians finished sorting, arranging and cleaning the books ready for the technical processing. Arranging the books according to subjects enabled a swifter shift to the new library.

By nightfall of Maundy Thursday, the group attended Mass and witnessed the Biblical rite of the "Washing of the Feet," dutifully performed by Fr. Mactal to the locals who comprised mainly of male parishioners to represent the twelve (12) apostles.

On Good Friday, the group spent the whole day accessioning the books together with Ms. Palo. The students continued removing book covers, book cards and book jackets, and started stamping the ownership marks. Using only the Sears List of Subject Headings and the Cutters Table, Ms. Calingasan started cataloging the fiction books accessioned the day before. Since it is just a small library, we decided to use the Dewey Decimal

System (DDC) in classifying the collection.

Day three was Black Saturday. Although we were getting accustomed to the island setting, we found ourselves in a hurry to finish the job. Finally, all the books in the old library have been accessioned and arranged by subjects in the shelves. As this outreach activity was done during the Holy Week celebration, we have not neglected our Catholic obligation. The latter part of the day was spent in anticipation of the Easter Vigil.

The library orientation seminar and turnover ceremony were conducted on the morning of Easter Sunday before the very eyes of the immediate community. Ms. Fuchigami discussed the proper handling of books while the use of the card catalog was presented by Ms. Calingasan. The entire activity was rewarded by a treat to a 45-minute walk to the picturesque beachfront for some rest and recreation. A cemetery was seen along the way where bamboo crosses marked the hallowed grounds. Apparently, it is a custom to bury their dead immediately the following day.

The group stayed up the whole night packing up in preparation for their trip back home. A smaller fishing boat came to fetch us just before dawn in spite of an ominous weather condition. Trusting the seafarers' instincts, the team, along with Fr. Mactal, finally set out to leave the island and headed back to Aparri.

Squalls and white caps instilled fear in the hearts of all of us as we endured a rougher sea. Going out to sea in these parts of the archipelago was always a make-or-break thing according to the boatmen. Passengers are not even bothered to be given standard life-vest by the Coast Guard. Everyone was chilled and soaking wet upon arriving in Aparri.

Once again, the Lyceum of Aparri served as a rest haven in transit. We were able to recoup here aptly concluded with a thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Fr. Mactal for being blessed with safe crossing.

The bus ride home went by almost unfelt as most of the members fell asleep, catching up on soft-cushioned comfort.

Finally, the mission team arrived safely in the morning of March 24, 2008 at the Florida Bus Line station in Manila. In a stroke of coincidence, this mission launch pad is found just across the *University* that was born from the diligent hands of a similar mission effort made almost four centuries ago.

Maria Czarina D. Lopez

UST LIBRARY “TEAM BUILDING” ACTIVITY

The UST Miguel de Benavides librarians and staff had their annual team building with the theme “Making EQ Work in Personal and Professional Relationships.” It was held last April 10-11, 2008 at Punta De Uian, San Antonio, Zambales. Dr. Arlo Luis Salvador II, M.D., a professor from the UST College of Commerce, was the guest speaker. This activity aims to develop camaraderie among the members of the organization and to give pointers on how to effectively manage one’s emotions. This activity was spearheaded by the Committee on Human Values headed by Leonila Manuel and her dynamic members, namely, Michelle San Gabriel, Benilda Certeza, Rosemary Balbin, Jasmin Mangona, and Gary Lapid

It was the perfect time for all the library personnel to unwind, to enjoy each other’s company and to appreciate more the harmonious working relationship they have with one another. Dr. Salvador presented enlightening lectures and discussions. He explained that cognitive intelligence is not enough to be successful at work. It also requires a well-developed emotional quotient (EQ) in order to survive in this continually changing world. Everybody participated in various individual and group activities which aimed to fully understand one’s personality.

After the sessions, everybody enjoyed the beauty of the resort; some went swimming, others opted to go boating and there was unending picture taking. Several games such as *threading relay*, *pass on the calamansi* and *paint me a picture* were conducted. The group enjoyed the sumptuous dinner at the seashore prepared by the amiable personnel of Punta De Uian Resort.

The second day was blessed with a Holy Mass officiated by Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries. Other activities such as singing and dancing and a fabulous fashion show were conducted afterwards. Thus, the amazing hidden talents of some members of the staff were revealed. It has been proven that they are not just proficient in rendering effective library service but are also modern librarians who are capable of doing wonderful and surprising things. Though it was only a two-day activity, it was indeed an enjoyable and memorable experience worth treasuring.

This event would not have been possible, much less be successful without the untiring efforts of the Human Values Committee and the full support and participation of the Library Administrators and the entire library staff. This activity has truly helped each staff to relate with one another and to collaborate as a team.

Diana V. Padilla



The participants pose for a souvenir photo after the two-day fun filled activities.

More photos!

Both the librarians and the support staff participated in the workshop.



The jovial participants flanked Fr. A. Aparicio for a shot at the beach.

Dr. A. Salvador receives his certificate from Fr. A. Aparicio while Ms. E. Majuelo and Ms. A. Timbangcaya look on.



The winners, Mr. E. Anecito and Ms. L. Cardenas, clad in summer wear stride on the improvised catwalk.

My INAmorata



Inamorata is a word derived from the Latin "amore" which means love.

Born June 11, 1976, Ginalyn Matias-Santiago or Ina to her family and friends is a woman who is in love with life, work and yes, with love itself. Love has given her life a deeper meaning when she finally married Ronaldo Santiago last December 8, 2007.

Ina is the third child of Leny Matias and the late Faustino Matias of Camarin Caloocan City. She is being described as trustworthy and a generous person with strong personality and very outgoing. Her numerous collections of pictures have served as souvenirs and are proofs of her being a "lakwatsera."

Malling is one of her pastimes. Believing that "only carabaos grow old," Ina manages to always feel and look young and is comfortable to be with different age groups.

She finished her course in AB major in Asian Studies in 1997 at the University of Santo Tomas and dreamed to be part of the Thomasian family. That dream came true when she was hired by the UST Human Resource Department (HRD) as clerk. Later, she joined the Library as charger assigned at the High School Library. A few years after, she was transferred to the Filipiniana section. She also had the chance to work at the General Reference & Information section and was eventually transferred to the Social Sciences section where she worked only for a few months. Her work re-assignments were mainly due to the regular re-shuffling being done by the library. Her present assignment is at the Heritage section of the library assisting researchers and helping in the preservation of the rare collections.

In an effort to improve herself personally and professionally, Ina attends trainings and seminars. She took up units in BS Library Science and has 12 units of MA in Library Science. Her charm continues to be her asset which makes her win friends easily.

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