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“SPREADING THE NEWS”

“No other college or university in the country has reached 400 years of existence except our beloved University of Santo Tomas; it is the only University which has witnessed the growth and development of the Filipino nation through out the centuries.” In view of this, the entire academe is now engaged in preparing for the forthcoming celebration of the Quadricentennial anniversary of its foundation. Various exciting activities are now lined up to create excitement on this auspicious event. One of the much-awaited projects is the *LUMINA PANDIT: an Exhibition of Historical Treasures (Lumina Pandit = Spreading the Light)*.

A couple of years ago, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., UST Prefect of Libraries, envisioned this worthwhile project as the library’s contribution to the 2011 celebration. He wanted to substantiate the true meaning of “**Proud to be Thomasians at 400**” through this library exhibit.

With the untiring support of the University Administrators, this dream is now about to come true. Last December 18, 2009, Rev. Fr. Rolando V. de la Rosa, O.P., Rector of the University, finally signed the Production contract for this project. This has given the Library the signal to finally start working on this grandiose dream with the assistance of its commissioned curator, Ms. Marian Pastor Roces. This has boosted the Library’s interest to continuously work hard for the development of this exhibition and to strongly believe that it will materialize.

The Library has been exerting all efforts to promote this exhibition not only to the academic community but to all the University alumni and benefactors as well. This is to create enthusiasm, awareness and to generate support for the project. Presently, some publicity materials are being posted and distributed all over the campus. Brochures with solicitation letters have been sent to potential donors. Details of the exhibit are now uploaded in the University Homepage (www.ust.edu.ph) to reach more people regarding its significance.

Furthermore, some pre-event activities have already been accomplished such as the fabrication of the original printing press found in Madrid, Spain as done by Architect Benjamin Santos. It will be displayed during the exhibit to highlight the beginning of printing in the Philippines. Another activity held was the “Conference on Pharmacy” which took place last February 8-9, 2010 where some of the library’s rare book collections on pharmacy were put on display.

In addition, a university-wide “Poetry Writing” contest has been launched with the deadline slated at the end of April 2010; details of this activity can be viewed in the University and in the Library websites. A book-catalogue of the exhibit is also being prepared and designed by B & C Design. Some souvenir items, also designed by B & C, will also be made available to the viewers.

Still, in connection with this exhibition, the Library is negotiating with the Vatican Library in

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CONFERENCE ON “PHARMACY”

Being the first school in the Philippines to offer a Pharmacy program, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library and the Faculty of Pharmacy embarked on a project through a conference which they titled “A Century of Pharmacy Dynamics, Ethics and Significs: Filipino-Spanish Contributions to the History of Pharmacy.” The convenors were Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries and Prof. Priscilla M. Torres, Ph.D., Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy. It brought together for the first time a diverse range of pharmacists, researchers, historians, librarians and students to divulge the history of Pharmacy in the Philippines and its contribution to the development of the nation. Moreover, this is manifested as a vital event for the upcoming Quadricentennial celebration of the University of Santo Tomas.

The 2-day conference was held on February 8-9, 2010 at the Conference Hall of the Miguel de Benavides Library, a library that houses the richest collections on the history of Pharmacy in the country. It was attended by over seventy (70) participants both local and foreign.

Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., Vice Rector of the University, gave the welcome remarks. The keynote address was delivered by Hon. Nazarita T. Tacandong, RPh, MPA, acting Director IV of the Food and Drug Administration.

The various topics that were discussed are:

1. **The Faculty of Pharmacy During the Spanish Period** was discussed by Prof. Maria Luna, Ph.D. of the University of the Philippines. She emphasized the excellent academic preparation and expertise of the teachers-pharmacists during that time.
2. **Pharmacy Curricular Developments through the Years** was tackled by Prof. Priscilla M. Torres. She mentioned the new courses which were introduced to further enhance and uplift the Pharmacy Education to global standards.
3. **Contributions of Fr. Lorenzo Rodriguez, O.P. to the UST Faculty of Pharmacy**, by Prof. Rosalinda del

Castillo-Solevilla, Ph.D. of the UST Graduate School. She explained that Fr. Rodriguez was able to transform the curriculum of Pharmacy despite the change in times; the revival of the Pharmacy program despite the climate of war and the resurgence of peace.

4. **Anacleto del Rosario y Sales: First Filipino Chemist-Pharmacist**, by Prof. Francisco Mulet Zaragoza of the Universidad de CEU Cardenal Herrera Valencia, España. He emphasized that Anacleto worked and used his heart out to learn his profession. Then, he honed his skill until he was recognized for his interests in ‘Water Analysis’.



Speakers, convenors and participants of the Conference

5. **Fr. Marcos Lainez Hernando, O.P. : Evolution and the New Chemical Theories in the Philippines**, by Prof. Jose Maria de Jaime Loren, Ph.D. of the Universidad de CEU Cardenal Herrera Valencia, España. He discussed the adventures of Fr. Lainez Hernando in the Philippines and who also became a missionary of the province of the Santisimo Rosario. Fr. Lainez Hernando also spread Darwinism in Spain.
6. **The Friars and Philippine Medicinal Plants**, by Mr. Pio Andrade, Jr. of Arellano University. Mr. Andrade’s paper highlights the important Philippine medicinal plants like the “*galangal*” and “*catbalogan*” which are both indigenous plants. He is full of fascination and interest for both ethnically delicious and medicinally useful plants both inside the UST campus and from his travels around the Philippines.
7. **The Pepita Maravillosa del Tunkin: its ‘Tsunami’ Effect in the University of Santo Tomas** by Prof. Beatrice Q. Guevara, Ph.D. of the UST Graduate School. She discussed this plant that originated from the “Kingdom of Tunkin” now known as Vietnam. According to her, the seeds were brought in the country by

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“BOOK RESTORATION”

As a prelude to the Quadricentennial celebration of the University of Santo Tomas in 2011, a major exhibit is being staged by the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. This exhibit will showcase the rich collection of the Library, which includes two rare books on medicine which need major restoration

The writer was tasked to undergo training on restoration to work on these two books, and hopefully, the other books in the collection that need immediate treatment. Prof. Ma. Bernardita M. Reyes, a conservator from the UST Center for Conservation of Cultural Property and Environment in the Tropics (CCPET) recommended Ms. Josephine Francisco, a conservator and restorer at the Museo Recoleta.

The training, which was held at the Museo Recoleta Conservation Laboratory, lasted for five days. According to Mr. Ronaldo Romero, assistant to Ms. Francisco, the Laboratory does not only restore books, but it also restores gowns of saints, paintings, religious collections, and even traditional clothing (vestments) worn by priests and bishops.

Here are their tips and recommendations on proper restoration which have proven to be very helpful.

Conservation Procedure

1. **Examination and initial report.** A written report outlining the proposed treatment and estimating its cost.
2. **Documentation.** During the course of treatment, the staff keeps written notes on all procedures, carefully taking notes of any chemicals that are used. Photographs are taken of each object before and after treatment, and occasionally during.
3. **Checking of Ph level.** The process of determining the level of acidity with the use of Ph testing strips.
4. **Ink stability test.** Prior to washing the pages, every ink and color must be carefully tested for solubility to make sure paper are stable and will not fade or blur during the washing process.
5. **Surface cleaning.** Superficial grime, dirt, and soot are removed with a soft brush.
6. **Removal of mold, insect residues, and other accretions.** Accretions, including insects pecks and mold residues, are normally removed by scalpels, aspirators, or specialized vacuum cleaners. Mold and insect deposits are best removed individually by mechanical means.
7. **Removal of old repairs or tapes.** Repairs were often made using materials harmful to paper, such as commercial tapes and adhesives that stain.

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USTLSAA FORUM

The University of Santo Tomas Library Science Alumni Association (USTLSAA) sponsored a half day forum entitled **Librarians as They Create Trends, Make Waves & Break Stereotypes.** This was held on December 8, 2009 from 1-5 PM at the Audio Visual Room of Jose Rizal University (JRU). The participants were UST alumni of Library Science and some library staff of JRU. Mr. Augusto K. Fabella, VP-Information System of JRU, gave the welcome remarks. Prof. Candida Agcaoili, adviser of USTLSAA, was one of the distinguished guests.

The objectives of the forum are:

1. to know the current trends for librarians in 2010;
2. to determine what clothing, make-up and hairstyle are appropriate for the workplace ; and
3. to enhance one's personality.

The invited speaker was Ms. Ivy Dianne Manzon-Bo, Events/Fashion stylist and a graduate of De La Salle University. She discussed the different looks appropriate for office such as *business professional look* (corporate attire), *informal business professional look* and the *casual & chic look*. She showed visuals of these various attires for the participants to have an idea of how each one differs from the others, the proper way of wearing them at the workplace. Ms. Manzon-Bo also gave tips on accessories, hairstyles, make-up applications and the proper posture in the workplace. It was emphasized that it is not only the dress that counts but the whole being. A person should possess a good total personality in her looks within and outside.

The topic was very informative. The Association hopes that through this forum, librarians would no longer be labeled as the traditional “Ms. Tapia.” The challenge for the librarians now is to have an open mind, open to ideas of change and personality development in order to look fashionable. A librarian with pleasing personality can create a good and pleasant image of the library.

Lucila B. Adriano

MOMENTOUS VISIT

The University of Santo Tomas once again opened its door to a distinguished academician, Dr. Maria Isabel Monroy Castillo, President of El Colegio de San Luis, Mexico last December 17, 2009. This visit was made possible through the help of the Mexican Ambassador, His Excellency Thomas Javier Calvillo Unna.



In photo are (L-R) Prof. G. Fontanilla, Prof. C. Carillo, Dr. Castillo, Fr. A. Aparicio, OP, and Ms. E. Majuelo, UST Chief Librarian

Dr. Castillo visited the UST Museum and the Miguel de Benavides Library, specifically, the UST Heritage Library after learning the essential role played by UST in the history of Mexico. She expressed enthusiasm and passion while going through pertinent materials related to Mexico including the rare book entitled *Provisiones Cedula Instruccion de Su Magestad* by Vasco de Puga which was printed in Mexico in 1593 by Pedro Ocharte, one of the well-known Mexican printers. This rare book is cited as one of the most praiseworthy publications published within the first 30 years after the introduction of printing in America. She became more excited when Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, showed her other rare book collections and a number of interesting archival materials.

To show her appreciation, she shared some vital information for the betterment of the Heritage Library.

Dr. Castillo was accompanied by Prof. Clarita Carillo, Ph.D., Vice Rector for Academic Affairs and Research, Assoc. Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla, Director, Office of Public Affairs, and Dr. Augusto C. de Viana, Chairperson of the Department of History.

Jenneth G. Capule

A DAY TRIP WITH SOME SPANISH PHARMACISTS

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library strives on a publicity campaign to create enthusiasm and generate awareness for its upcoming exhibit, LUMINA PANDIT to be inaugurated on June 17, 2010. Coordination with University officials, colleges and library benefactors both here and abroad are being considered to bolster its hype. One of its pre-event activities was a conference entitled "A Century of Pharmacy, Dynamics, Ethics and Significs" held last February 8 & 9, 2010 at the Conference Hall of the Library. It was spearheaded by Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries and Prof. Priscilla Torres, Ph.D., Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy. Several local and international speakers were invited to make this event more interesting and meaningful. This includes the renowned and esteemed teacher-pharmacists of the University de CEU Cardenal Herrera in Valencia, Spain, namely: Prof. Francisco Mulet Zaragoza, Prof. Jose Maria de Jaime Loren, Prof. Juan Ferrer Llussar, Prof. Vicente Vicent Lopez, and Prof. Emilio Benedicto Gimeno.

On February 04, 2010, Fr. Aparicio and I warmly welcomed the group upon their arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport. For four of them, this was just their first time to visit the Philippines; Prof. Mulet is a regular visitor of the UST Library for his research. We accompanied them to Rothman Hotel where they were billeted for a week.

In order to make their visit more exciting and memorable, we brought them to one of the country's most popular tourist destinations, Tagaytay City. It provides a good view of the Taal volcano and it is endowed with cool and revitalizing climate.

Our first destination was the *People's Park in the Sky* (formerly *People's Palace in the Sky*) which is situated at the highest point of the city. They were amazed of the breathtaking view of Tagaytay. The group then proceeded to *Caleruega*, a stimulating place surrounded with trees, ornamental plants, shrubs plus birds and butterflies with cool breeze and a perfect hideaway. Afterward, we had lunch at *Sonya's Garden* where they enjoyed its tasty bread, appetizing vegetable salad, yummy pasta, mouth-watering chocolate cake

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MAC MINI AT THE HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY

“Good things come in small packages.”

T rue enough! The Mac Mini, a desktop computer made by Apple, Inc., with its sleek exterior measuring 6.5 square inches and 2 inches tall, has a lot to offer. Though it is small, it comes with everything a researcher needs. Some people may not even believe that it is a computer.

Since last year, several units have been installed by the Santo Tomas e-Service Providers (STePS) at the Internet Station of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library and in the Ecclesiastical Faculties Library.

Last December 2009, Fr. Winston Cabading, O.P., Director of STePs and Dra. Imelda Dakis, Faculty Secretary of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, visited the UST Health Sciences Library Internet station. During their visit, they saw the need to replace some computers from Windows to Mac. Hence, on December 9, 2009, STePS conducted training on the use of this new equipment. It was attended by some library staff of the Health Sciences Library. Finally, on January 29, 2010, ten (10) units of Mac Mini have been installed in the said Library. According to Mr. Raymond Mendoza, a Network Engineer of STePs, the reason for shifting to this is for the students to have more exposure to the different kinds of Operating Systems (OS) available in the market. At first, some students found it hard to use, but most students did not experience difficulty in the new system since many of them are “computer-savvy.”

Students from the College of Nursing, College of Rehabilitation Science, and the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery are now enjoying and maximizing the use of this small but very useful piece of technology.

Lourdes Fatima C. Calingasan

UST “DANGAL AWARD 2010”



Mrs. Benilda Certeza



Ms. Nora Matawaran

T he theme for this year’s Dangal Award was “GURONG TOMASINO: Daluyan ng Kagandahan, Tambuli ng Katotohanan at Lundayan ng Kabutihan.” This award is given to faculty members who have rendered several years of service in the University of Santo Tomas and those who have achieved honors through outstanding works in teaching, research, and community service.

The event was held on March 10, 2010 at the San Martin de Porres Building (Medicine auditorium). The opening remarks was given by Prof. Lilian J. Sison, Ph.D., Dean of the Graduate School. It was followed by a message from Rev. Fr. Rolando V. de la Rosa, O.P., Rector of the University. The guest speaker was Architect Francisco “Bobby” Mañosa.

During the ceremony, faculty members received awards for the following:

- * Gawad Benavides (years of service ranging from 20 to 50 years)
- * Gawad San Albertus Magnus (outstanding research, invention, technological innovation and creative work)
- * Gawad San Lorenzo Ruiz (CHED Higher Education Institute Awards)
- * Gawad Santo Domingo (extraordinary acts of charity and volunteerism in the

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NATIONAL BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION AT THE UST LIBRARY

In celebration of the 75th National Book Week with the theme “Kaaya-ayang Magbasa Sa Kapaligirang kay Ganda,” the UST Miguel de Benavides Library organized various activities to support this worthwhile event.

An exhibit had been mounted at the Library exhibition area where some photos of prominent booklovers, facts and trivia on reading, tips for effective reading, pictures of modern libraries and some other reading environments were put on show. There was also the yearly mini-book fair wherein four book dealers were invited to display their products’, these are: Belview Co., Inc., CD Books International, Megatext Phils., and Philmont Academic Solutions.

In addition, the awarding of the 2nd batch of “Top Book Borrowers” among the members of the academe was held.

The awards (in kind) were handed over by Ms. Estrella Majuelo, Chief Librarian of the University.

This event was made possible through the unwavering support of the Library Administrators headed by Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. and the efforts of the Collection Development Committee headed by Ms. Nora Matawaran with its members, namely, Raquel Lontoc, Diana Padilla, Jonas Sahagun, Dolores Morante, and Lilibeth Cardenas.

This activity has always encouraged and made members of the Thomasian community realize the importance of books and libraries to their lives.

Below are the faculty members and students who have borrowed the most number of books from June to October 2009:

TOP BOOK BORROWERS 2009

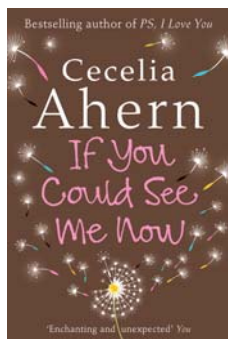


Categories	Awardees	College/Department
High School student	Ms. Angelica Marie Milabo	High School Department
Undergraduate student	Mr. Aldrin E. Manalastas	Faculty of Arts and Letters
Graduate School student	Sem. June Arvie G. Belo	Faculty of Theology
Faculty member	Prof. Emmanuel Batoon	Faculty of Arts and Letters

Raquel B. Lontoc

If You Could See Me Now

By Cecelia Ahern



The literary work created by Cecelia Ahern entitled **If You Could See Me Now** is an enchanting tale of love, magic, and friendship which captivates the mind and touches the heart of both adults and children.

Ahern created a fantasy-filled world that exists alongside the present and normal world of the characters in the story. This happened when the compulsive world of Elizabeth Egan was caught unaware by the presence of the strange, yet wonderful man named Ivan. Elizabeth did not know it at first, but this strange man would be the one to help her bury the problems and questions of her past and help her move on in life. The two characters, Ivan and Elizabeth, whose personalities are the exact opposite, would eventually realize that they would learn a lot from each other.

This book is perfect for anyone who wants to feel good and appreciate more the little things in life that one tends to forget especially when one becomes an adult.

One of the lessons I learned after reading this book is that, sometimes, it is nice to be “childlike” because a child does not dwell much on evaluating the realities and negativism of the world.

Elaine M. Ortizo 4PSED1



After Dark

By Haruki Murakami



Set in metropolitan Tokyo, it begins when a 19 year old student named Mari, spending her night at Denny’s in solitary reading was suddenly disrupted by a trombone playing student named Takashi. Takashi says that they have met before on a double date with his friend and Mari’s illustrious model sister, Eri. Mari’s ability to speak and understand Chinese made her cross ways with a burly female “love hotel” manager and her staff, and a Chinese prostitute brutally harmed and stripped of everything in the same “love hotel” by a sadistic computer expert. As Eri slumbers her way all through her life due to *hikikomori*, a social withdrawal condition, it all remains whether this sleep will save or destroy her.

Murakami’s ability to paint vivid pictures of events and characters brings the story to different levels, both in intellectual and romantic adventures through an ominous urban life. Presenting the book in a time-line, a slew of events happening between midnight and dawn, it shows how the characters are interwoven through their secrets and needs rather than through different circumstances. It sheds light on the strength of beauty and human emotion, whether it is love or empathy. Murakami’s inconspicuous technique in dialogue leaves the reader captivated during the entire reading of the book towards the optimistic but ambiguous dénouement.

Recommendation:

After Dark may be short, but it will surprise you in many ways. It will leave you gripping and delving into the world that is in the book. It makes you reflect and ponder on some things you may not have experienced or may have experienced but preferred to ignore. I recommend this book because of its lightness to the spirit, its vivacity will leave you entertained and wanting for more. This may be appropriate starting from secondary grade school kids and up because of its intellectual level which I think will be best enjoyed when the reader has better insights on raw and deep human emotions.

Beatriz Lorraine B. Batallones 4PSED1

Spreading the ... from page 1

Rome for the loaning of the original copy of the *Doctrina Christiana* in Chinese; with the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. for the loan of the Tagalog version of the book and with the Spanish National Library in Madrid for the original copy of the *Shih-Lu*.

The exhibit will be mounted at the ground floor, left wing of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library starting April to May 2010. It will be open officially to the public on June 17, 2010 and will run until January 2011.

Let us all show our interest and support to this astonishing and once in a lifetime experience by spreading the news of its significance not only to our fellow Thomasians but to the entire nation as well.

Get excited...be involved...and be proud of being a Filipino through this Library Exhibition!

For your contributions, please visit the library website:

<http://library.ust.edu.ph> or call (632) 731-3034/ (632)

406-1611 local 8234.

Diana V. Padilla.

Conference on ... from page 2

the Dominican priests early in the 1900; the oil extract of the seeds of *Tunkin* had been used for its antiseptic and analgesic effects.

8. **Medicinal Products Used in the Pharmacy of the Hospital Real de Manila in the Year 1795 and their Survival in the Actual Spanish Pharmacy**, as discussed by Prof. Juan Ferrer Llussar, L.Ph. of the Universidad de CEU Cardenal Herrera, Valencia, España. Prof. Llussar gave an analysis of the needs of Hospitals, Public Health and Drug Stores such as supply of medicines, and competition among the religious. He also mentioned the popular medicines introduced that time such as: *Tinctura Arnica*, *Aceite de Manzanilla*, and other medicamenta.
9. **Exchange of Medical Products between Mexico and the Philippines at the Beginning of the 19th Century**, by Prof. Vicente Vicent Lopez, L.Ph. of the Universidad de CEU Cardenal Herrera, Valencia, España. He briefly explained the Mexican trade of medicinal products during *Galleon de Manila*. According to their research, Spanish doctors are no better than the skills of the Aztecs. He also added that basic and health sciences are booming in the 19th century botanical gardens.
10. **Notes on Fr. Felix Guillem de San Jose, OAR, and his Collection of Medicinal Plants**, presented by

Prof. Emilio Benedicto Gimeno, Ph.D., Centro de Estudios del Jiloca Calamocha, Teruel, España. Prof. Gimeno presented the notes of Fr. San Jose especially on his collection of medicinal plants. As mentioned, Fr. San Jose saw interests in plants endemic from the Visayas and Mindanao. His paper shows that Spanish connection is strong especially in Calamocha in Jiloca Valley, both religious and academic.

11. **The UST Herbarium** was tackled by Assoc. Prof. Rosie S. Madulid of the UST College of Science. UST Herbarium was initiated with the expertise of Prof. Madulid with her group in the National Museum and the Research Center of the Natural Sciences. She mentioned that their main mission is the protection of national patrimony by preserving information on endemic plants in the Philippines.
12. **The Educational Role of Botanic Gardens** was discussed by Prof. Romualdo M. del Rosario, Ph.D. from the UST Graduate School. Prof. del Rosario emphasized the importance of *arboretums*, and explained that *Botanics or Botanicals* are plants that undergo collection, documentation, scientific research, conservation and recreation.
13. **Honey and Pharmacy: the Origins of Apiculture in the Philippines**. The paper was read by Rev. Fr. Aparicio for Prof. Pablo de Jaime Ruiz, Ph.D. of the Universidad de Zaragoza, Aragon, España.
14. **Filipino Pharmacists in the Diccionario of Rafael Roldan**. The paper was also read by Fr. Aparicio for Prof. Jose Maria de Jaime Ruiz of the Universidad de CEU Cardenal Herrera, Valencia, España. The paper mentioned some Filipino Pharmacists like: Leon Maria Guerrero, Antonio N. Luna, Anacleto del Rosario and Maria Luisa-Tinospora Rumphii.
15. **Historical and Contemporary Practice of Pharmacy** by Prof. Yolanda R. Robles, Ph. D. of the University of the Philippines. Prof. Robles provided the participants with an overview of past and recent history and practice of pharmacy divided into three eras, namely, the 19th Century, Industrial Era and Informational Era. She encouraged the participants to acquire more roles which lead to the increasing responsibility of pharmacists.
16. **Pharmacovigilance: its History, Science and Impact to Health Systems** was tackled by Dr. Kenneth Y. Hartigan-Go, Executive Director of the Zuellig Family Foundation, Inc. According to Dr. Hartigan-Go, as an assumption, all healthy products should be 100% safe. This may not be so as both industry and health regulators believe that all products have

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inherent risk for harm. He also explained the various medical care problems seen in the Philippines and its pharmacovigilance.

There was also an audio visual presentation prepared by selected students from the UST Faculty of Pharmacy.

The first day was hosted by Assoc. Prof. Eloisa P. de Castro while Asst. Prof. Anna Maria Gloria S. Ward was the emcee during the second day. It was concluded by a wrap up given by Prof. Peter F. Quilala, M.D., RPh.

The organizers and participants of this event have done a good job. The publication of the conference proceedings is being considered too. The conference was truly remarkable hitherto, an achievement for both the UST Library and the Faculty of Pharmacy.

Anna Rita L. Alomo

Training on ... from page 3

Restoration Process

1. **Washing.** Water washing is often beneficial to paper. Washing not only removes dirt and aids in stain reduction, but it can also wash out acidic compounds and other degradation products that have built up in the paper. Washing can also relax brittle or distorted paper and aid in flattening.
2. **Alkalization (Deacidification).** Although simple water washing reduces acidity, the addition of an alkaline buffer to paper is sometimes recommended.
3. **Mending.** Tears are carefully aligned and then repaired, usually on the reverse, with narrow strips of torn Japanese tissue. The strips are adhered with a permanent, nonstaining adhesive such as starch paste or methyl cellulose.
4. **Filling areas of paper loss.** Holes or paper losses may be filled individually with Japanese paper, with paper pulp, or with a paper carefully chosen to match the original in weight, texture, and color.
5. **Backing (Lining).** Especially weak or brittle papers or sheets with numerous tears may be reinforced by backing them with another sheet of Japanese paper.
6. **Bleaching.** Bleaching is time-consuming and tricky. It is warranted only when staining or discoloration compromises the aesthetic value of a work of art or exhibition material.

This training gave me confidence to be effective in my work of conservation and restoration which is beneficial to the rare collections of the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library.

Ginalyn M. Santiago

A Day Trip with Some ... from page 4

and the refreshing calamansi juice. It was a fruitful and memorable conversation over lunch with the whole group. Mr. Vicent became my personal interpreter who patiently translated to me in English their discussions in Spanish. We talked about their first few days of stay in the Philippines, about their work and the never-ending amusing moments with one another.

We also visited *Ilog ni Maria* where a small bee-hive farm can be found. They were interested to see the honeybee comb especially Mr. Llussar who personally made a study on bees. It was already late in the afternoon when we decided to go back to Manila.

It was indeed a memorable and wonderful experience worth treasuring. I'm looking forward another exciting trip with my newly found friends and mentors from Spain!

Diana V. Padilla

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delivery of a community service program)

- * Gawad Santo Tomas (outstanding faculty member, academic & non-teaching)

“Certificate of Service” and cash were given to faculty awardees.

The Miguel de Benavides Library is proud to have librarians included among those who were given recognition, namely, Mrs. Benilda A. Certeza who received the Gawad Benavides award for having rendered 40 years of service and Ms. Nora M. Matawaran who was one of the two faculty members who has been given the “Hall of Fame Award.”

The University of Santo Tomas is fortunate to have many dedicated faculty members who have not only served the University for a good number of years but who also have contributed exceptionally in the fulfillment of the Mission of the University through exemplary performance in their respective fields.

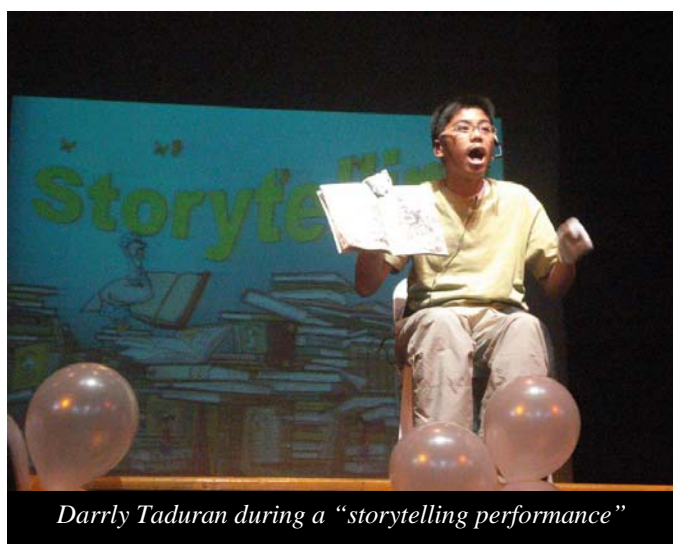
Marivic G. Usita

“BOOK LOVERS’ CLUB” CELEBRATES NATIONAL BOOK WEEK

In celebration of the 76th National Book Week with the theme “*Kaaya-ayang Magbasa sa Kapaligirang kay Ganda,*” the EHSians and the Grade School Book Lovers Club had a series of activities such as:

Book Fair

This was held from November 23-25, 2009 at the second floor of the Albertus Magnus building. The Scholastic Publishing, Inc. and the WS Pacific Publications, Inc. exhibited their products. The opening of



Darryl Taduran during a “storytelling performance”

this activity was hosted by the members of the EHSians’ Book Lovers’ Club. The Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, gave the opening remarks. This was formally opened through a ribbon cutting ceremony graced by the Grade School and the EHS Principals, Assoc. Prof. Nenita D. Caralipio, and Assoc. Prof. Marishirl P. Tropicales, respectively.

Book Talk

A forum entitled “How to Do Sketching for Book Illustrations” was also held. The invited speaker was Mr. Jabar Ismael of the Scholastic Publishing. He gave some tips and techniques on how to sketch. He also encouraged the pupils to practice sketching, for this, according to him, could inspire and lead them to become book sketch artists in the future.

Poster Making Contest

Another exciting and colorful event was the poster making contest. The winners are : Ernesto Gabriel Buemio, Fhaym Sarrondo, Ron Matthew Dela Cruz, Maria Noreena Kalaw, and Elizer Joseph Ellazar, all are grade five pupils.

Storytelling and Singing Contests

Organized by EHS, the objectives of these activities are: 1) to develop children’s public speaking skills; 2) to overcome fear in performing on stage; 3) to showcase their talents; and 4) to enhance self confidence.

A storytelling seminar-workshop was conducted by two of the UST librarians, namely, Lucila Adriano and Jose Enrico Miguel David. Representatives from the EHS and Grade School joined these contests.

Recognition and rewards to “frequent library users” were given to those who were able to maximize the use of the library, its resources and who have also become role models to other students. The following are the criteria: 1) exemplary conduct inside the library; 2) those who have borrowed the most number of books; 3) frequent visit to the library; and 4) interest shown in library activities. Recipients were: Erika Anela Songco, Andrea Tracy Cunanad, and Maria Lourdes Gamez, all from 3-R. From the Grade School: Elizer



Winners in the storytelling contest with two of the judges

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DESPEDIDA FOR ATE BENNY

“Saying goodbye is never an easy thing”



UST Miguel de Benavides Library administrators and staff posed for a souvenir picture with Mrs. Certeza.

Last March 29, 2010, Mrs. Benilda A. Certeza or "Ate Benny" as she is fondly called by her colleagues, was given a “despedida” by her library family. This was held at the Conference Hall of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library from 3:00-5:00 in the afternoon. Spending forty (40) years of service in the University is no mean feat. As a librarian and teacher, she has left an indelible mark as a God-fearing and a cheerful person with a positive disposition in life.

During the program, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, gave his message reminding Ate Benny that she now faces a new chapter in her life. Fr. Aparicio mentioned two words that he could extend to Mrs. Certeza at that moment: one is *thank you* for being cooperative when needed, and *sorry* for having offended her at times. Some library staff also gave their heart warming message and testimony of how Mrs. Certeza has touched their lives and how she has become an inspiration to them.

As a sign of gratitude, a token of appreciation was given by the Library through its

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‘HOME OF JOY’

The University of Santo Tomas Librarians Association (USTLA) organized for the second time an outreach activity. This was held last February 7, 2010 at the Home of Joy, Missionaries of Charity in Tayuman, Manila. The Missionaries of Charity is the Order founded by Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

The Home of Joy caters to special children with Down’s syndrome, hydrocephalus, and the like. These children have been taken cared of by 12 helpers and sisters. It is a known fact that life for these children is hard, one that a child does not deserve but due to irresponsible actions of some people, these poor ones have suffered the consequences.

It is a pleasure to come back to the orphanage because we feel that these kids really need love, compassion and help. The librarians donated cookies, canned goods, milk, diapers and other things that would be of help to them. Ms. Joey Andres, a first year SPED student from the UST College of Education, read a story to entertain the kids. Her story teaches the value of helping each other to make things easier. The kids actively participated during the discussion.



The librarians who joined in the activity

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“GRADUATING WORKING SCHOLARS 2010”

Graduation always entails celebration and thanksgiving for it marks the accomplishment of one’s duties as a student, and for some, the end of their stint as a working scholar.

On March 21, 2010 (Sunday), fourteen (14) graduating working scholars of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library had their taste of the fruits of their labor. They spent the whole day with fun and memorable experience which they would surely cherish after leaving the four walls of the library and the university as well.

The departure from UST was seven o’clock in the morning. The working scholars with their respective head librarians and together with Fr. Angel Aparicio O.P., the Prefect of Libraries, excitedly headed to Caleruega, Batangas.

A Holy Mass was held at the chapel of Transfiguration in Caleruega. It was officiated by Fr. Aparicio. A simple snack was prepared by the staff of the retreat house, after which, the group explored the place and even went to the hanging bridge. After a series of photo session in the beautiful sceneries, the group set off to their next destination.

The Tagaytay City’s *People’s Park in the Sky* gives a relaxing view from the top. After a glimpse of the place, the group headed to Southridge Village, to the house of Ms. Linda Bernardo, a *friend of the Library*, for a sumptuous lunch. Suited for hours of travel, long walks and unfading smiles for photo shots, everyone was delighted with the buffet prepared by Camilo Estoya, husband of Mrs. Ma. Teresa F. Estoya who is Chairman of the Human Values Committee which is in-charge of this activity.

After a brief rest, the working scholars who were eager to go swimming went straight to the village’s clubhouse. A few minutes of drizzle was taken to mean a blessing for this happy day. The scholars were accompanied by Fr. Aparicio who also enjoyed the cold waters of the pool. This part has always been a fun experience, a good “bonding time” for the scholars since they are assigned to the different sections of the library and some could only meet occasionally in the staff room. They really had fun and the tons of laughter can attest to this!



Fr. Aparicio, OP and some librarians with the graduating batch 2010 working scholars at Caleruega Church.

It was almost 5:00 in the afternoon when the scholars returned from swimming and partook of the snacks courtesy of Ms. Bernardo. Afterwards, everyone readied themselves for the travel back to Manila. This wrapped up the whole day of unlimited food and endless fun as the group exhaustedly but happily rested in the bus.

As a participant to this “Treat to the Graduating Working Scholars” and on behalf of my co-working scholars who are also about to end their duties in the library, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the administrators of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library headed by the the Prefect of Libraries, Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. and the Chief Librarian Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo for sponsoring this yearly tribute to the graduating scholars of the Library. Our genuine appreciation also goes to Mrs. Estoya and her committee members who took so much effort in order to make this activity a success. Last but not the least, our gratitude to our respective head Librarians who gave off their Sunday to join and shared their experiences with us. This day would always be reminisced with a smile.

Cerwin Annee S. Sioson

PAENG IS “HIYAS NG UST”

After a long wait, Mr. Rafael Travilla popularly called “Paeng,” the diligent and reliable staff from the Miguel de Benavides Library, was awarded the “Most Outstanding Employee” of the University of Santo Tomas for *Skilled* category. Other awardees are: Ms. Wilma Orate of the Accounting Division for the *Professional* category and Mr. Camilo Estoya from the Laboratory and Equipment Supplies Office for the *Technical* category.



(L-R) Rev. Fr. R. de la Rosa, O.P., Rev. Fr. A. Aparicio, O.P., Mr. R. Travilla, Assoc. Prof. P. Romero, Ph.D., Rev. Fr. P. Tiong, O.P. and Assoc. Prof. C. Bahrami-Hessari pose for a souvenir shot during the awarding of the “Most Outstanding Employee of UST.”

The 3rd “Hiyas ng UST Awards” with the theme “Tapat na Serbisyo ng Kawaning Tomasino sa Pamantasan ng Santo Tomas” was held on February 16, 2010. The program started with a Holy Mass concelebrated by some Dominican priests led by the Rector, Rev. Fr. Rolando V. de la Rosa, O.P.

Special Awards were given to those who have acquired post graduate courses, those who passed the government board examinations, those who have presented a research paper in local and international conferences, and those who have been punctual in office attendance.

Several library staff were given special awards. Ms. Ma. Arleen Abad was given recognition for having finished her Master in Business Administration degree last March 2009 while Ms. Evangeline Panizal was awarded for her punctuality and complete attendance. Service awards were given to Ms. Bernardita dela Vega for having served the University for 10 years, Ms. Demetria Estudillo, Ms. Serena Alejo and Ms. Jasmin Mangona for 25 years of service.

This year’s event was highlighted with a production, the “evolution of dances” from the 1940s to present as performed by some support staff. A group of administrators wowed the audience by their flawless performance of modern ballroom dance number.

This annual activity is spearheaded by the UST Human Resource department which recognizes and honors the services, achievements and dedication of deserving support staff of the University of Santo Tomas.



The exultant Prefect of Libraries, Fr. A. Aparicio, O.P., (center) is flanked by the similarly elated Paeng Travilla (4th from left) and other members of the Library staff.

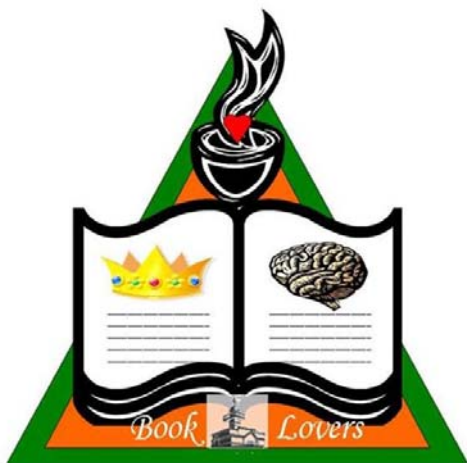
Ma. Arleen M. Abad

Book Lovers' Club ... from page 10

Joseph Ellazar, Vincent Romeir Francisco, and Al Angelo Dela Cruz.

Logo-making Contest

This contest was exclusively for members of the Book Lovers' Club. The entry of Dominic Philip



The winning entry logo of EHSians' Book Lovers' Club.

Hatol, the Club president, won.

Book Discussion

The last activity was the book discussion of "New Moon" held at the EHS-AVR on November 27, 2009. The resource speaker was Ms. Maria Agnes Buquid, Guidance Counselor of the College of Architecture and Fine Arts. Ms. Buquid pointed out that the use of other medium, like movie for entertainment, is good; but nothing compares to one who reads. The participants agreed to what she said because most of them are into reading.

Despite these hectic schedules, it was still a very rewarding occasion for the EHS/Grade School book lovers who have always been there to love and support library activities.

Arlene P. Matias

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Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo. Likewise, the UST Librarians Association (USTLA) presented Mrs. Certeza with a gift. To break the "nostalgic" atmosphere of the moment. Ms. Anna Rita L. Alomo, Head Librarian, General Reference and Information section, rendered a song number titled "A Very Special Love." In addition, a dance number to the tune of "Bad Romance" was presented by a group of selected support staff. Before the program ended, an audio visual presentation was played featuring the happy moments of Ate Benny in the Library. In response, Mrs. Certeza thanked all the members of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library.

To our dear Ate Benny, "away from the University, life must go on; may you find happiness and fulfillment in the path that you have chosen."

Lourdes Fatima C. Calingasan

'Home of Joy' from page 11

The wards follow a meal time schedule. At ten in the morning, the kids had their lunch. Some librarians assisted in feeding the kids. Feeding them is not an easy task because of their health conditions; it requires lots of time and patience.

It feels good to spend time with the less fortunate members of our society. Our colleagues who visited this orphanage for the first time were one in saying that the experience was really an eye-opener and a "heartbreaking" moment.

This worthwhile activity reminded us of this passage, "In as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me." (Matt.25:40).

Marilou G. Palermo

MORE THAN JUST A CATCHY NAME



Some people who meet Kaori will ask if they have heard her name right because of its unique-sounding character. Born on May 6, 1985 to Mr. Tsunehiro and Elvira

Fuchigami, Kaori has two other siblings who also bear Japanese names, Akihiro and Takeyoshi, an older and younger brothers, respectively.

A stunner at 5ft. 6in., this librarian will not only awe you with her beauty, she's got brains as well. All throughout her primary and secondary studies, she was educated in the Philippine Pasay Chung Hua Academy in Pasay City, which explains her fluency in Mandarin rather than in Nihonggo. Kaori finished her bachelor's degree in Secondary Education major in Library and Information Science (LIS) from the University of Santo Tomas. She received the 2006 "UST Benavides Outstanding Achievement Award" for her accomplishments which include a research entitled *Clientele Recognition of Library Terms and Concepts Used by Librarians* which was published in *Journal of Librarianship and Information Science*, a journal published internationally. She was also the LIS quiz bee champion of her batch.

Her first stint as librarian was when she joined the UST Miguel de Benavides Library on January 17, 2007. She has been with the Reference Section from the time

that she was hired by the library. She is in-charge of services such as document delivery and interlibrary loan. Facilities under her supervision include the conference hall and individual study rooms. She likewise conducts hands-on tutorial for the various online databases subscribed by the Library.

Kaori can be a bit intimidating, often described as 'mataray' and 'not somebody to mess with' because of her being straightforward. But once you get to know her better, you will find out that she can be sweet and caring too. Like most Taurus, Kaori will not easily surrender without giving a good fight for what she believes is right. She is the outgoing type and occasionally goes on vacation trips with friends. A talented person, Kaori's melodious voice is her ticket to being elected as president of their Glee Club in high school. Aside from playing the piano, she is also a good dancer performing for the Library audience as well as for the UST faculty during the faculty union's Christmas party.

Kaori spends her free time creating new recipes and helping at ICHI, a family owned Japanese restaurant in Sta. Rosa, Laguna. She is a passionate cook and truly proud of her Filipino heritage; her signature dish is "adobo." A family-oriented person, she sees to it that she has time for them. She enjoys watching movies with her mom which is their bonding time together.

She will always be remembered for her "catchy" name and is definitely one of a kind. But more than that, as a friend, Kaori is really a "good catch!"

Angelica Frances M. Cruz

"BALIK AKLATAN 2"

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library will host its second grand homecoming of former library employees and working scholars on July 18, 2010 (Sunday), from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This will be held at the ground floor of the Miguel de Benavides Library. This affair, aptly called "Balik Aklatan 2," is a sequel to the first library grand reunion that was held ten years ago. In line with its objectives to rekindle past acquaintances and to relive happy memories spent while working in the UST Library, the organizing committee of this event headed by Ms. Ma. Luz C. David, has been contacting individuals who had rendered service in the library. As of February 2010, a total of 40 former library employees and working scholars have signified their intention to attend this activity.

The grand homecoming is part of the Library's preparation for the University's quadricentennial celebration in 2011.

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