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# Tokyo Tech opens Philippine office at DLSU-Manila

With an overseas office equipped with state-of-the-art tele-conferencing system, a satellite wave receiver, and high capacity internet, Tokyo Tech is all set for various local cooperative research activities.

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Recruitment Week  
October 17-21, 2005  
Central Plaza

## RP psychologists elect DLSU-M faculty to its board

Three La Salle professors were recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP). Dr. Allan Benedict Bernardo, full professor of the Science Education Department, was chosen as president; Carmelo Callueng, chair of the Psychology Department, was elected as treasurer; and Dr. Madelene Sta. Maria, also of the Psychology Department, as board director. Meanwhile, Dr. Alexa Abrenica of the Psychology Department is now in her second term in office as board director.

PAP conducted the elections last August at the St. Thomas Aquinas Research Center, coinciding with the organization's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, which featured the theme, "Synergy for Well-being: Psychology and Other Professions."

PAP's members are psychologists working in hospitals, non-government organizations, and corporations. It is the largest organization of psychologists in the country.

## *DEAL offers post-grad course with Southeast Asian organization*

The Department of English and Applied Linguistics (DEAL) in cooperation with the Singapore-based Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization-Regional Language Center (SEAMEO RELC) recently conducted a workshop for language teachers enrolled in the program Post-Graduate Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

The workshop held on campus last August 22-27 was facilitated by Dr. Willy Renandya and Dr. Joseph Foley, language specialists of SEAMEO RELC. It was the first in a series of workshops scheduled for the year. The second set of modules will

be given on October 24-29 and the third in January.

Dr. Graeme Cane, also a language specialist of SEAMEO RELC, will facilitate the second workshop.

DEAL promotes the program with the aim to upgrade the competence and advance the professional development of English teachers in the Philippines. The course provides an opportunity to explore issues in language teaching and develop teaching skills, to gain qualification well recognized throughout Southeast Asia, and to take a first step towards entering a Master's program.

Participants can complete the pro-

gram in one year. They take the course by a semi-distance mode, and cover two modules per week with an interval of six months of self-study.

The course consists of six modules: Grammar in Discourse; Language Acquisition: Social and Psychological Dimensions; Language Testing; Research Methodology; Teaching Reading and Writing; and Teaching Listening and Speaking.

With 30 units of the RELC diploma course, participants who would like to pursue a Master's degree would need only six more units of Advanced Research and thesis to complete the MA in English Language Education program at DLSU-Manila.



# University recognizes outstanding graduates

De La Salle University-Manila honored its outstanding graduates during the 144<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises held at the Plenary Hall of the Philippine International Convention Center on October 1.

Out of the 922 graduates for the first term of SY 2005-2006, 10 students were selected by the Honors and Awards Committee to receive the Graduation Special Awards. Each showed excellent performances in academics and extra-curricular activities.

Star Scholar Cindy Stephanie Toh (PSM-ACM) received the Brother Gabriel Connon Award, the highest distinction to be given to a DLSU-Manila graduate. Created as a tribute to the late DLSU President Br. Gabriel, the award gives recognition to the multifaceted accomplishments of students in various fields of concern. The recipient of the award is envisioned to reflect the whole person which is the synthesis of the University's Mission Statement.

Toh was also a recipient of the Student Leadership Award together with Paolo Roberto Domondon (BS-PSYC) and

Star Scholars Maria Carmela Sogono (CS-IST) and Meryll Anne Yan (CAM-ACM). This award is given to students who have ably balanced their academic studies with student activities.

Meanwhile, the Community Development Leadership Awards were given to Rondel Apelo (BS-PHY), Therese Marie Bellosillo (AB-OCM), Editha Ong (CAM-ACM), and Yan. The award recognizes outstanding civic-minded students who have contributed to the upliftment of their fellow Filipino through their tireless and selfless service.

Athletics Award recipients were Michelle Anne Guerero (BMG), Angela Amor Guinto (AB-PHM), and Ralph Waldy Soguilon (ECE). The award honors student athletes who have consistently rendered outstanding performance in competitions as true Lasallian sportspersons.

Toh and Domondon also graduated with *summa cum laude* and *magna cum laude* honors, respectively.

# A Challenge to Graduates



by Bro. Robert McGovern, FMS

Greetings to:

Br. Armin Luistro FSC, President of  
DLSU; Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC,  
Presidential Adviser for Academics and  
Research; Dr. Carmelita Quebengco, Ex-  
ecutive Vice President.

Dear Parents, Relatives of Graduating  
students; my own dear sister Carol and her  
husband John Mocsari, who came from  
Port Richey, Florida to attend this event;  
my own staff representative from GSC and  
personal friends and benefactors from the  
NGO community; dear graduates of the  
Class of October 2005:

Indeed, it is an honor to have been  
chosen to be your commencement speaker.  
To have also been chosen to be the recipi-  
ent of the "Signum Meriti Medal" is an  
honor both to me and to our personnel be  
they Marist Brothers or lay people who are  
our Mission Partners in the South Central  
Mindanao area, or Region XII.

Lorraine Murray, a modern female  
novelist said: "Many people believe life is  
a series of chance events, but that frame-  
work does not work if you believe there is  
God who is in charge of everything"

God does get involved in our lives!  
It is good for us to read autobiographies  
or biographies where we see how that in-  
volvement takes place, God-given talents  
are utilized, and this world became a better  
place because that person lived.

Let me just cite a few examples:

In the year 354 AD a woman named  
Monica gave birth to a boy she named Au-

gustine. As he grew he preferred the free, sometimes licentious ways of the young men of his time. Finally at the age of 33 he saw the error of his ways, and asked for baptism from St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan. Augustine returned to Africa and was later proclaimed the Bishop of Hippo, where he excelled in preaching and writing in defense of the Church. He is one of the greatest Doctors of the Church.

This is the same man who wrote in the book “Confessions of St. Augustine.”

“My sins increase like a rolling snowball!”

Augustine realized he was wasting the only life he would be given. Happily, he changed his ways.

There are many people who seem to just drift with the currents of life. No aim, no direction, no purpose, no goal. Life can become a living hell for such people because their life becomes meaningless.

For this reason Augustine stressed it was important for mankind to return to the basic questions of life:

1. Who am I?
2. Who is God?
3. Why did God make me?
4. Does God really love me?

I do believe that today it is so easy to lose sight of the real priorities in life. If one does fall into this trap, all the education you have received goes for nought.

“Never underestimate the impact you and your life may have on people!”

St. John Baptist De La Salle, your patron as the Founder of the De La Salle Brothers, is deserving of more study. He came from an upper middle class family which benefited from the class system of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. He received education and chose to become a priest. He was recognized as being intelligent and possessing good judgment. When his parents died, it was John Baptist who had to look after his siblings. This he did while still fulfilling his duties as a priest.

There was a growing recognition of the need to provide education to poor boys and girls in France. Even though this meant associating with the lower level of

society, St. La Salle was willing to do so despite the ridicule suffered. Eventually he gathered young men, trained them to be good teachers and started opening schools for the poor. He was hesitant, almost afraid of the consequences of what might develop. But the more he prayed the more confident he became.

Today, I, a Marist Brother, stand before you. A poor country priest in La Valla, France, started our congregation 100 years after De La Salle founded his group of teaching Brothers. It was the success of the schools for the poor opened in the larger cities and towns of France by St. La Salle that encouraged St. Marcellin Champagnat to do something similar in small towns and villages. Today, you sit here graduating from De La Salle University. I, a Marist Brother am being honored for work done in Southern Mindanao.

Desirous of challenging you graduates to make the most of your lives and to fully utilize your God-given talents which you will be accountable for on Judgment Day let me leave you with these quotes —

St. Marcellin Champagnat, SM:

“Life is very short and eternity will never end,”

St. John Bosco:

“The biggest mistake a young man can make is to think he will live a long time”

Steve Jobs—CEO of Apple Computer Co.:

“If today were the last day of my life would I want to do what I am about to do today?”

There are over 1 million Filipinos

# If today were the last day of my life would I want to do what I am about to do today?



working today in the Middle East. There are more than that number in the United States and Canada, and another half million in Europe. The history of migration of people from their homelands identifies the following as major causes of migration: (1) wars or political unrest (2) religious persecution (3) famine (4) large scale unemployment due to a weak economy (5) low wages which perpetuate poverty conditions. While some of these causes may not apply to the Philippine situation, those which do must be addressed by the educated segment of society. Lining up at embassies to secure visas to go abroad is not the answer to this nation's problems.

The present migration problem can be viewed as a condemnation of business practices in this country. It can be viewed as a reflection of our value system. Why can't we view the problem more positively, as a challenge to our graduates to develop their country?

John F. Kennedy said:

"Ask not what my country can do for me but what can I do for my country!"

This was not only a challenge to the youth of America but to the youth of the world.

Ninoy Aquino capsulized this concept in his newspaper reporter way:

"The Filipino is worth dying for!"

Permit me to speak a bit longer just to show what is possible.

Notre Dame of Dadiangas College, is in General Santos City, the southmost city of the Philippines. Gensan, its nickname, has 430,000 population and is the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest growing city in the country.

The College established a Business Resource Center in 1984 after 6 years of initial work with microentrepreneurs. Today more than 20,000 small entrepreneurs in General Santos City, Sarangani, and South Cotabato provinces have benefited from trainings, consultancy, data bank availability, community organizing, and micro and small loan assistance. Before leaving for this graduation a P250,000.00 loan was released to a People's Organization of re-located urban poor. Two years

ago a program training hundreds of former MNL combatants as part of their rehabilitation into society was completed. This was not an essay undertaking. Sometimes it was risky for personnel to enter some areas but it was worth the risk to foster peace-making efforts.

The poor need employment to escape from poverty. This need has been addressed by the Business Resource Center which has contributed to 3,000 new jobs in GenSan and at least 4,000 daily employments at the new fish port in Tambler. Skills training is also provided to youths 16 to 24 years of age by the Marist Technical Training Program. This community-based skills development program has in the past 27 years produced over 1,500 trained technicians. Such a program could not have succeeded without the voluntary cooperation of 25 business owners who allow their enterprises to be utilized for on-the-job training. Today, 6 other schools have replicated this program.

The poor lack basic health services and as members of the human family they deserve help. The Notre Dame of Dadiangas College started its School of Nursing in 1983 on the condition that a Primary Health Care Delivery Program would be established. Such a program enables nursing students to serve the health needs of the local poor. The Notre Dame Mother and Child Center is the heart of the PHCD Program with 7 Health Satellite Centers in Sarangani Province and 2 similar centers in General Santos City. All these centers are situated in Indigenous People's Communities and each is staffed by a BSN graduate of ND of Dadiangas College. For years 2003 and 2004 over 80,000 patients a year have been served at an average cost of P45.00 per patient. To date, 1,012 nursing students have graduated from NDDC's College of Nursing. There are 350 nursing graduates now employed overseas.

The early Childhood Education Center of NDDC was established in 1986 to better prepare children of the poor for entry into the formal school system. Yesterday, 30 September 2005, a Ford

Foundation-assisted program ended which brought special Parenting Education and Day Care Center Teacher Training to 145 Indigenous Peoples Communities in 4 Provinces and 4 cities of South Central Mindanao. It is our prayer that such a program can be continued. This demonstration of concern for the welfare of the children of the Indigenous People and assisting adults with their parenting obligations is definitely contributing to Peace Making in South Central Mindanao.

Let me bring this commencement address to a close by relating briefly the story of an 82-year old De La Salle alumnus who studied at Taft Avenue for elementary and high school until World War II interrupted things. One of his life long friends has been a classmate, Mr. Al Yuchengco, the President of RCBC and well known to all of you.

Managing to complete studies when peace returned, he received an invitation to come to Bacolod to work at a sugar refinery. Shortly after he was challenged by the boss to go to Mindanao to find new lands for sugar growing. He encountered a problem—General Paulino Santos had discouraged settlers from planting sugar which he sometimes referred to as: “the

lazy man’s crop”. Del Monte came and considered the South Cotabato area not suitable for pineapple for most large parcels of land were no longer available. Later Dole Pineapple visited and challenged our friend that if he could convince enough small farmers to lease contiguous farmlands of 3,000 hectares Dole would establish a Pineapple Plantation. That was in 1962 that the land was made available. Today, thousands of people are employed either in planting, harvesting, or canning pineapple. Ten years ago to foster peace in Maguindanao, a banana plantation was conceived. Today, Datu Paglas is one of the most peaceful areas with thousands of Muslims employed and thousands of Muslim children going to school. Just a couple of months ago two old classmates now 82 years of age were seen driving a 4-wheel-drive jeep around Lake Buluan’s shores. They were visiting schools to see what could be done to improve them so Muslim children could receive better quality education.

May God bless all of you graduates today and all your days ahead. Remember, *Life is very short and eternity will never end.*

## Never underestimate the impact you and your life may have on people!

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*The Guest Speaker of the 144th DLSU-Manila Commencement Rites, Br. Robert McGovern, FMS, a Marist religious, is the founder and president of the Notre Dame Business Resource Center Foundation Inc. (NDBRCFI). It is a non-stock, non-profit development foundation dedicated to uplifting the quality of life of Filipino communities. During the graduation ceremony he was awarded the Signum Meriti Medal. DLSU confers this honor on individuals who have shown outstanding performance in their chosen career or for their other notable actions worthy of public recognition.*

# Cic- de Vida

Dr. Raymond Tan and Dr. Alvin Culaba

*The use of mathematical or computer models to simulate the interactions of technology with the environment sometimes yields counterintuitive solutions not immediately evident from a layman's perspective. Life cycle analysis (LCA) in particular has become increasingly prevalent in technology assessment and policy development. For example, Kreith's recent article in the Journal of Energy Resources Technology dispels many of the myths of the much-touted hydrogen economy envisioned by today's energy specialists as the foundation of energy infrastructure for transportation in the future. Using straightforward life cycle-based thermodynamic arguments, the paper concludes that many of the proposed fuel hydrogen production and delivery systems, particularly those that rely indirectly on fossil fuel feedstocks, are actually less efficient – and consequently more environmentally damaging – than conventional systems in use today. Many similar environmental issues can be addressed through the use of LCA.*

Our research at the Sustainable Technology Research Group in De La Salle University-Manila over the past decade has led to increased specialization in LCA. The methodology allows for a thorough accounting of environmental impacts associated with technologies, including indirect ones. For example, cell phones are not often regarded as generating air pollutants. A closer look reveals that the power used to charge cell phone batteries is often derived from a mix of electricity generated by different plants, including some which

use coal, oil, or gas as fuel. Thus, from an LCA perspective cell phones generate greenhouse gases and other pollutants through their allocated share of power plant emissions. The actual procedure for computing this share, and accounting for it over the entire life of the phone, is somewhat more complicated. Considerable effort is being put into developing and perfecting such computational techniques. Techniques derived from operations research (OR) and artificial intelligence (AI) have been tested on different problem



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They agree to share insights and observations about their respective fields or special interests. Field Notes serves as a window to different worlds where we all belong.

domains in recent years.

In La Salle, we have made use of expert systems, possibility theory, rough and fuzzy sets, Monte Carlo, and linear programming in LCA. More recent work using particle swarms and evolutionary computing have already produced some interesting outcomes. Applications have included assessment and comparison of alternative fuels for road vehicles, and the development of pollution prevention strategies for the production of bulk goods (such as pulp and paper) and manufactured products (such as semiconductor devices). Similarly, novel approaches are being developed by our counterparts elsewhere in the world. A good example is a recent NATO-funded joint project by the University of Portsmouth in the UK and Moscow State University that used a mathematical model to develop optimal and economically viable pollution prevention measures for the production of bricks. We are now mobilizing a collaborative effort to develop more efficient solution algorithms for the same design problem. Potential approaches identified thus far include genetic algorithms, fuzzy integer programming and inductive reasoning based on rough sets.

We have also put considerable effort into dissemination of these ideas to industry, government agencies, our colleagues from the academe, and of course our students. Dedicated LCA courses for engineering have been taught in La Salle at the graduate level since the late 1990s. Some related concepts have also been integrated in a number of undergraduate courses as well as graduate programs in science and business. When LCA was offered at the masteral level earlier this year, a project-based approach emphasizing the principle of “learning by doing” was used with very encouraging results.

Through the Center for Engineering and Sustainable Development Research (CESDR) La Salle has hosted a number of events to promote LCA. In the first quarter of 2005 a seminar on LCA featured respected experts from the National

Institute for Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) in Tsukuba, Japan. The seminar participants included practicing engineers and managers from industry as well as officials of different government agencies and NGOs.

In spite of these mild successes, much remains to be done; we are currently trying to develop innovative concepts for the delivery of these ideas, for example through the internet or through properly designed distance-learning materials.

More recently, LCA concepts were incorporated into a techno-economic study of the Philippine government’s proposed fuel ethanol program. Life cycle energy ratios were used as metrics to estimate the extent to which ethanol use in motor vehicles will reduce oil imports. At the moment legislation mandating the use of gasoline-ethanol blends is still pending. However, these discussions represent an important step towards energy diversification and decarbonization in an age of fuel supply uncertainties and global climate change apprehensions.

*Research partners Dr. Raymond Tan, Chemical Engineering associate professor, and Dr. Alvin Culaba, Mechanical Engineering full professor, are the authors of the 2004 National Academy of Science and Technology Outstanding Scientific Paper “Life Cycle Assessment Using Possibilistic Compromise Programming.” Tan was also the same year’s recipient of the NAST Outstanding Young Scientist Award.*



October 25  
Blessed Arnould Reche

# Turning trials into triumph

By Br. Ceci Hojilla FSC

The Frenchman, Brother Arnould, could have been your typical Filipino today.

Born poor on September 2, 1838, he quit primary school at the age of 10 to assist his father who was a shoemaker. Before the age of 21, he spent years working on a farm as a field laborer, and as a coachman and a construction worker. It was only when he was 24 years old that this daily wage earner got to meet the Brothers who held evening classes for those who worked all day long.

That encounter made all the difference in the life of this devoted, hard-working, and generous young man.

After joining the Fraternity of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, Arnould engaged himself in serious studies and religious formation in preparation for his



work as teacher and guide of poor children coming from the working class. The 14 years that followed his initial training as a religious educator proved Brother Arnould to be an excellent instructor, motivator, animator, and spiritual director of the youth confided to his care. Creative in his approach in dealing with students and confident in his mastery of lessons taught, he was a most effective change-agent in the lives of all who met him.

His having lived a truly difficult life till the age of about 25, coupled by the religious context and culture of his becoming a Brother, helped Brother Arnould become a complete person, a true Christian: competent, compassionate, commit-

ted, and confident in a most practical way. In the last few years of his life, Brother Arnould was tasked to help form young men interested to become La Salle Brothers. It was not really such a difficult task for Brother Arnould since most of them were probably inspired and influenced by him to join the Fraternity because of his own good example in the first place.

At a relatively young age of 52, Brother Arnould surrendered his life and his work to the God He loved so much in the poor and disadvantaged children he educated. As a De La Salle Brother, he had a life to dream and a dream to live. And this he did, in a most exemplary way, against all odds. No wonder, Pope John Paul II declared him “Blessed” which also means “Happy” on November 1, 1987.

Blessed Brother Arnould... Pray for us.

## Writers in Conversation

A Different Bookstore in cooperation with De La Salle University-Manila’s Department of Literature will hold a special literary presentation called *Writers in Conversation*, featuring University Fellow Dr. Marjorie Evasco and Visiting Professor R. Zamora Linmark. The two writers will be discussing poetry on October 28, 6 p.m. at A Different Bookstore, Eastwood City, Libis. It is open to the public.

Evasco published two collections of poetry, namely: *Dreamweavers: Selected Poems 1976-1986* (Aria Editions, 1986) and *Ochre Tones: Poetry in English and Cebuano* (Salimbayan Books, 1999). Both won the National Book Awards for Poetry from the Manila Critics Circle.

Linmark is currently a Fulbright Visiting Professor/Researcher at De La Salle University-Manila, where he has just conducted

a graduate class on Popular Culture and Fiction Writing. His poem “What Some Are Saying About the Body” received the first prize in the 2003 *Philippines Free Press* Literary Contest.

*Writers in Conversation* is a continuing critical exchange between a writer and a critic on a particular work of the writer. This program was conceptualized and organized by the Department of Literature in cooperation with other institutions like Filipino Bookstore, ABC Galleries, and Bale Dutung.

For inquiries, please contact A Different Bookstore at telephone # 8138722, or De La Salle University, Department of Literature at 5244611 loc. 541.

# LSIG inks partnership with Hiroshima University



The La Salle Institute of Governance (LSIG), represented by its Executive Director Dr. Francisco Magno, and the Hiroshima University-Mitsubishi Research Institute (HU-MRI) consortium, represented by Professor Shunji Mitsuoka, recently signed a partnership agreement at the Peninsula Manila Hotel.

The agreement is part of HU-MRI's joint venture project under Thematic Evaluation Program on Economic Cooperation of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The project will evaluate trade capacity in the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia with the goal of strengthening regional development and international cooperation.

A survey will be undertaken to identify existing social capacity levels. The country study will analyze the relationship between social capacity, socio-economic conditions, and export performance. The target companies are those in the manufacturing sector, especially small- and medium-scale industries, and those in export and supporting industries such as food processing,

garments, wood products and machineries.

The results of the study will be released in March 2006. Dr. Eric Batalla, associate professor of political science and director of

## *Tokyo Tech, from page 1*

Japan's Tokyo Institute of Technology opened Tokyo Tech Office Philippines at the De La Salle University-Manila on September 29. Inauguration ceremonies of the Institute's second overseas office in Southeast Asia were held at the North Wing of the Marilen Gaerlan Conservatory.

Located at Velasco 519, the Office is a product of years of cooperation between Tokyo Tech and the College of Engineering. Since 1992, cooperative activities between the two institutions include joint research activities and publications and exchange of information, experts, faculty, and students for study and research. To date, the Chemical and Civil Engineering Departments have existing partnership programs with Tokyo Tech.

The Office is expected to facilitate Tokyo Tech's academic network for distance education via satellite or internet. Distance lectures and research supervision and collaboration will be made

possible through the office's state-of-the-art ICT tools such as teleconference facilities and satellite wave receivers.

These facilities were utilized during the inaugural ceremony. The whole program was beamed to the Tokyo Tech Ookayama Campus and was witnessed in real-time by Embassy of the Philippines (Japan) Minister and Consul General Hon. Claro Cristobal, Tokyo Tech Dean of Engineering Prof. Chitoshi Miki, and Filipino students studying at Tokyo Tech.

Inauguration attendees were Embassy of Japan (Philippines) Ambassador H.E. Ryuchiro Yamazaki, Tokyo Tech President and Vice President for Education Dr. Kohei Ogawa and Dr. Masuo Aizawa, respectively. La Salle administrators who led the event were DLSU System President Br. Armin Luistro FSC, DLSU-Manila Executive Vice President Dr. Carmelita Quebengco, Vice President for Academics and Research Dr. Julius Maridable, and COE Dean Dr. Pag-asa

Gaspillo.

Tokyo Tech Philippines' activities are not limited to the University but will extend nationwide and across the region. Prof. Hiroo Niiyama will serve as Tokyo Tech Office (Philippines) representative and Engr. Ronaldo Gallardo, chair of the Civil Engineering Department is the local director.

Tokyo Tech is one of the leading universities in science and engineering that offers an opportunity to explore expansion of knowledge and frontiers of research in an ideal academic environment. Founded in 1881 as Tokyo Vocational School and later elevated to a university in 1929, Tokyo Tech has been a very successful university specializing in science and technology, producing a great number of leading engineers and professionals in science and technology.



# La Salle notifies UAAP of eligibility investigation on the Green Archers

De La Salle University-Manila recently advised the Board of the University Athletics Association of the Philippines (UAAP) of the results of a University-initiated investigation revealing spurious eligibility documents of a member of the Green Archers Team.

The investigation was prompted by the growing alarm among local associations of Registrars nationwide that some handcarried documents submitted by students for admission may be forged. With this information, DLSU-M requested the



Department of Education for assistance in verifying the authenticity of all handcarried documents – specifically the Philippine Educational Placement Test Certificate of Rating (PEPTCR) – submitted by students in its roster.

From among the documents submitted for verification, DLSU received formal confirmation that the PEPTCR of one of its students, a player in its men's basketball team, was not genuine, thus rendering him academically ineligible.

Pending the establishment of the personal culpability of the player in

question and his complicity in the matter, DLSU-Manila has decided not to disclose his identity.

With the confirmation of the player's ineligible status, the University announced that it would abide by UAAP Rules and forfeit all the games where the student participated. The said player is a member of the basketball team since Season 66. Thus, the University will return the Season 67 championship trophy and forfeit its second place position this season.

The University is currently undertaking the most exhaustive internal investigation on this matter to prevent the same from besmirching the good name of La Salle and Lasallians everywhere.

## Faculty and alumni join Palanca winners list

Faculty members and alumni of the Literature Department complete this year's roster of winners in the recently concluded 55th Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature held on September 1 at The Peninsula Manila in Makati City.

Assistant Professor Genevieve Asenjo bagged the first prize in Maikling Kuwento-Hiligaynon for her entry, "Turagsoy." She was named second place winner in the same category in last year's competition.

Also winning in this year's Palanca awards are John Iremil Teodoro (MFA in Creative Writing '01) and Rebecca Añonuevo (PhD Lit '03). Teodoro received third place honors for his entry, "Ang Santo Niño na Walang Ulo" in Maikling Kuwento category, while Añonuevo received second place honors in the Filipino poetry category for her entry, "Buong Buo"

Aside from the awards, three faculty members from the Literature Department were also chosen to judge the various categories in the Awards. University Fellow and Palanca Hall of Fame Awardees Dr. Isagani Cruz and Dr. Cirilo Bautista were chairman of the board of judges for Dulang Ganap ang Haba and English Novel category, respectively. Full Professor Dr. Marjorie Evasco was a member of the board of judges for Maikling Kuwento-Cebuano, while Assistant Professor Carla Pacis judged the Short Story for Children category.

The Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature was established in 1950 to help develop Philippine literature by providing incentives for writers to craft outstanding literary work to enrich the country's cultural heritage.



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