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"Heritage is derived and handed on from the past; it is the source of our present being; it is the inherited promise bodying forth to the future."

# SIMPLY AMAZING @408



**F**riar, Bishop and University Founder; these are simple descriptions for Archbishop Miguel de Benavides, O.P. on the title of a book by Fr. Fidel Villaroel, O.P. which gives insights into the life and works of the founder of the University of Santo Tomas.

Benavides' personal library and the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred (1,500) pesos was bequeathed upon his death on July 26, 1605 for the foundation and endowment of an institution for higher learning. These donations, along with his idea of founding a Dominican college in Manila, were greatly considered in recognizing him as the founder of UST, established six years after his demise.

More than four (4) centuries later, on 26 July 2013, the UST Library celebrated its 408<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day. Benavides' donation of his library served as the seed that germinated into what is known today as the Miguel de Benavides Library. Up to this day, some of his book collections can still be found at the UST Heritage Library.

The event kicked-off with the opening of a book fair starting July 24, 2013 and ended on the day of the foundation itself. PowerBooks was invited as exhibitor.

The July 26, 2013 foundation day program was participated by library administrators, librarians, library coordinators, library staff, working scholars, officers of the USTHS Readers' Club and EHS Book Lovers' Club, USTHS Pep Squad, casual employees, janitors, and students and faculty members who came to the library to join in the celebration.

The festivities started with a parade inside the UST campus. The drum beats were provided by USTHS Pep Squad, to supply the celebration with an upbeat and

## "Best Practices in Library Marketing"

Reference service has always been a key element in libraries. It is one of the library's most vital and perceptible expressions of its mission and objectives. Traditionally, the users went to the library to meet their information needs. But nowadays, the library and information studies profession is being transformed by technology. Technology continuously changes the way libraries serve their users. While continuing to provide many traditional information services, libraries are developing new abilities and taking new roles that are necessary to support knowledge-based services.

The University of Santo Tomas Library Science Alumni Association (USTLSAA) in cooperation with the UST Miguel de Benavides Library, sponsored a half-day forum entitled "Best Practices in Library Marketing." This was held last June 29, 2013 at the UST Library conference hall. The forum has the following objectives: to identify new trends in promoting library resources and services; to inculcate the value of innovations in library promotions; and to provide the steps in implementing the new trends in library marketing.

The program started with an invocation led by the librarian of De La Salle Library, Taft, Mrs. Cyntia L. Cordova, secretary of USTLSAA 2011-2013. This was followed by the welcome remarks of Mrs. Lourdes d.C. Roman, ex-officio, USTLSAA and the former Librarian of San Beda College.

The invited guest speaker was Prof. Rhea Rowena U. Apolinario, Graduate Program coordinator of the University of the Philippines School of Library and Information Studies. She gave essential points about effective organization, marketing and promotion of library services. She discussed the qualities of effective libraries and information centers such as: not to rely on past successes; focus on quality and customer satisfaction; respond quickly to changes; creative and innovative; and, committed to continuous learning. She added that the libraries and services offered should be resilient to changes to be able to compete with the assiduously growing information industry.

## **USTFU seminar on "Labor Education"**

The University of Santo Tomas Faculty Union (USTFU) seminar on 'Labor Education' was attended by the University of Santo Tomas Librarians Association (USTLA) Officers 2013-2014. It was held on July 16, 2013 from 1-5pm at the *Continuing Medical Education* (*CME*) auditorium, St. Martin de Porres (Medicine) building.

The first resource speaker was Mrs. Alicia S. Borres, information officer III of the Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC), who discussed "Employees Compensation Program: EC Benefits under P.D. 626 (as amended)." ECC is a government corporation attached to the Department of Labor and Employment. Its functions include: 1) formulation of policies and guidelines for the improvement of the employees' compensation program; 2) review and decide on appeal all Employee's Compensation (EC) claims disapproved by the Systems; and 3) initiate policies and programs toward adequate occupational health and safety and accident prevention in the working environment.

Private sector workers like the UST faculty members, who suffer from work-connected sickness or injury resulting to disability, or their families in case of work-connected death, may file claims for Employees' Compensation benefits at the Social Security System (SSS). These benefits are in addition to the Philhealth and/or SSS benefits. It must be clearly stated how the sickness or injury is work-related.

ECC funds are from employers' contributions unlike the SSS or Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) where contributions are received from the employees. Not all workers are informed of their rights, benefits and privileges under the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP), hence, the seminar was very enlightening for the attendees.

The second resource speaker was Atty. Josephus B. Jimenez, Labor Relations practitioner. His topic was "Leading Supreme Court Decisions Involving Cases in Colleges and Universities." Atty. Jimenez shared some cases concerning colleges and universities against employees and/or unions. The cases mentioned were real and many could relate to them. However, Atty. JBJ told the audience that even if the scenarios

## Forum on "Saint Dominic"

In commemoration of the feast of St. Dominic de Guzman, the Committee on Human Values chaired by Ms. Michelle San Gabriel, has organized a forum entitled "The Life of Saint Dominic de Guzman." It was held last August 7, 2013 at the Conference Hall of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. Included in the audience were the library staff and invited students from the UST High School (sections IV-St. Dominic and IV-St. Dominica). The activity aimed to serve as an avenue for students, faculty members, and library staff to learn more about the instilled identity of St. Dominic, the founder of the Dominican Order, and to inspire the whole Thomasian community about his life.



Invited resource speaker was Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P. from the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties. Together with the participants, Fr. Coronel started his

lecture by uttering the "Prayer before Study." This was followed by his discussion of significant information about St. Dominic's life presented simply in a resumélike format to be easily understood by everyone, particularly, the high school students who were present. Likewise, he emphasized the value and importance of studying and related it to how St. Dominic devoted his whole life to praying, studying, and preaching. He enthusiastically shared his experiences during his study in Rome and Spain.

Subsequently, Sr. Annie Genoveva M. Manapat and Bro. Noel Kristoffer R. Castor, the invited panel of reactors, gave their respective insights and reflections about St. Dominic. According to Sr. Annie, "as Dominican missionaries, praying and studying are both very important, because they, as preachers, are able to share the word of God. They need thorough knowledge which comes from studying, and wisdom and guidance from God which comes from praying." Additionally, she shared that studying should be coupled with persistence despite difficulty, like what St. Dominic did.

Bro. Noel, started his analysis and reflection by his confession on how he accidentally became part of the Dominican Order. According to him, he was totally the

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## Updates on the Consortium of Engineering Libraries (CEL)

Last June 18, 2013, the Consortium of Engineering Libraries (CEL) held a meeting in Los Baños, Laguna during which it was agreed that the basis of unity of the consortium is the purchasing power and resource sharing of the member institutions. With regard to resource sharing, it was mentioned that only databases that are to be subscribed to by the CEL will be shared among its members as this particular policy will be stipulated in its would-be Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Existing policies from each member institution shall be upheld as it is. More so, the group created three working groups, namely, the Membership, Collection Development, and Meeting/Training Groups; each has been defined for its purpose.

Then a follow-up meeting was held on August 13, 2013 at the Technological Institute of the Philippines

(TIP), Cubao, Quezon City. Part of the agenda is a presentation of output of the different groups created. After having reviewed from the last meeting the existing subscriptions of each member institution, there was an evaluation of some engineering databases presented. The Collection Development Group shall be the one to arrange the trial run for the databases of interest to the member institutions.

Since it was agreed that the group is a consortium, a MOA will be drawn to formally bind the CEL. The members under the Membership working group drafted the MOA which will be presented in the next CEL meeting to be held at the University of the Philippines (UP), Diliman, Quezon City in October 2013.

Marivic G. Usita

## New online databases

Nhe advancement in the latest trends and development in educational research brought by information technology leads to online databases conception for easy access and retrieval of information. Providing its clients with timely access to a continuously expanding library collection is one of the Miguel de Benavides Library missions.

This year, the Library has subscribed to different new online databases in order to meet the needs of the clientele it serves. The list of the subscribed online databases is as follows: Taylor & Francis Online Journal Collection: Sport, Leisure & Tourism, EBSCOhost (DynaMed, MEDLINE Complete, Nursing Reference Center, Rehabilitation Reference Center), IEEE Xplore, and Oxford Music Online.

Below are the descriptions of these databases:



Taylor & Francis Online Journal Collection: Sport, Leisure & Tourism includes forty-two (42) journals from 1997 to present. It features journals in a variety of subjects, ranging from Sports and Recreation, Medical Research, Health Studies and Sport History to Sociology of Sport. For Leisure, a distinguished list covers topics such as Leisure Recreation Management, Leisure Studies and Heritage Management & Conservation. Tourism offers an international perspective to key topics, covering the range of tourism theory and practice.

(http://www.tandfonline.com/)



**DynaMed** is a clinical reference tool created by physicians for physicians and other health care professionals for use at the pointof-care. With clinically organized summaries for more than threethousand two hundred (3,200) topics, DynaMed provides the latest content and resources with validity, relevance and convenience, making it an indispensable

A **database** is a collection of data or information organized for rapid search and retrieval, especially by a computer. Databases are structured to facilitate storage, retrieval, modification, and deletion of data in conjunction with various dataprocessing operations.

resource for answering most clinical questions during practice. Its mission is to provide the most useful information to health care professionals at the point-of-care. Updated daily, DynaMed editors monitor the content of over five hundred (500) medical journals on a daily basis. Each article is evaluated for clinical relevance and scientific validity. The new evidence is then integrated with existing content, and overall conclusions are changed as appropriate, representing a synthesis of the best available evidence. Through this process of Systematic Literature Surveillance, the best available evidence determines the content of DynaMed. (http://www.ebsco.com)



**MEDLINE** Complete is the largest companion to the MEDLINE index and contains full text for thousands of journals included in the index. This collection also provides full text for many of the most used medical journals – with no embargo. This exceptional database provides an unprecedented amount of full text for the most prominent

journals used in the field of medical research. The content includes more than two-thousand one-hundred (2,100) full text journals dating back to 1865, MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) from more than five-thousand four-hundred (5,400) current biomedical journals and on-going full text and deep back file coverage for many key journals. Biomedicine, Pre-Clinical Sciences, Behavioural Sciences, Bioengineering, Health Policy Development and Life Science are the subjects that are included in the database. (http://www.ebsco.com/)



Nursing Reference Center (NRC) is an essential evidence-based nursing database provides nurses with a wealth of resources right at their fingertips. Nurses can quickly access point-of-care material, strengthen their nursing skills and access nursing literature. Its content includes over three-thousand (3,000) quick lessons & evidence-based care sheets, two-thousand two-hundred (2,200) nursing skills & skill competency checklist, one-thousand three-hundred (1,300) continuing education modules, seven-hundred fifty plus (750+) legal cases and three-hundred fifty plus (350+)

research instruments. NRC provides nurses with the following resources: (1) Point-of Care Resources includes

# UST librarians tapped as resource speakers

In preparation for the November 2013 Librarians L i c e n s u r e Examination, Ms. Pri-Ann Tinipunan, coordinator of the Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS) Program, organized the holding of enrichment classes in the UST College of Education. As part of this, two librarians of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library have been invited to talk on topic of their expertise that will help enlighten the participants particularly, the students of Batch 2013. The talk will also inspire them to perform better in the forthcoming board exam this coming November 3 and 4.



Ms. Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet, librarian assigned in the Science and Technology section, discussed "Tips to Hurdle the L i b r a r i a n ' s Licensure Examination." This was given last August 24, 2013 while Mr. Edward H. Puzon, Gifts and Exchange

librarian, is scheduled to talk on the topic "Selection and Acquisition of Multi-Media Sources of Information" on September 28, 2013.



Likewise, Mr, Puzon was invited as facilitator by Ms. Cielito DR Santos, chair for Review of the Philippine Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science (PATLS), in the review conducted on the subject Information Tech-

nology last August 25, 2013. It was held at the UST College of Education.

It is with pride and honor to say that UST librarians do not only make good in the Library but are equally better in their performance outside of the UST library.

Marivic G. Usita

## "What's new in the Library?"

The Miguel de Benavides Library and the Santo Tomas e-Providers (STePS) continually aim to provide users with fast and efficient desktop units in the Internet station and in each section of the library. Recently, they worked together to replace the aging computer units with brand new ones. These units will facilitate browsing search engines and will enable the users to search faster and with ease and comfort the different online databases that the Library subscribes to such as EBSCO, JSTOR, Proquest, Science Direct, Gale Virtual Reference Library, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Xplore, Scopus, Taylor & Francis Online and others.

In addition, the patrons can already renew their borrowed items in the Library Online Reader's Network Zone (LORENZO) WebOPAC. However, they still have to follow the Library's borrowing policies and procedures. This online renewal has been fully operational since the start of the academic year 2013-2014. The library encourages its patrons to feel free to utilize this new online service to check/verify the status of their loaned items, reading history and other circulation matters. If problems occur in using this online service, one may approach any staff from the General Circulation Section.

The Library hopes that this new feature in the library system will serve well the information needs of the users.

#### Christian P. Barlan

Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and to contribute to improving our quality of life.

> LIBRARIES change lives for the better.

> > - Sidney Sheldon -

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festive mood. The USTHS Readers' Club and EHS Book Lovers' Club wore costumes of their favorite book characters during the parade while the library administrators, librarians, support staff, casual employees and janitors wore identical white shirts with a design specifically made for the occasion. Working Scholars of the different sections and branches of the library also joined in the parade. It was followed by a Holy Mass inside the UST Library celebrated by the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. In his homily, Fr. Aparicio shared some insights about UST Library and the seed Archbishop Benavides planted for the founding of our beloved university. Ms. Kalaw discussed the book she edited, *Desire and Other Stories*, and gave insights about Paz Latorena, a "literary matriarch," and the author of the stories found in the book.

To add fun and excitement, there were raffles and trivia during the program. PowerBooks generously provided eighteen (18) books and five (5) binders to be raffled to participants while the UST Library gave away especially made gifts for the occasion to twenty two (22) participants who answered correctly trivia questions about the library. PowerBooks also provided a photo booth where participants lined up to have their souvenir photos taken.



Library Top Book Borrowers for SY2012-2013.

After the Mass was the program proper. This started with a brief opening remark from Fr. Aparicio who wished that the participants enjoy the celebration and get inspiration and satisfaction from working and studying in the library. The program then proceeded to the awarding of the Outstanding Book Borrowers, namely, Ms. Reign Charm B. Ragutana, student from UST Education High School; Mr. Von Edward R. Marquez, student from the Faculty of Engineering; Fr. Lu Jun Wang, O.P., student from the UST Graduate School; and Ms. Maria Mynn P. Alfonso, faculty member from the College of Architecture.

A "Meet and Greet an Author" was also organized with Ms. Eva V. Kalaw being the special guest.

Intermission song numbers were provided by Ms. Angelica Marie A. Milabo, 4<sup>th</sup> year student from CFAD, and Ms. Ruby Jean M. Lapid, voice major from the Conservatory of Music. Both are daughters of proud library support staff members.

The program ended with a heartfelt closing remark from the Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, thanking all the participants who came to the first celebration of the library's foundation and also thanking the members of the organizing committee, namely, Angelica Ciar, Cathy de Leon, Kaori Fuchigami, Cecil Lobo, Diana Padilla, Edward Puzon, Fatima Ramos, Maynard Vitug, and Jonas Sahagun. Ms. Majuelo, likewise thanked all the people who have contributed and helped in the realization of this celebration.

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There is this saying that "there is no celebration without food," hence, a couple of food stalls in front of the Library were also made available for everybody. After the program, a simple lunch feast was prepared for the Library staff to cap off the celebration.

To end, there is one question worth pondering: "if UST is the oldest university in the Philippines and in Asia, and its library is older than the university itself, is it correct to say that the UST Miguel de Benavides Library is the oldest academic library in the Philippines and in Asia? There may not be a ready-made answer to this question but we can readily say that the Miguel de Benavides Library is part of the University patrimony or heritage, not only because of its age, but also because of its contribution to higher learning in the university and the nation as well.

To quote a reference in the catalogue of the exhibit **Lumina Pandit:** "Heritage is derived and handed on from the past; it is the source of our present being; it is the inherited promise bodying forth to the future. A lost of part of the heritage is a hurt to the past, and a hurt also to the main heritage from which it comes."

Jonas T. Sahagun

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were almost the same, one cannot expect to achieve the same court ruling because it is still a case by case basis. Employers and employees may file cases against each other but it is better if they seek "convergence and not divergence," and that management and employees should be allies. He also said that "nobody can help you if you will not stand up for your right" and this is the reason why there are still injustices in every company/ institution because some people fear to stand up for their rights. With this, he communicated his willingness to extend legal help especially to his Thomasian colleagues.

The open forum was just as lively as Atty. JBJ's presentation of cases. Most of the questions were directed to Atty. JBJ. He was asked about his personal legal opinions on some of the cases filed by the Faculty Union.

After the awarding of certificates to the resource speakers, CBA Updates were discussed by the USTFU President, Prof. George G. Lim, M.D., who also formally closed the seminar.

Angelica Frances Cruz-Ciar

Prof. Apolinario also mentioned that library and information specialists should study their clients. They should be updated with the different factors that affect their needs, demands and decision making process particularly the reason why they visit a library. Librarians can conduct a market segmentation that involves dividing the user with their common needs and develop strategies to address them. She also added that they should identify, anticipate and supply customer requirements efficiently and profitably; and should continuously plan marketing activities to inculcate culture of innovation in libraries. She finished her lecture by giving examples of promotional activities and services for libraries including professional branding, use of social media and wikis, use of different digital devices, film showings and gaming.

After the forum, a President's Report was delivered by Mrs. Roman as outgoing president followed by the induction of USTLSAA Officers for 2013-2015. Anna Rita L. Alomo, head librarian of the UST Health Sciences Library, gave her inaugural address as the new president. Other UST librarians who were elected as officers were: Kaori Fuchigami, assistant head librarian of the General Reference and Information section, as secretary; Michelle San Gabriel, head librarian of the Ecclesiastical Faculties Library, as treasurer; and Edward H. Puzon, Gifts and Exchange Librarian, as PRO.

#### Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet

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opposite of St. Dominic. He doesn't like studying. He doesn't know how to talk to people, more so, to preach. Nonetheless, there was an "agent of change" that came to him when he got seriously ill. He felt the Holy Spirit embraced and inspired him, and that became his turning point. He realized that something greater was planned for him and from then on, he completely accepted and surrendered his life to Him.

After the panelists gave their respective reaction, an open forum followed. To formally end the forum, Ms. San Gabriel, delivered her closing remarks.

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diseases and conditions quick lessons, evidence-based care sheets, cultural competencies, point-of-care information for nurses, patient education; (2) Continuing education covers continuing education modules; (3) Nursing skills comprises nursing skills and procedures and Skill competencies checklist; and (4) Nursing Resources and Best Practices contains Books for Nursing Reference, Legal Cases, Research Instruments & Latest Medical News. (http://www.ebsco.com/)



**Rehabilitation Reference Center** (RRC) is an evidence-based clinical reference tool for use by rehabilitation clinicians at the point-of-care. RRC provides therapists and students with the best a v a i l a b l e evidence for their information needs in the

areas of: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy.

RRC is designed to deliver current valid and relevant information at the point-of-care so that rehabilitation specialists can build customized treatment regimens for patients, using the best available evidence. Content in RRC includes nearly five-hundred fifty (550) *Clinical Reviews*, more than one-hundred fifty (150) research instruments, information from AHFS on over eleven-thousand sevenhundred (11,700) drugs and their manufacturers, more than nine-thousand eight-hundred (9,800) exercise images, key reference handbooks, guidelines from the National Guideline Clearinghouse, more than onethousand five-hundred (1,500) relevant patient education topics in both English & Spanish, and news and clinical updates. (http://www.ebsco.com/)



The **IEEE** *Xplore* digital library is a powerful resource for discovery and access to scientific and technical content

published by the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) and its publishing partners. It provides Web access to more than 3-million full-text documents from some of the world's most highly cited publications in Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and Electronics. The content in IEEE *Xplore* comprises over one-hundred sixty (160) journals, over one-thousand two hundred (1,200) conference proceedings, more than three-thousand eight-hundred (3,800) technical standards, over one-thousand (1,000) eBooks and over three-hundred (300) educational courses. A p p r o x i m a t e l y twenty-five-thousand (25,000) new documents are added to IEEE *Xplore* each month.

The IEEE *Xplore* database contains the following collections:

• Journals, transactions, letters, and magazines published by the IEEE and IET, with select content dating back to 1872.

- Journals published by IET, American Institute of Physics (AIP), IBM, BIAI (Beijing Institute of Aerospace Information) and TUP (Tsinghua University Press) and dating back to 1930.
- **Conference proceedings** published by the IEEE, IET and VDE VERLAG dating back to 1988.
- **IEEE technical standards and specifications**, including active, revised, archived and draft standards dating from 1948.
- eBooks published by Wiley-IEEE Press and other IEEE entities.
- Educational courses representing the best of IEEE conferences, workshops, and seminars in an interactive format. (http://ieeexplore.ieee.org)



**Oxford Music Online** is the gateway offering users the ability to access and cross-search multiple music reference resources in one location. With *Grove Music Online* as its cornerstone, Oxford Music Online also contains *The Oxford Companion to Music* (revised 2011), which offers more than

eight-thousand (8,000) articles on composers, performers, conductors, instruments and notation, forms and genres, and individual works; and *The Oxford Dictionary of Music*, 2nd edition (revised 2006), which supplements Grove's moreextensive articles with content geared toward undergraduates and general users. The most comprehensive reference work devoted exclusively to popular music, <u>Encyclopedia of Popular Music</u> (EPM) is the authoritative biographical encyclopaedia of rock, pop, and jazz artists, covering popular music from 1900 to the present. It is exhaustive, meticulous, authoritative and fun to read.

Oxford Music Online was created with the latest in online technology to give users a robust and unique research experience. Sophisticated search options allow users to refine their search or browse results by source and specific era or subject category. Users can also choose to view biographies or subject entries only. Advanced search options provide powerful tools for content navigation, including biography searching, bibliography searching, and the ability to easily search within longer, multi-section articles. Timelines and topical guides offer specific pathways into the content. This database is awarded the 2013 Webby Award Official Honoree for Best Writing (Editorial) by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences. This is the access point for Grove Music Online and other Oxford music reference resources.

#### (http://www.oxfordmusiconline.com)

These online databases serve as powerful tools for educational research to support the curriculum needs of the academic institutions like the University of Santo Tomas.

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## 'Recast' of the News in Print editorial staff

Last July 18, 2013, a meeting was held at the library conference room to officially announce the re-assignment of the *News in Print* editorial staff. The meeting was presided by the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. and Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, chief librarian. Also present were: Marivic G. Usita, Diana V. Padilla, Raquel B. Lontoc, Jenneth G. Capule, Arleen M. Abad, Dolores E. Morante and Joel T. Palangan.

The new editorial board is now composed of:

Editor	:	Estrella Majuelo
Assistant Editor	:	Jenneth Capule
Copyreader	:	Diana Padilla
Layout Artist	:	Raquel Lontoc
Photographer	:	Joel Palangan
Circulation Manager	:	Dolores Morante

Ms. Capule is the new assistant editor replacing Ms. Usita in order to give the latter sufficient time to complete the pictographic history of the Miguel de Benavides Library. Meanwhile, Ms. Lontoc was officially assigned as the layout artist in place of Ms. Abad who is currently assisting in the preparation of the different publications that the Library will soon publish. Mr. Palangan is now the official photographer while Ms. Majuelo, Ms. Padilla and Ms. Morante still hold their current editorial position.

Ms. Capule suggested during the meeting that all library committees will have to contribute articles especially if there are activities, accomplishments and other trending issues, topics and problems that concern a particular committee. In this way, each committee will be represented in the library newsletter and at the same time, all the library staff will be encouraged to write and share their skills in writing. Fr. Aparicio and Ms. Majuelo approved Ms. Capule's suggestion. Contributions on library related matters coming from other members of the Thomasian community are also welcome.

Concrete plans to modify the layout and to improve the content of the *News in Print* were also discussed and hope to materialize soon as the concept is clearly developed by the editorial staff.

The editorial board hopes for more contributors to write and more years for spreading the news about the library.

Jenneth G. Capule

## Get rid of overdue books

The Miguel de Benavides Library keeps on improving and providing quality service to its patrons particularly to circulation procedures. Last summer, soft launching of online renewal of books was held to make borrowing more agreeable to the needs of the borrowers. It has been made available to all patrons effective this AY 2013-2014.

To make use of this service, patrons may log in to the library's Library Online Reader's Network Zone (LOReNZo) website: <u>http://ustlib.ust.edu.ph/</u> and click 'My A c c o u n t': <u>http://ustlib.ust.edu.ph/patroninfo</u>. Students will need to log their full name and their ten (10) digit student ID number. For faculty, they need to log their full name and their last six (6) digit faculty ID number. For the support staff, their full name and their last four (4) digit employee ID number to be able to access this service.

The following **General Circulation section policies** are now in full force:

- it has revived its old policy for reserve books borrowed which is strictly 'for overnight use only' and must be returned the following day before 9:00AM to avoid penalty. For late return, a fine of Five Pesos (P5.00) per hour will be charged;
- new acquisition books are "non-renewable";
- reference books loaned for outside use (case to case basis), the same fine like that of reserve books is applied;
- for circulation books, the overdue fine is Ten Pesos (P10.00) per day;
- for books lost and paid and/or lost and replaced, a processing fee of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) is being charged;
- for lost and paid book purchased abroad by the Library, a brokerage fee/ shipping fee of Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00) is added.

The Library hopes that with the clarification of the abovementioned circulation policies, library patrons will be better guided in their borrowings and will have a clear understanding of the services of the Library particularly on this aspect.

Madonna Remedios. V. Alonzo

## **Off for drills - fire/evacuation**

Initially, drills should be held at frequent intervals until everyone is familiar with the procedures. The purpose and objectives of fire/ evacuation drills are: to identify the weaknesses in the communication systems and evacuation strategy; and to educate all building occupants, particularly the new arrivals, on the evacuation procedures and route.

In compliance with the Fire Code of the Philippines (R.A. No. 9514), the University of Santo Tomas wants that evacuation drills be carried out in all of its occupied buildings at least two (2) times every semester.

To comply with the said act, the UST Crisis Management Committee conducted the following:

1. Creation of local Crisis Management Team in the various units of the University as recommended by the Sampaloc Fire Department. The team is composed of: Incident Commander, Deputy Commander, Chair for Communication group, Chair for Evacuation group, Chair for Search and Rescue group, Chair for Recovery and Salvage group, Chair for First Aid/Medical Service group and the Traffic Control team.

2. UST Crisis Management Committee sponsored a seminar on "Disaster-Preparedness." This was held last June 13, 2013 at the Multipurpose Hall of the Alfredo Velayo College of Accountancy building from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. All heads of the local Crisis Management teams were requested to attend. The resource speakers were members of the Sampaloc Fire Station headed by Inspector Efren Bereña, assisted by Sergeant Francisco Montevergel. The seminar's focus was on R.A. No. 9514 (2008 Fire Code of the Philippines) specifically, on the following sections: (10.2) Rules on Fire Safety Measure; and (18.1) Operating Features-Educational Occupancies, wherein it requires all educational institutions to conduct an evacuation drill four (4) times a year. The following library personnel attended the said training: Juanita Subaldo, Nora Matawaran, Jonas Sahagun, Arlene Matias, Evangeline Panizal, and Joel Palangan.

3. The University conducted random and unannounced fire drills in the different buildings in the campus which started on July 8, 2013. The main purpose of the said drills was to prepare all occupants of the building at all times. Last July 16, 2013, upon hearing the siren, all occupants of the Miguel de Benavides Library immediately evacuated the library premises following the evacuation plan. The siren sounded at exactly 10:00 o'clock in the morning while some students were busy studying and doing research. The entire l i b r a r y occupants (including the patrons) proceeded to the assigned area at the football field. As per observation of Dr. Lito Maranan, member of the University Crisis Management Committee, and Ms. Subaldo, chair for Evacuation group of the UST Library, the entire library group had evacuated the building at exactly four minutes and thirty seven (4:37) seconds. The problem of encouraging library users to join in the evacuation area was still present. It took six (6) minutes for the rest of the group to move to the assigned area. The drill ended at exactly 10:30 in the morning.

4. As per memorandum dated July 23, 2013, Fr. Manuel Roux, UST vice rector for Finance and the chairman of the Crisis Management Committee, mentioned that a copy of the audio-visual presentation (AVP) for emergency evacuation will be provided to all colleges/faculties, departments, and a general evacuation drill will soon be announced.

The University intends to adopt all other reasonably practicable means to ensure that all occupants may quickly evacuate the place in times of emergency.

Juanita D. Subaldo

"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read."

- Mark Twain

## Agosto : Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa

A linsunod sa itinakda ng Proklamasyon Blg. 1041, s. 1997 na nagpapahayag ng taunang pagdiriwang ng "Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa" tuwing Agosto sa Pilipinas (Philippines), pinangunahan ng Komisyon sa Wikang F i l i p i n o (KWF) ang pagdiriwang sa taong ito na may paksang-diwa na, "Wika natin ang Daang Matuwid."

Maraming mag-aaral ng ating Pamantasan ang nagtungo dito sa ating Aklatan upang magsaliksik ng iba'tibang mga aklat patungkol sa Wikang Filipino at kung paano ito nakakaapekto sa mga napapanahong isyung kinakaharap ng ating bansa at ng ating Wika. Bukod sa mga panayam na pinaunlakan, may mga humingi pa ng tulong hinggil sa kung anu-anong aklat ang naaayon para sa kanilang "Book Review." Marami din ang nagsaliksik ng mga gawa ni Dr. Jose Rizal, ang Pambansang Bayani ng Pilipinas.

Bilang Punong Libraryan ng Filipiniana, ako din ay pumili ng mga bagong aklat tungkol sa ating Kultura at Wika na maaari nating idagdag sa ating koleksyon. Naniniwala ako na ang pagkakaroon ng isang mayamang Filipiniana Collection ay kaalinsunod ng pagkakaroon ng mabungang aklatan at kung may mabungang aklatan, makatutulong tayo upang maging kapakipakinabang ang ating mga mag-aaral at mapapalawig nito ang pagiging Pilipino ng bawat isa, sa isip, sa salita at sa gawa.

Lady Catherine Relevante-de Leon



ercy Caña-Bano was born on March 17, 1984 and was raised in Bankilingan, Tabaco City, Albay. She is the fifth child of Florentino Caña and Zenaida Bronsal.

Mercy obtained her Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education major in Library Science from the University of Santo Tomas in 2006. For her, it was a dream come true to study in this prestigious university and even a

great privilege to be given a Santo Domingo scholarship as member of the UST Track and Field Team as one of its sprinters. Since then, she has always been a proud Thomasian for she learned to be independent and responsible towards the many aspects of life while struggling to finish her degree. She has given recognition to her beloved alma mater by having won various sports leagues such as the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) National Palaro 2004 held at the Panaad Stadium, Bacolod City; Bronze medallist, (100MD); 63<sup>rd</sup> UAAP SEASON Bronze medallist (400MD); Gold medallist, 4x100 Meter Relay (surpassing the 'old record'); UNIGAMES 2003 La Salle Track Oval, Dasmariñas, Cavite Silver medallist (400MD).

She started her career as a Grade School librarian at the Manressa School in Parañaque City from June 2006-May 2007 and a High School Librarian from June 2007 until October 2010.

# A sporty "mom-to-be" Librarian

In 2010, she joined the UST Miguel de Benavides Library assigned in the cataloguing section. Currently, she is the librarian in-charge of the Library acquisition, a position she has been handling since June 2012. Her major task is to acquire and purchase library resources in all formats. She is also in-charge of the licensing and maintenance of electronic resources and at the same time, providing oversight to the library's collection budget.

In spite of her busy work schedule, she finds time in completing her Master of Arts in Library and Information Science at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines in Sta. Mesa, Manila.

Recently, she journeyed to a new phase of her life by marrying Mr. Junrey Ocampo Bano, a teammate from the UST Track and Field, Men's Team. The new couple is excited for they are now expecting their first child to be born this December.

I met this lady in a seminar for librarians. Upon knowing that we are both Thomasians, we felt comfortable with each other, have shared a lot of stories until we became close friends. I have known Mercy to be a simple person, independent and always sees the practical side of life. As a friend and colleague, I just wish her all the best in her career and happy that she has taken this big step of "getting married and becoming a mother." This is indeed different but I am sure that she will love the change.

From your UST Library family, congratulations!

Michelle M. San Gabriel



## Congratulations on the arrival of your little angel!

*Bernadette dela Vega*, support staff of the Circulation Section, has given birth to a baby boy *Gabriel dela Vega* on July 15, 2013 at 8:55 am. Gabriel weighed 5.7 lbs.

### Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. Prefect of Libraries

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