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## PROCEEDINGS ON MEDICAL CONFERENCE LAUNCHED



*Rev. Fr. R. de la Rosa, O.P. delivers his inspirational message during the book launching.*

**T** rue to its mission, to preserve the rich heritage of the University, the Miguel de Benavides library officially launched the book "Proceedings of the First Conference on the History of Medicine in the Philippines." It was held last February 6, 2009 at the conference hall of the library.

Rev. Fr. Rolando de la Rosa O.P., Rector of the University, delivered the inspirational message. "Nemo dat quod non habet," (No one can give what he does not have). According to Fr. De la Rosa, the book is both an inspiration and desperation. Inspiration for those who love books that deal with topics that are barely written about; a desperation for the following reasons: first, the lack of interest of the medical doctors to conduct research on medical history; second, the disproportion between the number of library archival materials and the number of researchers who are willing to browse it. Filipinos in general do not have a sense of history, or the ability to appreciate it, proven by the fact that our history books are written mostly by foreign authors. He ended his speech sharing his wish that the same international conference be held on the history of pharmacy, law, fine arts, engineering, arts and letters and other academic fields offered by this University. After all, the history of most academic discipline in the country started in UST.

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## A PRECIOUS DONATION

**T** he Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) through its representative in the Philippines, Ambassador Donald C.T. Lee donated to the University of Santo Tomas the 19 volumes of the Chinese version of the Summa Theologiae of St. Thomas Aquinas last January 13, 2009.

Ten experts under the direction of the Taiwanese Dominicans worked for thirty (30) years to come up with this great masterpiece using 6.5 million Chinese characters to translate it.

The donation was received by no less than the Rector of the University, Rev. Fr. Rolando V. de la Rosa, O.P. Others who witnessed the turnover were Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, Mr. Wellington Wei, Press Director of TECO, Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Director of the Office of Public Affairs, Mr. Michael Angelo E. Malicsi, Executive Secretary to the Rector, Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, Chief Librarian and Ms. Happy Tsai, secretary of Amb. Lee.

Previous to this donation, the Miguel de Benavides Library had already received a copy donated by the Chinese Vicariate of the Dominicans in Taiwan.

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## UST LIBRARY CELEBRATES NATIONAL BOOK WEEK

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library, through its Collection Development Committee, continues to perform its role as a powerful learning partner of the institution in educating, inspiring, and transforming the lives of every student through the use of its collections. Thus, in order to fulfill its continued commitment of enhancing the intellectual ability of its clientele and instilling in them the love for books and reading, the library has organized an exhibit in connection with the National Book Week celebration. It was held last November 24 -30, 2008 with the theme: “Ang Batang Palabasa Dalubhasa sa Kultura.” The committee has designed the Library Exhibit Hall to make the celebration more interesting.

Moreover, the library has invited four (4) book dealers (e.g. Academic Book Sales, Mindmovers, C & E Publishing, and EDCA Publishing) to exhibit books and other learning materials. The administrators, faculty members, and students were encouraged to choose and select books which could help support the curriculum.

The event has been made even extra special due to the awarding of the first batch of the “Top Book Borrowers” among the students and faculty members of the academe. This was done last November 26, 2008 before the opening of the bookfair. Below are the awardees with the corresponding number of books they have borrowed since year 2004 up to the first semester of A.Y. 2008-2009.

Name	College/ Faculty	Rank	Books Borrowed
<b>Students</b>			
Divina Gracia B. Bon	Engineering	1 <sup>st</sup> place	960
Mary Claudette C. Balangitan	High School	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	443
Frankie E. Conia	Civil Law	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	372
<b>Faculty Members</b>			
Prof. Emmanuel Batoon	Arts and Letters	1 <sup>st</sup> place	916
Prof. Remedios Garcia	Architecture	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	450
Prof. Maria Mynn P. Alfonso	Architecture	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	362

This activity would not have been successful without the support of the Library Administrators and the untiring efforts of the Collection Development Committee headed by Ms. Nora Matawaran with its members, namely: Racquel Lontoc, Diana Padilla, Jonas Sahagun, Dolores Morante, and Lilibeth Cardenas.

*Diana V. Padilla*

## BOOK WEEK AT THE GRADE SCHOOL LIBRARY

*The greatest gift is the passion for reading.  
It is cheap, it consoles, it distracts, it excites,  
it gives you knowledge of the world and  
experience of a wide kind.  
It is a moral illumination.*

*Elizabeth Hardwick*

Undeniably, with reading the world is within reach! It gives immeasurable satisfaction that only a reader can experience! It also helps one to be well-informed in various fields.

This year’s theme of the National Book Week “Ang Batang Palabasa, Dalubhasa sa Kultura” emphasizes that reading is fundamental, is essential for the grade school pupils as this is their foundation year. According to research, love of reading in itself helps a child to continue becoming more proficient in language and continue gaining advantages in learning.

The Grade School Library had an early celebration of the National Book Week. There were series of activities which started on November 10, 2008.



*The various activities at the Grade School Library during the Book Week.*

**Book Discussion.** This activity was facilitated by Ms. Angelica Cruz, head librarian of the Science and Technology section and Ms. Maria Czarina Lopez, head librarian of the Reference and Information section. The objectives of this activity are: to be able to 1) value reading as a way to learn and study; 2) respect others with regards to independent thinking and be able to give opinions and values; 3) use one’s reading skills to improve class participation; and 4) exercise the reading skills of the students that enhance their quality of life and support life-long learning.

**How to Find the Right Book for You.** A bookfair sponsored by the Scholastic Publishing, was held at the second floor lobby of the Albertus Magnus bldg. This was a joint activity of the Grade School and the Education High School libraries. After the opening and

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## LIBRARIANS' DAY OUT!

Early morning of Oct. 30, 2008, I was very excited to dress-up, prepare things and immediately go to UST library where I would meet the rest of my colleagues. I was very enthusiastic because it was my first time to join the librarians' cultural library tour. This activity was organized by the UST Librarians Association Officers namely: Mrs. Michelle San Gabriel –President; Mrs. Marilou Palermo – Vice-President; Ms. Nora Matawaran – Secretary; Mrs. Marivic Usita – Treasurer; Ms. Fatima Calingasan – Auditor; and Mrs. Sabina Viernes – P.R.O. It aimed to further develop the professional growth of its members through observation of the various services and practices being done in other libraries. It also expected to bring together the group in an atmosphere of camaraderie and solidarity among librarians.

The itinerary was to visit the Aklatang Emilio Aguinaldo (AEA) and Museo De La Salle in De La Salle University – Dasmariñas, Cavite. The group left at 7:00am using the UST bus service. During the trip, everybody was energetic and lively. Some were busy in picture taking, others were singing and the rest were chatting. We even had our breakfast inside the bus. After more than two hours of travel, we finally arrived in DLSU-Dasmariñas. We were warmly welcomed by Mrs. Sonia Gementiza, Director of AEA and an alumna of UST together with her amiable library staff. We were amazed with the architectural structure of the library which was said to be the replica of Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite. It provides resources, services

and facilities to meet the informational needs of the entire academic community. In addition to the traditional printed materials, it has acquired electronic resources in all formats. It has special collections on the history and culture of Cavite province and it also preserves precious memorabilia of the past presidents of DLSU. The Library of Congress system is being used to organize its collections; Follet is the Library Software being used to search its catalog. AEA has a very relaxing and comforting ambiance where students would enjoy learning. After we explored the entire library, Mrs. Gementiza invited us to her office to eat snacks before we went to our next destination. It was an enjoyable and enlightening experience because we obtained new insights on how to effectively manage the library and its collections which can be applied in our daily work activities.

From the AEA, some dropped by the chapel beside the library. The group then proceeded to the Museo De La Salle which serves as the community's "windows to the past, legacies for the present." It is a lifestyle museum which collects objects of intrinsic value significant to the preservation of certain aspects of 19<sup>th</sup> century Philippine ilustrado lifestyle. We were divided into two groups and each had its own tour guide who explained the historical importance of the museum and its antique materials which are displayed in artistically designed rooms. Ms. Paulette, our tour guide mentioned that among donors or lenders of its antique objects were Mr. Jose Ma. Ricardo A. Panlilio, scion of the Santos-Joven Panlilio family of Bacolor, Pampanga; Bro. Andrew Gonzalez, FSC; Ms. Marie Theresa Ammoglia-Virata; and many others. She

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## AMAZING RACE: A Glimpse to the Precious Rare Books of the University

The UST Central Seminary hosted the KAPATIRAN 2009 last February 7, 2009 with the Pauline theme: **Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1)**



*In photo are some members of the Kapatiran with Fr. G. Timoner, O.P. (at the right), as they browse the Catalogue of Rare Books.*

KAPATIRAN is the annual general assembly of the members of the Seminarians' Network of the Philippines or SemNet. It is a network of diocesan theology seminarians formed after the image of Christ in loving service of the Church and society in the Philippines. Twenty seminaries and around five hundred theology seminarians from all over the Philippines were gathered at the University of Santo Tomas to participate in this year's KAPATIRAN for a day of reflection, fun, and friendship. One of the activities of the said event was the "Amazing Race" that aims to make the guest seminarians see and appreciate the important treasures and landmarks of the University.

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## OUTREACH TO THE ELDERLY AT THE GOLDEN ACRES

According to the National Statistics Office, the population of elderly individuals aged 60 years and above reached an estimated 5.3 million or 6% of the total Philippine population in 2005. Traditionally, these Filipino elderly are provided with food, clothing, and assistance by their children or next of kin. But many who come from underprivileged families are being left to fend for themselves. Fortunately, government institutions like Golden Acres are helping senior citizens who have no place to call home.



*Ms. E. Majuelo and the librarians spend some leisure time with the elderly of the Golden Acres.*

*Golden Acres and Home for the Elderly* is an institution that cares for senior citizens aged 60 and above, both male and female who are abandoned, neglected and needy. It is located in Quezon City, just beside SM North Edsa and is run by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). It currently houses 200 neglected or abandoned Filipino senior citizens.

Last January 11, 2009 (Sunday), a group of librarians from the UST Miguel de Benavides Library spent time to visit the senior citizens at the Golden Acres and brought basic toiletries such as soap, toothpaste & toothbrush, etc. It has given the group an opportunity for personal interaction with members of the Christian Community, hopefully affording them some sense of affection and concern.

At St. Anne's quarter where we were assigned, a total of 17 female elders were housed there. Each librarian adopted an elderly to entertain for a time. There were exchanges of stories of laughter and sadness. Nevertheless, traces of genuine joy in seeing visitors like us were evident in the eyes of our elderly.

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## MAKIBATA 2008

In the cold morning of December 12, 2008, the high-spirited Thomasian community once again showed its love and concern to our Aeta brothers through its annual project, MAKIBATA.

The 2008 MAKIBATA Christmas celebration was organized by the Office for Community Development (OCD) and the Student Organization Coordinating Council (SOCC). The gift-giving event was participated in by the Aeta children accompanied by their elders.

Upon reaching the Miguel de Benavides Library at around 1:00pm, excitement enveloped the kids of Sitio Mabilog who were clad in their amusing native costume. They were welcomed by some of the library staff headed by Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries. One of MAKIBATA's frolicsome activities is the singing of Christmas carols. At least 12 Aeta kids rendered some popular Christmas songs and a katubog praise song. This even got more exciting as they invited Fr. Aparicio and Ms. Majuelo to dance along with them. Afterwards, candies and cash gifts were distributed to them.

Though it was a short program, it was enjoyed and appreciated by everyone. They left the UST grounds with fond memories, looking forward for another cold and exciting day in December 2009.

*Lourdes Fatima C. Calingasan*

## GIVING AND RECEIVING: A COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

According to one author, "the world is full of two kinds of people: the givers and the takers. The takers eat well, but the givers sleep well." Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

From June 2008 to January 2009, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library Gifts and Exchange section received a total of 653 volumes of books and 1,088 volumes of periodicals from different foreign and local organizations, learning institutions, and individuals. These are: the Asian Development Bank, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Department of Science and Technology, University of the Philippines, Mrs. Margarita R. Cojuanco, and Prof. João J. Vila-Chã.

A significant part of these donations came from the different colleges/faculties, offices and faculty members of the University of Santo Tomas. To name a few are: the Office of the Rector, Ecclesiastical Faculties, College of Science, Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Rev. Fr. Rolando de la Rosa O.P., Rector

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## WHY I BORROW BOOKS



**T**he Miguel de Benavides Library has a vast collection of very interesting books to read. Having these wide and vast information sources, UST offers so many

doors for new knowledge. It is a great privilege for me to study here in UST and become a working scholar.

I would like to thank the Library for giving me the award as one of the top borrowers of books from the library. From my first year college in UST up to my graduating year, I am proud to say that I have already borrowed a thousand books.

Since I had to work and at the same time study my lessons as an Engineering student, I had to maximize my time. Although an ECE student, Mathematics is not my favorite subject that is why I had to exert extra effort to keep up with my lessons on the subject. This is the reason why I usually borrow books from the library, particularly at the Science and Technology section; books that are related to my course subjects, research, and projects. There are many useful books in the library,

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## UST FACULTY CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

**T**he Yuletide season this year had an early start as the UST Faculty Union celebrated its Christmas party on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. The party surely brought love and the feeling of togetherness all because of the concerted efforts of the UST Faculty Union officers.

*"When we remember a special Christmas, it is not the presents that made it special, but the laughter, the feeling of love, and the togetherness of friends and family that made that Christmas special."*

The program started with the Invocation led by Ms. Ma. Corazon Unas, after which, Dr. Gil Y. Gamilla, USTFU President, delivered his welcome remarks. This was followed by the inspiring yuletide message of the Rector of the University, Rev. Fr. Rolando V. de la Rosa, O.P.

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## 2ND HIYAS NG UST AWARDS

**T**he 2nd "Hiyas ng UST Awards" was held on February 20, 2009 with the theme "Mahusay na trabaho, tapat na serbisyo alam ng kawaning Tomasino." This event is a yearly exercise of recognizing and honoring the services, achievements and dedication of selected support staff of the University of Santo Tomas.

Two retirees were honored, namely: Mr. Salvador Delgado who served the College of Science for 46 years and Mr. Juanito Rabo who has been with the UST Facilities Management Office (formerly Buildings and Grounds Office) for 31 years. Service awards were also given to those who have rendered service in the University for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years. The awards given range from a combination of any of the following: certificates, a plaque, a gold ring and cash incentives.

Awardees from the Miguel de Benavides Library are:

- Mr. Joel Palangan – 10 years
- Mr. Nemesio Magtaan – 15 years
- Mr. Rafael Travilla – 20 years
- Ms. Lucy Bermudez – 25 years
- Ms. Lilibeth Cardenas - 25 years
- Ms. Annabelle Lauro - 25 years
- Ms. Perla Martin - 25 years
- Ms. Elma Nagorite - 25 years



*The awardees, from left: E. Nagorite, A. Lauro, L. Cardenas, J. Palangan, Ms. E. Majuelo, Chief Librarian, P. Martin, N. Magtaan, R. Travilla and A. Abad, emcee.*

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### *Proceedings on... from page 1*

An additional insight to the book was given by Prof. Joselito Zulueta, Publication Adviser of the *Varsitarian*, as he delivered the book review. "It suffices to straighten the blind spots and check excesses of the latter while taking off from the achievements of Dr. Bantug's historiography. This book does not cater nor aim to correct the book *History of Philippine Medicine* but validates the writings of Dr. Bantug's *A Short History of Medicine in the Philippines during the Spanish Regime 1565-1898*. The 'internationalist' perspective of the Proceedings provides a healing to the self proclaimed nationalist thrust of our historians."

We are now witnessing history in the making" as the editor, Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., concluded that the purpose of the event is first, to highlight the University's pioneering efforts in the development of health sciences in the Philippines and second, to remind those responsible for the medical curriculum that the Faculty of Medicine was created not only to produce the best physicians but doctors with Christian values of service to God and country.

An innate epidemic has long been spreading beneath the unconscious minds of the Filipinos; yes we do not have a clear sense to appreciate our history but it is a prophecy that if denied shall yield a disablement to deal with the present and future, thus condemning a repetition of time.

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the success of this event!

*Maria Czarina D. Lopez*

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### *A Precious Donation from page 1*

Indeed, this is another treasure added to the already rich collection of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library and will surely help our Chinese patrons to have a better understanding of this important doctrine of St. Thomas.

*Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo*

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### *Book Week at the... from page 2*

the book launching of the "39 Clues," an activity followed, a book talk entitled "How to choose the right book for you." The resource speaker was the event consultant of Scholastic, Mr. Jeamar Abao. According to him, children need to be taught how to select books they are interested in and within their reading levels.

He made mention of award giving bodies, one of which is the famous **Caldecott Medal** award which is given annually to the illustrator of the most distinguished American picture book for children. He also talked about the **Five Finger Rule** which is a quick way to determine the difficulty of a book to be able to understand it.

This activity enabled the pupils to gain insights of how to look for the right books suited for them. Peer also

has a great influence in finding a book that they read. Book recommendations may also come from their teachers and family members. A librarian's role is to guide the pupils to look for reviews that are appropriate for their age, gender, reading ability and interest.

**"Once Upon A Time."** Considered to be the highlight of the celebration, the Book Lovers Club organized a storytelling activity entitled "Once Upon A Time." It was held at the Albertus Magnus auditorium. A big number of students, library and grade school administrators, librarians and some faculty members attended this activity. Excitement was elicited from the crowd with the presence of the pretty host of "Balitanghali" and star of "Art Angel," Ms. Pia Arcangel-Halili who also happens to be the daughter of Dr. Clotilde N. Arcangel, dean of the UST College of Education.

In line with this year's theme and to instill the love for reading especially of Filipino literary art, the storytellers were requested to use local books. The first storyteller was the head librarian of the Civil Law section, Mr. Enrico Miguel David who is also a member of the **Alitaptap Storytellers, Philippines** and has been conducting storytelling sessions for several years now. His story is *Si Pulong Patago-tago* written by Kristine Canon and illustrated by Leo Alvaro. This is a story about a boy named Pilo who is fond of playing hide-and-seek.

The second story as narrated by the tandem of Ms. Angelica Cruz head librarian of the Science and Technology section and Mr. David. The story entitled *Hipon at Biya*, by Carla Pacis with illustrations by Joanne de Leon, is about two friends who share a home in a little coral among the reefs having a mutually beneficial relationship.

The third story was told by a famous newscaster, Ms. Pia Arcangel-Halili, who did not have any second thoughts when invited to the activity. Her story is about *Dindo*, a firefly who proves that it is not through a light that the true brilliance of a firefly is seen but by the power of love which conquers all and which gives Dindo enough courage to do what he needs to do. This is written and illustrated by Jose Miguel Tejido.

There was also an intermission by way of song and dance numbers as performed by the officers and members of the Club.

The organizers hope that through this activity, pupils will gain values from the stories making them build communities of shared meaning and morals, influence the behavior and even shape the Filipino culture. Indeed, stories about national, cultural, or family history form attitudes, thereby bringing positive effects to a child's development.

*Arlene P. Matias*

### ***Librarians' Day... from page 3***

brought us to an area where the evolutions of Filipiniana dresses are located. We marveled at the styles and designs on display. Relaxing background music was played while we were exploring around the museum which made us feel like we were living in the historic era. We left the DLSU campus at around 12:00nn.

Our last destination was in Ternate, Cavite - the hometown of Ms. Ma. Cecilia Lobo, one of the librarians. Her family prepared sumptuous lunch for us. Seafood such as oysters, *tilapia*, and prawns were served. After lunch, some went to the beach which is a walking distance from Ms. Cecille's place. We enjoyed the beauty of the ocean and the smell of fresh air; it also made us feel relaxed. Unending picture taking was done for souvenirs. Afterwards, we were again invited for a *merienda* and ate the delicious native delicacies, the *puto-bumbong*, *kutsinta* and *pichi-pichi* with matching hot tea. We were truly thankful to the Lobo family who accommodated and prepared delicious food for us. At around 4:30pm, we travelled back to Manila.

Though it was just a one-day tour, it was indeed a great experience worth treasuring. I enormously enjoyed my whole day with my cheerful and loving colleagues through this activity. I am again looking forward for another refreshing and exciting tour with the UST librarians.

***Diana V. Padilla***

### ***Amazing Race... from page 3***

The Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library was part of the said "Amazing Race." It was organized by Fr. Gerard Francisco P. Timoner III, OP, the incumbent Rector of the UST Central Seminary. The race consisted of eleven color-coded teams of seminarian-participants. Each team went to the Heritage Library to see the precious rare books of the University such as: *La Guerra Judaica* by Josephus Flavius, *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium* by Copernicus, and the facsimile of the *Doctrina Cristiana*. The said books were all placed inside the exhibit tables of the Heritage Library. Each team had an allotted time to cast a glimpse of the rare books displayed. They had to answer a set of questions about the books before proceeding to the next leg of the race. They had enjoyed the activity and had the chance to witness the beauty and treasures hidden from the rare book collections of the Library.

***Jenneth G. Capule***

### ***Outreach to the... from page 4***

During the encounter, one of the resident elders sang a couple of kundiman songs which livened up the atmosphere at the home. Other residents gave short relaxing massages to our librarians while others told memorable stories of their lives. We've also learned that *Lola Nina* had been a part of the PBB (Pinoy Big Brother) Season 1 when the program's episode was about 'care for the elderly'. She was taken cared by Ms. Say Alonzo of PBB for several days. Though it was only a short bonding time, the residents as well as the librarians had a fruitful and fun-filled time together.

The recent visit is part of the Committee on Extension Services' programs to reach out and give at least a little hope, joy, and help to our less fortunate fellows most especially during the Christmas season. Spearheading the activity was Mrs. Lani Olamit, head of the Committee on Extension Services.

***Raquel B. Lontoc***

### ***Giving and Receiving... from page 4***

of the University, Fr. Antonio Aureada, O.P., Fr. Fausto Gomez, O.P., Fr. Vicente Cajilig, O.P., Fr. Efren Rivera, O.P., Fr. Isaias Tiongco, O.P., Dean Clotilde Arcangel of the College of Education, Dr. Jaime I. Romero, Prof. Mary Christie Que, and Prof. Rose Marie Banta.

These donated materials are deeply appreciated by the UST community. As Mother Teresa once said, "It is not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." This reminds us of the important principle that we in the library practice, "to give back all the kindness and good fortune by sharing our blessings to others."

For the same period, a total of 1,822 volumes of library materials were donated by the UST Library to four (4) learning institutions. The following are the recipients and the corresponding number of volumes provided to them:

1. Alaminos Elementary School, Laguna (221 volumes)
2. Aquinas University, Legazpi City (568 volumes)
3. Don Bosco College Canlubang (621 volumes)
4. Fernandez College of Arts and Technology, Bulacan (412 volumes)

We hope that through these donated library materials, the library has shared a bright future to the students of the recipient learning institutions. As the translated second line of the engraved Latin legend inscribed at the cornice at the back of the Library says, "Hoc Sancti Thomae Universitatis Opus Lumina Pandit = This is the task of the University of Santo Tomas: to spread the light."

***Jonas T. Sahagun***

### *Why I Borrow... from page 5*

and I spend a lot of time searching for good references for my subjects, such as: Computer, Electronics, Math, Networking, and others. One particular book I love is the “Schaum’s Outline Series” because it contains many sample problems and solutions.

Most of the time, I just scan hurriedly the pages of a particular book to search for a topic and borrow it right away only to find out later that it has incomplete information or irrelevant to my research. There are many good references at the Science and Technology Section and I do not regret at all carrying those books because they have helped me a lot. Another reason is that I want to study in advance having limited time as a working scholar. I really like to explore all the sections in the library particularly the Humanities section. It has many good books about literature. I also love reading books with colored pictures because they are very relaxing to the eyes.

The UST library will always be a special place for me because it is the place where I learn to balance my time and to deal with different people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have helped me pursue my college studies here in UST, the Office for Student Affairs (OSA), the Library for accepting me to be a scholar, to the Library Administrators and to my superiors.

If I had more time, I would be spending it by reading books – sitting in one corner of the library just like what most regular students do.

*Divina Gracia Bon*

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### *UST Faculty ... from page 5*

This year’s party was somewhat different from the previous ones. It featured ballroom dancing competition participated in by faculty members. Participants from the different colleges presented their dancing prowess. The College of Science was declared best among all the contestants bagging the grand prize. The Faculty of Pharmacy, College of Commerce and the combined Library and the High School department got the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place, respectively.

The final and the most awaited part of the affair was the raffle draw of big prizes such as cellphones, laptops, and refrigerators. Despite not bringing home anything, still everyone went home happy bringing the spirit of Christmas with them.

*Sheila M. Ortencio*

### *2nd Hiyas... from page 5*

Recognitions were also given to those who have graduated from the Graduate level, those who passed the government board examinations, those who have presented a research paper in local and international conferences, and those who have been punctual in office attendance. Ms. Ginalyn Santiago from the Library department was one of the recipients of this ‘special recognition’ for having passed the Licensure Examination for Librarians given last November 2008. Ms. Jasmin Mangona and Mr. Rafael Travilla were also given each a certificate for complete attendance and punctuality.

The three ‘Most Outstanding Employees’ were also awarded on that same day. Mr. Hector Balagtas from the Facilities Management Office, Mr. Vicente Furigay from the Faculty of Pharmacy and Ms. Carmelita Santos from the Social Research Center bagged the most outstanding employee from the Skilled, Technical, and Professional category, respectively. The three were selected from among 65 candidates.

UST is one of the best universities in Southeast Asia because of its quality education, competent administrators, proficient faculty members, as well as committed members of the support staff.

A Thanksgiving Mass was celebrated before the program proper. It was officiated by Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., UST Vice-Rector and Rev. Fr. Filemon I. dela Cruz, O.P., Director, Center for Campus Ministry. The entire activity was held at the Santissimo Rosario Parish; this was followed by a luncheon reception for the retirees and outstanding employee awardees held at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex.

Mrs. Ma. Arleen Abad and Mr. Johannes Cortes were the Masters of Ceremony.

*Ma. Arleen Abad*





## 2008 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF THE LIBRARY

Christmas is never complete without parties and gift giving. This made the December 20, 2008 a day of celebration and merry-making for the library. The Christmas party was held at the ground floor of the Miguel de Benavides Library. It was spearheaded by Mrs. Ma. Teresa F. Estoya, chairman of the Human Values Committee. Working with her were: Leonila Manuel, Benilda Certeza, Edgardo Lapid, Jasmine Mangona, and Rosemary Balbin.

*“From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another, the warmth and joy of Christmas bring us closer to each other.”*

*Emily Matthews*

The program started with the Invocation led by Mrs. Certeza, followed by the opening

remarks by Mrs. Estoya. Included in the program were raffle draws, parlor games, contests and special presentations from some librarians, library coordinators and our very own Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. This activity was hosted by Mrs. Estoya, Fatima Calingasan, and Jonas Sahagun

A pre-affle draw of the grand prizes commenced which showcased the microwave oven, DVD player, double burner gas stove, pressure cooker, desk fan, rota air fan, mini desk fan, rice cooker, thermal pot, groceries, etc. which were revealed at the latter part of the party. The names were placed in a sealed envelope. Fr. Aparicio picked out the lucky winners. The games ‘balloon relay’ and ‘going- to- market’ are two of the parlor games the caused that audience to burst into laughter.

There were also ‘dramatization’, group presentation and the individual talent portion contests. Some interested working scholars prepared for these different activities few days before the party.

The winners of the ‘dramatization’ were the following: Civil Law Section got the first place while the second was a tie bagged by the Graduate School and Social Sciences sections. The third place went to the Religion section. The winners for the ‘individual’ category were Elise Magpusao, who danced and showed her bartending skills with music accompaniment; Darwin Costillas, the second placer, rendered a song number while Jake Morales and Jericko Lalata, third and fourth placer, respectively serenaded the audience with ballad songs. The winners all received cash prizes.

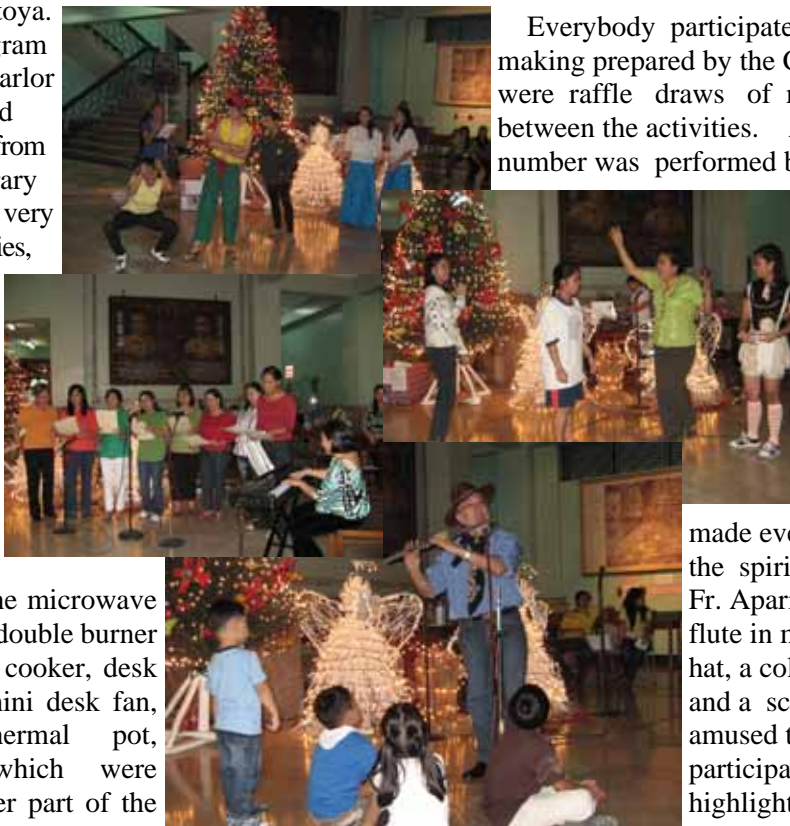
Everybody participated in the merry-making prepared by the Committee. There were raffle draws of minor prizes in between the activities. A special dance number was performed by the librarians,

namely: Diana Padilla, Raquel L o n t o c, and Jonas Sahagun. The l i b r a r y coordinators surprised the audience by their Christmas carols w h i c h

made everyone really feel the spirit of Christmas. Fr. Aparicio played his flute in matching cowboy hat, a colorful *bling-bling* and a scarf which really amused the audience. His participation brought the highlight of the party and thereafter bringing to an

end the program through his inspiring Christmas message.

*Ma. Teresa F. Estoya*



## TEAM BUILDING PHOTO CONTEST

The annual team building of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library was held last April 10-11, 2008 at Punta de Uian Resort, San Antonio, Zambales.

The resort is elegant with grand views of the sea and the Capones Islands. With its astounding ambience and scenery, no wonder, the library staff had a great time taking souvenir photos of



*The two winners, E. Anecito and N. Magtaan pose for a souvenir photo with the library committee heads as they receive for a prize bags of grocery from the Library Administrators, Fr. A. Aparicio, O.P., and Ms. E. Majuelo.*

their remarkable moments. With this stunning beauty of the venue, a decision has transpired, a photo contest was held for the first time as part of the Team Building activity.

All were invited and encouraged to join the contest. The participants could only submit one entry. With the assistance of two authorities on this aspect, Professors Ma. Teresa Fenix and Nady Nacario, the Library Administrators had rigorously chosen the winning shots which were trimmed down to two entries. The winners are: Mr. Noli Magtaan, support staff assigned at the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario Heritage Library and Mr. Earl Anecito, a casual employee at the General Circulation section. Both winners got a prize, a basket of groceries. The winning photos are now exhibited at the General Reference and Information section's bulletin board.

In behalf of all the library staff, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Library Administrators for coming up with this idea. Everyone is looking forward to another exciting and fun-filled team building this summer.

Congratulations to the winners!!

*Kaori B. Fuchigami*

## LIBRARIANS BAGGED 2ND IN BADMINTON

Since I joined the roster of faculty, I find it always exciting and fun to represent the library in badminton tournament every year during the Faculty Sportsfest. Every year of sports activity has something new to offer - more friends, more challenges and more fun.

With me was Michelle San Gabriel, and we both belonged to the "Pink" team under Jeffrey Aquino as our team captain. Joining in this activity is meeting several members of the faculty who may not have the time to visit the library. The badminton court has been an extension for us to know one another.

Sportsmanship plays a big factor for each

player. Playing the game lifts my spirit to go for a win and defeat the opponent. It teaches me to strive more and make better the next time. Our objective is to play as a team, support one another and go for a win.

The tournament's duration runs for four (4) consecutive Sundays (November 9 – December 7, 2008) at Powerplay located at Apo St. Q.C. There were four participating teams, namely: the Red, Pink, Green and Blue. Fortunately, our team won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

With this, our team captain and members are indeed very proud. HURRAY TO THE PINK TEAM!

*Madonna Remedios V. Alonzo*

## THE “BUNSO” OF THE LIBRARY



It is said that “the youngest child is the baby and a special member who receives lots of love and attention in the family.

The youngest children are often fearless risk takers because they are always trying to prove that they are just as strong and capable as their older brothers and sisters. Being cheerful, fun-loving, playful, adventurous, and sometimes they may resent authority are the characteristics of a youngest child as they would call him *bunso*.”

Mr. Joel T. Palangan is known as the ‘bunso’ in the library although some of the traits mentioned above do not describe him. What made him to be *bunso* is because he is a “petite” Sagittarian lad. Joel was born on December 10, 1973 in San Andres, Misamis Occidental and the second among the eight children of Felix Palangan and Julieta Tumanda.

He finished his elementary at the Pana-On Central School and his secondary education at the Pana-On Community High School. He obtained his

Computer Technician course from AMA Computer Learning Center.

Joel’s strong will and determination to finish his college degree in Manila and with the help of Fr. Roberto Pinto, O.P., he was given the chance to be a working student in the UST Father’s Residence for three (3) years. His first employment was as a Computer Technician at the Control Computer Enterprise before he joined the UST Library in January 1999 as a Technical Aid. At present, Joel is assigned at the Technical section under the supervision of Ms. Ma. Cecilia Lobo, Acquisition Librarian. He has been serving the library for 10 years now.

Joel is a health conscious person. He joins daily the fitness and wellness program of the UST Health Service. He also participates in indoor recreational sports activity like badminton together with the other UST employees who are fond of this game.

*Bunso* is a responsible, loving, kind-hearted and cheerful person. In the library, he is always willing to be of help, a trouble shooter when it comes to the computer problems of the staff. He is also an “entrepreneur at home base” making sure that an extra small income can become big for his family.

Joel is married to Rosabel Angao and they are blessed with a daughter named Joy. The *bunso* is now a family man and a good provider to his loved ones.

*Chona L. Manguilin*

## CHEERS TO THE NEW HOLDERS OF MASTER’S DEGREE

*“Education is a journey of one’s mind.”*

Just recently, two of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library personnel surpassed their challenge and moved a step forward as they obtained their Master’s degree from the University of Santo Tomas.

Ms. Diana V. Padilla, a candidate for Master of Arts in Library Science, defended her thesis last February 26, 2009 with the title *Library Services and Pupils’ Library Utilization Competencies in Selected Public Schools in Rodriguez, Rizal* while Ms. Ma. Arleen M. Abad, a candidate for Master of Business

Administration, had her oral defense last March 3, 2009 for her thesis entitled *Measuring Efficiency of Center of Excellence (COE) and Center of Development (COD) University/College Libraries in Metro Manila Using Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA)*.

It is just but proper for their library family to recognize their intelligence and perseverance as they succeeded with flying colors.

A heartfelt congratulations from your library family. We are indeed proud of you!

*Ma. Teresa F. Estoya*

## NEW LOOK FOR THE NEW YEAR

What's new in 2009?



The new uniform as modeled by: Rico David, Kaori Fuchigami, Angelica Cruz and Cha Lopez.

Introducing the standard uniform for UST Librarians - a polish combination of timeless printed trousers or skirt with matching color beige blouse and a Makati-inspired blazer. You may add a fashionable mix of trendy necklace and black or brown elevated footwear to complete the wardrobe.

Conceptualized by Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, the Chief Librarian, after a brief period of consultation, this official outfit was implemented last January. Gone was the casual attire that UST Librarians used to wear.

They welcomed with open arms the advent of the uniform which is reflective of their status as professionals.

It is a universal truism that society puts much emphasis on how people dress up particularly in their jobs. As a result, wearing uniforms at work has become a popularly- accepted policy because it aims to enhance the employee's self-esteem. In fact, recent studies reveal that a significant link exists between the personality that one projects and the degree of respect that he/she gets from others.

The adoption of a dress code positively contributes to the overall image of an organization. Although the link between clothing and respect can be readily observed when the uniform is worn by either a doctor or a nursing personnel, it is nonetheless an important factor in many offices, including the librarians in the Library department.

The consensus among UST Librarians is that this is most beneficial for themselves. They feel good about their new identity; they become more loyal, create more harmony within and outside the organization, turn into a sensitive and more confident person and, eventually, become more productive. For some librarians, the bottom line is still economics that, having a uniform is definitely cheaper than buying clothes regularly.

*Ma. Luz C. David*

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