CASS College Valedictorian Soars as Institute Salutatorian

Amie Rose M. Lacaya

Darl Christine Joy M. Dagpin, Bachelor of Science in Psychology student, and this year’s college Valedictorian was awarded as Institute Salutatorian last April 2, 2012 during the Institute 42nd Commencement Exercises held at the MSU-IIT Gymnasium.

A cumulative grade point average of 1.26324 was obtained by Darl giving her the right to be awarded as Magna Cum Laude. Her undergraduate thesis entitled “Levels of Trust and Attachment Patterns Experienced by Male and Female Game Players, Romantic and Possessive Lovers” is also awarded as the Department’s Best Thesis, along with her two group mates, during the CASS Pre-commencement Exercises last April 29, 2012. It was also presented at the CASS Student Research Colloquium at the CED Theater last March 26, 2012.

Darl is from the suburban town of Aseniero, Dapitan City, Zamboanga del Norte and is the 5th child of seven siblings. She was a consistent honor student, a valedictorian from elementary and high school and is also a consistent Dean’s Lister since first year college.

She shared that having proper time management, setting priorities and simply doing the things that has to be done without expecting too much, and praying helped her in achieving her goals.

The difficulty of handling school requirements and group conflicts are some of the hardships that she encountered during her student life but by thinking positively, staying calm, by asking for moral support from her family and by praying, she was able to handle these hardships successfully.

She is very thankful.

CASSayuran Pushes Forward

Marjorie V. Dalugdugan

CASSayuran’s team of writers announces their plan of launching online portals of the paper for a more up-to-date posting of happenings within the college. A facebook page, a blog site, an online broadcasting program and a youtube account will be launched in early July of the first semester of the School Year 2012-2013.

A facebook page will keep students updated with the latest announcements of the college as well as it serves as the site where pictures of special college and institute events will be uploaded. The blogspot will serve the same purpose as the paper print out with an addition of a video broadcast about the given timeline’s highlights.

With its virtual scope, the publication has also put-up an e-copy where students can just access the internet to view and read the latest news from the college. The downloadable e-copies can be accessed through msuit.edu.ph. For a couple of years, the College of Arts and Social Sciences’ publication has been in the gutters. It stopped functioning and no one seemed to even notice that it used to exist.

It was not until last year was the publication dusted off and started to publish again. CASSayuran was revived and proceeded to be a fully functioning paper again. Since last year, improvements for the publication and its scopes have been made by it untiring set of writers, correspondents and contributors.

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Christmas season is undeniably the most awaited event we usually look forward to every year. CASS Paskuhan opened last December 5, 2011 with Christmas Symbols Parade as its highlight. This is also in line with the celebration of the Paskuhan at IIT 2011. Each societies flaunted around the campus with their different Christmas symbols and cheers as they paraded around the campus. The Political Science Society gained 10 points with their ala Latin American concept, followed by ABEO with 8 points, then Kapilas-Bayan with 6 points. Sociology Society comes after with 5 points, then Psychology Society with 4 points, History Society with 3 points and a point for GESO.

CASS Paskuhan Student Organization Exhibit Contest: ART
Danica B. Vallejo

Different talents and potentials of CASS students, were showcased during the Student Organization Exhibit Contest in celebration of the College’s Paskuhan from December 5 to 16, 2012 with the theme, MSU-IIT Going Beyond Borders.

The contest was participated by the seven student societies of the college namely the AB English Organization (ABEO), Historical Society, Political Science Society (PSS), Psychological Society, Kapilas-Bayan, Sociology Society and the General Education Student Organization (GESO).

Every student organization publicized the best of what they have in their departments from simple to sophisticated designs. The use of technology during the event was also superb and almost all of the organizations made use of PowerPoint presentations and some even used television sets. Their presentations turned the MSU-IIT newly built exit way, the venue of the work gallery. The participants watched the judges evaluate their works different reactions and opinions were given but all the judges agreed that, all the bulletin boards were exceptional. However, the best bulletin board that shone among all the rest is the entry of Kapilas-Bayan. The ABEO came second followed by the Psychological Society. The PSS came fourth, the Historical Society fifth, the Sociology Society sixth, and GESO came seventh.

Lighted Parol and Bulletin Board Competition
Cleve C. Ulalo

As part of CASS Paskuhan 2011 celebration, the seven departments competed in the Lighted Parol Contest. All the parol were made from recycled and indigenous materials adorned with Christmas lights. Each society displayed its parol at the covered walk thus giving light to the pathways of IIT. After the judging of the competition last December 5, 2011, the Psychological Society’s parol was declared Champion. General Education Student Organization was second followed by the Sociological Society, the Kapilas-Bayan, the AB English Organization, the Political Science Society and the Historical Society.

The champion of the Lighted Parol Competition gained six points for the over-all ranking in the CASS Paskuhan 2011.

2nd Midyear Graduation
Amie Rose M. Lacaya

The culmination of the graduates’ years of persistence and hard work is only the beginning of a new chapter in their lives. The Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology confirmed 411 graduates during its 2nd Midyear Graduation.

This event is also known as MSU-IIT’s 42nd Commencement Exercises which has the theme, “MSU-IIT: Going Beyond Borders”, held last November 11, 2011 at the MSU-IIT Gymnasium.

The commencement exercise’s speaker was Wastewater Management expert, Engr. Manuel I. Gloria, Jr., President and Chief Design Engineer of Aquatreat Environmental Systems, Inc.

Engr. Gloria’s speech focused on the theme of the commencement rites. He emphasized one lesson that he has learned, that is – going beyond his regional borders allowed him to discover, appreciate, and even assimilate many new cultures. “Now, your alma mater has deemed you well enough prepared to go beyond the borders of this academic institution,” he added. He even shared five guidelines in life that he learned from a truly inspiring person. These are to live for the Eternal, to be Faithful, to be a blessing to Others, It Pays to do the Right Thing, and to put Relationship First.

For the first semester of the school year 2011-2012, the university produced the following number of graduates from each...
Editorial

Leadership is defined by the equation: WORDS + ACTION = RESPONSIBILITY. Student leaders are expected to regularly take note of this very significant factor. Students look-up to their leaders for good performance and progressive undertakings. On occasions student leaders tend to forget what they are there for. Remember, a student leader should not be placed into position for the sole reason of popularity, money or beauty. They SERVE the students. Being in a student government entails pressure and responsibility which should always be on the shoulders of every officer. Today’s breed of student leaders is slightly deviating from their responsibility. Thus the question “What’s wrong?”

We must understand that every student leader has also his or her own opinion. But there are some of them who comments very casually on the results of some certain events. They must NEVER FORGET that the words that come out from their mouth have great impact not only on their credibility but also on people who might find their words very obnoxious. Think first before saying anything and let your actions do the talking.

A duty of a student leader should be defined clearly in his or her mind. A certain position is very important for a productive student government. But it seems that there are student leaders who are not aware of the details of what is going on all the time. For example, when asked about the details of an activity, they cannot give you concrete answers and will just tell you to ask another person because they do not know anything.

It is assumed that details of an undertaking have already been discussed and were raised beforehand in their regular and scheduled meetings, so how come that some officers miss some points? Is it because these officers do not attend scheduled meetings or is it because some officers failed to discuss their plans with everyone? If this is the case, then these people have to figure out that they missed another facet of their responsibility.

Dedication to one’s expanse of responsibility is a duty of a student leader. Often it is a good thing to ask oneself the questions: “Have I been responsible enough?” “Am I too preoccupied with many things that I failed to do my part excellently?” “What must I do to compensate for the things that I miss?” Indeed being a student leader requires CAUTIOUSNESS, AWARENESS, and FLEXIBILITY and all of these can be incorporated into what we call RESPONSIBILITY.

A perfect student leader is not required. What students need are those people who are willing to do their best in every challenge that they will encounter in order to create a functional student government for the betterment of the students and the College as well.

The Council’s “Strategic” Planning

Marjorie V. Dalugdugan

“Necessary precautions must be made to prepare for the worst.”

That line has certainly been the understatement of the first semester of academic year 2011-2012. Aside from the surge of typhoon Sendong, the College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS) also faced problems of its own. Over flowing complaints about service issues of the college’s Executive Council (EC) surfaced which lead to questions on what the student “leaders” have been doing. Before the start of every semester, student representatives of each department gather together with the EC members to share thoughts, plans and team efforts to prepare for the next semester. This gathering has been known as the Strategic Planning, Team Building and Leadership Training or Strat Plan. This Strat Plan aims to prepare the necessary documents, i.e. budget proposals, schedule of activities, official listings. It is assumed that every single person who is part of the Strat Plan is bound to contribute, correct, and question any plan or suggestion that will be raised during the planning. However, last November 19-20, 2011, it appeared that students have to stop by the CASS-Executive Council Office to pay the obliged assessment fee that will cover various programs and projects within the college. This semester’s fee cost one hundred pesos (100.00Php) covering the following activities; Strategic Planning and Team Building Workshop (8.00Php), CASS Paskuhan (20.00Php), Institute Paskuhan (10.00Php), Accreditation Expenses (7.00Php), Sagip-Aral Program (14.00Php), Executive Council Project (12.00Php), CASSAYURAN Publishing (11.00Php), Leadership Training (7.00Php), CASS Alay sa Graduates (6.00Php) and Miscellaneous Fee (5.00Php).

However, the Council also imposed monetary fines in case that one’s passbook lacks stamps and signatures of attendance and

CASS Enrollment: The Fuss

Marjorie V. Dalugdugan

From the corridors of the College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS), a bee line of chattering students appears during the enrolment days anticipating the opening of each department for their forms. Little do they know that a couple of pocket burners were about to greet them.

Last November 3rd sparked this semester’s enrolment and the process had gone from a fast pace to a pain in the pockets and varicose veins. Apart from the usual payments, e.g. tuition fees, miscellaneous fees and the assessment fee, CASS students also had to shoulder monetary fines for missing the past semester’s activities.

Routine is that students have to stop by the CASS-Executive Council Office to pay the
that all documents have been made beforehand by Governor, John Carlo Cabalit. With that, the Strat Plan turned out as a preempted activity that certainly favored the one who made it possible.

It was thought that since student officers were invited for the activity, their presence would be highly appreciated and moreover, useful. With most of the lists and schedules made in advance, it was quite impossible for any of the officers present to voice out their thoughts. Sure, asking queries as to why the budget proposal is the way it is, you will be given a vague answer by the Governor leaving you more confused than before. In a sad attempt to make the activity look as if you have been part of something special and productive, Governor Cabalit asked the present officers and members about things that could be improved for the council’s service and activities. However, as a student of the college, the suggested proposals have been out of earshot since the day that they were done.

For the whole span of the second semester, before and after the effects of typhoon Sendong, the Executive Council was nothing but a façade made by its head. The council was merely an abstract entity that was present in thought but not in action. With the governor’s constant wandering to different countries for leadership trainings and lists of appearances, the EC was left in shambles.

So much for working together and moving as one force, it was quite clear that the Executive Council ceased to function since the day that one person decided to rule alone. Think about it, what has the council done for you this semester? Were the international trainings worth spending the students’ money, our money on? Have we been served in the way we deserve or have we been duped by an illusion created by those people who were supposedly our leaders? Who had the most benefit to gain from all of these?

Well, no matter the result, to some it was indeed a “strategic” plan set well into motion.

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participation in major and minor activities of the college. The fine would vary in amount depending on the missed activity and the number of days that were missed. For the PALA-KASAN attendances that were missed, five days absence amount to 75 pesos fine (15-peso-per-day); When one fails to pay, he will not be allowed to enroll.

Governor John Carlo Cabalit, when asked about where the fines will be going, said that the money will be allotted for last semester’s arrears in payments.

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With that CASSayuran is definitely exerting more efforts into pushing forward the publication.

As that famous quote states, “If there’s a will, there’s a way.” We say, truth being published needs not a price to pay.

Psychology students. In the afternoon at Iligan City East Elementary School, play therapy and expressive arts therapy was facilitated by De La Salle University-Dasmariñas Play Therapy and Expressive Arts Therapy Experts.

The abovementioned activities were just light intervention activities compared to the needs of the highly-traumatized victims. But it is believed that every individual can cope, it may take some time, but hearts will hopefully heal.
Through Thick and Thin – Psych Majors for Sendong Victims
—Amie Rose M. Lacaya

December 17 of last year is already marked in the calendars of those people who were caught unattended and uninformed of the monstrous Typhoon Sendong. Many lives were killed, and sadly some of which were dear students and faculty members here in MSU-IIT. We witnessed the aftermath of how destructive and unforgiving the force of nature can be. The College of Arts and Social Sciences had the same fate like the many families who were also victims of the typhoon.

It came like a thief in the night. Facilities, rooms and important records were washed away, or if not, had been muddied. Sendong happened around the second semester of the school year and it was very untimely for all Iliganons because Christmas was fast approaching then; that time it was not merry at all. But what Sendong left did not crush the spirit of Christmas. One for Iligan was established; a movement wherein everybody volunteered to service those families who were severely affected.

CASS students and teachers as well, together hand in hand helped out with the allocation of goods. As a result the CASS EC and Dean offices, that suffered most of the typhoon’s wrath, were restored to its beauty and functionality again.

Nothing was impossible with the CASS spirit of unity and cooperation. No one gave up, not one man down. It is very inspiring yet heart breaking to see what had happened seven months ago. We did go back to square one, but this time, we are more prepared for what is to come. After all, we are one college that would never hit rock bottom regardless of how strong a typhoon can be.

“Amongst calamity there is chaos” were the words spoken by Prof. Miriam P. Cue. Psychology majors who are in the junior year can only do a very limited range of tasks when it comes to trauma interventions.

With Prof. Cue’s efforts, Psychology students have participated in Psychosocial Support programs.

Plan International with its coordinator for Psychosocial Support, Mr. Telesforio Laplana, sponsored series of Psychosocial Services in areas affected in far barangays of Iligan. On the morning of January 16, Psychology Student Volunteers encountered high school students of Digkilaan National High School who are direct victims of Typhoon Sendong. Stress debriefing was conducted by a Faculty member of the Psychology Department. Some Psychology students were assigned to conduct trauma assessments. The students shared a lot about their experiences and their ways of coping from the tragedy.

On January 16, the Psychology Department along with Prof. Alma G. Maranda, held a mini-program for the elementary pupils of Mandulog Elementary School. Mandulog Elementary School was washed away by the logs, muds and raging waters of Sendong and nothing is left of it. For students to continue having their classes, big tents, with that of a size of a classroom, was donated by the United Nations. Games were facilitated by the Psychology students with the faculty members.

On the morning of January 20, Psychology students along with Prof. Miriam P. Cue went back to Barangay Digkilaan for another conduct of Trauma Assessments as well as Therapeutic Play. Loaded on a 6x6 Army Truck, Psychology students were able to reach two elementary schools in Barangay Digkilaan, to page 3.
Sangria de Amor—Clive Pagaling

I can hardly believe what I’ve heard from my friend Jade at the phone. Three peaceful years had passed, but why? Why would all this painful sweet memories come back to life? Why now, when I thought I had moved on life? Why now, when I

Three peaceful years had friend Jade at the phone. what I’ve heard from my

Truly, its hard to feed the rot with lofty regrets.

Fishes in the sea celebrates at you
Sitting in the shore, waiting to adore.
For you fail, blame me not with lofty regrets.

Fishes and thy star should meet
In the junction they sit and adore.
Move, move thy journey about.

Truly, its hard to fed the rot
But it is it that you need to sleep not in the cot.
Move, move thy journey about
For you fail, blame me not with lofty regrets.

I was reading a Filipino text when my concentration was disturbed by a male voice having a speech about how sex is done. I

Move, movethy journey about
And face the path on the way.
For you fail, blame me not with lofty regrets.

Thy star on the North must reach
To light the path underneath.
Move, move thy journey about.

The sun rose high until it slept in the night sky
Yet it rode on to what was promised eternal
Though truly tired it was, and its pain infernal
Wounded it was proud, yet truly fragile

It

Froilan Max Macapil
I find its uselessness useful
Its beauty, so flamboyant but futile
Pretending conceitedly strong, yet truly fragile
Happy it once was
Memorable would it still be?

The sun rose and dried it up
What once was drowned and filled a cup
The cloud rose high and passed ahead
The dusk dawned and the sun lay down
Turning each happy face into a frown
The crown cried and the king bowed
Still, it rode the seasons it borrowed
Bravely it rode with pride on a chariot of gold.

The sun rose high until it slept in the night sky
We were having lunch at the cafeteria together with the group one day and I was happy with the bond growing within the group.

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Angelito G. Nambatac Jr
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The yearly Psychological Days started last February 24-26, 2012, with the theme of “Strengthening the Psyche through Positive Coping”.

First Day. Just like last year, the opening of the Psych Days happens to fall in the institute’s Election Day, too. This time, however, there was no parade and the program was started immediately by a ribbon-cutting for the psych booths of each year levels held at the CASS lobby. A film showing was held simultaneously on the Psychology Multimedia Rooms featuring the three films originally made by the Freshies (“Panganod”), Sophies (“Agpakada”), and Juniors (“Eskawalag”) that lasts until eight in the evening.

Second Day. The fun and set of games are enjoyed by each Psych students Amazing Race was (still, and yet get on the higher level this time) the highlight of this Game Day that set sights on developing one’s social relationship with other co-majors as well as refreshing and ticking one’s mind on how well they know Psychology hitherto.

Last Day. An Awarding Ceremony for the 1st Psychology Society Film Festival took place on the 26th at the CED Amphi Theater. Best Film was given to the Freshies’ “Panganod” and garnered five (5) other awards namely: Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actress, Best Screenplay, and People’s Choice Award; Sophies got the Best Poster Award, and four (4) awards for the Juniors, including: Best Director, Best Music Scoring, Best Supporting Actor and Best Cinematography. Though the program was shortened due to time constraints, the night ended fruitfully with another twist of enjoyment.

Human Rights Photo Exhibit
Officially Opens
Steffi Dawn Ilagan

As part of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) anniversary and Mindanao Week of Peace (MWOP) celebration, a Human Rights Photo Exhibit at the CASS walkway last December 5, 2011.

The exhibit was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Political Science Society, the Department of English, Humanities 1 classes, and CWTS classes under the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Cluster. Various photos on human rights were showcased with the intention of arousing people’s awareness towards Human Rights, its definition and nature of existence as well. Freedom walls and other informative stuffs were also part of the exhibit which lasted for two weeks.

This year’s Psych days highlighted its very first film festival. The event aimed to increase social interaction among Psychology students, boost their skills not only in the field of Psychology and most importantly to mark an atypical, unutterable hilarity in the hearts of the BS-PSYCH Majors.

The exhibit was officially opened last December 5, 2011.

Knacky July D. Hermodo

For the very first time also, the chancellor, vice-chancellor, as well as the college deans have participated in the graduation practice which was conducted last November 10, a day before the commencement exercises.

For the past years, the candidates for graduation in the month of October would go all the way to MSU- Marawi for their Midyear graduation ceremonies. It was not until the year 2010 that MSU-IIT held its own Midyear graduation.

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Knacky July D. Hermodo

PSYCH Majors.
Kirby still was the entertainer and talks about funny things. While listening to him I noticed that he had sweet eyes under his long thick curly lashes and sharp nose combined with his soft thin lips and fairly tanned skin. He caught me staring at him and our eyes were locked to each other. Blood flushed into my cheeks made my heart palpitate and it seems like the world stopped revolving and it was only the two of us. I know one has to look away and that should be me.

December… What a rainy cold month and were nearly done with our performance. Spending my afternoons for practice means spending time with Kirby. One afternoon we were done with the last round of our practice and I was fixing the component we had used for the practice while the others were busy preparing to go home except Kirby, he was helping me put the component to the storage room. The others called us and said they had to go leaving us behind alone in a cozy room. We were still sweating and tired from practice. I sat down to take a breath for a while, I closed my eyes felt my back against the floor and when I opened my eyes met his eyes, he was inches from me. He smelled wonderful to my nostrils like a drug, I felt him lower his face, centimeter by centimeter we were so close that I can smell his breath and see his pores and then suddenly his lips were on mine.

He was kissing me and I am kissing him back! My first kiss! But my head won’t function well. Everything was still until we heard students coming. He stood up quickly and helped me to stand up, he got my bag and held me by the hands. It’s like a cat bit my tongue that I can’t even talk. We were walking together, not just walking but we were walking hand-in-hand together. At the Jeepney stop everyone was looking at us. He was still holding my hands like he was never to let go until my ride to home came. He waved goodbye and smiled.

Two weeks had passed. Everything had changed after what happened, it seems like we have something between us but neither one of us wants to talk about it. We were having our lunch and snacks together and we go home together. He carries my bag and holds my hand. I don’t know what’s between us but I like it the way it is. We just have to finish this performance and see what happens after. At the backstage all of us were waiting, I was sitting beside him and I can hear his heartbeat. He was nervous. Before we got up for our performance he pinned something in my hair and smiled. Holding hands we entered the stage. The dance felt real, it seems like we were part of the music and there’s only the two of us in the gymnasium, we were looking at each other’s eyes the whole time and I was nearly crying. He suddenly hugged me and whispered something in my ear. We were gliding together at the stage, feeling the rhythm of our hearts and I’m sure, I’m in love with Kirby Castillo.

After the performance he asked me to see him at the cafeteria. My lips were dry and I can hardly breathe, I’m excited yet nervous. On my way to the cafeteria my heart beats faster as I come closer, I felt like crying and then I finally saw him…

(to be continued..)