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## EHS-GRADE SCHOOL LIBRARIES MERGED!

**T**he eventual phase out of the Elementary department has brought a dramatic change in the set-up of the Grade School library. For this school year, the grade levels have been reduced to only two, that is, grades five and six which made the administrators of the library and the elementary departments to finally decide on the merger of the Education High School and the Grade School libraries. The prime reason for the change is to utilize the EHS library for other purpose and second, to save manpower. The section is now known the **EHS/Grade School Library**.

Before the decision was made, a meeting was held last February 19, 2009 among the dean of the College of Education, Dr. Clotilde Arcangel, Prof. Marishirl Tropicales, principal of EHS, Assoc. Prof. Nenita Caralipio, principal of the Grade School department and the administrators of the Miguel de Benavides Library, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, and Ms. Estrella Majuelo, chief librarian.

With the approval of the administrators, the librarians of the two libraries, Mrs. Lucila Adriano and Mrs. Arlene Matias, started planning for the physical set-up. This was done in consultation with Prof. Ma. Theresa Fenix, a former professor of CFAD and the library consultant for design. In April 2009, the collection, furniture and equipment of the EHS library have been transferred to the Grade School

library; the rest of the furniture and equipment which could no longer be utilized in the Grade School library were turned over to the central library in coordination with Mrs. Juanita Subaldo, library committee chair for physical facilities.

The collection of the Grade School was arranged and placed near the entrance of the library, right wing. At the left side is the collection of the Education High School.

Aside from the physical set up, some members of the staff have been given new assignments. Mrs. Adriano, the former head librarian of the EHS library, was transferred to the Current Serials section of the Miguel de Benavides Library. Mrs. Matias now heads the merged Grade School and EHS libraries. Mrs. Perla Martin, a support staff who was formerly assigned at the Current Serials, has been transferred to the EHS/Grade School library to assist the head librarian in most of the library works. The number of working scholars assigned has been reduced to only four.

With the new set-up, the Grade school pupils can now enjoy the privilege of browsing and scanning the books of the EHS library and vice-versa. Students and faculty members of both departments may now enjoy the use of the entire area.

*Arlene P. Matias*

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## NEWLY-HIRED FACULTY MEMBERS

The UST Office of the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs through its Office for Faculty Evaluation and Development (OFED) conducted the annual orientation-seminar for the newly-hired faculty members. This was held on June 4 and 5, 2009 at the UST AMV College of Accountancy multi-purpose hall. The program moderator was Prof. Mafel Ysrael, Executive Assistant to the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs.

Day one of the orientation was a background information about the university given by Prof. Clarita Carillo, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs. She discussed the three-fold function of the University which are instruction, research and community service. Prof. Carillo also gave insights about the nature of the Thomasian educator as a professional.

Rev. Fr. Gerard P. Timoner III, O.P. presented a video for the participants to know and to better appreciate the legacies of the two Dominican saints, namely: St. Dominic de Guzman and St. Thomas Aquinas, how their philosophies have been applied to the mission-vision of the university.

The last discussion for the day was facilitated by Prof. Editha Fernandez, Director of OVRAA-OFED. She mentioned the privileges and benefits as well as opportunities for professional development the university affords. The evaluation and promotion criteria as well as the procedures were also explained.

The available resources and services offered by the university to facilitate learning as well as the various models of instruction applicable to tertiary level learning were discussed on the second day.

Assoc. Prof. Ma. Ninia Calaca, Director of Educational Technology Center, lectured on the integration of educational technology in instruction. Furthermore, she showed the services offered by EdTech Center especially the computerized modules which can be used and developed by the faculty members themselves.

The university librarians headed by the Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella Majuelo, introduced the Miguel de Benavides Library, its collections, services, rules and regulations. In addition, the online databases such as EBSCO, ScienceDirect and Proquest, which will be beneficial not only to faculty members but to students as well were mentioned.

Guidance and Counseling office had also their presentation which includes the profile of the incoming freshmen students of UST. Prof. Lucila Bance,

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## INTERNET MANIFESTO

The Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) and its National Capital Region Librarians Council (PLAI-NCR) in cooperation with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions - Committee on Freedom Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (IFLA-FAIFE), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and C & E Publishing, Inc., sponsored a 2-day seminar-workshop entitled "Internet: the Way to the Future." This was held on July 30-31, 2009 at the C & E Publishing House building.

The objectives of this seminar are:

- to update participants on IFLA activities and plans;
- to discuss the provisions of the Internet Manifesto and the strategies on how to implement the said provisions;
- to identify barriers to the flow of information and ways of overcoming them;
- to underscore the role of libraries in promoting free access to information and freedom of expression through the Internet; and
- to be able to write Internet policies as applied to different types of libraries.

Attended by 70 participants coming from different library institutions, the session started with the topic "IFLA-FAIFE and Internet Manifesto: an Overview" which was delivered by Ms. Lilia Echiverri, board member of IFLA-FAIFE. She clearly stated the objectives of IFLA-FAIFE project which are: 1) to raise awareness of the essential correlation between the library concept and the values of freedom of expression; 2) to collect and disseminate documentation and aim to stimulate a dialogue both within and outside the library world; and 3) to act as focal point on the issue of freedom of expression, libraries and librarianship. According to Ms. Echiverri, this project is divided into four (4) phases which consisted mostly of training-workshops, and reporting.

The next topic that was discussed is "Laws and Policies Regulating Internet Access in the Philippines." This was presented by Prof. Antonio Santos of U.P. Law Library. Among the things that he presented are the Right to Information, Right to Privacy/Confidentiality and Freedom of Information Bill.

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## FORUM ON “COLON AND LIVER CANCER”

**C**ANCER, “an illness caused by tumor or simply a fast-spreading bad phenomenon.” Scientifically, it is a term used for diseases in which abnormal cells divide without control and are able to invade other tissues. Whenever we hear this word, we usually think something negative. But are we really aware of this disease, its implications?

The Office of the Medical Director in coordination with the Department of Clinical Oncology of the UST Hospital sponsored a forum for lay people entitled, “Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention of Colon and Liver Cancer” which strongly advocates the early detection of non-communicable diseases such as cancer. I was fortunate to be asked to attend this very informative forum which was held last August 28, 2009 at the UST Hospital Benavides Cancer Institute Auditorium. It was an opportunity for me to learn about this life-threatening but preventable disease and to be able to share to others what I learned.

The forum started with the first topic entitled **Cancer sa Atay: Ano ang Dahilan Nito at Paanong Gamutin?”** It was discussed by Dr. Stephen Wong, a specialist on Gastroenterology and Hepatology from the UST Hospital. Dr. Wong is also connected with Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center. According to Dr. Wong, liver cancer is the 2nd most deadly disease in the Philippines based on statistics study made last 2005. He explained that there are two main sources of this disease: 1. Liver metastasis (*kanser na kumalat sa atay galing sa ibang bahagi ng katawan tulad ng bituka o sikhura, lapay at dibdib ng mga kababaihan*); 2. Primary liver cancer (*galing mismo sa cells ng atay*) such as Hepatocellular carcinoma and Cholangiocarcinoma. He also showed some illustrations that gave us a clear picture of the disease like portal circulation of the liver and liver with cirrhosis. Dr. Wong gave some practical tips to catch the risk factors at early stage. He suggested screening for hepatitis B/C especially if somebody has it in the family; secondly, SGPT should be included in the yearly checkup. He emphasized that women should drink only one (1) beer a day and for men, two (2) bottles per day in order to maintain a healthy liver. In short, everyone is warned to drink alcohol moderately. One has to monitor blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol levels; and lastly, one should not disregard symptoms. He also discussed different treatment options for liver cancer such as liver resection, liver transplant, TACE (Tran serial Chemotherapy), alcohol injection and Radiofrequency Ablation (RFA). He gave some pointers on how to prevent cirrhosis and cancer in patient with known liver diseases such as: a) have regular checkup with the doctor; b) stop or drastically reduce alcohol intake; c) ask

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## CAREER ORIENTATION

**T**he UST Guidance and Counseling department and the UST High School Student Council sponsored a career orientation for third year students entitled “Planning Makes Perfect: a Career Exploration for Juniors.” This was held last February 27, 2009 in some of the classrooms at the UST High School building. The orientation was attended by college deans, faculty members, USTHS alumni, parents, and some resource speakers who have already proven themselves in their respective field of expertise.

The program aims to help students build and properly select a good career, and to engage them in serious and thorough analysis of the different career options available to them. This implies early career awareness and planning in order to prepare them to this significant decision that they will have to make in the near future.

Mrs. Michelle San Gabriel, Head Librarian of the High School Library, was one of the speakers during the sessions on February 27 at 1:00 in the afternoon. She shared her experiences and expertise as a librarian. She also mentioned the numerous job opportunities for future librarians.

*Michelle M. San Gabriel*

## SENATOR VICTOR ZIGA'S VISIT TO THE UST HERITAGE LIBRARY

**L**ast February 28, 2009, a former dignitary, Sen. Victor Ziga, visited the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library. Sen. Ziga is an alumnus of the University having obtained his Bachelor's degree in Philosophy in 1971 and a Law degree in 1974.

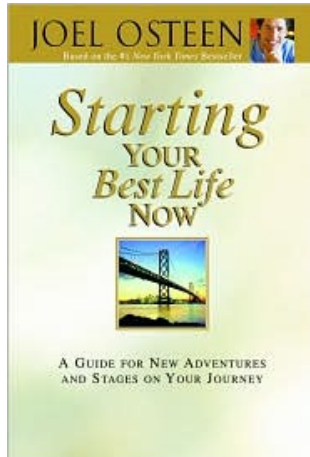
Sen. Ziga's contributions in the field of politics left a remarkable legacy after he run and won in the 1984 Batasang Pambansa elections. He filed various Bills like: the establishment of the National Rehabilitation Center for drug addicts; requiring secondary schools to teach “drug addiction and abuse;” and increasing the minimum basic monthly salary of public school teachers. He was appointed Minister of General Services. As senator, he served as chairman of the Commission on Appointments, Senate Electoral Tribunal and sixteen (16) other committees. His interest and concern for those who have less in life were reflected in his associations and involvement in typhoon relief operations and in civic organizations.

The former senator accompanied Mr. Ricardo Centenera, a friend from Spain, who visited the Library to find out some information about his father, Angel

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## BOOK REVIEWS



**T**he book **Starting Your Best Life Now** contains words of wisdom. Every chapter has a short story which can be considered a motivation for the reader to do the same as he reads the book. It teaches one to go beyond what is expected of him and to trust God in every step he takes. It also teaches a person to develop his own personality and be

somebody, not just anybody. Having a positive outlook in life is one of the main ideas that the author talks about. According to Joel Osteen, “we are what we think, and if our thoughts are something negative, this might become the cause of us just being contented of how we live and not striving for the best.” In addition, living in the past will only drag a

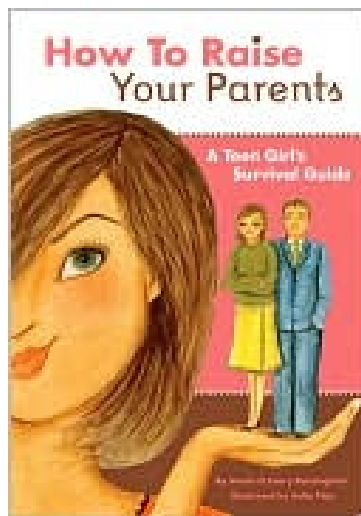
person to become bitter. This book nurtures us to live in the present, live every moment of our lives, be positive, aim high and prove something to ourselves and to others. Be patient; give love, not just a receiver; don't miss out life's blessings that God has prepared for you, and do all your actions for the love of God.

### RECOMMENDATION

I am not a wide reader; but when I read this book, it was like I wanted to read more. The book is very interesting. It has several great stories where one would feel as if she is just listening to a story of a friend; it is very spontaneous. It has also a lot of pictures that one would not feel bored especially if one is not really fond of reading. This book is recommended for grade school pupils and for young adults; for young as they may be, they can already start building their lives through appreciation of the things that come along their way as they go through life's journey. This work will make one realize that “opportunities are God's simple ways of leading them to the right path.” Let us give it our best shot, and

*Via Eloisa B. Dayanghirang  
UST - 4PSEDI*

**H**ow To Raise Your Parents by Sarah O'Leary Burningham is a teen girl's survival guide. This book has different positive reinforcements on how teenagers would be able to deal with their parents. What is good about this book is that it doesn't only focus on sheer tips and guides, but also includes a variety of interesting ways to present the writer's views and findings. As one progresses in reading, illustrations make the book more fascinating. Stories and experiences of other teens present a different dilemma and give ideas on how to solve such situations. This book discusses young people's problems about negotiation, teen's privacy, dating, sexuality, high school life, future jobs, trends, and the like. It is whimsical and enlightening. Who would have thought of giving a twist on predicaments of teens nowadays? Besides, it is not a bad thing that children should occasionally and politely make parents realize their rightful place in society.



### RECOMMENDATION

I encourage high school students to read this book. High school life sets the stages for teenagers to experiment, explore and face the real world. I think that it is best for them to actually acquire some counseling strategies and learn from other people's experiences. Aside from being funny and witty, it also enables young adults to see their viewpoint and help them agree on establishing a more open relationship. On the reader's part, it ventures maturity for them to be more equipped with life's difficulties.

*Mariska Bautista  
UST - 4PSEDI*

## BOOK DISCUSSION ON “TWILIGHT”

The High School library organized a book discussion on the book **Twilight**, by Stephenie Meyer. This was held at the High School library last February 6, 2009. The objectives of this activity are:

- ◆ to encourage students to come to the library;
- ◆ to get them interested in reading books;
- ◆ to share their reading experiences; and
- ◆ to improve their reading comprehension.

Mr. Melvin Almonguera, Values teacher of the HS department, was the resource speaker. He made an assessment of the book based on morals and religion. His general impressions of the work are:

- ◆ a good reading material – light, crisp, entertaining, relatable, and sincere;
- ◆ the line between fantasy and reality is finely ironed; it is presented as a coherent whole; and
- ◆ the author communicates effectively to her intended audience, the young-at-heart.

Mr. Almonguera also made specific critiques on some aspects such as:

### of God and Religion

- ◆ there is neither a major mention of, nor an obvious allusion to God or religion;
- ◆ considering the dangers that Bella encountered, one would expect a prayer on her part, which could have been very normal or is expected for such a situation;
- ◆ perhaps, the work is intended to “ignore” religion altogether; if not intended, then it may have reflected the author’s religious (or irreligious) background.

### on Mystery

- ◆ a mystery is commonly understood as something that cannot be fully explained, but a philosopher, Gabriel Marcel, dug deeper into its nature. He hypothesizes that something is mysterious because it is intimately related to us that we cannot separate ourselves from it; we are deeply involved in it. This distinguishes a mystery from a mere problem, for the latter is “solvable;” it is outside us, from which we are separated; a mystery then invites us to approach

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## *Newly-Hired Faculty... from page 2*

Director of the department, emphasized to the newly-hired faculty members that they will be teaching the best students in the country.

Prof. Allan de Guzman, with his dynamic and entertaining personality, gave a review regarding “models of instruction.” He also gave tips on how to approach college students and how to keep them interested in learning.

On the topic “Testing and Measurement,” Assoc. Prof. Marishirl Tropicales discussed the grading system commonly used in the university. She also gave notes on how to plan and prepare, score, evaluate and interpret tests correctly in order for the incoming teachers to correctly assess student’s performance.

The UST Faculty Union (USTFU) thru Mr. Gil Garcia, gave information about the various faculty benefits.

It is not the money after all that the newly-hired faculty members is after but the opportunity to serve the University of Santo Tomas that is a real joy to them.

A former mentor of mine, Mrs. Lilia Vengco, once said “if you wanted to be rich, then teaching is the not the profession for you.” As educators, it is not the financial compensation that matters but the thought that the future of the students is in your hands. As you see them grow and become successful individuals, then your work has already been rewarded.

*Sheila M. Ortencio*

## *Internet Manifesto... from page 2*

The second day started with a discussion by Mr. Edgardo Quiros, Chief Information Technology Division of The National Library. He explained the “Current Role of Philippine Libraries: Scenarios and Trends.” He enumerated the barriers to information access such as lack or insufficiency of the following: electricity, computers, Internet connections and institutional priorities. The cases discussed indeed happen in reality.

Before the brainstorming activity, Dr. Nora Claravall lectured on “How to Write an Internet Use Policy.” She presented the Internet Manifesto Guidelines, Internet Use Policies. A workshop followed.

The participants were divided into four (4) groups and copies of the case studies were distributed for discussion in order to arrive at the best possible solutions for each case, after which, the leaders reported the outcome. The seminar ended with the distribution of certificates and handouts.

*Lourdes Fatima C. Calingasan*

## *Forum on “Colon...” from page 3*

a doctor if treatment is indicated; d) have ultrasound of the liver done every 6-12 months to screen liver cancer.

The second topic is about “Colorectal Cancer,” markedly discussed by Dr. Melchor Mesa Chan, an associate professor from the UST Faculty of Medicine & Surgery and at the same time head of the Digestive Endoscopy Unit. Dr. Chan started his lecture by presenting two victims of colon cancer, an actress and a TV host, Ms. Rio Diaz and the late President Corazon Aquino. Dr. Chan explained that a cancer that begins in the colon is called colon cancer, and cancer that begins in the rectum is called rectal cancer. Cancer that starts in either of these organs may also be called colorectal cancer. According to him, studies have found the following risk factors for colorectal cancer:

- **Age over 50.** Colorectal cancer is more likely to occur as people get older. More than 90 percent of people with this disease are diagnosed after age 50. The average age at diagnosis is 72.
- **Colorectal polyps.** Polyps are growths at the inner wall of the colon or rectum. They are common in people over age 50. Most polyps are benign, but some polyps (adenomas) can become cancer. Finding and removing polyps may reduce the risk of colorectal cancer.
- **Family history of colorectal cancer.** Close relatives (parents, brothers, sisters, or children) of a person with a history of colorectal cancer are somewhat more likely to develop this disease themselves, especially if the relative had the cancer at a young age. If many close relatives have a history of colorectal cancer, the risk is even greater.
- **Genetic alterations.** Changes in certain genes increase the risk of colorectal cancer.

Dr. Chan also showed the different stages of colorectal cancer by way of illustrations. According to Dr. Chan, surgery is the most common treatment for colorectal cancer. This can be colonoscopy, laparoscopy and open surgery. Chemotherapy, biological therapy and radiation therapy can be also an option. Side effects can be definitely distressing but usually go away after treatment. Before he ended his talk, he strongly suggests that one should take care of his health especially when one reaches the age of 50; always be honest in consulting a doctor and maintain a balance diet with proper exercise.

At the last part of that half-day forum, we were surprised by the appearance of actress Ms. Lorna Tolentino who shared short messages and experiences about her late husband, Rudy Fernandez who was in a situation similar to what had been discussed. Mr Fernandez suffered from peri-ampullary cancer, the

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growth of tumor in the ampulla, a passage of bile duct in the intestines. From the liver, bile duct supplies bile to the intestine, the liquid which digests the food intake of a person. If the ampulla has a tumor, the bile doesn't flow in the intestines resulting in inflammation of the bile duct. According to Ms. Tolentino, based on their research, peri-ampullary cancer is rare that for every 100,000 people, only 100 develop the illness. Ms. Tolentino also answered some questions from the audience regarding the experiences that she went through together with her husband in his fight against the disease. A very courageous woman and a loving wife, Lorna stayed beside her husband until the end in this toughest battle of their lives.

The forum was truly enlightening and very helpful. I was indeed very privileged to represent our department and in return, I should share this information not only to my colleagues in the library but to my family as well.

*Anna Rita L. Alomo*

*Book Discussion on... from page 5*

- it to know it better. However, some are discouraged, that is why they shy away from it;
- ◆ in the case of this novel, a mystery is obviously seen in Bella's relationship with Edward – a vampire;
  - ◆ Bella's actuations are commendable when related to faith;
  - ◆ God is the most mysterious Being that one can encounter. His sublime mystery invites us to get closer to Him;
  - ◆ however, as we get closer, there are "demands" that could endanger us in the eyes of the world – sacrifices, moral uprightness, deeper spirituality;
  - ◆ they are contrary to most of the present values of mankind – pleasure, convenience and materialism. One may shy away from the mystery of God because of the dangers one may face in the eyes of the world;
  - ◆ but, like Bella, we should hold on to that mystery, which is a source of happiness that the world may not fully understand.

on Perseverance

- ◆ perseverance, which connotes doing good continuously, is a difficult virtue to acquire; this is in view of the hardships one may encounter along the way;
- ◆ man's nature is a "fallen" one; it is easier for people to do bad than good;
- ◆ Edward's perseverance as exemplified by his avoidance of human blood, particularly Bella's extremely fragrant blood, is indeed noteworthy;

*Sen. Victor Ziga... from page 3*

Centenera, an alumnus of the University. With them were Sen. Ziga's wife Carmen and son Richard. With the assistance of Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., they checked the *Thomasian 1931* and the *El Debate*, a Filipiniana rare newspaper where most of the articles written by Angel Centenera were published.

In the course of their research, Mr. Ricardo Centenera was amused at seeing a picture of his father in the *Thomasian '31*. However, they were not able to find the articles they were looking for in the *El Debate* due to the limited issues available in the Library.

Nevertheless, the young Centenera promised that he will make another visit to the Heritage Library to search further for pertinent information about his father as well as the articles that he had written which might have been published in other Filipiniana rare periodicals available in the Library.

*Jenneth G. Capule*

- ◆ in Ethics, one is advised to avoid temptations if there are inclinations to sin, which are very natural in view of humans being "fallen."

In his final notes Mr. Almonguera said that:

1. In reading a novel, or in interpreting any object for that matter, one has to be conscious of his/her values, beliefs and principles.
2. These are one's weapons against the preachy character of most objects at present – those that disseminate negative values (ex. the "Da Vinci Code").
3. When one's convictions are secured, then there could be no bad books, movies and the like, except for those that are really designed to entice the flesh.
4. Anything that could encourage the young people to read, in these times of aversion to books, is very much welcome.

He also admonishes everyone to "continue reading." It opens new world beyond one's physical reach and it leads to windows unimaginable.

The inspirational message was delivered by Mrs. Eden Tolentino, High School principal, who encourages the participants to continue reading. Also present were Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, some librarians, faculty members, and guidance counselors. This activity was in cooperation with the UST High School Readers' Club headed by Ms. Vynette dela Cruz as adviser. My gratitude also to Mr. John Raymond Sandoval, library coordinator, who had been very helpful in this activity of the library.

*Michelle M. San Gabriel*

## FRESHMEN LIBRARY ORIENTATION

Every start of the school year, the library welcomes the new members of the Thomasian family through a library orientation. This annual practice of the library proves to be very beneficial to the incoming freshmen students of the university. Through this orientation, students become familiar on how to use the library, its resources, facilities and services.

Unfortunately, for this SY 2009-2010, all assemblage was cancelled by the Office of the Secretary General as a preventive measure for the AH1N1 pandemic. Room to room orientation was recommended as an alternative. In response, the

Library administrators asked the assistance of the library coordinators in disseminating this information to the new students of their respective college. The coordinators attended a “Trainers training” last July 2, 2009 which was facilitated by Ms. Czarina Lopez, head of the General Reference and Information section. Each coordinator was given copies of the library virtual tour and power point presentation of the orientation. A step by step guide on the use of the LORENZO (library online catalog) and a list of subscribed databases are also included in the presentation together with the new library information brochure as a supplement.

The following colleges attended the orientation facilitated by the librarians.

Date	College	No. of Section
June 18, 19, 22, July 1	Faculty of Medicine and Surgery	4 sections
June 25 - 30	UST High School	13 sections
July 4	Teacher Certificate Program	21 students
July 6	College of Rehabilitation Science	7 sections
July 14 -17	Faculty of Engineering	40 sections
July 20-24	College of Science	16 sections
August 1	Graduate School	100 students
August 3	Education High School	2 sections
August 4	Faculty of Civil Law	100 students

The rest of the colleges attended the classroom orientation led by the coordinators and some English professors.

*Maria Czarina D. Lopez*

## USTLA OFFICERS SY 2009-2010, INDUCTED

The newly elected officers of the University of Santo Tomas Librarians Association (USTLA) for the year 2009-2010 took their oath of office last July 14, 2009. This was held at the UST Miguel de Benavides Library conference hall, with the Prefect of the Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., as the inducting officer.

The ceremony started with an Invocation led by Ms. Jenneth Capule, Head Librarian of the Heritage Library. This was followed by the accomplishment report of the outgoing USTLA president, Ms. Michelle San Gabriel. Likewise, the financial statement was reported by the outgoing treasurer, Ms. Marivic Usita.

Dr. Gil Gamilla, USTFU president, delivered the inspirational message. In his speech, he encouraged the librarians to participate actively in all USTFU activities and continue to support the USTLA officers and its projects. On the other hand, Fr. Aparicio, in his

message, requested Dr. Gamilla to increase the amount of prosperity fund of USTLA in order to support its projects and activities. Ms. Marilou Palermo, the newly elected USTLA president, delivered her acceptance speech and thanked her colleagues for entrusting her with the position. She likewise asked them for their support and cooperation for the future activities of the Association.

Also present during the occasion were some USTFU officers such as Prof. Editha Ocampo and Prof. Corazon Unas.

The new set of officers for SY 2009-2010 are: Marilou Palermo, president; Angelica Frances Cruz, vice-president; Arlene Matias, secretary; Sabina Viernes, treasurer; Lucila Adriano, auditor and Fatima Calingasan, PRO.

To the new set of officers, congratulations and good luck!

*Marilou G. Palermo*



## EHS/GRADE SCHOOL LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

August is a memorable month for Filipinos. It is during this month that we commemorate the feast of St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order (OP), the death of our beloved former President Corazon Aquino and her husband Benigno Aquino, Sr., and the “Buwan ng Wika.” August is also the month when other countries such as Korea, India, and Indonesia obtained their independence.

Likewise, for our elementary and high school students, this month could be another month filled with activities and assignments. Schedules of educational activities will always be given in order for students to value their education and the various activities that go with it. It has always been inculcated in the minds of the students that the library is not only a depository of books but also a place where learning process takes place as proven by the different activities lined up by the EHS/Grade School library.

### Film Showing on the Life of St. Dominic

For this year, the activity was held from August 6-7, 2009. The EHS students had a simultaneous film showing at the Grade School activity area and at the EHS Audio Visual Room (AVR). The presentation highlighted St. Dominic’s family, his study life, his true image, his prayerful life describing the nine (9) ways of prayer by St. Dominic, his apostolic labors, his death and glory, and St. Dominic being the protector of the Order of Preachers.

### “Pagkukwento” or Storytelling

In the celebration of the “Buwan ng Wika” with the theme “Wikang Filipino: Mula Baler Hanggang Buong Pilipinas,” the Grade School department and the EHS/Grade School library in coordination with the Miguel de Benavides library had a two-day storytelling activity entitled “Pagkukwento.” The aim of this activity is for the pupils to appreciate and to know more about our national language, and to value our literature through stories. In her opening remarks, Assoc. Prof. Nenita Caralipio, principal of the Grade School department, explained the theme of the month and informed them about the life of Pres. Manuel L. Quezon who is considered as the “Father of the Filipino Language.” A powerpoint presentation with the voice of Pres. Quezon himself entitled “My Message to My People” has made the enthusiastic crowd aware of Quezon’s importance in the life of the Filipino people.

The storytellers were among the graduating students of UST taking up Elementary Education (EEd); they were:

- ◆ Elaine Ortizo with her story *Nasaan Si Kuya Emil*, written by Germaine Yia
- ◆ Via Dayanghirang *Ang Panganay*, by Felice

Prudente Sta. Maria

- ◆ Beatriz Elyza Dela Cruz *Filemon Mamon*, by Cristine Belen
- ◆ Valerie Ann Tuazon *Bakit hindi Naka-lipstik si Nanay*, by Grace D. Chong
- ◆ Kenneth Alimorong *Ang Bisikleta ni Momon*, written by Rebecca T. Noñuevo
- ◆ Gail Poh and Shaira Ang with *Chenelyn! Chenelyn!* by Rhandee Garlitos



- ◆ Mary Ann Bat-og *Ayan na si Bolet Bulate*, a story by Dr. Luis Gatmaitan
- ◆ Kristine Manuel *Si Emang Engkantada at ang Tatlong Haragan*, by Rene Villanueva
- ◆ Theresa Carandang narrated *Ibong Adarna*
- ◆ Nikka Celina Lao *Pambihirang Buhok ni Raquel*, by Dr. Gatmaitan
- ◆ Eliza Edora with the story *Ang Madyik Silya ni Titoy*, by Russel Molina
- ◆ Marty Brillantes Ang *Barumbadong Bus*, story by Rene Villanueva

Some storytellers provided PowerPoint presentation which added life to their stories. The organizers headed by Ms. Rose Marie Cordura and Ms. Arlene Matias are hopeful that these stories have provided the pupils true insights of the Filipino values.

### Craft Hour

“Craft Hour” is an art activity for the pupils. Everyone can participate as long as it is not during their class period. Students who are interested must seek permission from their parents and the children need to secure a reply slip from the library. The aim of this activity is to develop the child’s ability to express opinions and ideas in his own artistic and unique way. It is also during this session that the facilitator/librarian discusses and integrates the importance of library and the services it offers.

Materials were provided by the library. For this year’s project, it was decided to have the *Book Mark-making*. This was held last August 26, 2009. The pupils’ artworks were returned to them so that they can use them as “markings” while reading their books; in this way, folding of pages of books can be eliminated.

### “National Heroes Day”

In celebration of the National Heroes Day on August 31, there were film showings on the life of Dr. Jose Rizal, Francisco Balagtas and Andres Bonifacio. This was held on September 1-4, 2009. It was open to everyone who are interested.

**Arlene P. Matias**

## “LIBRARY OUTREACH”

Last August 16, 2009, the Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella Majuelo, together with Ms. Narcelita Lane Olamit, Chairman, Committee on Community and Extension Services, Ms. Nora Matawaran, Head Librarian of the Serials section and Ms. Marilou Palermo, Head Librarian of the Filipiniana section, went to Sitio San Martin, Bamban, Tarlac for some outreach activities.

Upon arrival at the site, the group proceeded to the small library put up by the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. Ms. Majuelo requested Ms. Loida Punzalan, the contact person in Sitio San Martin, to gather the children for a storytelling session.

Ms. Palermo conducted the storytelling activity which tackled on love for the environment, animals, plants and trees; how to take care of the natural resources; and protection of the endangered animals. After the session, Ms. Palermo asked questions, giving

a prize for every correct answer. The children participated actively during the discussion. Other informative and entertaining activities followed. After the activity, some goods which consisted of candies, toys, pairs of slippers and shoes were distributed to the natives. The kids had so much fun.

I felt so much joy in my heart as I looked at the kids receiving their prizes and goodies. The small things that we share to our neighbors are to them, so “valuable.”

This activity was made possible through the continuous support of the library administrators in coordination with the Committee on Community and Extension Services and the voluntary participation of the librarians. Indeed, this noble undertaking of the library is worth emulating.

As parting words, let us always be guided by this saying: “We make a living by what we get, but we make life by what we give.”

*Marilou G. Palermo*

## PREFECT’S BIRTHDAY, CELEBRATED!

It was like only yesterday when the library celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of our beloved Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. This year, as Fr. Aparicio reaches sixty one, another surprise was accorded him, what with the initial greetings from the officers and members of the Grade School Book Lovers’ Club. The kids prepared a song number and a skit showing how they have come up with a birthday card for Father using the various library materials such as directory (for instruction/direction where to acquire needed supplies), encyclopedia, atlas, manual, etc.; each kid representing one type of these materials.

The monthly meeting of library coordinators was also scheduled on this day, on purpose, for the coordinators to grace this special day of Fr. Angel.

The day would not have been complete without the presence of Fr. Aparicio’s friends: two of the former chief librarians, Ms. Juana Abello and Mrs. Erlinda Flores; Ms. Margarita Cruz, Ms. Theresa Fenix, Ms. Linda Bernardo, Ms. Eva Kalaw, Dr. Belen Tanco, and Prof. Eloisa de Castro. Other well wishers were some UST administrators who never fail to remember this important day.

A delectable snacks which was shared by the library staff and friends of Fr. Aparicio made the occasion all the more enjoyable. September 25 might have passed as just another ordinary day, but since it was the birthday of the Father Prefect, it was truly a meaningful day especially for those whose heart and life have been touched by the one and only Fr. Angel Aparicio.



*Upper photos: Grade School Book Lovers present a skit for Fr. Aparicio. Some of Fr. Aparicio’s close friends pose for a souvenir shot (from left: Ms. T. Fenix, Prof. E. de Castro, Ms. J. Abello, Ms. M. Cruz, and Ms. E. Majuelo).*

*Ma. Arleen M. Abad*

## OUTSTANDING LIBRARIAN 2009

On the occasion of its 35th Founding Anniversary and the Professional Regulation Week, the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) awarded Prof. Candida C. Agcaoili, the “2009 Outstanding Professional in the field of Librarianship.” Prof. Agcaoili, although not a practicing librarian anymore, is always a “librarian at heart.” She is currently a professor and the discipline



consultant of Library and Information Science at the UST Graduate School. Prof. Agcaoili received her award during the PRC Awards Night on June 19, 2009 held at the Fiesta Pavillion, Manila Hotel.

### The citation reads:

“For devoting 59 long years of her professional life in the development of the library profession; for her exemplary leadership as the First President of the Integrated Philippine Library Association now Philippine Librarians Association, as the Founding President of the Philippine Association of Teachers of Library Science, as Founder and Vice-Chairperson of the Philippine Foundation for Library Science and Scholarship which gave her 27 awards of recognition and distinction; for exemplifying the true meaning of commitment by sharing unselfishly her knowledge and expertise as Professor of UST, as delegate, speaker, lecturer and presenter of 28 papers in librarianship here and abroad and as a writer and publisher of articles in Library and Information Science Bulletin and Journals; and for her active and unrelenting involvement in community services such as

medical missions, sports development for the youth, donation of books to the Quezon City Public Library, establishment of reading center for senior citizens, acquisition of hydrants in San Juan City and as a Benefactor of Duyan ni Maria in Pampanga supporting programs of unwed mothers.”

The “Outstanding Professional of the Year Award” is the highest award given by PRC to any professional for having demonstrated exceptional professional competence and integrity in the practice of one’s profession as recommended by one’s peers, and who has contributed significantly to the advancement of the profession and to the effective discharge of the profession’s social responsibility through meaningful participation in socio-civic related activities.

Prof. Agcaoili’s achievements and contributions really promote a sense of pride and inspiration to the teaching and practice of librarianship. Her family was not the only one beaming with pride and honor during that occasion but her students (past and present), colleagues and friends as well. We all believe Prof. Agcaoili deserves the honor because of her profound commitment and remarkable dedication as a teacher/librarian.

*Michelle M. San Gabriel*



*Prof. Agcaoili with her ever loving and supportive family.*



## “CHARMING” CZARINA

To many, the idea of a “traditional librarian” is someone who wears horn-rimmed glasses, with her hair up and wears long dresses with high collar. Czarina somehow changed that perception. She doesn’t look like a librarian because she dresses fashionably but that doesn’t make her less of a librarian. She works passionately and loves being a librarian!

Cha, as she is fondly called, was born on January 16, 1979 and is the youngest in a brood of four. She took up her primary and secondary education at St. Theresa’s College in Quezon City. In 2000, Cha earned her bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education major in Library Science from the University of Santo Tomas. She passed the Licensure Examination for Librarians in the following year.

Cha worked her way through college for a time. She became a store marketing assistant in Jollibee Food Corporation. Right after graduation, she applied at YesMyNet Corporation as an account executive where she worked for several months. But the profession was always at the back of her mind. She became the English Librarian at St. Jude Catholic School (Chinese School) for two years, her first job as a full time librarian. She also worked at Colegio de San Agustin as a pre-school librarian. Afterwards, she transferred to International School Manila, working as library assistant. She provides secretarial and clerical services for the general operations of the Children’s Media Center as directed by the Librarian of the Media Services. Later, she transferred to Mapua Institute of Technology Architecture-Interior Design Library.

Finally, in July 2006, Cha became part of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library and was first assigned at the General Reference and Information section. While working at the Reference section, she handled the Gifts and Exchange. She initiated the promotion of the



Library, specially its resources, through the library orientations she conducts. One of her tasks as reference librarian is the creation of promotional materials for the Library in order to create awareness to the patrons and at the same time marketing the different online databases available. Through these online databases tutorials, students and faculty members have gained knowledge on the use of the library’s electronic resources. When the Miguel de Benavides Library was requested to assist in organizing the school library at Camiguin de Babuyan Island, Cha willingly led the other three librarians sent by the Library Administrators.

In June 2008, Cha was assigned as acting head librarian of the General Reference and Information section. Several activities have been created from her innovative mind such as the free online database tutorial, thorough library orientation for freshmen and newly-hired faculty members and online database tutorial for the library working scholars, support staff and librarians.

Cha is not only a hardworking librarian but an effective speaker as well. She was invited as a resource person in the symposium organized by the UST College of Nursing entitled “INITIALIZE: Beginning your Search for Literature.” The University of the East-Graduate School requested her to share her knowledge and expertise in the forum “Information Sources and Services in Engineering.”

For her professional and continuing education, she is currently enrolled at the Philippine Normal University, Graduate School for her Master’s degree.

I truly admire how this lady manages her time as a librarian, student and a mother. With all her accomplishments, she never fails to project the qualities of a true-blooded Thomasian: compassionate, competent and committed.

**Kaori B. Fuchigami**

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