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ONLINE DATABASE TUTORIALS

The General Reference and Information section with the assistance of three Library Coordinators namely, Dr. Carlos Manapat from the Faculty of Arts and Letters, Dr. Peter Flores-Quilala from the Faculty of Pharmacy and Prof. Edwin Suson from the College of Commerce scheduled an online database tutorial for their respective students. The tutorials were held on January 22-25, 29 and 31, 2008 for the graduating students of the Faculty of Arts & Letters. The objective of this undertaking is to maximize the use of the latest print and online journals in order to aid the students in their final stages of thesis writing.

Last February 11 to 15 & 19 to 21, 2008, the Reference librarians conducted the online database tutorial for the 2nd and 3rd year students of the Faculty of Pharmacy. They gave emphasis on the ProQuest database, a resource

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DONATION FROM THE EMBASSY OF MEXICO IN THE PHILIPPINES

Her Excellency, Ambassador Erendira Araceli Paz Campos of Mexico, extended her country's generosity in granting to six prominent learning institutions a taste of Mexican literature in a courtesy call held last February 7, 2008 in their Dasmariñas Village consulate office.

The University, represented by Ms. Czarina Lopez, Gifts and Exchange Librarian of the Miguel de Benavides Library, received an array of books with topics pertinent to Mexican culture, history, politics, and diplomacy. On the other hand, the university's current publications were given as a token of gratitude for this noble gesture.

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HE Amb. Erendira Araceli Paz Campos of Mexico as she hands over to Ms. C. Lopez some of the donated items as Hon. José del Carmen Oramas Cadena looks on.

FORUM ON COMMUNICATION SKILLS

The Committee on Human Resource – Professional Development chaired by Ms. Thelma Trinidad sponsored a half-day forum entitled “Communication and Presentation Skills.” This was held last November 23, 2007 at the Conference Hall of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library.

The aim of the forum is to enhance the communication skills of librarians to improve interaction with clientele in order to effectively serve them; likewise, for their own personal and professional growth. The invited resource speaker was Assoc. Prof. Marilu Rañosa-Madrurnio, Ph.D., Chairperson of the Department of Languages.



Ms. Angelita Timbangcaya presents the Certificate of Recognition to Prof. Marilu Rañosa-Madrurnio, Ph.D.

According to Prof. Madrurnio, since English is the global language, it can be the key to global success. One has to use English comfortably by reading a lot, having fun watching English movies, and take the risk to participate in discussions. There are three communication styles that one has to be aware of, these are: *assertiveness, aggressiveness, and passivity*. She also discussed the different points to consider in making effective presentations such as:

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LECTURE-FORUM ON “NEW SKILLS FOR TODAY’S LIBRARIANS”

Librarians who were enrolled in Library Science 603 class (Bibliographic Sources and Services) of Prof. Candida C. Agcaoili were required to attend a lecture-forum on *Developing New Skills, Competencies and Improved Attitudes: a Manifesto for Today’s Librarians.* This was held on March 4, 2008 at the Jose Rizal University Auditorium.

There were two lectures presented by speakers who are equally prominent in their respective fields. Prof. Rosa M. Vallejo, former Dean of the UP Institute of Library Science and currently one of the directors of the Philippine Foundation for Library Scholarship, Inc. (PFLSI), lectured on the “Values and Librarianship” which highlighted entirely new concepts in librarianship, the changes and problems that libraries face today, and the core values of librarianship. She explained that the concepts of values and librarianship have been brought out for the first time when the invasion of information technology became so massive. This invasion gave rise to problems that librarians should address because it created a big gap between the traditional library and the digital library. She added that the digital divide is so immense and the perspectives of librarians of what they are supposed to be and what they have to do is fast getting blurred. The concepts of values and librarianship have been taken together to find out how they can be applied to librarianship in order to solve problems that arise in libraries of today. She added that there was not much literature on library values since it only became visible when the impact of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) was felt in libraries during the 1980s.

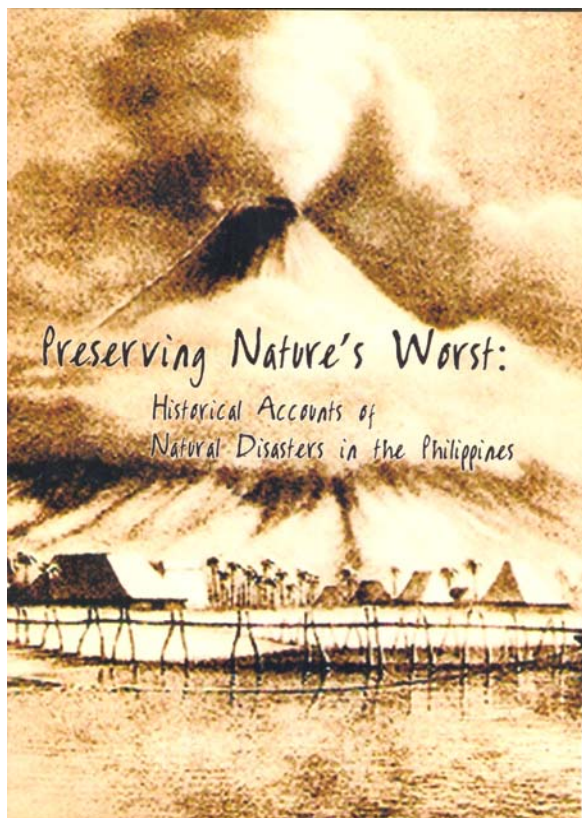
Although Prof. Vallejo has started the research on zero knowledge, she found a number of outstanding works, the most

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LAUNCHING OF THE DVD COMPILATION ON NATURAL DISASTERS

Last January 11, 2008, I had the chance to attend the launching of the DVD compilation on *Preserving Nature's Worst: Historical Accounts of Natural Disasters in the Philippines* held at the Manila Observatory in Ateneo de Manila University. It was a project of the Manila Observatory made possible by the funding support of the Ford Motor Company Conservation and Environmental Grants Program. This Company is committed to environmental protection and the preservation of natural and cultural heritage and its grants program supports projects in four categories: Natural Environment, Heritage, Conservation and Engineering, Child and Youth. The Manila Observatory aims to promote wider access to historical information relating to natural disasters in the Philippines. This project is under the Heritage category and was a Grant beneficiary for the year 2006.

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The HABITS of Highly Effective TEENS®

The UST High School Library sponsored a book discussion on Sean Covey's **The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teen**, considered one of the best-selling and most borrowed books among high school students. This was held last December 5, 2007.

The objectives of this activity are:

- ◆ to encourage students to come to the library;
- ◆ to develop among students the interest to read;
- ◆ to share their reading experiences; and
- ◆ to improve their reading comprehension.

Participants for this activity were selected high school students (most of them are members of the High School Readers' Club). Ms. Vynette dela Cruz, adviser of the Readers' Club and Mr. Raymond Sandoval, the Library Coordinator of the High School department were also present. Mr. Sandoval formally opened the program.

Ms. Leny Gadiana, Guidance Counselor from the High School department was the guest lecturer. She started her discussion by giving a brief background about the author, Sean Covey; this was followed by a discussion on the Seven (7) Habits of Highly Effective Teens:

1. Be Proactive-take responsibility for yourself.
2. Begin with the end in mind – define your mission and goals in life.
3. Put first things first – prioritize and do the most important things first.
4. Think win-win – have an “every-can-win” attitude.
5. Seek first to understand, then to be understood-listen to people sincerely.
6. Synergize-work together to achieve more.
7. Sharpen the saw-renew yourself regularly.

The talk of Ms. Gadiana taught the participants:

- ◆ to gain better control of their lives;
- ◆ to improve relationships with their family and friends;
- ◆ to increase self-confidence and self-esteem;
- ◆ to make smarter decisions;

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FORUM ON “ST. THOMAS”

To commemorate the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Committee on Human Values sponsored a forum about the life of St. Thomas. This was held last January 24, 2008. The invited speaker was Rev. Fr. Antonio Aureada, O.P., Dean of the Faculty of Sacred Theology of the University of Santo Tomas.



Fr. Antonio Aureada, O.P. As he delivers his lecture on St. Thomas.

I have heard other speakers lectured about St. Thomas and I have taken the subject “Critical Thinking of St. Thomas” in the UST Graduate School, but I have never been interested on the topic like I did when I heard Fr. Aureada talked about St. Thomas. I was really impressed by his visual presentation. It was only then that I came to know that St. Thomas was the writer of the beautiful and meaningful religious song “Tantum Ergo.”

Fr. Aureada shared with us the life of the “angelic doctor,” why he was named as such, as a man from Rocca Sicca and his life as a Dominican. As a teacher, St. Thomas produced several works that stimulate creative thinking.

Usually, we celebrate the feast day of saints on their death anniversary. But not in the case of St. Thomas who died on March

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THE UST HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

During the first semester of SY 2007-2008, freshmen students and faculty members of the High School department had a library orientation. This orientation had a follow-up from August to September, 2007. The objectives of this activity are:

- ◆ to reorient and update the teachers and students on access to the different Internet links and sites in both HS Library and the central Library;
- ◆ to gain access to the different library online journals; and
- ◆ to become aware of new procedures of the library.

This activity was spearheaded by Mr. Raymond Sandoval, the newly appointed Library Coordinator of the High School department.

Students and faculty members had hands-on training on the use of the various databases, specifically, the EBSCO (Elton B. Stephens Co.) database. They were able to create their own folders and browse the different features of the databases.

Right now, the High School department is busy preparing for Accreditation. Michelle San Gabriel, Head Librarian of the HS Library was appointed by the Principal, Mrs. Eden Tolentino and by Rev. Fr. Rodel Aligan, HS Regent, as chair of the Committee on Libraries. The functions of the committee include the completion of the survey materials for the initial assessment and objective evaluation of the High School program. The following items are included in the library evaluation form: Library and Audio-Visual Center Personnel, Financial Support and Accountability, Library and Audio-Visual Resources, Services, Accessibility of the Library and Audio-Visual Center

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SUMMERS' SONATA

Last November 23, 2007, I had the chance to interview one of the most ardent and kind-hearted researchers of the Antonio V. del Rosario UST Heritage Library. I am referring to none other than Prof. William John Summers, Ph.D., a man of refined attitude and a lover of music.

Dr. Summers has been a historical musicologist from the Faculty of Music at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire from 1984 to present. He is also the founder and coordinator of the International Hispanic Music Study Group, a worldwide Confederation of approximately 75 scholars and performers who explore music inspired by the cultures of the Iberian Peninsula. Dr. Summers has published a



Dr. William Summers as he browses through a rare document at the UST Heritage Library.

number of books and various journal articles and reviews that appeared in well-known music journals in the world. In addition, he has also devised a number of highly respected courses on major composers including the renowned composers L. Van Beethoven, W. A. Mozart, and J. S. Bach. Because of this, he has often been invited to serve as 'Referee' for several well-known music journals and international research councils and foundations.

During the first day of his research at the Heritage Library, I was a bit surprised when he noticed right away that I was holding a musical piece that I was suppose to return in the shelf. He asked if I play the piano. I said "no Sir, but I really love music." He smiled and started a little conversation about music, which was very interesting and made me eager to know more about his life as a musicologist.

When I asked him if I could interview him, he gladly said yes without hesitation. The interview which was held at the UST Archives has been highly informative as he vividly explained how he came to our university. He came to know about UST through the works of two American Hispanists Emma Helen Blair and James Alexander Robertson who have traveled around the world to collect, translate, and annotate Filipiniana manuscripts and documents. His first visit to our university was in 1996. He had amazing discoveries from the rich historical collection of our library. Since then, he regularly visits the Miguel de Benvides Library to conduct research. Through these relevant resources, he has always been directed to our library and has shared his expertise in the field of music. He acts as mediator between the Dartmouth College and the Miguel de Benavides Library which brought closer rapport between the two institutions.

The Philippines, being a Hispanic nation, made him more interested to conduct a study particularly of its music. His first publication in the historic city of Manila was "Music in Manila Cathedral, Some Historical Vignettes," that appeared in December, 1997 in a book **Manila Cathedral, Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception**, edited by Fr. Ruperto Santos. He also authored three articles and the first entry ever to appear in a music encyclopedia in the City of Manila in the forthcoming 7th edition of the New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians.

Dr. Summers' current research work is primarily focused on the Spanish colonial music in Manila in the 19th century. According to him, the UST Library has a number of pertinent resource materials related to his study and this is the only intact archive that survived after World War II. He even recalled some scenarios before and during World War II in Manila. He said that if there is only a time machine, he would not think twice to go back during the time when Manila was not yet devastated by the war because it was during this period that Manila abounds in music including the great opera performances and a number of orchestras fitted for particular religious feasts.

He is currently consulting the Filipiniana rare periodical collections. Every time he finds something noteworthy in any of the pages of a

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Online Databases... from page 1

for electronic collections containing millions of documents originally published in magazines, newspapers, and journals that deal with science and technology. The students were accompanied by their Technical Writing professors, Professors Perla Villamarzo, Teresita Coloma and Rosario Aranda. Ms. Nora Matawaran, Head Librarian of the Serials section, also gave an orientation about the print journals and how to find journal articles using indexes and abstracts which are available at the Serials section.

Lastly, an online database tutorial on the EBSCO Business Source Complete was given to the 3rd year students of the College of Commerce majoring in Economics, Entrepreneurship, Financial Management and Marketing. These were held last February 15-16, and 18, 2008.

After the online tutorial conducted by the librarians, the students were asked to give feedbacks regarding the tutorials. Some of these comments and suggestions are: “over-all, the orientation is good; the librarians did well;” “update the students when new information is installed;” “the delivery was OK but the sound system was not that good;” and “Presentations will be better with cartoons and animations.”

From these comments, it only proves that the Miguel de Benavides Library is heading on the right track in educating the students regarding the use of the resources in whatever formats they may appear (print or non-print) as long as they provide guidance and direction in the pursuit of information.

To further achieve the purpose of having the online databases, the library administration is determined to improve the method of library instructions based on the given comments and suggestions.

Anna Rita L. Alomo

Donation... from page 1

The Honorable Minister José del Carmen Oramas Cadena, Head of Chancery, graced the occasion with his presence. Both dignitaries were assisted by the cheery and pleasant Filipina, Ms. Carina García Guerra, Administrative Coordinator for Technical Management.

Ambassador Campos eagerly explained the highlights of some of the donated books. After her presentation, she was gracious enough to entertain questions and comments from the crowd.

Some of the titles received are the following:

- ◆ Mexico y España durante la Revolucion Mexicana
- ◆ Las Relaciones Comerciales entre Mexico y Estados Unidos
- ◆ Limites de la Jurisdiccion
- ◆ Las Relaciones Diplomaticas Mexico

Other recipients were Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University, University of Asia and the Pacific, Foreign Service Institute, and the University of the Philippines.

Ma. Czarina D. Lopez

Communication Skills... from page 2

- ◆ he should know his audience
- ◆ one should consider the venue
- ◆ he should be able to know how to deal with logistics
- ◆ one has to define his purpose
- ◆ he should be able to clarify objectives
- ◆ one has to find materials for presentation
- ◆ use audio-visual aids
- ◆ rehearse the presentation
- ◆ enhance body image.

After such a worthwhile and informative discussion, it is expected that the objective of this forum has been attained and eventually exercised by the library staff in their respective workplace.

Kaori B. Fuchigami

Forum on New Skills... from page 2

significant of which is the American Library Association (ALA) Statement on the Core Values of Librarianship, a policy statement in the league of the previous ALA policy statements as the Library Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read. This policy statement was adopted by the ALA Council on June 29, 2004. Among these core values are: access, confidentiality/privacy, democracy, diversity, education and lifelong learning, intellectual freedom, preservation, the public good, professionalism, service, and social responsibility. Truly, the lecture of Prof. Vallejo has been very informative and has opened our minds to the realm of librarianship. I was deeply moved by her words “*Not everybody can be a librarian*”...“*Librarians hold in their heads the entire universe of knowledge.*” That exalted the role of librarians in society and inspired librarians to be more devoted to their profession.

The other lecturer, Dr. Allan B. de Guzman is the faculty researcher from the UST Center for Educational Research and Development (CERD) and at the same time, a faculty member of the UST Graduate School. He spoke on the topic “When Qualitative Research Meets Library and Information Science.” He emphasized the concept of librarian, the work of librarians and introduced the concept of the qualitative research and its importance to the world of librarianship. He greatly stressed the need to recognize librarianship today as not only about information delivery, but a meaningful human experience that needs to be read and understand. He differentiated a librarian from the librarian in which the latter is more competent and effective. He even compared librarians with prepositions. He pointed out that both function as modifiers and qualify the sense of another. We all know that prepositions are words used before a noun or pronoun to show its relationship with the other words. Librarians, in the same way, are persons who modify people of different professions by making a difference in their

lives through the information they provide. He even composed a song about prepositions which describes the analogy of prepositions and librarians. He also explained that the work of the librarian should always be reflected with professional knowledge, professional practice, and professional commitment. As librarians, we should be the primary advocates of lifelong learning by empowering others to become lifelong learners, undertake research, and participate in continuing professional development.

The last part of Dr. de Guzman’s lecture was devoted to qualitative research, which in contrast with the quantitative research, makes use of words rather than numbers and the subject is mainly focused on live experiences. He gave a number of sample topics that can be used as subjects for research in the field of Library and Information Science such as: *library phenomena, library culture, emotional labour, stress and burn-out, reading fascination, leadership behavior, aging librarian and teacher-librarian collaboration.* He even encouraged librarians to undertake research and not to remain passive in their work. Overall, the lecture of Dr. de Guzman, aside from being bubbly and musical has been very inspiring and motivating. It empowers and challenges us to become more dynamic, effective, competent librarians, and to have always a vision that is “to dream with action.”

The forum ended with a **Manifesto for the Millennium Librarian** which was read by Prof. Agcaoili in unison with the audience. The said manifesto is a public declaration of the principles, policies, intentions, and objectives of the librarian and was formulated by The Philippine Foundation for Library Scholarship, Inc. (PFLSI).

The lectures have nurtured the minds and hearts of the participants regarding the core values that librarians should primarily consider in their professional practice. The librarians have been challenged and enticed to enter the world of research towards lifelong learning.

Jenneth D. Gomez

DVD Compilation... from page 3

Listed below are some of the specifications of the project as presented by Ms. Carina C. Samaniego, Archiving Project Team:

This historical anthology is divided into six (6) sections identified on the navigational bar at the bottom of the main page. The first two sections, namely: Watchdog of the Pacific and Archival Collection, provide readers with the information of the institutional background of the Manila Observatory and the milieu within which it functioned. The succeeding historical accounts of specific disasters (typhoons, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and droughts) are further classified according to categories of reportage, specifically correspondences, published and unpublished. All correspondences are arranged chronologically, while the published and unpublished categories are arranged alphabetically by title.

Full text contents of the documents are provided with a brief summary and bibliographic description. Documents may not be downloaded. English translations and transcriptions are provided for certain documents that are written, originally, in Spanish.

All images and documents included in this anthology are part of the Manila Observatory's archival collection. They are digitized and carefully handled to avoid further damage.

To ensure that the contents are legible, digitized documents with small or/and blurred texts are subjected to contrast adjustments and resizing.

At the end of the program, representatives from different institutions who have attended were given each a copy of the DVD. Our library is fortunate to be given a copy of this prestigious project. It will be very useful particularly to researchers who are conducting studies on the historical accounts of our country's natural disasters.

Jenneth D. Gomez

7 Habits... from page 3

- ◆ to get more things done in less time; and
- ◆ to be happy and find balance between school, work and friends.

During the open forum, the students shared their insights on how to deal with real life situations particularly in school performance, how to reduce conflicts and enhance cooperation and teamwork.

The closing remarks was delivered by yours truly. Being the Head Librarian of the High School library, I am proud to say that this activity ended with flying colors, knowing that in our own little ways, we were able to bring a difference to the reading habits of these young minds.

Michelle M. San Gabriel

Forum on St. Thomas... from page 4

24, 1274. Thru the lecture of Fr. Aureada, we learned that the Feast of St. Thomas is observed every January 28 because the monks of Fossa Nuova were anxious to keep his sacred remains but by order of Urban V, the body of St. Thomas was given to his Dominican brothers and was solemnly translated to the Dominican church at Tolouse on January 28, 1369.

I am pretty sure that all those who attended the forum were pleased with these new and additional information passed on to them by no less than one ardent believer of this famous and well-loved saint.

Madonna Remedios V. Alonzo

UST High School Library... from page 4

Services and Physical Facilities. The purpose of the survey is to ascertain as to what extent the library and audio-visual center are being utilized by the school.

Continued enhancement of the library is underway which goes to show that the High School management and the Library are working together for a better assessment of the educational operations of the High School department.

Michelle M. San Gabriel

Summers' Sonata... from page 5

periodical, he would delightfully share and show them to us. One of these wonderful discoveries he has shared is the amusing caricature of Wenceslao E. Retana, the preeminent bibliographic contributor and writer of the 19th century Hispanic Philippines. The said illustrative picture, which is rarely found in any resource materials, was discovered when he was browsing through the *Manililla*, a weekly illustrated and comic periodical in the 19th century. His other discovery is a very interesting portrait of Juan Luna, a famous Filipino painter which he found in the Spanish periodical *La Ilustracion Artistica*. It is thru this that I realized Juan Luna is indeed a well-known artist not only in the Philippines but also in other European countries particularly in Spain.

For Dr. Summers, the most remarkable materials he has found so far in our library are the 16th century treatises on music. These materials are of great value and are hardly found in other libraries of the world. One important statement which caught my attention is when he said that "any form of material that is unique should be preserved because the information is not only relevant to one country but could be useful to the whole world; places could perish by wars and calamities but finding and disseminating relevant information is everyone's important moral obligation." What he said really stirred my imagination and strengthened my determination to be more devoted and committed to my profession as a heritage librarian of the university.

To finally end my interview with him, I asked what is his best-loved music, it's...dan dan dan ... *Beethoven's Symphony No. 5*...that has made a remarkable change in the history of music which is immeasurably magnificent!

It was absolutely a switching conversation with Dr. Summers - from historical to musical. It has moved my senses for a moment beyond the boundaries of his high moral caliber, for I discovered that he is not only a certified music lover but also a protector of genuine and precious creation that is found only in libraries. I would definitely linger over his memento...his sonata.

Jenneth D. Gomez

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community service has always been part of the library's mission to uplift and promote interest in reading not only among Thomasians but also among the university's adopted communities.

Last October 16, 2007, Fr. Angel Aparicio, Prefect of Libraries, together with Ms. Estrella Majuelo, Chief Librarian, Ms. Narcelita Lane Olamit, Head, Committee on Community and Extension Services and some librarians, namely: Ma. Luz David, Nora Matawaran and Sabina Viernes, visited Brgy. San Martin in Tarlac. The objective of the visit was to reach out and share not only one's time but also to impart knowledge by making the community aware of the benefits they get through reading books.

The group has prepared some packed goods as their way of showing concern and love to the people of Brgy. San Martin. Afterward, the group was able to know the various problems existing in the community through the help of Ms. Loida Punzalan, person in-charge in coordinating with the University. It was found out that the books they have in their small Learning Center are already infested with termites and should be treated immediately. Thus, the group was so anxious to find possible solutions to the problems that were presented to them. Fr. Aparicio emphasized that proper handling and caring of books must be taught to Ms. Loida and these should be reiterated to the members of the community. The group provided her with some helpful tips on how to effectively manage their Learning Center and how to encourage the children develop the love for books and reading as well.

This activity was made possible through the support of the Library Administrators and the voluntary participation of some UST Library staff. Indeed, it was a fulfilling and fruitful outreach experience.

Sabina C. Viernes

DANGAL NG UST 2008

The University of Santo Tomas gives recognition to some of its best educators in a ceremony known as “Dangal ng UST.” It was held at the UST Medicine Auditorium on January 30, 2008. The theme of this year’s Dangal ng UST is “Guro: Sandigan ng Kagalingan, Yaman ng Pamantasan.” This annual gathering is a joint effort of the University of Santo Tomas and the UST Faculty Union (USTFU).

“Dangal ng UST” was established in 1998. It recognizes the immeasurable contribution and dedicated service of teachers to the Thomasian community and to society as a whole.

Rev. Fr. Rolando V. dela Rosa, acting Rector of the university, expressed admiration for Thomasian educators for they have served the university with exemplary and dedicated service. Guest speaker, Ms. Queena N. Lee, Ph.D., a faculty member from Ateneo de Manila University, talked about her experiences as a teacher. According to her, teachers should try to be more encouraging of their students.

More than one hundred faculty members were honored. Each awardee received cash, a medal and a trophy. Awards were given for the following categories:

Gawad Santo Tomas – Pinakamahusay sa Pagtuturo Bilang isang: Profesor, Asosyadong Propesor, Katuwang na Propesor, Instruktor, Guro sa Hayskul, Guro sa Elementarya, Librarian, Guidance Counselor, and Natatanging Aklat

Gawad Santo Domingo – Natatanging Guro sa Larangan ng Paglilingkod sa Pamayanan, and Natatanging Programa o Proyektong Paglilingkod sa Pamayanan

Gawad San Alberto Magno – Natatanging Mananaliksik and Natatanging Nailathalang Pananaliksik

Gawad San Lorenzo – Natatanging Pagkilala

Gawad Benavides – Service award: 20, 25, 30, 40, 45 and 55 years in ervice

Awardees from the Library department for the Gawad Benavides were Ma. Luz David, Juliet Palisoc, and Juanita Subaldo (25 years in service); Narcelita Lane Olamit, Leonila Manuel, Ma. Theresa Estoya and Ms. Nora Matawaran (20 years in service).

Ms. Matawaran, Head Librarian of the Serials section, received the Gawad Santo Tomas award for the third time.

After the ceremony, the awardees together with their guests, were treated to a special lunch.

In closing, we deeply appreciate this recognition given to us. These awards are the fruits of our labor, love and dedication to the university and will serve as an inspiration as we continue with our noble profession.

Juanita D. Subaldo



The Dangal awardees from the Library Department (L-R: Ma. L. David, L. Manuel, J. Subaldo, Ms. N. Matawaran, Ma. T. Estoya, and N. Olamit).

“HIYAS NG UST”

Employees Recognition day provides a special time to express appreciation and gratitude to employees for their hard work and dedication. These employees perform their duties with compassion. This is the moment to acknowledge employees for their continued well-being and quality of service, their professionalism and commitment to service. Recognition creates a more motivated workforce thereby creating a highly effective employee.

On February 21, 2008, the University of Santo Tomas gave honor to deserving employees of the university. Formerly known as the “Non-Academic Employees Recognition” awards, it is now called the “Hiyas ng UST.” This annual activity is sponsored by the Human Resource Department (HRD). Aside from the “Employee of the Year” award, those who have rendered years of service in the university, the least of which is ‘10 years’, were also recognized.

The affair was held at the UST chapel. It started with a Eucharistic celebration officiated by Rev. Fr. Rolando V. dela Rosa, O.P., acting Rector of the university, followed by the awarding ceremony and the launching of HRD website.

The following employees of the Miguel de Benavides Library were given an award for years of

service: Ma. Arleen Abad and Ginalyn Matias-Santiago (10 years of service); Lordelin Tiamson and Editha Polinag (25 years of service). The recipients received cash and certificates.

Still from the Library, Edgardo Lapid and Ma. Theresa Milabo were nominated for the “Employee of the Year.” Although they did not make it, being nominated alone is already a great honor.

To all the awardees, our congratulations! May this recognition serve as a guiding force for us to strive and work harder.

Annabelle G. Lauro



In photo are the awardees from the Library Department. From left: Ma. A. Abad, L. Tiamson and G. Matias-Santiago with the nominees for “Employee of the Year,” E. Lapid and Ma. T. Milabo (inset photo).

“A ROSE THAT BLOOMS”



Her full name is Rosemary B. Balbin, a lady who has a bubbly personality. Her close friends fondly call her “Marie” and “Rose” by her colleagues. She was born on the 20th day of July and was

raised in Oslob, Cebu. A natural beauty, this Cebuana is full of enthusiasm and laughter. Rose is the daughter of Mr. Jose Balbin Jr. and Mrs. Loreta Balbin.

She finished her grade school in Oslob Central Elementary School and her secondary school at the National Teachers College. She obtained her Bachelor's degree from the College of Commerce major in Business Management. She has also some Library Science units to her credit which she is optimistic she'll be able to finish in due time.

Although serious and hardworking, Rose makes it a point to spice up life with unending humor, otherwise, life will prove boring. She has been in the library for 11 years now. She has been assigned in the different sections and branches of the library such as the Law library, the Graduate School section, and her latest assignment, the Health Sciences Library.

At her young age, this lady has invested the fruits of her labor by acquiring her own house which she generously shares with her loved ones. A “rose” blooming in the wilderness with thorns to safeguard her, this kind-hearted lady is ever willing to help the less fortunate lest obstacles and problems ruin her life.

As her friend, I wish that someday someone will be knocking at her door, somebody whom her heart truly deserves. To my friend, I know that the blooming rose I have known would become a full-bloom rose, ever ready to embrace all the beautiful blessings of life.

Elma L. Nagorite

LIBRARY GRADUATING SCHOLARS "BATCH 2008"

March 9, 2008 was not an ordinary Sunday for the Miguel de Benavides Library graduating scholars batch 2008. This had become a day of reward for their four years of dedicated service to the university.

The activity was organized by the Committee on Human Values chaired by Leonila Manuel. The sixteen (16) persevering working scholars were treated to a day of delightful activities and a different kind of bonding with each other and with their respective heads.

The group left the four walls of the university at seven o'clock in the morning. They headed to Caleruega Retreat House located in Batangas City. A Holy Eucharist was celebrated and officiated by Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., the Prefect of Libraries. He took this opportunity to thank the scholars for serving the university, for being a big help to the library in particular. He said that the working scholars are always welcome to visit the library.

The next destination was the Palace in the Sky in Tagaytay. The group enjoyed taking photos and bought some "pasalubong" from the souvenir shop. After an hour of Tagaytay stuff-hunting and negotiating with the vendors, the

group proceeded to the house of Fr. Aparicio's friend where they had a sumptuous lunch especially prepared for them by the library staff. Everyone shared and enjoyed the meals, the funny things, the trip and all the blessings of the day.



The graduating SLRWS in a souvenir photo with Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P.

After lunch, swimming time comes, the activity most-awaited by the working scholars. The cold water and cool weather did not stop them from taking a dip into the pool and enjoy the moment. They laughed a lot and kidded around. They celebrated the fruits of their hard labor while thinking of their forthcoming graduation, a reward they have long been waiting for and have earned out of the pains and sacrifices shed as working scholars.

The day has been one of the most memorable experiences of their student-scholar life.

In behalf of this year's graduating scholars, I would like to thank the Miguel de Benavides Library family for all the help they have extended to us. You are part of our achievements. More power and God bless!

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