Responding to the national call to fight poverty and corruption, the De La Salle University (DLSU) System, through its Cancer on Poverty Reduction, spearheaded the creation of a national network composed of multi-sectoral groups that would provide quality education to out-of-school youth and facilitate income-generating projects for poor families. DLSU System President Brother Rolando Dixon, FSC led the formal launching of the Citizens’ National Network Against Poverty and Corruption (C-NAPC) on July 7 at the International Convention Centre of the DLSU-College of Saint Benilde.

Bro. Roly, who co-chairs the movement, said C-NAPC marked the very first nationwide effort to combine numerous, disparate efforts to combat poverty and corruption. It was formed to help counter the root of the socioeconomic and political unrest in the country, which became more pronounced when the unorganized poor marched to Makati City in the early months of the year’s turnover. Patricia Joson was the lead convenor of the congress. Department of Social Welfare and Development Secretary Danilo Padeganga, Jr. has also delivered the study report during the launch. In a dialogue with President Arroyo in Malacañang on September 7, Dr. Roly presented C-NAPC’s three-year program, which highlighted among others, adult microenterprise training and jobs and out-of-school youth programs, with an estimated target of 200,000 Filipino beneficiaries. C-NAPC has a window of 2.5 billion pesos, which was sanctioned by the Government Service Insurance System.

As a member of C-NAPC, Lasallians are expected to play a valuable role in fulfiling one of its major anti-poverty programs, Education for Life, a flagship project of the Federation of La Sallian Institutions (FLI).

During the 2nd National FLI General Assembly at the International Convention Centre of the DLSU-College of Saint Benilde from July 20 to 21, Lasallian leaders agreed to renew their call for support from the bishops, John Baptist de La Salle’s vision and mission of providing Christian education to the young, especially the poor. Education for Life was conceived to concretize the Lasallian mission in the Philippines.

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DLSU-Manila now autonomous

In a recent directive, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) granted De La Salle University-Manila, among other higher learning institutions, an autonomous and deregulated status for five school years, beginning the second semester of school year 2001-2002.

CHED Memorandum Order 32, which took effect on September 27, contains implementation rules and regulations of CHED Resolution 151 granting autonomy to deserving private colleges and universities. DLSU-M Vice President for Academics and Research Brother Andrea Gonzales, FSC noted that for the University, the most important item in the CHED Order was the exemption from losing Special Orders and the privilege to offer new courses.

Three disciplines get boost from Science Foundation

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With the number of participating companies in La Salle’s Job fairs, fresh graduates can still look forward to a better future in the country, despite the current economic and political situations worldwide. This year alone, the Manila campus hosted two rounds of Job Expo 2001, held in February and October. In February, a total of 130 employers from various industries visited the campus to scout for the best graduating students, offering as high as managerial positions. The following job fair in October once again saw over 100 companies recruiting an average of 50 DLSU-M applicants daily.

Both events gave the students of the six colleges the opportunity to discover some of the country’s leading companies. In February, we experienced the excitement of applying for a job, they were able to show how Lasallians have been prepared to meet the challenges in the corporate world.

For Office of Career Services (OCS) Director Ms. Aurora Hernandez, Job Expo 2001 is an indication of the business community’s confidence in the Lasallian graduates. She said the turnout of participating companies was a big surprise, considering that many companies were downsizing in the past months.

Bernardo noted that in February, for example, the University managed to have the biggest number of participants, compared to previous Job Expo. An average of 28 companies each day put up their respective booths at the Students’ Plaza. In previous years, only about 10 to 20 companies each day put up for their prospective employees among Lasallians.

DLSU-Manila is geared toward a positive response of recruiting companies to DLSU-M’s continuing efforts to produce graduates who are highly qualified in their own fields. “These companies have seen a lot of reasons to hire Lasallian graduates. For one, they know that Alx is well versed in the top private universities in the Philippines. They are also impressed by our research efforts that earned us ten Centers of Excellence from CHED (Commission on Higher Education),” she said.

Aside from exhibits, Job Expo 2001 featured company talks to give students the chance to learn more about the companies. During the
A Faith That Serves

Daily events, no matter how small or simple, are regular reminders for individuals and nations to look beyond the confines of their own territories. Yet, it usually takes a critical time for many people to hear the call to eradicate poverty, spread love, and work for peace.

The Lasallian community in the Philippines knows only too well that working towards service and excellence never ceases. Since the first Christian Brothers came to the Philippines in 1911, the mission to work towards national development and social transformation has remained its foremost drive.

It takes extraordinary courage to keep passionate about the mission. Our founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle, once said: ‘The spirit of faith moves us to look upon everything with the eye of faith, to do nothing but in view of God and to attribute all things to Him.’

The power of faith has kept the Lasallian institution not only alive but also flourishing, so much so that De La Salle University-Manila is able to extend its resources to the outside community and help feed the nation’s hunger.

In the face of uncertainties—such as theスタッフ corruption in society, the threats to peace and order, the indifference and excesses of the youth, the rising number of the sick and the homeless, and the destruction of nature, among other things—the De La Salle family has always found comfort by looking at things in a different light. Pain and fear, after all, always come and go. Through all the challenges, the Lasallian community has kept a tunnel vision and continued to move forward, responding to the need to develop Christian achievements in the service of God and country.

This issue of Albin-Tanau looks at the many University initiatives and developments in relation to its social mission. In the past, we celebrated our trailblazing achievements in various fields, from information technology and engineering, to business economics, and the humanities. This time, we give honor to the student that has been truly an integral part of the Lasallian family.

The University’s Center for Social Concern and Action (COCSA) has been taking the lead in involving students, faculty, staff, and administrators, as well as parents and alumni, in community service. It facilitates the matching of expertise, interests, and resources of the different colleges and other University units to the specific needs, interests, and resources of DLSU’s unique communities. COCSA, with the University’s new Fredas, provides a sound Lasallian educational experience.

Other stories in this issue revolve around the initiatives of La Salle faculty and students to transfer classroom learning into actual practice. Whether into nature preservation and cultural appreciation or into the education of pre-school children, Lasallians have continued to show their ardent pursuit of excellence and service. From the reward all efforts is simply this: the joy of giving for the Lasallian family.

As Lasallians, St. John Baptist de La Salle, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and our beloved Founder—teaching minds to believe, will be willing to follow the vision of our benefactors. The Lasallian community in the Philippines acts on their ideas and dreams.

The University continues to mold students into leaders equipped with the spirit to excel. Backed by distinguished faculty, the University provides a sound Lasallian education through multi-disciplinary orientation and technical expertise. It has also created an ideal environment for every teacher and student. Ever seeking new in-roads to quality education, De La Salle invested in resources—forming a team of faculty experts in synthesizing formal education with information technology. For instance, the University became the first in the country to have an intelligent classroom equipped with the online merging of classes from different parts of the world through video conferencing. This will give the students the unique experience of working together with their counterparts abroad, learning about business, technology, and other cultures.

While the University grows, the spirit is the same as it is mission. Since its founding in 1911, the school has more than 90 years ago. It remains committed to make Lasallian education empowering and transformational to the youth and to our needy brethren. On November 29, the Centennial Fund Campaign will be launched, culminating in 2011, the one hundredth year of Lasallian education in the Philippines. The University aims to raise more funds for student scholarships, faculty development and research, and community service. It also seeks to diversify the endowments for the University’s Chair Special Purpose Endowments, Chair Special Purpose Endowments, and Special Purpose Endowments, and Research Project Endowments. Through the years, one sees how talented and motivated Lasallians acted on their ideas and dreams. They were more than willing to follow the vision of our beloved Founder—teaching minds and touching hearts. Through their own brand of education, we have enabled others to fully utilize their talents and capabilities. Our mission, simply put, is to provide Lasallian education is those to whom we are entrust our care—the youth and the post

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Cloned teak trees grown in 2 local villages

There is hope for one of the endangered plant species in the Philippines, thanks to cloning.

At the request of the University of the Philippines, the Philippine teak (Tectona grandis), a common forest plant, received another chance to be removed from the list of rare and endangered plant species. Follosco has been studying the Philippine teak (Tectona philippinensis), a common forest tree used for the only known teak species in the world. Through cloning, it has been endangered by very narrow distribution, growth in highly vulnerable habitat, and pressure of forest removals.

Philippine teak is a small to medium-sized tree reaching a height of 15 meters and a diameter of 50 centimeters. It is yellowish or cream-colored, hard wood is often substituted for mahogany. It is used in the construction of bridges, wharves, and in carpentry.

In the province of Quezon, Dr. Gil Villanaco, research coordinator for the project, has concluded a research study on cloning, and has contributed to the community for the local families' livelihood.

Dr. Minda Follosco, professor of environmental management, has been studying the Philippine teak for the past two years marked a continuous build-up of air pollution, despite heavy and continuous rains.

Realizing the need to reverse the effects of air pollution in the city, Dr. La Salle University-Manila has been providing support for research projects that seek solutions to the problem. The University, through the assistance of the Department of Science and Technology World Bank, acquired in 1997 an automated air quality monitoring system. The Environmental Engineering Research Laboratory of the College of Engineering has been operational since.

In her practice of chemical engineering in both the industry and the academic, Gallardo has already completed 25 research papers, from wastewater to air quality monitoring.

The seminar sought to create awareness among global warming and encourage participants to make a wise choice for the environment. It also advocated the use of clean and renewable energy in all phases of production and consumption of products. In recognition of his commitment, the government of the Philippines, through the Greenpeace Southeast Asia and The Body Shop Philippines, has awarded Dr. Follosco the title of "Genetic Conservation of Teak Tree."
The first-time visitors of Mt. Banahaw hardly know what awaits them at the foot of the mountain. Nothing much is revealed. The morning sunlight casts a beautiful shadow of clouds covering its peak. The previous night’s rain still hangs in the air, by the wet foliage and the smell of mud. Even the quiet breeze will give them hints of what the afternoon weather will be like.

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Saving our lighthouses
Advocacy marketing at work

WALKING THE WELL-LIT PATH
A traveler's lighthouse sketches

by Nanee Lueboc Tupas

The quintessential character of the lighthouse, its ability to withstand the forces of nature and to serve as a beacon amidst darkness, has always been a subject of admiration and respect. But as we walked through the pages of this book, we were struck by the importance of the role lighthouses play in our daily lives. They not only guide our way through the darkness, but also serve as a reminder of our past and our heritage.

The Philippines is home to hundreds of lighthouses, scattered all over the vast archipelago. Each one has its own story, its own history. For those who lived through the Spanish colonial period, lighthouses were symbols of power and authority. For those who came after, they were symbols of hope and progress.

Today, lighthouses continue to serve as a vital link between the past and the present. They are a reminder of our resilience, our ingenuity, our determination to overcome the odds.

But lighthouses are not just buildings. They are symbols of hope, of perseverance, of the human spirit. They are a testament to the fact that even in the darkest of times, there is always a light that can guide us through.

As we walked through the pages of this book, we were reminded of the importance of preserving our cultural heritage. We are not only preserving a physical structure, but also a way of life, a way of thinking, a way of being.

Let us not forget the lessons of the past. Let us learn from the failures, from the successes, from the triumphs. Let us continue to walk along the well-lit path, guided by the lighthouses of our past and the hopes of our future.
For their exemplary performance in their respective fields and for their service to God and society, three prominent figures received an honorary degree each from De La Salle University-Manila during the commencement exercises held in June and October this year.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Hilario Davide, Jr. now belongs to the outstanding ranks of La Salle alumni. The University conferred him with the degree, Doctor of Laws.

Distinguished writer Edith L. Tiempo received the degree of Doctor of Humanities.

Archer Jean-Louis Tauran, the Vatican’s Secretary for Relations with the States, was conferred with the degree of Doctor of Humanities in International Relations.

The University cited Davide for his significant contributions to the nation’s judiciary, one of which was his firm handling of the impeachment trial of former President Joseph Estrada. As presiding officer in the trial, he showed his grasp of the principle of the rule of law and court procedures and constitutional wisdom.

On the eve of the second People Power on January 17, Davide won accolades from the Filipino people and the international community for his brilliant judicial intuition and responsible actions when he decisively initiated steps to swear in office then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to expedite the restoration of the constitutional processes.

Edith L. Tiempo was recognized for her valuable contributions in the field of literature. Her literary works have been included in anthologies of English, which were adjudged best book in linguistics. Her literary works have been included in anthologies of English, which were adjudged best book in linguistics. Hermènia Santos-Bas. The collection was done by a textual writer to put into proper perspective the author’s efforts in the light of textual studies needed to be done on Philippine literature because of the growing interest into high literary criticism and literary historians who believe that Philippine books deserve much more attention than what they usually get from business, media, and the general public.

Archer Jean-Louis Tauran was acknowledged as a public affairs specialist and a Canon Law expert. Aside from being a distinguished Vatican Ecclesiastical Diplomat, he is also acknowledged as a public affairs specialist and a Canon Law expert.
**HOME OF THE CHAMPIONS**

We blocked obstacles, pushed the limits, and took the risks on our way to victory, emerging as the University with the most number of championship crowns at the close of the first half of the 64th season of the University Athletics Association of the Philippines.

Our championships indeed mirror De La Salle University-Manila’s sports development efforts. To the winning teams—Men’s Basketball, 4-peat; Women’s Basketball, 3-peat; Men’s Chess, 3-peat; Men’s Swimming, back-to-back; and Men’s Volleyball, first championship—congratulations!

We Achieve. Animo Lives!

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Dr. La Salle University-Manila perseveres to bring Lasallian education to the marginalized sector of society, embracing urban poor communities and minority groups. Among its many projects is the adoption of two schools that serve early-age children and indigenous people.

The College of Education (CED) didn’t have to look far to find a partner community in need of academic support. At the western side of the Taft campus facing Malate, distant lies up the Leveriza strip. The community has been seeing a steady growth of children, whose parents normally would not be able to send them to a good school.

With the support of the College of Education, the Leveriza children are able to enjoy the benefits of a good early childhood education—for a minimum tuition fee of 50 pesos per month.

Opened in 1997, the nursery school in Leveriza currently serves some 90 children, ages 4 to 6, dressed in simple clothes, some only in t-shirts, the children attend their daily two and a half-hour classes in a room adjacent to the Lady of Assumption Parish.

CED, under the deanship of Dr. Alita Bernardy, supervises the nursery school teachers. Dina Galina is the project coordinator. La Salle faculty provides guidance in designing lesson plans and in the implementation of a literature-based beginning reading instruction for the children. Faculty researchers and education students also share their inputs in the development of the program and assist the nursery school teacher in implementing these.

With the aim to maximize the children’s educational potentials by exposing them to a formal learning environment, CED has also involved the pupils’ parents in the educational process. The mothers in particular have taken the responsibility to prepare the children’s recess meals everyday. They are also being involved in the yearly evaluation of the school’s program for the school’s improvements.

To further assist the nursery school, KISER-M has engaged in a Christmas fund drive project this year, hoping to raise enough money to refurbish and increase the collection of the children’s picture books.

With the theme, “I helped a child read this Christmas,” the Marketing Communication Office has come out with a Christmas postcard that encourages the Lasallian community to share a part of themselves to these children. Half of the amount of the cards sold for P10 each, will be set aside to buy books for the nursery school.

The 2002 KISER calendar, in coin bank format, has also been designed with the Leveriza children in mind. With a tag line, “It’s Time for Change!” the calendar gives the recipient the chance to save for something worthwhile. Proceeds from this project will also be a portion to the nursery school.

Meanwhile, through the coordination of the Biology Department of the College of Science, the Alangan Mangyan community in Oriental Mindoro received support from the La Salle family in their fight against illiteracy.

Moved by the Mangyan’s cultural presentations held in KISER-M last September, DISC System President Brother Roland Dixon, FSC, pledged to adopt the San Lorenzo Ruiz Formation & Learning Center in Banlad, Oriental Mindoro. The project is to be coordinated by Dr. Emelina Mandisa of the Biology Department.

Founded in 1992, the school seeks to give young members of the indigenous community the equal opportunity to receive quality education.

The current school for the Mangyan is closely similar to the setup of the first La Salle school started by our founder St. John Baptist de La Salle. It features a multi-structured education, with a teacher handling students of different grade levels in just one classroom.

To be adopted as a special project by the DISC System, the Mangyan school will be placed under the supervision of DISC-M’s Lasallian Schools Supervision Office. Assistance will also come in the form of books and writing materials, as well as possible additional honouraria for its faculty. The Caucus on Poverty Reduction headed by Br. Roly will provide livelihood assistance to the Alangan Mangyan community.

Another building will also be set up to accommodate additional facilities needed in order that the school be recognized by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports. It will include a clinic and a home economics classroom.

Through these academic partnerships, DISC-M hopes to respond to the challenge of poverty alleviation, both by serving the less privileged and molding its privileged young students to take the cause of the poor and work for a just and equitable society.

Dr. La Salle University-Manila

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**Leveriza kids, indigenous people get a share of Lasallian education**

by Marjorie Ann Duterte

Overall champion in Marketing Week

The De La Salle University-Manila was declared overall champion for the year’s National Marketing Week Competitions hosted by the Philippine Marketing Association (PMA). The event, dubbed “Marketing Shift II: Beyond Breakthroughs,” was held on August 20-23 at the Christmas Activity Center.

The students who represented the University were chosen and co-sponsored by the Marketing Department as a follow-up project to the DISC-M: Marketing Week held last July 9-13.

Giselle Francesca Na, Jil Christine Santiago, and Kathleen Gu won first place in the Marketing Quiz Bee, Jan Reidle Dr. Sara Denise Mendez, and Leycind Quion was second place for the Jingle Writing Competition, Clarissa Irene, Martin Carpentier, and Jean Carpentier won first place in the Marketing Package Contest, while Paula Berroya and Markson Tan won first and third place respectively for the Poster Ad Making Contest.

Harney Ocampo and Charles Bradley won second place in the marketing debate on the proposition “Should advertising be limited during economic recession?” While Dr. Mark Chester Ocampo, Jan Velasco, Martin Chuang, Tania Gancarz, Grisell Garcia, Jhun Dujio, Jerran Serrano, John Ren Cortez, Sara Denise Mendez, Edna Natasha Villareal, and Earl Vincent Gavina bagged the first place for the Marketing Promotion Contest for their tri-media campaign for Motolite Oriental battery.

Winning teams—Men’s Basketball, 4-peat; Women’s Basketball, 3-peat; Men’s Chess, 3-peat; Men’s Swimming, back-to-back; and Men’s Volleyball, first championship—are congrats!

Walking

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solar panels that power the lighthouse. But walking is the indispensable part of Hong Kong, Japan, and the United States. The Cape Bernardino lighthouse has to keep its lights burning 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

However, in the middle of the compound stands a house-like structure with more rooms, perhaps used for official purposes before. Sadly, it was more dilapidated and uncared-for than the last one. The wooden floors inside the rooms were rotted away without a fight. Trees now grew between the planks. The roof was almost gone, steeply by our native’s standards.

I read somewhere that the lighthouse was built by British, American, and Filipino engineers in 1905. The lighthouse is a testament of these peoples’ unity and cooperation. I understood that the Grand Guo was in a very tight budget in maintaining the lighthouse that has it nothing to spare to restore the equally important adjacent structures. But these edifices are part of the lighthouses’ glorious past, a monument of their enduring grace despite time’s pressures and man’s neglect.

I felt a sense of depression when I remembered the indifference shown by the local people of their own heritage, as seen from their glaring ignorance and apathy of something precious. We, as a people, might be losing our identity because we have forgotten to preserve the legacy of our forefathers so that we may pass them on to our children and our children’s children.

Time is of the essence.
Six get award for pioneering researches

With its strong information technology capability and a roster of faculty experts in various fields, De La Salle University-Manila was chosen to produce the online syllabi for the ASEAN University Network (AUN). Conceptualized by Brother Miguel Yapanan, FSC, director of the Center for Education Multimedia (CREM), and Dr. Raymund Sison, dean of the College of Economics, the online syllabi was launched during the 10th AUN Meeting of the AUN Board of Trustees in Manila last June.

The syllabi focused on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Studies, a program that serves as a useful link to the research centers of the AUN member universities. Specifically, six core courses on ASEAN Studies are highlighted in the online syllabi. These are Regionalism and Regional Organizations in Southeast Asia, ASEAN Institutional and Functioning, Structure and Decision-Making, Political and Security Cooperation in ASEAN, and ASEAN Economic Cooperation in ASEAN. The syllabi also covers the ASEAN University Network (AUN), a program that serves as a useful link to the research centers of the AUN member universities.

Meanwhile, nine member universities of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and the Philippines, attended the meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral on June 25-29.

DLSU-Manila President Brother Rolando Dizon, FSC, was joined by eight members of the Board of Trustees. They were Dr. Raul Ocaño, Mahfudz Saidon Othman, Dato’ Haji Behrang Othman, Pit Chamnan, Dr. Arlene del Mundo, Mahmud Saedon Othman, Universiti Malaya; Dr. Nadjat El Mechan, Université de Monastir, Tunisia; Jacob Phang Chee Hong, National University of Singapore; Vu Thi Quy, Vietnam National University, Hanoi; and Francisco Sanmartín, University of Madrid.

The Lorenzo M. Tañada CHIMES Award will be an annual un

It’s hip to be here at DLSU-Manila

Lorenzo Tañada was selected as one of the awardees for his research, “An Inequality on the Courses of a Light-Distance Regular Graph” has been included in Elsevier Science’s Linear Algebra and Its Applications. The publication was regarded for its choice of outstanding articles. The main results of her research were derivations of the inequality involving the first, second, and third coherence with the second largest or smallest eigenvalue of a distance-regular graph regular graph.

It’s tap to be here! That’s the message sent loud and clear to the junior and senior honors class of De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DSLZ) and La Salle Green Hills (LSGH). The Marketing Communication Office (MCO) of De La Salle University-Manila launched an internship program dubbed “Hip to be here” on August 23. The program is designed to help the University with its academic programs and courses to top junior and senior students of De La Salle schools.

On first day, the BSAE seniors are up an exhibit and showed a Flash presentation of the BSAE program to a crowd of junior and senior honors students.

Lorenzo Tañada to be remembered with first CHIMES Award

Former senator and street parliamentarian Lorenzo Tañada will be remembered and honored by the La Sallian community with the launching of the CHIMES Award, the recipient of which will be known on the forst day of St. John Baptis from DLSU-Manila.

Launched on June 25 at the DLSU-College of Saint Benilde, the first CHIMES Award is dedicated to Tañada, who perfectly embodied the words that make up the CHIMES acronym: common; good, honest, integrity, mercy, and excellence. DLSU President Brother Rolando Dizon, FSC, said that Tañada’s long and fulfilling life as a family man and as a public servant should be reenched and given to those who live, extend, and promote the values that contribute to the development of society. A student, faculty, co-academic personnel, alumnus, or administrator (below the level of dean or its equivalent level) could win the award.

Archers step up growth of ASEAN schools.

Blind masseurs serve at new Brother John Building