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“ESQUINITA DE QUIJANO DE MANILA”



Photo shows Rev. Fr. Rolando V. dela Rosa, OP, acting Rector of UST with Fr. Angel Aparicio, OP, Mr. and Mrs. Bing Villegas and Ms. Estrella Majuelo during the ribbon-cutting.

The “Esquinita de Quijano de Manila” is a reading corner installed at the Humanities section of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library in honor of the late national artist Nick Joaquin. The word ‘Esquinita’ is a Spanish word meaning “street corner turning into an alley” and ‘Quijano de Manila’, the famous pen name of Nick Joaquin for his journalistic works.

The idea of a “reading corner” came about as an offshoot of the donation of Nick Joaquin’s private library made in 2005 by the late artist’s heirs. The library administration decided to gather into one place, for easy reference and fast access, the existing library collections on Nick Joaquin together with those bequeathed to the UST Library.

The inauguration and blessing of the ‘Esquinita’ was held formally last November 13, 2007. Part of the activity was a program at the conference hall of the Miguel de Benavides Library. Fr. Rolando V. dela Rosa, O.P., acting Rector, delivered the inspirational message where he mentioned the few times that he met Nick Joaquin. The chief librarian, Ms. Estrella Majuelo, read the text of the marker.

Stage actress Naty Crame-Rogers performed a mono dramatic reading of excerpts from Nick Joaquin’s renowned work “A Portrait of the Artist as Filipino.” She was ably supported by Asst. Prof. Augusto Antonio Aguila, executive asst. from the Office of the Secretary General and the asst. to the

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ETHICAL ISSUES IN THE INFORMATION AGE

On the occasion of the 28th Manila International Book Fair at the World Trade Center which was held last September 1, 2007, fora, seminars and book launchings were held simultaneously. The Philippine Foundation for Library Scholarship, Inc. (PFLSI) in cooperation with FIL.Net, a division of Vibal Publishing House, Inc., organized a forum entitled “Information Ethics and Librarianship in the New Age of ICT.” The speaker, Prof. Rosa M. Vallejo, former dean of the UP Institute of Library Science (UPILS), was not able to tackle all that she wanted to discuss due to time constraints. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries of UST Miguel de Benavides Library, was one of the participants during the forum. He was very much interested on the topic and suggested to have a continuation of this to further discuss the subject prepared by Prof. Vallejo.

Last September 20, 2007, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library in cooperation with the Philippine Foundation for Library Scholarship Inc., sponsored the second part of this lecture-forum which they titled “Ethical Issues in the Information Age: the Philippine Setting.” It was held at the conference hall of the Miguel de Benavides Library. It started with an opening prayer led by Dr. Irene Amores, member of the Board of Directors of PFLSI followed by the introduction of the guest speaker by Dr. Ursula Picache, auditor, PFLSI.

Before the lecture proper, Ms. Maria Luisa Moral, executive secretary, PFLSI and a member of the staff of Vibal Publishing, introduced the Filipiniana.net and WikiPilipinas. She discussed how to access the websites and the benefits that can be derived from these sites.

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SEMINAR-WORKSHOP ON CONSERVATION



Ms. Ginalyn Matias-Santiago and Ms. Jenneth Gomez poses for a souvenir photo.

A 3-day live-in seminar-workshop was conducted by the Society of Filipino Archivists, Inc. in cooperation with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA). This was held on October 21, 2007 in Pearlmont Inn at Lim Ket Kai Drive, Cagayan de Oro city. The theme was “Conservation of Documentary Heritage Collection.” Several resource speakers gave inputs about the different aspects of preserving the heritage collections. There were around one hundred eighty five (185) participants from the different regions of the country. The University of Santo Tomas was represented by Ms. Jenneth D. Gomez and Mrs. Ginalyn Matias-Santiago.

Although the Society had already implemented a sequel to “Preservation Management: Setting Up a Preservation Program for Libraries and Archives,” it did not stop there simply because it assures continuous workshops and hands-on exercises in achieving its goals; such goals were also expected of the participants after the activities. The following are the objectives of the seminar.

- ◆ to understand the material nature of documentary heritage and the environmental requirements for their preservation;
- ◆ to know how to diagnose common documentary heritage degradation and deterioration;
- ◆ to learn how to apply first aid treatments and simple conservation/ restoration measures; and
- ◆ to explore some issues and problems concerning conservation of documentary heritage collection.

The following topics were discussed :

1. Material Nature of Paper-based Documentary Heritage Collection
2. Environmental Requirements of Documentary Heritage Collection
3. Paper Conservation: Types of Deterioration
4. Analyses / Diagnoses of Paper Deterioration
5. Conservation Treatments Mechanical / Chemical Cleaning
6. Washing/Lining/Sizing
7. Paper Making/Marbling

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PATLS FORUM

The Philippine Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science (PATLS) sponsored a forum on Library and Information Science (LIS) modules and Master in Library and Information Science (MLIS) curriculum. This was held on November 17, 2007 at the Edilberto P. Dagot Hall, Philippine National University (PNU) Library. Librarians, teachers, MLIS students and undergraduate students of LIS attended the forum.

The first session was the “LIS Teaching Modules” which gave the participants an overview of the finished module that is already awaiting its copyright registration. Prof. Candida C. Agcaoili, former chief librarian of UST and currently a faculty member from the UST Graduate School, and Dean Rosalie B. Faderon of UP Institute of Library and Information Science, presented the highlights of the activity. The outline of this module will soon be posted in the forthcoming PATLS

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FORUM ON READING



Assoc. Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla as she enthusiastically delivers her lecture.

The UST Library Committee on Extension Services sponsored a forum entitled “Collaboration and Reading to Learn @Your Library.” This was held on November 16, 2007 at the UST Miguel de Benavides Library conference hall.

The objectives of the forum are:

- ◆ to promote reading among young people; and
- ◆ to acquaint them with the role the library and librarians play in their reading habits.

Three years ago, the same forum was sponsored by the American Librarians Association (ALA) and The American Association of School Librarians (AASL). The purpose then was to promote reading for understanding in the context of information literacy.

The mission of the Miguel de Benavides Library is similar to that of ALA and AASL, that is, to encourage students to become lifelong readers, and for the librarians to inspire students and foster motivation, comprehension, vocabulary development, critical thinking as well as a general love for reading. Since the forum was about “collaboration,” the committee invited librarians, a group of high school freshmen and their respective advisers as participants.

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TIME MANAGEMENT AND WORK ETHICS



Dr. Cristina Cabral accepts certificate of appreciation from Fr. Angel Aparicio, OP.

Being a working scholar is no easy task. We have to balance our time between studies which include completion of paper works, review for exams and recitations and our time for work as scholars. Although we are not always physically fit, our everyday struggles and desire to come out with a job well done require us to be fit mentally and emotionally in order for us to handle stress and personal problems with less difficulty.

A number of working scholars managed to graduate with honors, giving the impression that anything is possible as long as dedication, perseverance and patience are practiced. However, not all working scholars have managed to survive to the end. As they go along with their daily work, they find it more taxing and demanding perhaps due to poor time management and not having a proper attitude toward work. These growing problems that bother the majority of the working scholars were given attention in the recently concluded forum sponsored by the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. This was held last October 18, 2007 at the Library's conference hall.

All San Lorenzo Ruiz working scholars assigned at the Miguel de Benavides Library attended this forum entitled "Time Management and Work Ethics." Dr. Cristina Castro-Cabral, Asst. to the Rector for Student Affairs and an associate professor at the UST Graduate School, was the guest speaker. Dr. Cabral gave an informative, heart-warming, inspirational and entertaining talk. In her lecture "How to Enjoy Your Life

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UST GOES WIRELESS

The STEPS (Santo Tomas e-Service Providers) spearheaded a monumental feat in advancing the university further by harnessing partners Cisco Network systems and Trends & Technologies to provide wireless Internet access anytime, anywhere in the campus.

Officially, it is the first of its kind in the country. In Asia it may only be second to the National University of Singapore but proud to say that it is the first in the entire region to adapt a 10G backbone in a university setting. The Director of STEPS, Fr. Winston F. Cabading's dream to transform every nook and every corner into a laboratory, a learning ground, and a library is brought to fruition.

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REX BOOK STORE DONATION

On November 29, 2007, Mr. Manuel G. Hermano, a fourth year student from the UST College of Architecture and the chair of Asia Pacific Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption and Production (APRSCP) Youth, visited the Civil Law section of the Miguel de Benavides Library. He

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In photo are (l-r) Mr. Robbie Robleza, Ms. Marivic Usita, Ms. Czarina Lopez and Mr. Manuel Hermano showing some of the books that have been donated.

PREPARING RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

As one of its planned activities, the UST Library Committee on Research and Publication has organized a forum entitled "Preparing Research Publications: What are Its Demands and Rewards?" It was held last October 25, 2007 at the conference hall of the Miguel de Benavides Library.

The invited guest speaker was Prof. Regalado Trota Jose, consultant, Center for Conservation of Cultural Properties & Environmental in the Tropics (CCPET) and currently a faculty member at the UST Graduate School. Prof. Jose has produced various publications and researches such as: *Impresso : Philippine Imprints, 1593-1811* ; *A Chronology of Ilocos Norte history, 1572-1999*; *Power, Faith : Image Philippine Art in Ivory from the 16th to the 19th Century*; *Visita Iglesia Bohol* ; and *Simbahan : Church Art in Colonial Philippines*. Preparing research publication or any book for that matter, is not just a simple process. According to him, writing is like child labor. From the birth of an idea, the arduous process of research, finally to the rewards of a finished book. The making of a research publication is an exciting story in itself.

As Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, said in his closing remarks, Prof. Jose shared with us his knowledge and wisdom, not just derived from his previous education, but gained from his colorful experiences as an educator and researcher.

The forum was very informative. It has taught us not just the process of book making, but a reward which is the value of a book as a product of someone's sweat, tears and hard work.

by Sheila Ortencio

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Director of the Publishing House, Asst. Prof. John Jack Wigley. Still part of the activity were song renditions from the Liturgikon and soprano, Ms. Thea Perez from the Conservatory of Music. A young poet-performer Angelo Suarez recited, in a "peculiar manner," Nick Joaquin's 'Verde'.

The blessing and ribbon-cutting took place right after the program. This was done at the 5th floor of the Humanities section where the 'Esquinita' has been installed. During the ribbon-cutting, Fr. dela Rosa, O.P., was assisted by the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Ms. Estrella Majuelo, chief librarian and Ms. Angelita Timbangcaya, asst. chief librarian.

University administrators and invited guests which included one of the late artist's nieces, Mrs. Charo Villegas and husband Bing, attended the affair.

by Juanita Subaldo

Ethical issues ... cont'd from page 1

Prof. Vallejo discussed the history and the influence brought about by information technology to society. She also mentioned the development of libraries and information technology, library code of ethics, intellectual property rights, some issues regarding undesirable and unethical conduct of librarians and the Code of Ethics for Philippine librarians. She even suggested that the course 'Information Ethics and Literacy' be included in the library science curriculum. This course would bring great impact on how librarians should conform to the highest standards of morality and ethics as well as their values to society. Prof. Vallejo said that there is a need to amend the librarians' Code of Ethics and revise some of the subjects covered in the librarian's licensure examination.

The speaker ended her talk with her favorite quotation by Benjamin R. Powell:

"I hold every man a debtor to his profession, from which, as men of course do seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty do endeavor themselves by way of amends to be of help and an ornament thereunto."

The reactors were Mrs. Corazon C. Nera, chairman, Board for Librarians and Ms. Anna Gefreliz Peñaranda, LIS student from UST. Mrs. Nera informed the participants about the lack of local books in library science. She stressed further that few local publishers would like to publish books on this field. She agreed to some of the suggestions made by Prof. Vallejo on how to improve the library profession. Ms. Peñaranda, asked what actions would be taken by the Board for Librarians regarding the undesirable and unethical conducts of librarians as mentioned by Prof. Vallejo. According to Mrs. Nera there were already five cases of unethical conduct filed in their office but all have been shelved due to lack of documents to support them.

The activity was well attended which included faculty members, librarians and students of library science. It was indeed a fruitful and informative discussion.

by Marilou Palermo

Seminar-Workshop ... cont'd from page 2

8. Document Enclosures and Encapsulation
9. Microfilming as a Preservation Strategy for Document Heritage Collection
10. Digitization as an Access Strategy
11. Conservation of Audiovisual Heritage Collections and other Records in Special Formats
12. Disaster Management and Planning

The seminar started with the keynote address of Hon. Constantino G. Jaraula, mayor of Cagayan de Oro city, of which he highlighted the golden value of a document. He said that "its value cannot be replaced and no certain memory can be misguided by it." Prof. Yolanda C. Granda, the Head of NCCA Committee on Archives, even added that a document is important in bridging the past, the present, and the future leading to search for one's roots and to establish one's identity.

The participants were actively involved in all the activities of the seminar whether it just be mere listening, or during the open forum, in group activities and in the hands-on exercises and creative presentations. It was indeed a dynamic seminar.

The heart of this undertaking is that it deepens the commitment of the heritage professionals/workers in taking care of the heritage collections. Having a chance to attend such an informative and effective seminar-workshop inspires us to be more committed to our profession.

We left the city of Cagayan de Oro full of great ideas gathered from the seminar. We have also acquired knowledge and skills that are relevant in the performance of our duties and responsibilities at the UST Antonio Vivencio del Rosario Heritage library. We plan to echo to the rest of the staff of the Miguel de Benavides Library what we have learned from this seminar.

We are thankful to the library administrators, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Ms. Estrella Majuelo, and Ms. Angelita Timbangcaya for giving us the opportunity to discover new ideas, knowledge, and skills especially in the preservation of the university's heritage collection. On the same regard, we would also like to express our gratitude to Dr. Ramon Sin and Mr. Vincent Glenn Lape, director and executive assistant, respectively, of the UST Grants and Endowment Office.

by Jenneth Gomez

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website.

The second half of the forum entitled "Harmonizing the MLIS curriculum" was allotted to the discussion on the needs to standardize the MLIS curriculum. This was delivered by Prof. Corazon C. Nera, chair, Board for librarians. As mentioned, PATLS will organize a curriculum committee which will be composed of educators from different schools in the Philippines offering library science course. This committee will work on the standards of the MLIS curriculum.

After the lecture proper, an open forum followed where questions, comments and insights were presented. Prof. Vyva Victoria M. Aguirre of UP ILIS was the moderator and the master of ceremonies.

With this forum, some issues regarding the library profession have been clarified.

by Fatima Calingasan

Forum on ... cont'd from page 2

One of the well-respected personalities in the university, Assoc. Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla, director of the Public Affairs Office and who is known for her intelligence, charm and wit enthralled her audience. In her lecture, she discussed the five (5) features of reading, that is: 1) reading is a creative art; 2) reading is an interaction; 3) reading is an interpretation; 4) reading is a social art; and 5) reading is responding.

She also mentioned the techniques for strategic reading. The participants were asked to do some activities. The collaboration that transpired during the open forum made the activity more interesting and lively. The speaker emphasized that reading is a "Significant Human Experience (SHE) and that 'learning is fun'. With her lecture ... indeed it was!

by Arlene Matias



Time management ... cont'd from page 3

and Your Job," she offered solutions to the common problems that beset the working scholars, giving important guidelines to achieve a well-done job while enjoying the things that normally go with it. The following are some of the tips worth remembering:

1. Find yourself and be yourself.
2. The four good working habits that will help prevent fatigue and worry. These are: doing the things in the order of their importance, avoid putting off decisions, and learning how to organize, deputize and supervise.
3. Learn to relax at your work.
4. Put the enthusiasm into your work.
5. Think and thank.
6. Remember that unjust criticism is often a disguise complement.
7. Do the best you can thru generosity, morality, patience and perseverance, concentration and intuitiveness.

The forum gave us, the working scholars, a clearer and larger picture of how to find fulfillment in our work and the importance of living not only for oneself but for others as well. Dr. Cabral, in her vibrant and inspiring speech, shared her varied experiences as a mother, teacher, student, daughter, and a professional but humble worker in the university. She gave us some questions to ponder in order to cope with stress and worry, two of which are: "am I making the work harder than it actually is?" and "am I tired?" Dr. Cabral's lecture, which stressed the importance of putting our hearts at work, does not only apply to our present work conditions but also to our future.

It is indeed a great privilege and honor that we were given this forum on "time management and work ethics." The solutions and lessons learned extend not only to the problems that clash between work and studies but also to the responsibilities at home and to the whole community inside and outside the university.

by Regina Louise Geronimo

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Fr. Rolando V. dela Rosa, acting Rector of the University, candidly reminded of the "wi-mess" troubles of the past, is hopeful that this is to be solved by the grand investment. He also redefined wi-fi as without "*finis*" which, in Latin translation, is an endeavor without end, without boundaries and without barriers. Like the benefits of the hi-fi era, with technology becoming instrumental to unity and interaction, Fr. Dela Rosa, expects this initiative to work the same way.

Cisco country manager, Mr. Luigi Robles, ensures that the system has multivendor interoperability. This allows the sustenance of both present applications and future enhancements. In his opinion, the biggest benefit would be the students, in eventually preparing them to face the challenges of global economy.

A pleasant revelation to the audience was the moment when Mr. Hasan Fahd, Trends CEO, a 1985 UST BS ECE graduate, reminisced his experiences as a student at the time when information and communication had to be sought after with too much effort.

The unveiling of the 'First Campus Wireless Mesh Implementation in the Philippines and in Asia' was held at Plaza Mayor, in front of the main building last November 8, 2007. It was attended by UST administrators. Wi-Mesh will indeed "change the way we work, live, and learn" gearing us to be more proud as Thomasians by 2011.

by Czarina Lopez

Rex Book Store ... cont'd from page 3

informed the library, through Ms. Estrella Majuelo, the chief librarian, that the Civil Law library has qualified to be one of the beneficiaries of 'Supreme Court Advanced Decisions (SCAD) Books Donation' to be given by Rex Book Stores, Inc.

The APRSCP was formed in 1997 to foster dialogue among industry, government, academia and non-government organizations in the region to address pollution, development problems and solutions. This book donation was a project initiated by this organization.

The formal turnover ceremony was held at the Rex Book Store located at P. Florentino St. Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City last December 3, 2007. Mrs. Marivic Usita, head librarian of the Civil Law Library and Ms. Czarina Lopez, Gifts and Exchange librarian, received the donations through Mr. Robbie Robleza, Marketing and Sales Manager of Rex Book Store, Inc. and Mr. Manuel G. Hermano. The donation consists of two (2) sets of SCAD, each set with 184 volumes. The event was also attended by representatives from schools who are equally qualified to become recipients of this donation.

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library, as a sign of gratitude and acknowledgement, shall in turn, issue a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Rex Book Store, Inc. and to APRSCP for this valuable donation.

by Marivic Usita

VISIT OF THE AMBASSADOR OF SPAIN



His Excellency Luis Arias Romero poses for a souvenir photo with (l-r) Asst. Prof. Augusto Aguila, Ms. Angelita Timbangcaya, Assoc. Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla, Fr. Angel Aparicio, OP and Ms. Estrella Majuelo.

His Excellency Luis Arias Romero, the new Ambassador of Spain to the Philippines, made a courtesy visit to the University of Santo Tomas last October 10, 2007. One of the departments that he visited is the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. Accompanied by Assoc. Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla, and Asst. Prof. Augusto Antonio Aguila, the Ambassador was welcomed by the Library Administrators, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Ms. Estrella Majuelo and Ms. Angelita Timbangcaya.

The Ambassador was toured to the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario Heritage library. Ms. Jenneth Gomez, the Librarian of the Heritage section, prepared some materials for the Ambassador to view. He browsed through the facsimile copies of "Don Quixote" and some books copyrighted as early as 1605. To complete his visit, he was brought to the UST Archives.

It was indeed an honor for the library to welcome His Excellency showing him that the UST library and the culture of the University have been greatly influenced by the Spaniards and these are likewise preserved conscientiously and meticulously.

by Kaori Fuchigami

SAN LORENZO RUIZ

To celebrate the feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz, the Committee on Human Values of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library mounted an exhibit with the title **Lorenzo De Manila : the Protomartyr of the Philippines and His Companions**. This title was inspired by the book of Fr. Fidel Villarroel, O.P., the University archivist.

The exhibit was displayed at the lobby of the central Library building from September 17 to 30, 2007.

Featured in the exhibit are the following pictures and books:

1. Church of Binondo where Lorenzo was baptized and worked as a sacristan.
2. As an altar-boy, little Lorenzo was near the priest between God and the people.
3. Lorenzo ready to give for God "many thousands of lives if he had them."
4. Nagasaki Hill, in Nagasaki Japan, the place of Lorenzo's martyrdom.
5. Blessed Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila and martyr companions.
6. Long needles were thrust between the flesh and nails of the martyr's hands.
7. St. Peter's Square, Rome where Pope John Paul II solemnly canonizes Lorenzo Ruiz and 15 martyr companions (October 18, 1987).
8. Fr. Fidel Villarroel, O.P., author of the book "Lorenzo de Manila" greeting the Pope inside St. Peter's Basilica after the Canonization Mass (October 18, 1987).
9. Book entitled "Lorenzo Ruiz: ang Unang Santong Martir ng Pilipinas," by Ethel Valiente.
10. Book entitled "Lorenzo De Manila : the Protomartyr of the Philippines and his Companions," by Fr. Fidel Villarroel, O.P.

The books displayed during the exhibit are available at the Filipiniana section of the library.

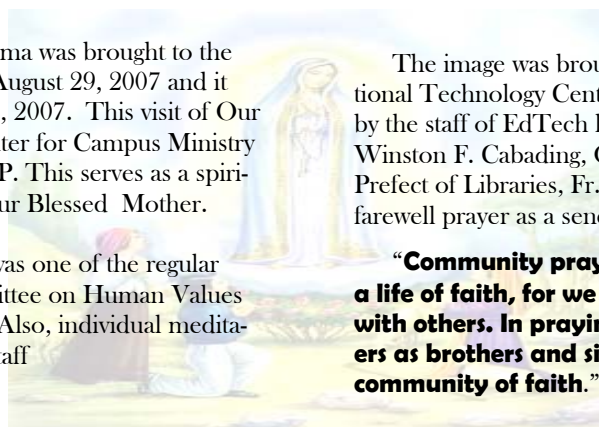
This exhibit has provided Thomasians a more comprehensive information about san Lorenzo Ruiz. His life stands for love having true unyielding belief and faith in God.

by Michelle San Gabriel

IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The image of our Lady of Fatima was brought to the Miguel de Benavides Library on August 29, 2007 and it remained there until September 5, 2007. This visit of Our Lady is a yearly activity of the Center for Campus Ministry chaired by Fr. Ramon Salibay, O.P. This serves as a spiritual refresher to the devotees of our Blessed Mother.

Daily recitation of the rosary was one of the regular activities scheduled by the Committee on Human Values chaired by Mrs. Leonila Manuel. Also, individual meditations were offered by the library staff



The image was brought next to the office of the Educational Technology Center. It was fetched from the library by the staff of EdTech led by no less than the Director, Fr. Winston F. Cabading, O.P. The Library headed by the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. recited the farewell prayer as a send-off respect to the Blessed Mother.

"Community prayer is an important dimension of a life of faith, for we journey to God, not alone, but with others. In praying together, one recognizes others as brothers and sisters thereby manifesting a community of faith."

by Leonila Manuel

UST LIBRARIANS' RECOLLECTION

The UST Library Committee on Human Values initiated a one day recollection for the UST librarians. This was held on October 26, 2007 at the St. Michael Retreat House in Antipolo city. Once again, the purpose was to bring spiritual awakening among the librarians.

The venue was perfect for a recollection. It brings amazing view of nature, coolness of air and serenity of surroundings. It was a timely activity for the librarians who needed to unwind and who needed time for self-reflection.

Mrs. Leonila Manuel started the activity with an opening prayer. This was followed immediately by the lecture of the Retreat Master Rev. Fr. Rodel Aligan, O.P. who is also the Regent of the UST High School department.

According to Fr. Aligan, a person's life has 'four doors'. These are:

1. Affirmation (giving appreciation to others)
2. Thanksgiving (showing gratitude even if others do not)
3. Sharing (giving help when it is needed)
4. Forgiveness (to forget the wrong things done)

He mentioned that "there is a sense why God 'forgets' our sins. Once He has forgiven us, He will never use them as evidence against us. But the all-knowing Creator does not forget things the way we do." He added that "these 'four doors' should always be kept open so that people will have good relationships in order to have a happy and harmonious life."

This spiritual activity was highlighted by a Holy Mass officiated by Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. The group also visited the Antipolo shrine to offer prayers and to ask for the intercession of Our Lady of Antipolo.

It was indeed a fruitful recollection which, hopefully, has brought better results to work relationships and service to the whole community.

by Leonila Manuel

SANTIAGO-MATIAS NUPTIAL



The newlywed together with Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. in this impressive memento.

"The true measure of compatibility is not the years spent together but how good you are for each others."

It is every woman's dream to walk down the aisle and marry the man she loves. Ate Ina has waited long years for her dream to come true. Finally, she has found Kuya Aldo, the love of her life.

The long wait was over for Ms. Ginalyn Matias, a library staff assigned at the Heritage Library. Last December 8, 2008, she tied the knot with Mr. Ronald Santiago who hails from Bocaue, Bulacan. This memorable event took place at the Basilica de San Sebastian in Quiapo, Manila. The Mass was officiated by Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. This glorious and momentous celebration was witnessed by the couple's closest friends and relatives. The reception was held at Father Blanco's Garden in Intramuros.

To Kuya Aldo and Ate Ina, the whole library staff wishes you all the best in the world. Let God be the center of your marriage.

by Kaori Fuchigami

"Brace yourselves... for here comes a man, small but with a big heart!" I am referring to no less than Mr. Nemesio D. Magtaan fondly known as "Kuya Noli" to his young peers. He is an indigenous man of Malabon and was born November 2, 1968. Kuya Noli is the youngest among the seven children of Gregoria Magtaan and the late Mauro Magtaan.

Mr. Magtaan lived and served as a working student at the UST Father's Residence for five years before he joined the UST Library in 1993. With an enormous amount of patience and a firm determination, he finished Electronics and Printing course at the University of Santo Tomas. He has served the library for fourteen years now and has been assigned to various technical tasks particularly the operation and maintenance of the photography/visual/audio/office equipment and machines of the library. He is presently assigned at the A.V. del Rosario

"SMALL BUT TERRIBLE"



Heritage library where he performs bindery works and executes photocopying, scanning, and digital imaging services to the researchers. He is also in-charge of the operations and maintenance of the conference hall sound and visual equipment. With these tasks and with scissors in hands, he still finds time to pop off his sense of humor with the library staff.

Noli is blissfully married to Jenny Magtaan from whom he sired two children, a

boy and a girl. He spends most of his time with his family when he is not on duty. He also plays badminton with his loving wife and even teaches his son to play this sport. They attend Sunday Mass in San Jose Parish Church, San Jose del Monte Bulacan. The family loves to sing together in the videoke play lists at their seventh heaven house and sometimes spend their time at the shopping malls. He is indeed a certified family man!

A simple person, Noli can be compared to a book which "should not be judged by its cover." When you look beyond his intrinsic characteristics you will discover how uniquely wonderful he is as a person. His battle cry "*H'wag problemahin ang bukas, bigyang pansin ang problema ngayon!*" makes him stronger because according to him "if you can settle things now then tomorrow will be fine." When I asked him how he would like to be remembered as a staff of the UST Library, he blithely said: "*Just remember my name Noli, suplado! Hehehe...*"

by Jenneth Gomez

UST LIBRARY CHRISTMAS PARTY 2007

A simple Christmas party was held on December 21, 2007 at the lobby of the Miguel de Benavides Library.

The program started at 12:00 noon with an opening prayer led by Gina Geronimo and Joanna Caducio working scholars from Social Science section. The opening remark was given by Mrs. Leonila Manuel, head of the Committee on Human Values. Mrs. Manuel reminded everyone that "Christmas is not just having material things, beautiful meals prepared on the table, nor expensive decorations and blinking lights around but rather, the true meaning of Christmas should be felt within everyone's heart and it should linger there forever."

Almost everyone participated in the program. A song number was rendered by Gelai de Jesus and Michelle Delfin, working scholars from the Science and Technology section. This was followed by a dance number from a batch of young librarians as performed by Kaori Fuchigami, Fatima Calingasan, Sheila Ortencio & Rico David together with two of the Library's casual employees Rowena del Meda and Earl Aniceto, and a working scholar, Daryll Bolauro. Anna Rita Alomo, head librarian of the General Reference and Information section rendered a song number. Selected working scholars danced to the latest tune of the time. The duet of Salvacion Malate and Danny Tabudlong surprised everybody with their song rendition. Likewise, the batch of this year's graduating scholars shared melodious Christmas love songs, being their last year in the Library.



A group of working scholars showing their hidden talents during the program.

To the delight of everyone, a special number was performed by Ruby Jean Lapid, the talented daughter of Gary Lapid.

Some library coordinators graced the occasion with their presence. Raffles and parlor games filled the library with laughter, fun and excitement.

The affair ended with the Christmas message of Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., the Prefect of Libraries, followed by his rendition of the Spanish version of the song "Halina sa Belen."

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