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SC withdraws from KASAMA

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After 15 years of student partnership, the University of the Philippines in the Visayas Cebu College Student Council (UPVCC-SC) is withdrawing its membership from the system-wide alliance of UP student councils or the *Katipunan ng mga Sangguniang Mag-aaral sa UP* (Kasama sa UP).

The decision to withdraw sparked during the KASAMA sa UP National Congress held in Minglanilla, Cebu last October 21-25, 2003 where the General Assembly (GA) approved a resolution calling for the resignation of Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

UPVCC-SC representatives, however, appealed not to accede on the approved resolution. The GA later conceded to exempt the council from its implementation.

On the other hand, UPV-USC representative Brian Magalong found the said exemption as "unconstitutional".

Magalong said that the provided leeway, which the GA finds constitutional, indicates "unconstitutional tolerance".

"An alliance cannot work if there is a leeway provision," stressed Magalong.

The resolution initiated by Magalong that calls for UPVCC to withdraw alliance from Kasama sa UP, points out that "such compromise arrangements are a blatant invitation from Kasama sa UP for UPVCC-SC to sacrifice the alliance's constitution and leave the local council lucidly culpable of the constitutional disregard and vulnerable to charges of renegade passivity, apathy, indifference and delinquency."

Magalong added that the relationship between UPVCC-SC and Kasama sa UP is a "lopsided" trade.

"KASAMA is a partnership of councils but then we take more than what we give," said Magalong.

He also said that other Kasama sa UP member councils might accuse UPVCC-SC for absence of ethics if such relationship persisted.



WORD WAR. UPVCC-SC 2nd-year Rep. Raffy Jones Sanchez "walks out" after lengthy deliberations culminated in a disappointing 9-3 result in favor of UPV-USC Rep. Brian Magalong resolution calling for the withdrawal of the SC from its 15-year tie to the alliance, KASAMA sa UP. (Changkol Buenconsejo)

Walkout

After the UPVCC-SC declared a 9-3 decision in favor of the withdrawal from Kasama sa UP, UPV-USC second year representative Raffy Jones Sanchez staged a walkout in the council meeting.

"I could not believe that a council that prides itself as defender of fair play and looking at all sides of the issue judged this issue on the basis on their personal biases against some people in or the alliance all together," said Sanchez.

The decision made by the majority of the council, Sanchez said, would affect the points of unities among student councils in the system. It would also give the students lesser opportunities to appreciate significant issues.

Constitutional

Sanchez said that there is no unconstitutionality on the decision of the GA to exempt the UPVCC-SC on the approved resolution during the Kasama

sa UP National Congress.

He explained that the GA just paid respect to the autonomy of UPVCC-SC to have a different stand on the issue.

He also cited a provision on the Kasama sa UP Constitution, which states that in order for them to be genuine all student councils should have be autonomous in the sense that it has complete control in the planning and implementation of its pro-student and pro-people program of action.

Moreover, he added that the GA approved the exemption and the Kasama sa UP Constitution further states that "it shall be the duty of every Kasama Sa UP member to abide by all matters decided upon by the GA.

However, majority of the UPVCC-SC is bent on pursuing their approved resolution of withdrawing from the system-wide alliance.

In fact, to formally announce its withdrawal from Kasama sa UP, the UPVCC-SC would send a letter

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TUGALHAB

Ang Da King, Text Twist ug uban pa.

Lechon de LECHE!

Disyembre na, Pasko na, plastikan nasad ang show. Halin kaayo ang Tupperware ani...ay, pobre man diay ang mga taga-UP so Orocan nalang. Tingtugnaw naman unta pero inil gihapon akong ulo. Ningdeklara na raba si FPJ nga mudagan siya pagka presidente, abi kog wa nay makalupig ni Estrada. Naa man diay laing ambisyoso! In fairness ni agi pagka mayor, senador ug bise-presidente si Erap, pero kining 'Da King' diretso man gyud sa pagka presidente!

Baga sab ning nawng si Eduardo Angara, suporta sab ni 'Da King' kay siya man ang mag-Executive Secretary, siya dayon ang magpadagan sa nasod, para posing sa postcard ra na si 'Da King'. Unsa may gawas ana sa opisina sa presidente? Bisan kinsa lang pwede ibutang dinha kay laing kamot ra gihapon ang

magduwa-duwa sa atong nasod?

Naa pa gyud ning ubang mga artista, suporta sab dayun ni FPJ, unsa nani ron? Pasikatay ang show?! Magkabuang man gani ug pasar ang mga tao sa Civil Service Exam para makatrabaho sa gobyerno pero kining wala man lang kahuman ug hayskul mao may ibutang sa Malacañang.

Samot sab kung maka daog na si Pingpingping, mularga gyud ko ug laing nasod kay basin ipapatay na ko, ka bata pa raba nako. Wala pako katilaw sa tanang lami sa aning kalibutana. Kay ngano gud, uga lang gihapon akong love life, hinuon, naa nakoy gi-stalk sa pagkakaroon. Mag-corrupting major ko. Bwahahahahaha!!!

Balik sa isyu...mga isko ug iska, pag uli ninyo sa inyong probinsya karong umaabot nga bakasyon, idukaha intawon inyong mga silingan, amahan, inahan, igsuon, ig-agaw, lola, lola, ang manindahay

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No financial aid for UP athletes

Only swimming and football teams receive funds

Only the football and swimming teams of University of the Philippines Cebu College have received financial support from the school for this year's Cebu City Olympics held last November 23-28, 2003..

"This is because these teams (football and swimming) hold records of achievement for the past years, hence, their request for financial aid was readily approved" clarifies Gary Quial of the Physical Education (PE) department.

Other participants had to shell out from their personal funds to cover their expenses for uniforms, travel and meals.

Past Grievances

When the men's basketball team submitted a request to finance their team last 2000, the first year UP participated in the Olympics, it was denied by the UPCC Executive Committee (Execom).

"The dean (Dr. Jesus Juario) told us *na* why would they send athletes when they know we don't have a chance of winning *daw*" reveals Ryan Miro of the men's basketball team. "After that we were reluctant to ask support from the school."

The dean also required a notarized waiver from every athlete that would clear the school of any liability to any untoward incident that would occur during the event if they really choose to participate in the Olympics.

There was no clear policy regarding the student's insurance.

"What the dean and the Execom want is a request letter, a budget proposal and a track record of the team's participation. But what if the team doesn't have a record yet?" shares Quial who has been the sports coordinator for the Olympics since last year. "How will they know if they could win? How will they create a record if they could not participate and are not supported by the school?"

Course of action

Quial addressed the concerns of the athletes to the Vice President for Academic Affairs Serena Diokno when she was at the College earlier this year.

According to Quial, Diokno told him to write a request letter to her so she could help out and anent to their discussion. Quial submitted a one-page letter addressed directly to Diokno.

Dean Jesus Juario then spoke to Quial and asked why the letter had not passed through proper channels; the division chairperson, Josefina Carvajal and through the dean of the college and through the university's chancellor, Ida M. Siason.

He also dispels Quial's statement, "ever since, UP Cebu never gave its support in our sports program, even the slightest consideration of excusing the athletes from their classes."

Juario explains in his letter addressed to Quial, "that even before you came up to UP Cebu, the College spends PhP70,000 to PhP80,000 for sports activity alone at UP College"

Juario added that the athletes are excused from their classes and that the insurance policy covers



WHERE'S THE MONEY? Popular question for the Fighting Maroons as they maintain UP Cebu's 7th place in this year's City Olympics. (Changkol Buenconsejo)

events such as the Olympics. He then advised Quial to write to the Execom and convince them that his teams are worth the support of the college.

"But why convince them *pa*? It's the duty of the college to support the athletes because they are bringing the name of the school.", says Quial.

Present dilemma

This year, the swimming team took their cue and applied for full support amounting to PhP4,500 to spend for team uniforms for its nine swimmers in the men' and women's categories.

Their request has been the third athletic group to be approved by the Execom after the men's football team, which was granted full support since 1997, and the women's football team, which was granted partial support since 2001.

Currently, the PE department is working for a PhP30 per day allowance-refund for this year's Olympics participants. This amount is PhP10 higher than the athletes' allowance last 2001. Last year, the athletes decided to boycott the allowance.

"*Kuwang ra jud kaayo ang PhP20*" laments Jonas Panerio of the basketball team. "Our venue was in Inayawan and *dili na mi makabalik sa UP ana.*"

During Chancellor Ida M. Siason's visit to the college, the matter was brought out. Maui Morales, Sports Club member asked why there was no budget allotted for the athletes.

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Library Modernization Project

Barcode system dissatisfies students, inefficient?

By: Gayle G. Opsima & Alejandria Cabilao, Staff Writers

Instead of rendering fast and efficient service, the new book borrowing system in the UPVCC library leaves the students dissatisfied.

As part of the library modernization project of the budget and management department, UPVCC library is implementing a barcode labeling system replacing the manual process of using the traditional borrower's card

However, some students complain that the new borrowing process is more time consuming and inefficient.

"Impressive *ang* delivery. *Na*-hasten and process. My question is why do we have to write our name? Doesn't our bar code contain the information needed?" Aaron Pedrosa, a BA Political Science sophomore commented.

UPVCC librarian Mylah Pedrano, on the other hand, explained that such inefficiency was due to the software conversion from win ICs to Library Solution.

She added that not all book records were converted to the new software. The library has around

NEWS BRIEFS

UP Cebu studes chosen for AYLC

Five students from the University of the Philippines in the Visayas Cebu College were chosen to join the 70 finalists for the Ayala Youth Leaders Congress (AYLC) to be held in Tagaytay City on February 3-7, 2004.

AYLC is a nationwide search for the ten most outstanding youth leader in the country.

Juniors Brian Albert Lim (BS Biology), Jedaiah Joel Lumagbas (BS Computer Science), Brian Magalong (BS Computer Science), Michelle Ogdoo (BS Business Management), and Suzanne Margaret Sencio (BA Mass Communications) outsmarted more than a hundred other aspirants.

Last November 26, the five aforementioned students underwent the interview process at Tower 1, Ayala Avenue, Makati, where one of the panelists for the board of interviewers include Ayala chief operating officer Jaime Zobel de Ayala.

"The process was very stringent and it was quite overwhelming to be one of the representatives for UP Cebu," comments Magalong. (Rhoda Macachor)

UPVCC celebrates Human Rights Week

In commemoration of the 55th anniversary on the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the University of the Philippines in the Visayas Cebu College (UPVCC) Political Science Society and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) - Associated Schools Project Network jointly organized a Human Rights Week last December 8-12, 2003 in UPVCC campus.

With the theme "Stop VAWS (Violence Against Women and Children): Uphold and Respect Human Rights Towards a Genuine National Development, the five-day affair aimed to promote and uphold human rights.

One of the major activities of the celebration was the human rights forum held at the conference hall on December 9. It served as an avenue for the discussion of one of the most neglected issue concerning human rights- the violence against women and children.

Gracing the occasion was Commission on Human Rights (CHR) 7 regional director Alejandro Alonso, together with the panel reactors composed of Women's Resource Center executive director Leny Ocasiones-Perez, Population Commission (POPCOM) 7 administrative officer Bruce Neri Ragar, and UNESCO UPVCC student Tristan Kirby Nabong , including the Presidents of AIP- HRYAN and UNESCO- ASP.

A Candle Lightning Ceremony followed the forum. They lighted 55 candles symbolizing the 55 years of the Adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Throughout the affair, an exhibit was displayed at the Natural Sciences and Mathematics Division (NSMD) and AS lobby that seek to revive the people's spirit on the fight fro the human rights.

30,000 books and only more than half of which has been encoded.

If we will wait for all of them to be converted, it will take another two years before we can implement this system," she said.

She explained that it is just normal to experience a slow run of the new book borrowing process since the system is on its transition period and having only two computers to work with.

The library staff seems agrees with Pedrano. "OK *ra gyud kaayo ang* service. It's just that *ang* database is not yet complete. *Kung mahuman na*, smooth *na ang* operation," Susan Cooper, a library staff said.

Moreover, Pedrano is appealing to the students not to rip off the bar codes in the books that further slow the circulation process.

"We are doing everything we can do to serve the students well. Maybe in due time, the process will be smooth flowing and these problems will no longer be experienced," she said.

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Rats, rain blows up campus' power source

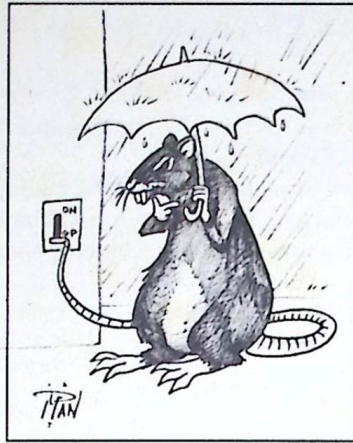
It's raining rats. During the enrolment last November 4, the main electrical source of the new undergraduate building that supports the Natural Sciences and Mathematics Division (NSMD) and the Humanities Division (HD) bogged down prompting the two divisions to transfer enrolment venues in the conference hall.

The brownout also caused the Management Division (MD) to transfer to the conference hall with their computer server connected to the said electrical source.

According to Mr. Leo Alan Pilapil, general construction foreman of the Campus Development Maintenance Office (CDMO), rats that destroyed the cable wire under the manhole caused the damage. He added that it rained that day causing the wire to short circuit and burn.

Former UPVCC Dean Jesus V. Juario admitted that the not well-

constructed pipe that protects the cable wire allowed the rats to freely enter.



Fortunately, the incident, which happened after office hours, did not disrupt the enrolment process. Engr. Albert Bascon of CDMO

immediately reported the incident to the Dean's Office.

At once, Juario informed through fax UPV Chancellor Ida M. Siason and requested a financial support amounting to P57, 940 for the replacement of the needed MCM 250 cable wire.

He also informed the chancellor that he had requested the accountant to allow the use of money that is available to replace the cable wire right away, to avoid disruption of classes that would start the following week.

As the chancellor immediately approved the requested financial support, which was sourced out from the central funds of UPV, the used amount from the accounting office was reimbursed.

With the coordination of the Visayas Electric Company (VECO), the CDMO worked overtime during the weekend to replace the cable wire putting everything in order, Juario said. (Emily Jade B. Valero)

UP Cebu student nominated for SR

By: Rhoda Angelie R. Macachor
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A BS Math student from the University of the Philippines in the Visayas Cebu College (UPVCC) has been nominated to vie for the student regent (SR) position for the entire UP system.

John Su, 20 years old, is heading for UP Los Baños (UPLB) on December 20 to attend the final deliberation and selection of the system-wide student representative to the UP Board of Regents (BOR).

"I was no longer surprised when I got hold of the news of my nomination since even before there were rumors of it," expressed Su.

UPVCC BA Political Science student Jose Juan Paulo Varela made the nomination.

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Cultural, interactive educational centers to open in UPVCC

By: Emily Jade B. Valero
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The Office of the Chancellor granted P2.8 million to construct the interactive learning center (ILC) project for UP in the Visayas Cebu College (UPVCC).

"This project is also known as the G.E. Multi-Media Center. It aims to make G.E. courses innovative, creative and challenging," said former UPVCC Dean Jesus V. Juario.

Last November 28, an architect from Diliman arrived here in UP Cebu to inspect the project's venue for its architectural design. The said project is to be set up on the three rooms in the right wing of the Administration Building at the second floor.

Juario explained that the first room would become the Audio Visual Room (AVR), which will become a test bed for different teaching methods. The middle room, on the other hand, would be the venue for students and teachers to develop learning modules through computer programs. Finally, the third room will accommodate 30 personal computers for the interactive computer lectures.

Income

Meanwhile, the Sugbu Cultural Center (SCC) is finally undergoing renovations. Financed by the Provincial Government of Cebu, SCC is expected to be finished on April or June next year.

"The cultural center will help augment the income of the university. Proceeds of any activity will be divided by UP Cebu and the Provincial Government," expressed Juario.

He added that a parking area would be constructed at the cultural center. The squatter's area at the back will also be fenced off, Juario said.

Once finished, Juario said, students including their organizations could use the cultural center for presentations and other cultural activities. Graduation ceremonies will also be conducted there starting next school year.

Subject Opening

Students told to follow guidelines

By: Emily Jade B. Valero, Staff Writer

Former University of the Philippines in the Visayas Cebu College (UPVCC) Dean Jesus V. Juario told students to follow proper guidelines on requests for the opening of off semester course subjects to avoid hassles.

During the Pahungaway '03, held last November 21, 2003 at the UPVCC conference hall students expressed their grievance on the unexplained closing of Math 12 class.

Juario explained that with the new curriculum the Math 12 subject is not supposed to be offered anymore this semester.

Last summer they requested UPV for its opening to give chances to irregular students but promised that it would be the last time to be offered, Juario said.

However, during the later part of the enrolment this second semester, he received a request for the opening of Math 12 by 13 students including two graduating students.

Since there are graduating students Juario decided to make another request to UPV for the opening of Math 12 even though he had made a promise already.

"Requesting for an off-semester course is not as easy as students may think. It has to be requested from the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs in UPV and I cannot just make decisions because situations like this have to be forwarded to UPV," said Juario.

He stressed that if only the 13 students followed the guidelines in requesting subjects to be opened, there would have been no problem.

According to the guidelines, request for a course offering should be made 2 months prior to the enrolment together with their study plans to give the advisers ample time in planning their schedules. This will then be forwarded to UPV for approval.

Nevertheless, they started to look for a class schedule that will fit the 13 students' schedules. They came up with a Wednesday 7:30-9:00 and 4:00-5:30 schedule. This made the dean decide to

push through with the request of the opening of Math 12.

However, they later found out that if they follow that schedule, 5 out of the 13 students would have straight 7:30-5:30 classes, making the request impossible to be approved as it is against university regulations.

The dean changed his mind and decided to close the subject instead. This happened Wednesday, November 19, the last day of the extended enrolment.

During the same day, however, at 8 o'clock in the evening, Almocera phoned Juario and said that there may be a way to open the subject again if some students will transfer to another P.E. section. Upon learning this, the dean immediately said that they do it.

"We were really fighting for the opening of the subject," said Juario.

The very next day Almocera worked for the arrangement of the 13 students' schedules. After a lot of arrangement and changes done on the teachers' loads and schedules just to accommodate Math 12, they finally came up with a teacher who will teach the subject, in the person of Mr. Wenceslao Yee.

On November 21, the request was

finally approved by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Diana Edna Corda who stressed that this will really be the last time Math 12 will be offered in UP Cebu.

"And this will definitely be the last time," Juario said.

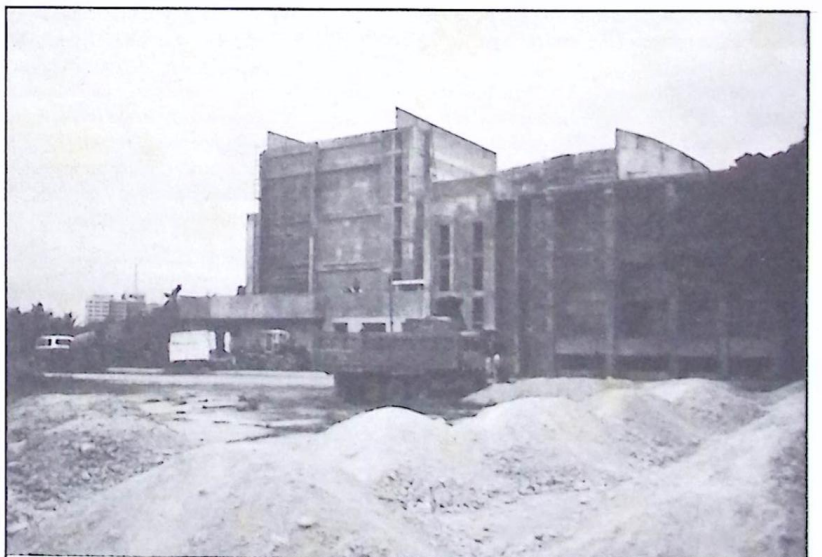
No Show

According to UPVCC-SC second year representative Ernie Al Edralin of the Grievance committee 18 different sectors in the university were invited to attend.

However, some sectors were not present and the College Secretary's Office (CSO) made one of the obvious absences.

"Some of the issues raised were addressed to them and they were all left unanswered since nobody from the office was present. College secretary Lorna Almocera was not around or even a representative from her office," said Edralin.

Almocera later told Tug-Ani that she and her office staff were not able to attend the multi-sectoral assembly because of very important and pressing matters. She said that she was busy at that time attending the Math 12 problem, which is now solved.



ELECTION'S COMING. At last, (re)construction of the white elephant resumes courtesy of the Cebu Provincial Government. (Geraldine Aguelo)

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The Sole Contender

An interview with new UP Cebu dean, Dr. Enrique M. Avila
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In the college's history, he is the first sole nominee for the deanship selection process.

With the confirmation almost a month delayed from its expected deadline (October 31), Dr. Enrique M. Avila was finally appointed to the highest local administrative office by the Board of Regents (BOR) last November 26.

Even before his formal inception, queries have been restlessly circulating on his would-be management, policies, and his stands on university issues. We have come to know his vision for three. The tables are again turned towards him on how he would realize this vision.

In the following interview with Tug-ani, Dr. Avila puts these pivotal questions to rest. His binding answers present to us his agenda for the college constituency in the three-year course.

Tug-ani: How did you feel when the Board of Regents, on recommendation of the University President, confirmed your appointment as Dean of U.P. Cebu?

Dr. Avila: I was of course happy because I have gone through the process and it was a symbol of entrusting me. This is a privilege that not everyone can experience in his or her life. I felt happy not because of the term "dean", overseer of the college but because this is an opportunity for me to come up with things for the betterment of the college.

Tug-ani: What can you say about the selection process?

Dr. Avila: Actually, I did not really pay attention on how the search committee did their job. When I was nominated, I told them (those who nominated me) when time (the) comes, I will sign the conforme. I believe the committee did their job. My impression is that it was fair.

Tug-ani: What is your view of being the only nominee?

Dr. Avila: I really can't say much. The only thing remarkable is that the search process was open for anyone. Being the only nominee did not give me the feeling of assurance for the position. The body could extend the process. I did not know if the constituents like me. I was happy there was no question of having one nominee. Even though I was alone, it was still open until the time I was appointed.

Tug-ani: How would you classify your would-be management of the college?

Dr. Avila: Sometimes people would say this job is difficult. Thinking about it, it is up to the person to make it easy or difficult, to make one's life happy or miserable. My management I hope would be more in the pleasant side. A pleasant environment encourages creativity, openness, productivity, and achievement. Also, I look at rules and regulations as means to facilitate things not means that will stifle you.

Tug-ani: What are your goals for the college?

Dr. Avila: I would like to maintain contributing towards teaching and researching. We at U.P. Cebu have few faculty members than Miagao but if you take the publications and awards, we contribute a larger share to that achievement.

The people who teach and research should be able to maintain the productivity and improve our outputs. If you're doing research, the students can then appreciate the knowledge that we gain. When young minds participate in the discussion, new ideas come in.

When you're able to convey this research, it's ultimately the students who are benefited.

I want to maintain the academic performance of U.P.

Tug-ani: Projects?

Dr. Avila: I'm still starting. There are projects in my mind but I can't say it yet because they're still tentative. Right now, I haven't examined really what we have.

But, I would strongly support the goals of the division that best fits the students.

Tug-ani: What are your policies for the students?

Dr. Avila: With respect to the students, I think there are policies set in place which the students used to follow. But I would be more open to student-centered policies.

Tug-ani: There is an issue that you will implement curfew among the students of the campus. Primarily, Fine Arts students would be affected especially if they still have plates to finish.

Dr. Avila: This is the first time I hear about that.

Tug-ani: What is your stand on the issue of continual lab fee increase wherein the most affected are the



"I would promote openness and openness has an element of activism as well."

NSMD students?

Dr. Avila: That is a tough question. We at U.P. have a socialized tuition system. Now, the value of peso has been going down so we should be open for alternatives. If we don't change we could not sustain. We must look for ways on how to remedy the shortfall of funds.

Tug-ani: Is it true that the grade requirement for those who aspire to be an Editor in Chief or SC President will be lowered?

Dr. Avila: Right now, I can't answer that directly. I haven't taken a look at the rules of the search process. That is probably a concern to be examined.

Tug-ani: How do you view student activism?

Dr. Avila: I'm very open for that. I would promote openness and openness has an element of activism

as well. My only concern is the welfare of the students. I would become very cautious and concern *kung tua na sila sa gawas*. They can exercise their activism, as long as they don't hurt each other.

Tug-ani: SB 2587?

Dr. Avila: I think this change could be a welcome opportunity. What we need, however, is the continuous examination of its merits and advantages or disadvantages. It would be an opportunity because U.P. will be able to use its resources freely.

Tug-ani: What are your plans for U.P. Cebu's idle assets?

Dr. Avila: I know that things have already been done with respect to the Talisay lot. President Nemenzo has requested me to look for opportunities for him and the authorities of Talisay to discuss about the property and explore mutually beneficial solutions. Actually, this would be one of my major tasks.

Tug-ani: How about the Sugbu Cultural Center?

Dr. Avila: That's another major task.

Tug-ani: Whom will you appoint for the administrative offices?

Dr. Avila: Certain people are still in place. I'm still employing the possibility of inviting people to take the vacated seats. That's open and I'm consulting the U.P. constituents about that. My primary concern is how we can be more efficient and responsive during my term.

Tug-ani: There are talks that you are planning to abolish the executive committee. Is this true?

Dr. Avila: I really don't know about that. Naturally, don't have plan. There are certain rules and you can't just abolish certain institutions.

Tug-ani: Did you really plan to become U.P. Cebu's dean?

Dr. Avila: I really did not think of it. It was an opportunity that came spontaneously. It was not like my dream of becoming a doctor. Dreaming to be a dean was something else.

Tug-ani: Who is your bet for presidency this 2004 National Elections?

Dr. Avila: To be honest, I don't make my choices open to the public.

I just wish that we will be more responsible and come to a stage by which we select on the basis of what they intend to do with the government for its welfare... economic aspects, socio-political concerns, scientific pursuits, foreign linkages, almost everything that concerns governance.

Tug-ani: How do you see U.P. Cebu three years from now?

Dr. Avila: We have been performing quite well and I hope that it will be sustained or become better. I just have this wish that we should stop spreading rumors, stop making value judgments and rubbernecking. These create confusion and divisiveness. It's better if we devote our time to generate ideas. This would already be an achievement for me if I will be able to stop it completely.



DR. E.M. AVILA'S ACADEMIC TRACK RECORD

With a Doctoral Degree Program in Biology, U.P. Cebu's new dean has been here since January 1991 as associate professor of the Natural Sciences and Mathematics Division. Prior to that, he was a researcher of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC). He served as regional director from 1999-2002 at the Department of Science and Technology.



Ika nga sa isang movie ni Ate Vi: hindi tayong lahat ay mga magulang, ngunit tayong lahat ay mga anak... mga anak ng bayan.

Sa kasalukuyang sitwasyon ng ating bansa kung saan laganap pa rin ang mga pangungurakot, tiwaling na pamamalakad ng mga opisyal, ang nagtataasang antas ng krimen at kahirapan, kakulangan ng budget sa edukasyon, ano nga ba ang pwede at kaya nating gawin bilang mga mabubuting Anak ng Bayan? Meron nga ba tayong magagawa? Kaya bang ipaabot ng ating mga mumunting mga tinig ang hinaing ng sambayanan?

Kabataan at Pag-asa

"Ang kabataan ang pag-asa ng bayan...." Sino nga ba ang di pa nakarinig ng katagang ito? Isang katagang ipinamana ni Jose Rizal sa mga susunod na henerasyon... isang katagang iniwan upang gamitin bilang inspirasyon.

Hindi pa man gaanong matitibay ang mga buto at kapos man sa karanasan, bahagi na ng kasaysayan ang walang kakapasang pakikipaglaban at katapangan ng mga kabataan para sa isang malayang sambayanan. Simula pa sa panahon ng kolonyalismo ng Espana nang sakupin ng mga dayuhan ang ating lupain, hanggang sa panahon ng diktadura ni Marcos — napakita na ng mga magiging na mga ANAK NG BAYAN ang pagpakikilahok sa pagpapanday at paghubog ng isang malaya, maunlad at makatarungan na lipunan para sa kabataan at mamamayan

Aktibo at hindi naging absent ang malaking pwersa ng kabataan nang nagkaroon ng People Power II upang ibagsak ang kurakot na rehimeng Estrada.

Hindi na rin uso ang manatili na lamang sa paaralan. Sa lansangan, karamihan sa mga naririnig at nakikitang nating walang kapagurang nakikibaka ay ang mga kabataang ipinaglalaman ang kanilang mga paniniwala.

Mga Pangakong Napapako?

Subalit, ang mga kabataan ay mismong pangunahing mga biktima ng kawalan, represyon at karahasan. Ipinagkakait sa kanila ang isang masaganang pamumuhay, isang maliwanag na kinabukasan nang dahil sa bulok na sistema ng edukasyon, kakulangan sa empleyo, maling pamamalakad sa gobyerno, karahasan at terorismo.

Ni hindi tinutugunan ng pamahalaan ang kahilingan ng kabataan ng mataas na badyet sa edukasyon, dagdag na serbisyong pantao, tiyak na trabaho at iba pa.

At ngayon, eleksyon na naman. Panahon ng mga pangako, suhol, at pagsisinungaling. Gaya nang dati, makalipas ang ilang araw, buwan o taon — wala naman silang nagagawa. Kinakalimutan din nila ang mga kabataan at mamamayan na nagluklok sa kanila sa posisyon... mananatiling nakatiwangwang sa ere ang mga pangako binitawan.

Mga Anak ng Bayan: Tinig ng Kabataan

Sa pagtatag ng isang makabayang partido ng kabataan na binubuo, pinamumunuan at para sa interes ng kabataan, may magagawa tayo. Ang Nagkakaisang Kabataan para sa Sambayanan (United Youth for the People) o ANAK NG BAYAN ay itinitatag noong Hunyo 12, 2001 sa ika 40-taong anibersaryo ng kaarawan ni Dr. Jose Rizal. Ang partidong ito ay magsisilbing boses ng kabataan sa kongreso, ang magdadala ng kanyang mga hinaing at pangangailangan.

Ang panawagan ng buong bayan: Kabataan, gamitin ang iyong buong kakayahan, talino at lakas upang tunay na mapaglingkuran ang sambayanan! Magkaisa at sabay sabay nating isulong ang pag-asa at pulitika ng pakikibaka.

Ang tinig ng Kabataan ay dapat marinig! Ito ang dadalhin ng ating partidong ANAK ng BAYAN!

MAKILAHOK SA PAKIKIPAGLABAN PARA SA KINABUKASAN NG KABATAAN. MAGING MIYEMBRO NG ATING PARTIDO!

Panulat ni Daisy Jane Sajulga

ANG ATING PROGRAMA

1. Ipaglaban ang mga batayang karapatan ng kabataan sa edukasyon, sa pamamagitan ng paggigiit ng dagdag na badyet sa edukasyon at kagyat na pagpapatigil ng tumitinding komersyalisasyon sa edukasyon
2. Isulong at ipaglaban ang makabayan, makamasang edukasyon at pagyamanain ang siyentipikong katangian nitong malaya mula sa lipas na mga ideya
3. Igiit at ipaglaban ang karapatan ng kabataan at mamamayan para sa disenteng empleyo, pantay na oportunidad, at makataong kondisyon ng pamumuhay.
4. Suportahan ang mga batayang karapatan ng bawat Pilipino na mamuhay sa isang lipunang malaya mula sa krimen, pagkakulong sa bawal na droga, gera, militarisasyon, peligro sa kapaligiran, dekadenteng kultura at malnutrisyon.
5. Ipalaganap ang sports, kultura, at sining para sa komprehensibong pag-unlad ng kabataan.
6. Tiyakin ang partisipasyon ng kabataan sa lahat ng usapin sa pamamahala (affairs of governance) at pagdedesiyon ng mga kinatawan sa gobyerno.
7. Mag-ambag para sa panlipunang pagbabago sa pamamagitan ng pagpapalalim sa dedikasyon ng kabataan na paglingkuran ang sambayanan at pagtibayin ang pakikipagkaisa sa uring manggagawa, magsasaka, maralitang taga-lungsod, pambansang minorya at iba pang aping sektor sa lipunan.
8. Ipaglaban at pangalagaan ang pambansang kalayaan, respeto sa pambansang patrimonya, pag-ibig at katapatan sa inang bayan.
9. Itaguyod ang tunay na pambansang industralisasyon, repormang agraryo, at makamasang patakarang pang-ekonomiya.
10. Pagyamanin ang pandaigdigang pagkakaisa sa kabataan at mamamayan sa mga organisasyon kahalintulad ng prinsipyong isinusulong ng ANAK NG BAYAN.

Call Centers: The Final Solution to the Unemployment Question?

By: Aileen B. Pangilinan

It's bigger than the otso-otso dance. People you used to consider stuck-up and arrogant because of their non-stop use of the English language are now the objects of envy of the masses. Ever geeks who are practically glued to their computers playing RPGs are on the A list because of their excellent memory of the keyboard keys. Chatters, you now have a good excuse to retort to your mothers for all the time and moolah you wasted on Internet hours.

Call centers have invaded and there's nothing we can do about it.

Log on to Jobstreet.com or browse through the classified ads in the newspapers and you'll probably find these firms promising hundreds of jobs for college graduates and students with excellent verbal and typing skills. But what do you exactly do in a call center?

Why are they here?

A call center, defined by Rhea C. Domingo, Call Center Academy's program director (Yes folks such an academy now exists), is a physical location where calls are placed or received in volume. Fresh graduates are initially hired as customer service representatives (or those that get screamed at all the time by irate clients) and go on as trainers after a few years' experience.

The Philippines is said to be the third-largest English speaking nation in the world, a developing telecommunications infrastructure and having the best and largest pool of highly skilled workers (380,000 college graduates annually). Which is probably why President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo recently ordered a return to English as the primary medium of instruction in schools. (She must have seen this coming) After India, the Philippines is the second most popular destination for offshore outsourcing. So far there are 16,000 people employed by a combined 34 call center operators in Manila.

Amidst increasing demands for call center locations, Cebu property owners are opening its properties and erecting buildings for prospective call center operators. Among them are two lot owners of the Ayala-owned Asiatown IT Park in Lahug and the Science Park of the Philippines Inc. (SPPI). Cebu Investment Promotions Center managing director Joel Mari Yu said a call center would need an average space of 2,000 to 3,000 square meters. It would also employ an average of 6,000 people. These centers operate 24 hours a day,

seven days a week and 365 days a year.

The Big Giants

Call Centers that have already stormed in Cebu are People Support, Sykes International, Bigfoot Communications, Western Watts, Convergys, which will operate within the year and C3, that is said to settle inside the USP campus.

Wipro, an Indian call center operator is also said to cradle in Cebu within the year. People Support, the biggest call center operation in the Philippines, recently opened its office in Asiatown IT Park. As evidence of their success, the firm was voted #1 Best Place to Work in Manila in 2001. Offering numerous health benefits and big compensations, college graduates are scrambling to secure a position in People Support. It also boasts of a very low attrition rate - less than 10%. On top of all that, there's no dress code (another UP village!).

The most popular firm among undergraduates is Sykes International because the college diploma is apparently unimportant as long as the employee has impressive communication skills and fast fingers.

Bigfoot Communications which started as an email forwarding company now has an extensive array of products and is backed by customer service 24/7. It now has 2 million users worldwide. Its building, located along F. Ramos St. has 11 floors that house the company's different departments including a gym and spa for the employees' benefit. Western Watts, instead of receiving calls, makes the calls to their clients. An outbound company that does phone researches and surveys. According to an employee of Western Watts, promotions are fast if their performance is excellent and noticeable.

The Perks

Asked about the perks of working in a call center, all the employees agree that the job is less of a hassle because one wouldn't have to bring work to their homes. Workers are provided free meals and granted long breaks within the day. Schedules are changed frequently to avoid routine and decelerate attrition. Aside from that, they're connected to the Net 24/7.

And yes the most important of all - the cash. Monetary compensation of these call center operators range from 10-15,000 per month. This is expected to increase after the probationary period of 6 months. If one is assigned to a graveyard shift, the pay is at least 20% more.

So what will it be? Take your pick.

The Drawbacks

Nothing is perfect. No matter how much President Macapagal-Arroyo likes to coat these firms with sugar, call centers have a record of high attrition rates, burnout,

and health hazards.

According to a study done by market research firm NFO, over half of the call center staff in India burn out and end up quitting due to tough working conditions. Based on a study in The Economic Times, erratic working hours, assuming false identities, copying foreign accents and changes in social and family life take their toll. Well-qualified people turn to call centers as the salary is attractive and the job is seen as a good starting point towards a management position. The same workers find that this is not always the case.

In the Philippines, workers are often under stress due to the same reasons. There are more people working on the graveyard shift because it is morning halfway around the world. Though new workers have a high level of anticipation and excitement, this usually fades as the pressures of the job kick in. It is also a routine job so the only challenges the employees meet are impatient customers.

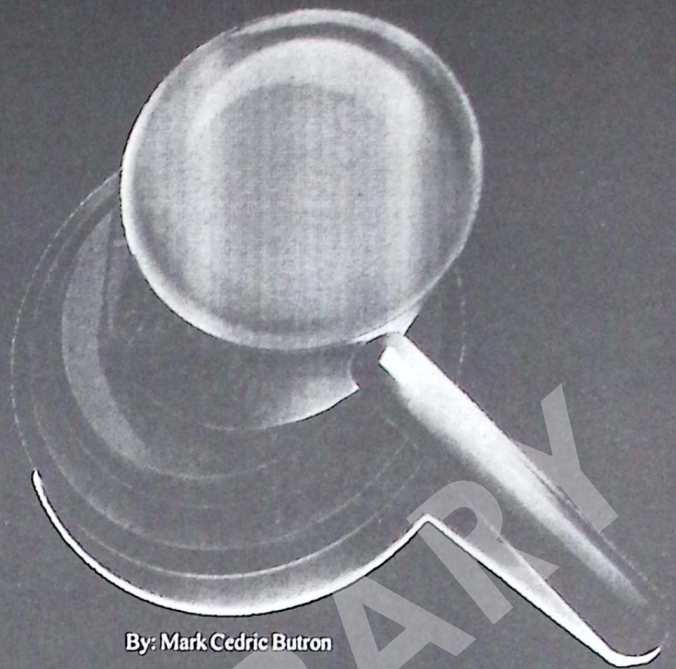
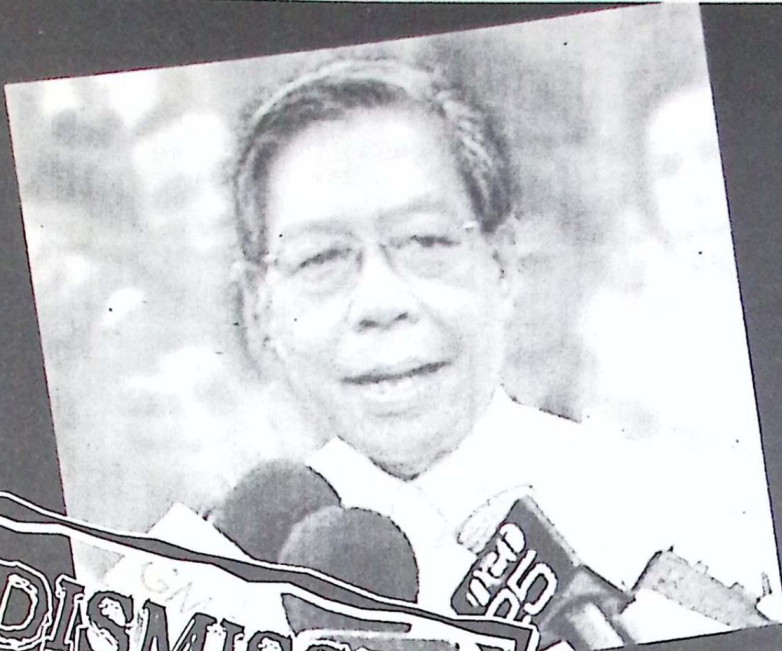
Not exactly a big-bucks-no-brainer job huh?

The Answer

Economically, call centers seem to be the answer to all our problems. People would be provided with jobs and the unemployment rate would finally settle down. It would help stabilize the economy because these firms would bring in a lot of money and call center investors. As they create parrots answering machine out of us, these centers get the greater bulk of the dough as their corporations abroad sell our products to foreign customers who all the more patronize their product... at our expense! (We are actually selling their product and their profit goes beyond peso signs being paid to us.)

But this is the horrible implication of it all - we are on the fast lane to becoming slaves of these foreign dragons. We even have to acquire American accents so the customers won't be put off. Never mind if you graduated from a humanities or medical course as long as you can carry out conversations in authentic Texan accent. They stripped us of almost all of our natural resources particularly human resource as these centers are taking advantage of cheap manual labor in developing countries. Ever wondered why these centers are not built on imperialist nations? Now they're trying to overpower the nation's strongest natural resource - us.

So I ask you again. Are call centers really the answer?



By: Mark Cedric Butron

A JUSTICE TAKES THE STAND

THE TRIAL THAT SHOOK THE NATION

"Mr. Jose Pidal, alam ba ni Mrs. ito?"

We have heard these words many times from Senator Panfilo Lacson when he came up with accusations against First Gentleman Mike Arroyo about the latter's alleged money-laundering activities. The whole tribulation had stirred considerable amount of controversy. But just like any other political issues, the flame it engendered slowly died down as new and more controversies unfolded and took the centerpiece. Not surprisingly, the recent impeachment complaint against Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr., shifted the public's attention away from Lacson's PowerPoint presentations.

IMPEACH DAVIDE: TAKE ONE!

So far this year, Davide faced two impeachment attempts. Deposed President Joseph Estrada largely engineered the first one. Atty. Alan Paguia, the deposed president's lawyer, filed the first impeachment before the Lower House. It called for the ouster of eight Supreme Court (SC) Justices, Davide, among them. The Justices allegedly took part in Edsa II and violated the "judicial ban against political partisanship" by voluntarily administering the oath of office to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Paguia further added that written declarations of permanent disability or of resignation addressed to the cabinet *qualem* supported Estrada's ouster. Since neither was presented, Estrada's office would then be terminated either by death or impeachment—both of which are allegedly not applicable in his case. The former president's defense counsel has also brought up Estrada's immunity from suit.

However, Private Lawyer Romulo Makintal rebutted Paguia's statements, saying that the principle of immunity from suit is not absolute and it does not cover plunder and graft charges, which Estrada is currently facing. Moreover, the principle of immunity from suit is allegedly not present in the 1987 Constitution.

Makintal emphasized that the congress has already recognized GMA as the legitimate president of the country as proven by three house and senate resolutions regarding this.

POLITICAL DESTABILIZATION ATTEMPT?

Senate President Franklin Drilon and Senator Ramon Magsaysay Jr. said that Estrada's impeachment complaint is just a political move meant to contribute more trouble for the administration. Drilon stated that it was an "... obvious attempt to erode the confidence of the people of the legitimacy of this government..." Magsaysay added that the former president is clearly backing up some aspiring politicians who plan to run for the 2004 elections.

Estrada's complaint was dismissed later because there was an inefficiency of substance.

IMPEACH DAVIDE: TAKE TWO!

The other seven SC justices sighed with relief as the impeachment rap against them was dismissed. For Davide however, it was not yet time to chill out. Last October 23, 2001 (Thursday), there was a new impeachment complaint filed against him. This time the rap was endorsed by more than 80 congressmen for an alleged misuse of the Judicial Development Funds.

It was stated in the 16-page complaint, filed by Camarines Sur Rep. Felix William Fuentesbella and Tarlac Rep. Gilbert Teodoro that the congress is invoking its power "... to impeach justices of the Supreme Court under the principle of checks and balances that underlie our government." Davide, in turn, said that a second impeachment complaint against him is barred. If not, then the people endorsing the complaint will violate Article 11, section 3, paragraph 5 of the 1987 Constitution, which states: "No impeachment proceedings shall be initiated against the same official more than once within a period of one year." On the other hand, the pro-impeachment group said that their action was constitutional because the House did not tackle the previous complaint during a plenary session, and that it was not properly initiated.

CUT!

In the end, the SC declared the second impeachment complaint unconstitutional last November 11, 2003. According to the decision, it (complaint) "... violates the time-bar rule of the 1987 Constitution." The SC—the 14 magistrates said—has the power to rule on the said case. Although Davide inhibited from the deliberations, Associate Justices Renato Puno, Consuelo Ynares-Santiago and Josue Bellosillo reminded the High Tribunal about having "judicial restraint" while deciding on the case. President GMA, Senate President Franklin Drilon, and House Speaker Jose de Venecia said they all abide by the SC's decision.

"JUSTICE" NOT DELAYED THIS TIME

For such very complicated matters, the two impeachment complaints were resolved sooner than others expected. Nevertheless, one cannot be quite sure if the deeper issues that lurked beneath these chaotic events have been straightened out. Former President Joseph Estrada, with all his wisdom (if indeed he has some) and the guidance of Atty. Paguia, probably knew that bringing up the very stale issue of the legitimacy of Arroyo's presidency and the justices' alleged part in it would not yield significant results for him. Yet, he still pushed on despite the tremendous disadvantages he has to go through. It is indeed a big wonder why he preferred to whine about it just when the 2004 elections. Is it safe to say that it is a coincidence?

Whether the SC is the right body to handle the Davide case still remains to be a subject of arguments. For now, all we can do is hope that the magistrates really

exercised that so-called "judicial restraint" and would not mind if a *kapamilya* or a *kapuso* of theirs would be impeached or face whatever available consequences there are.

Probably, we can also blame our legislators for all these troubles. Why don't they make the articles, sections, and paragraphs in the constitution more clear and direct to the point? William Zinsser once said "... the secret of good writing is to strip every sentence to its cleanest components." The masses of choking political jargon found in the constitution seem to prove that our legislators have the penchant for the opposite. Minimizing the clutter (something which our government is full of) in the future provisions might help common people to understand them more clearly. But then again, legislators could have done it on purpose.

The alleged scam first came to the knowledge of Courage, a federation of government workers. The SC employees' complaint: the misuse of the Judicial Development Fund (JDF) for the erection of the justices' new cottages in Baguio City, purchase of luxury cars, among others.

This is magnified by the fact that such diversion of funds is an uncalled for action for the bulk of underpaid court personnel, also the beneficiary of the fund.

Recognizing the legitimacy of the issue—Bayan Muna, in both resolutions: HR1162 and HR1318 called for the House members to investigate the employees' charges and for SC Chief Justice Hilario Davide, Jr. to explain. Note the world of difference between simply seeking for an investigation and filing an impeachment case against the high court's chief magistrate. Since the latter has been orchestrated by a member from the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC) by virtue of reviving the BM resolutions, all for the wrong reasons.

THE DANDING CONNECTION

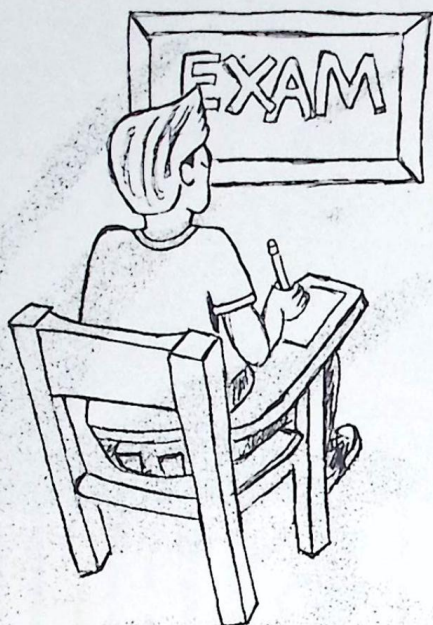
How a legitimate issue metamorphosed a political gambit has little to do with the advancement of the rights of the underpaid court personnel.

Truth is, the impeachment move is initiated by the NPC and that it coincided with a ruling by the SandiganBayan (anti-graft court) early October lifting the sequestration orders on 20 percent of San Miguel Corporation (SMC) shares claimed by Cojuangco is hardly surprising. It is widely believed that Macapagal-Arroyo had a hand in the anti-graft court's ruling in exchange for Cojuangco's giving up his presidential plans and support for the incumbent president.

Pending in the Davide SC, however, is a plea by the Presidential Commission on Good Government seeking to end the 17-year-old case of ownership of 65 percent of SMC and declare it state-owned. It was alleged that Cojuangco and co-defendants acquired interests in SMC by the illegal use of the Coconut Consumers Stabilization Fund and the Coconut Industry Investment Fund — or the "coconut-levy funds."

Students by day Workers by night

By: Seleena Kate Male



It's 5 a.m. The alarm clock's ringing reverberates shrilly across your bedroom. You wake up at once, realizing with dismay that the scenario where the dean just passed a memo calling the day off was actually just a dream. You shake off the thought and proceed to mentally mapping out the day's schedule. You have to go to class, do some research, go to another class, meet your group to discuss your report, go to class again, then it's off to.....work?

Most of us have similar routines except for the part about having to go to work. But this situation isn't unusual for a lot of students. For them juggling a part-time job along with their schoolwork, extra-curricular activities, leisure time and other obligations have become a way of life.

Life in itself has pushed this generation of working youngsters to swim through the jungle of employment simply not because it is a normal thing to do. They all reckon economic reasons, poverty and the government's inability to provide social services force them to relinquish the perks of youthfulness for practicality.

No Joke

Working and studying at the same time and doing both efficiently is nothing short of a miracle and thus shouldn't be taken lightly. One library student assistant admitted to finding his job quite taxing and not to mention physically draining since his job involved a lot of energy in lifting things and shelving books, to think he is not even sufficiently compensated for it. A part-time service crew member of KFC shared that she had to put up with being bossed around a lot and also had a lot of difficulty in budgeting her time because she has to achieve a required number of working hours. In the process her grades suffered. She is still in her freshman

year at college so all of this, topped with a new school environment, and adjusting to college life has been quite an ordeal. Another student who worked part-time at Greenwich said that it is not easy because apart from working late at night with the prospect of mounds of homework and case studies waiting to greet him when he gets home, there were also a lot of sacrifices he has to make. Sacrifices like giving up a lot of his leisure time, hobbies and extra-curricular activities like basketball and spending quality time with his siblings. Another part-timer also said that his job entailed a lot of hard work and patience, because of insatiable and ill-mannered customers.

Healthy working conditions are never a guarantee, says Sarah, 20 who works as a cashier cum saleslady in one of the prestigious malls in the city. Apart from the low salary pay, which hardly taps imposed minimum wage, she said, she does not even receive benefits nor fair overtime pay. Sarah adds that although she is such in a desperate situation—which means giving up the concept of enjoying her youth—she all the more pities her co-workers who are married or pregnant because they have more mouths to feed and needs to be addressed yet they receive the equal meager salary she receives.

In the advent of globalization, the youth have become prime victims of corporate slavery. The commercialization of education becomes too heavy a financial burden that the students have been forced to provide for themselves the high price of learning. Instead of social services that the government ought to focus on, a lion's share of the budget goes to instigating state terrorism through the elusive "amplification" of the armed forces. The students should be found in schools and communities, not in factories, food chains nor in the streets indulging into job opportunities whose moralities are highly questionable.

Dealing with Reality

Another library student assistant shared that working wasn't so hard anymore since he was able to organize his schedules to his advantage. He just had to learn how to prioritize matters and he got used to it eventually. A dozen of times, he had to plead for her professors' mercy and understanding over his laborious state. Another student working at a fast-food joint said that it is only through keeping her hopes of alleviating hers and her family's impoverished state that drives her. She had to be oblivious of her whimsical desires since she does not have time nor money for them.

In reality, how can a normal Filipino family whose income is derived from salaries of factory or construction worker parents who feed 3-5 siblings—all of which dream of entering so

called schools of economic salvation? This thought alone provokes not only the children to fend for themselves but their parents also who wish for nothing but to see their offspring march to the path of a "bright" future.

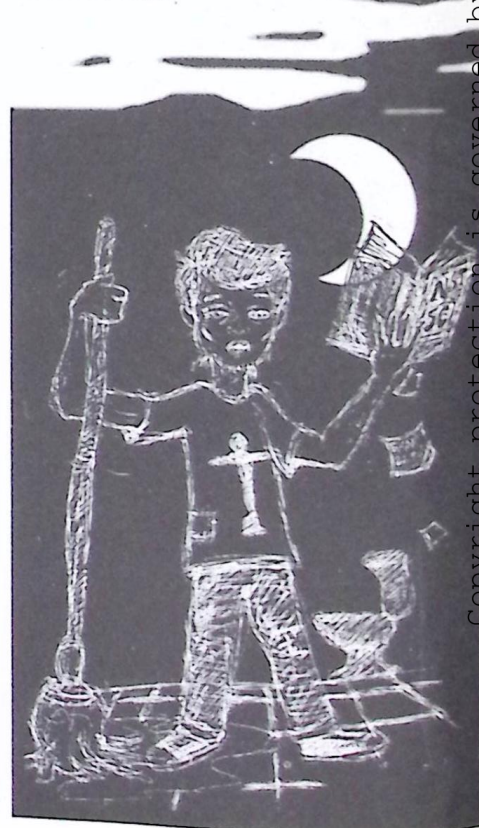
Also, parents are left with no option whether to send their children to private or state colleges or universities. Both environments offer harsh realities of increased tuition, repressive administration policies, insufficient facilities and ineffectual course offerings that would only require graduates to work abroad and serve foreign corporate giants.

The Brighter Side

Despite of the numerous opportunities wherein you have to declare "pass lang 'sa ko" or "next time nalang, bai," the reward of valuing and living the concept of responsibility and industriousness is in itself self-worth, dignity and satisfaction.

Somehow, it feels different spending money that you've earned for your self and realizing its real value. They say it's more fulfilling and gives you a sense of independence. Banking on experience, working part-time allows one to meet people of diverse character. Moreover, it gives one first-hand encounter of meeting financial discrepancies and how to compensate for them. These working students have learned to budget their pay in fractions—for tuition, food, allowances, etc. Most often, they all claim, "magkulang ug magka-utang pa!"

Nonetheless, there is always wishful thinking that someday, this plight would come to an end and that, students would be found enrolled in schools that would offer scientific and nationalist education to the bulk of the Filipino youth. They could only dream that they do not have to work part-time for extremely costly education. Instead, they could devote their extra time for assignments, projects and extra-curricular activities, and, enjoying campus life to the fullest.



STRUGGLING BEHIND THE PICKET LINE:

NESTLE WORKERS ON STRIKE!

by: CHRISTIE CORTES

Nestlé Company- an enormous multi-national corporation, with 500 plants scattered around 70 countries, producing more than 8,000 kinds of products ranging from infant milks, cereals, baby foods and juice drinks.

A larger than life company such as this surely employs hundreds of workers here and abroad. It is the manual laborers who continuously keep the wheels of production turning and huge profits surfing in. Without them, any other company like Nestle would not be sustained. It is only right that capitalist corporations give due respect, pride and honor to the pillars of every nation's economy through just compensation, humane working environment, benefits and privileges. It must be remembered that the workers of the world are the dictators of history and prime movers of a nation's future.

But just what is this issue circulating as fast as forest fires about retirement benefits, which triggered the Nestlé Workers' Strike? A jealous competitor's way of digging dirt to be ahead of the race or just a lousy news without a flesh of truth? Confusing, eh? But let us know for ourselves the relevant details.

FLASHBACK: Supreme Court Reinforces Victory

In 1987, Nestle Workers militantly staged a strike as they asserted for Retirement Benefits. The said strike was postulated by the Department of Labor and Employment and certified the issue of Retirement Benefit for compulsory arbitration with the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC). Two years later, NLRC ruled in favor of the Union, declaring that the retirement plan is indeed a bargaining issue. However, in 1991, Nestle Philippines, Incorporated appealed the NLRC decision until their case reached the Supreme Court. It was on February 4, 1991 that the Supreme Court resolved the issue by upholding the NLRC ruling as affirmative: "The Court agrees with the NLRC finding that the retirement plan was a Collective Bargaining issue right from the start. Since then, the retirement plan has been an essential part of the Collective Bargaining Agreement under the Article XXXVIII- Retirement Plan.

ONWARD!

Ten years later, the existing CBA between the Union and Nestle expired and both parties start CBA negotiation meetings. On the second negotiation conference, the company set a pre-condition upon the Union that they will not proceed with bargaining negotiations unless the Union agrees that the Retirement Plan be set as a non-CBA issue. Another is that a Unilateral Grant be issued so that the retirement plan becomes non-contributory on the part of the employees.

On August 16, 2001- The company, firm in their decision that the Retirement Benefits should be a non-CBA matter started to avail themselves of the assistance of the National Conciliation and Mediation Board - DOLE, Region IV. However, the first conciliation meeting before the said office was futile.

This crisis forced the Union to file a Notice of Strike on CBA deadlock. It was filed independently without the aid of a legal counsel.

Soon enough, the Union propelled onward when on November 7, 2001 it filed an AMENDED NOTICE OF STRIKE based on the ground of UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE, particularly on the ground of Nestlé's refusal to bargain or bargaining in bad faith.

Democratic Voting was conducted by the Union on the matter of holding a strike. Last, November 22, 2001, out of 724 membership total, an overwhelming 708 voted yes. This drove the Department of Labor and Employment to impose Assumption of Jurisdiction to put matters into their own hands. The Office justifies by saying that the holding of strike will be unfavorable to national interest. The Union filed a MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION, questioning the constitutionality and legality of the issued order.

December 26, 2001- The parties met for the last

time in ditch effort to resolve the issue. Nestle however, remained firm on its stand.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST YEAR'S CONTINUED BATTLE

- January 14, 2002 - The Union, thus pushed to the wall, launched a strike with about 600 workers joining the throng. DOLE Secretary, Patricia Sto. Tomas issued an order denying the Motion for Reconsideration of its order on the Assumption of Jurisdiction for "lack of merit".

- January 16, 2002 - DOLE issued a Return to Work Order. The workers defied the said order in adherence to the Supreme Court Decision, which has long settled the issue, and remained firm on their stand as legitimate and constitutional.

- January 17, 2002 - The Union writes the Supreme Court about the scrapping of their retirement plan done by Nestle and DOLE.

- January 18, 2002- The DOLE Secretary issued a Police Deputization Order, ordering PNP to send their units.

- January 28, 2002- 1000 PNP, 400 police and 300 Blue Guards violently dispersed the striking workers in the picket line. Supreme Court notes the letter of the Union dated January 17 and remains firm on its February 4, 1991 resolution that the retirement benefit is indeed a legitimate CBA matter.

- April 2, 2002- The DOLE Secretary issued a one-sided order in favor of the capitalists, wherein the DOLE have decided upon their CBA. Hence, it violated "the worker's basic right to self-organizing and abusing discretion." From the lopsided order, "the parties can at least limit and identify arbitrable issues to those they failed to resolve in this new round of conciliation".

- April 7, 2002- The workers wrote a letter expressing their decision to concede to the order.

- June 3, 2002- The workers held a symposium at the picket condemning the presence of the PNP on Nestle Plant Gates despite expiration of the Deputization Order. It was attended by massive supporters from various organization and sectors. The workers experienced violent harassments from PNP and Matrix Security Guards who whacked them with truncheons as they attempted to return to the barricades.

WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!

Fact sheets:

Date: June 23, 2003
Time: 1:00 pm

At least 500 workers and supporters gathered at the picket line with the aim of putting up the barricades at Gates 1 and 2 of the Nestle Cabuyao Plant. The protest action is meant to assert the implementation of the decisions of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals on their labor dispute.

Violence erupted when the workers moved nearer to the guards and tried to push through beyond the barbed wires to re-establish their picket line in front of the gates. The guards and goons then started hitting the workers with truncheons. The dispersal team was led by the members of the Matrix Security Agency, PNP, Task Force Calabarzon, Regional Special Action Force and goons under the command of Col. Fernando Guico and Ground Commander Mandigma of the PNP's Task Force Nestle.

Date: June 24, 2003
Time: 2 am

Around 400 goons and elements of the Regional

Special Action Force (RSAF) in full battle gear and armed with high-powered rifles treacherously attacked the workers. The Goons and guards immediately started to viciously dismantle the makeshift tents, tore down streamers and destroyed the structures. Sound system and megaphones were smashed and other equipments were taken. All throughout the dispersal, workers held vigil in front of the dismantled picket line.

GOOD FOOD?

Nestle is known for producing good, quality products. But now, we can't be so sure. The absence of regular workers in Nestle-Cabuyao took a toll on the company as it has been producing low-quality infant milks for about a year and a half now. And as if to prove this, mortification had fallen upon Nestle when last month, it was reported that 480 tons of dietetics exported to Thailand were recalled from the market due to the presence of metal chopping. The reason behind this is that ever since September 2003, the milk processing department has been on temporary shutdown. Contractual workers have been the main workforce in all of the departments since the strike erupted and due to the lack of efficient manpower, a handful of regular workers help in the operation of the milk department who come from other divisions and lack of expertise in this field. Thus explains the production of low quality and unsafe infant milks.

GOOD LIFE?

Or rather, Pro- Life? Not really. According to Diosdado Fortuna, President of the Union of Filipino Employees, they "have been experiencing all forms of harassment, from grave threats to physical beatings since day one of our strike". Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU) Chairperson, Elmer Labog further added that he "condemns the grave harassment and brutal dispersal of the protest". And so far, 50 strikers and their sympathizers were rushed to the Cabuyao Community Hospital and St. James Hospital due to bruises, contusions, wounds and other injuries. 24 were seriously wounded and were immediately given medical assistance. Christopher Oliquino, a supporter who was hit hard twice on the head was transferred to the Philippine General Hospital due to continuous bleeding and vomiting. And worst of all, 6 strikers had already faced death without even seeing the implementation of the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court decision declaring that the retirement benefits are legitimate sections of the CBA negotiations.

Lives have been wasted, money had gone down the drain and a good reputation had been ruined all because of Nestle's refusal to recognize the retirement benefit as a Mandatory Collective Bargaining matter. The Supreme Court has ruled in 1991 that that the retirement benefit is indeed a mandatory CBA issue. The Court of Appeals affirmed the same in its decision issued last February 27, 2003. The said decision indicated that both parties should return to formal and honest negotiations immediately. Nestle, however refused to negotiate and maintains around 300 PNP, RSAF, TF-Calabarzon and MSG at its gates.

NESTLE WORKERS' CALL FOR SUPPORT

So much for waking up to a good start with Nestle cereals and milk for breakfast, eh?! The capitalist monster grows richer day by day as it buries its workers into the deepest pits of poverty.

In this matter of urgency, let us help and unite with the working sector as we sympathize with the plight of Nestle workers through supporting their struggle for higher and just compensation, benefits and humane working conditions. For every Nestle product you consume, contemplate on every worker parent and individual guarding the picket lines. **BOYCOTT NESTLE PRODUCTS!** (There is always an alternative.)



Hilaw ug Lata!

ni May Martin Macapobre

"The Philippines is a nation of starstruck ignoramuses!"
- Nasty

Nitingkag ang akong dunggan ug halos mulugwa akong mata sa pagbasa aning artikulo ni Don Pederro sa *Philippine Star*. Kini akabahin sa *email* ni Nasty (kanhing Anastasyo!), usa ka balikbayan gikan sa *Los Angeles* nga wala nay nindot nga masulti kundili puro panghinaway sa atong (ug iyaha pud) nasud. Kesyo taga lihok kuno nato diri kay maglinya pa unya mahutdan daw ug *tissue paper* ang mga *CR* diri!

Gibasul niya ang pagkatapufan, ignorante ug pagka *starstruck* sa mga Pilipino sa dili nindot nga kahintang sa atong ekonomiya. Daw nakalimot siya nga kabahin siya sa banay nga iyang gitulisok ug gitamay! Bisan pa nahimo na siyang *American citizen*. Pilipino gihapon ang iyang dugo, atay, ubol-ubol, batikuon ug uban pa!

Puol nga hisgutanan ang pagkawili sa mga Pilipino sa mga butang ug uban pang Amerikanhon. Tataw kaayo ang atong pagpaningkamot nga mamahimo tang susama nila. Gikan sa sinultihan, sinul-uban, ug ngadto sa pamatasan.

Apan bisan pa og kapila paputia ang itom nga buhok ug bisan mahilis na ang panit sa paganudnud og pamputi sa kutis, duna lang gihapoy mga aspetong magpabiling Pilipinhon. Usa na niini ang atong pagkamadinalaygon sa mga sikat. Kay ni Nasty pa, *star stuck ignoramuses* kuno ta?! Dili baya tanto! Bisan pag gidumog ang konsyerto sa *F4* ug halin kaayo ang mga butang nga dunay tatak nga *Meteor Garden* (mga panyo, *t-shirts*, *tsinelas* ug bisan na gani underwear!). Sayup ba gud nang maganahan ta sa nagkalainlaing istilo sa mga artista? Aw, kana kong makadaug si FPJ sa umaabot nga pinliay sa pagkapresidente.

Husto ra tong nakapresidente ta og artista nga gipakanaog nato sa pwesto. Buot hunahunaon, mas naa man gani'y 'k' si Erap kaysa ni FPJ kay nakaagi pa siya'g Mayor, Senador, dayon Bise Presidente. Apan kining si "Da King" wala gyud! Pwerteng hilawa! Iglulunod pa sa nagdilaab nga siga sa pulitika. Unsaun na lang nya nato pagtulon aning hilaw ug wala man gani maasini bisag gamay. Klaro na gyud kaayo nga walay'ng nagpaabot nga lami sa iyang administrasyon. Kana kong inyo siyang tugutan.

Ipamugos baya gyud sa iyang mga kaalyado nga limpyo siya maong angayang ibutang sa katungdanan. Limpyo lagi ug *Suave look* kaayo ilang manok kay wala pa gud ni kakupot og bisan na gani posiyon sa Barangay Kapitan! Wala pa gyud makita ang iyang katag. Pero maghuwat pa ba ta nga makahimo syag katag?

Og dili mo madala sa *Suave look* ni FPJ (isuksok ang duha ka kamot sa balsa sa karsonis nga maong dayon tahirig nya ikurugkurog ang ulo nga murag giatay nga manok), basin madala mo sa mala-anghel nga tingog sa mga nagkanta og Ping!Ping!Ping!... pero nganong Ping kaha ang angga ni Sen. Lacson no? Dili ba kaha tungod sa bala sa pusil nga nikutlo sa kinabuhi sa kuratong baleleng? Hmmm...

Kon kubalon gyud mo unya dili mo madutlan sa bala ni Ping!, kumo siguro ni Manny Pacquiao ang mo-*knock-out* ninyo kon dili butaran ang amo niyang *small but terrorist este terrible* diay. Pagkahuman niya madaog giimbitar dayon siya sa Malacañang ug nisunod dayon ang paggawas sa bag-o niyang pahinumdom sa *iv*. Buligan daw nato si GMA kay daghan daw siyang nahimo sa atong nasud. Asa ato? Katong bati o maayo?

Nan karon, si Ping ug Gloria? Lata! Lata na sa kadaghang kontrobersyal nga nimantsa sa ilang imahe. Lata kay sum-ol na kaayo ang sobrang pamulitiko ug pasalig sa katawhan!

FPJ? (iapil na lang pud nato sa Nasty) Hilaw! Hilaw ug hasta pa gyung paita. Kon sa prutas pa, dili angayang pupuon sa punuan nga sa unang bahin dili man gani punuan sa pulitika! Si Nasty? Hilaw pud! Amerikanong Hilaw!

Editoryal PAGSI-AK-SI-AK O PAGKAHIUSA

Pilipinas, usa ka nasud nga nagkasi-ak-si-ak!

Nagsul-ob og mga maskara ang mga mapahimuslanon.

Gigamit ang maong malinlahong maskara para ipalomy sa katawhan ang bakak. Gipagawas nga sila ang pinaka-eksperto sa pagsabot sa problema sa mga igsoong kabus ug timawa. Nga sila kuno ang paglaum sa nasud.

Gihimuslan ang prinsipyo sa demokrasya sa duruha ka nagkabanging panglantaw.

Sa anaa sa poder, gigamit kini nga rason para panalipdan ug ipatunhay ang ilang hut-ong interes. Anaa ang Jose Pidal nga isyu ni GMA. Gituboy ang usa ka idolo nga action star. Nagpabilin ang misteryosong isyu sa Kuratong Baleleng rub out. Anaa pa gyud ang walay kahumanan nga COCO Levy nga kaso.

Sa laing bahin, gigamit usab ang maong prinsipyo para sa makatarunganong katuyuan—sama sa katungod sa pagpadayag, katungod sa pagtikad sa kaugalingong yuta, sa makiangayong pagpanarbaho ug uban pa.

Tinuod, usa ka makahuluganon ug makasaysayanong katungod ang pagpili sa usa ka presidente ug mga nagkadaiyang pwesto sa panggobyerno. Kaabay niini ang kamahinungdanon sa konsultasyon sa katawhan.

Mahisama usab kini sa desisyon sa atong Konseho sa pagbuhi sa pisi nga nagsumpay kanato sa KASAMA sa UP (Katipunan ng mga Sangguniang Mag-aaral sa UP) human sa 15 ka tuig.

Nagkomponer kining maong alyansa sa mga nagkalainlaing konseho sa UP nga pulos nagkahiusa nga barugan ang katungod ug kaayuhan sa bagang duot sa mga iskolar sa bayan.

Tin-aw nga dili lamang ang mga respetadong konsehal ang maapektuhan niining kalit nga aksyon, hundi ug labaw sa tanan, ang kadaghanan sa mga estudyante nga angay gyud unta konsultahan.

Kunohay may konsultasyon apan gi-agi lamang sa simpleng pagtapok sa UNISO (Union of Student Organizations). Walay igong representasyon sa tanang organisasyon sa

unibersidad ug ingon man sa mga estudyante.

Ug matud pa, walay nahitabong tin-aw nga pagpasabot sa hinungdan sa atong pagbiya sa alyansa!

Hain na ang atong gipasigarbong tigpatunhay ug tigbantay sa demokratikong mga pamaagi?

Ang **Tug-ani** uban sa mga nagpakabanang estudyante makusganong nagkwestyon niining maong pamaagi.

Dugang pa, nanawagan kining mantalaan ngadto sa mga sakop sa Konseho sa pagpanamin sa nahitabo, sa pagtimbang sa mga implikasyon, dili pagpahigot sa porma kundi sa unod sa problema. Magmatuki-on.

Gilibutan kita sa klima sa pagsi-ak-si-ak ug walay kasegurohan.

Di ba ang atong kusog naa sa atong panaghugpong?

... nanawagan kining mantalaan ngadto sa mga sakop sa Konseho sa pagpanamin sa nahitabo, sa pagtimbang sa mga implikasyon, dili pagpahigot sa porma kundi sa unod sa problema. Magmatuki-on.



Paugat sa Gahom

ni Maria Regina Aguilar

"All work and no play makes (Juan) a dull boy," matud pa sa wa maila nga pilosopo. Ug kay tungod lagi nga dili ilado, ang administrasyon ani atong tulungahaan wala na lang nagpakabana pagpapilit diha sa ilahang mga agtang ug kalimutaw sa bili sa makiangayon nga paglingawlingaw sa mga brayt ug walay sama nga mga Isko ug Iska nga nagpaluyo sa banggiitan (para nato) nga UP Maroons nga hagbay rang nag-antos sa bugnaw nga pagtagad ning atong administrasyon.

Sulod sa duha ka tuig nako diri sa atong tunglungahaan, ang UP Maroons nagpadayon sa pag-angkon og kadaugan bisan pa sa nihit nga suporta sa administrasyon. Sa akong nahinumduman sukad sa akong pag-apil duha na ka tuig ang nilabay sa mga *interschool sports competition* sama sa City Olympics diin

akon gaduwa og *scrabble* kausa ra gyud ko kadawat og *allowance* gikan sa atong eskwelahan nga sa ilahang labaw kuno nga kaayo gigahinan mi og P20 kada adlaw nga among nakuha human sa kapin duha ka buwan gikan sa pagsugod sa City Olympics nga murag nahulog nga refund gani kuwang pa sa among gasto sa maong duwa. Maayo na lang siguro ikumpara katong miaging tuig nga bisag piso wa gyud kadawat ang among *team* ug bisan pa niini nakalabni gihapon kami sa unang ganti nagpamatuod nga kami taga-UP gyud kay lagi ang *scrabble* usa ka *mind game*.

Kun sa ubang eskwelahan yamukmok ang UP kay dili gyud ta kasulod sa top three, para namong mga manduduwa nga gagahin og singhot ug dugo kuyog sa gakutoy nga tiyan og bulsa

ang masulod sa top ten usa na ka dakong garbo o kalampanan. Asa man sila kita og eskwelahan nga bisag gamay ra og events nga apilan makapwesto gihapon sa top ten. Kini nagpaila nga ang mga events madaug gyud og champion o kun dili naa sa second o third place. Maong dili sab ko kasabot nganong magduda pa man sila sa abilidad sa tanang manduduwa kay sa sumada maayo gyud ang mga taga-UP sa pagpaugnatay sa kusug.

Dili sama diha nga naa sa gahom nga nagpaugat sa pagpatuyok sa sistema nga mamili man kung kinsay angay matagaan og suporta. Favoritism diay ang show diri sa UP?

Sama sa atong edukasyon, ang konstitusyon gamando sab sa pagpalambo ug pagpasundayag sa sports sa mga kabatan-unan. Wala kini gaingon og mga kondisyon sama sa pagsiguro sa kadaugan aron kini matagaan og suporta.

Ug sa mga sports coordinator pod unta sila managana sa paglihok sa mga kinahanglan sa mga manduduwa nga naninguha ug nag-antos sa kainit sa adlaw

aron lang matagaan og dungog kining atong halangdon nga tulungahaan. Dili man siguro rason nga ang miaging pagbasura makapakgang sa pagduso sa laing hangyo para sa pinansyal nga suporta.

Ug unta sa mga tawo nga nagkupot sa gahom sa pagahatag og kalamboan sa mga kaestudyantehan mohunong na sa pagpaugat ug ihatag ang angay nga suporta moral ug pinansyal sa mga gaantos nga manduduwa nga nagpadayon sa paghatag dungog sa atong pinalangga kuno nga UP.

Unta sab sila makahimangno nga si Oble macho kaayo nga gabarug diha atubangan kanila kay nagpasabot nga UP dili ra puro pagpaugat sa utok kun dili sama sab sa kusug.

Pero ambot lang sab kaha ni Oble, basin maglukob na ni siya kay nauwaw sa tahas nga gibuhit karon sa iyang anak nga si FPJ. Dili na lang ko magwayway bahin ni FPJ kay kamo mga Isko ug Iska nga brayt ug nasyud na daan sa angayang buhaton.

Gawas kung kamo napulpol na sa sige'g tuon.

PHILOSOPHICALLY SPEAKING

ANG KAMATUORAN ISIP LAWOM NGA TANGHAGA: USA KA EKSISTENSYALISTANG PAMALANDONG

ni Prof. Henry Francis B. Espiritu, M.A. Philo

Akong gamiton dinhi sa akong pilosopikanhong pagtuki ang pinulongang Cebuano kay nakumbinse gyud ko sa mga punto nga gipaambit kanako ni Dr. Manuel B. Dy, Jr., akong propesor sa *Teaching Apprenticeship Program* sa Ateneo de Manila University. Si Dr. Dy nag-gahin gyud ug usa ka seksyon sa iyang mga klase nga ang pinulongang gigamit sa pagpamilosopiya mao ang Cebuano. Matod pa ni Dr. Dy, ang pagtudlo sa pilosopiya sa pinulongang Cebuano mao ang pinaka-epektibong paagi aron ma-*popularize* ang pilosopikanhong kultura diha sa mga magsusulting Cebuano ug kini usab mao ang pinakamaayong pamaagi aron ang Cebuano mahimong usa ka pilosopikanhong pinulongang takus maka-analisa ug makapadayag sa mga kritikal nga konsepto. Kining akong lindog karon maoy usa ka gamay nga tempo aron matuman ang tinguha ni Dr. Dy alang sa usa ka pilosopiya nga nakabase sa kasinatian Cebuano.

Gusto nakong tuki-on ang pagtan-aw sa mga eksistensyalista sa kamatuoran isip usa ka lawom nga tanghaga (*deep mystery*) nga dili pwedeng mapanag-iyahan sa usa lamang ka interpretasyon, sistema o punto-de-vista. Ang eksistensyalismo usa ka pilosopikal nga kalihukan (*philosophical movement*) ug dili usa ka pilosopikal nga sistema (*philosophical system*) tungod kay dako kaayong supak ang mga eksistensyalista nga himoon ang pilosopiya ingon nga sistema tungod kay alang kanila ang kamatuoran dili hiktin (*narrow*) kundili daghan kaayong mga paagi sa pagpadayag niini ug dili mahimong malimitahan lamang kini ingon nga sistema. Supak gyud sila nga ang kamatuoran sa iyang pangkatibuk-

ang kalawom i-*reduce* na lamang ingon nga sistema.

Ang mga eksistensyalista nagtuo nga ang kamatuoran usa ka lawom nga pagpadayag sa Realidad ug usa ka tanghaga (*mystery*) nga angay pamalandongan ug dili kini posible nga mai-*systematize* sama sa mga *simplistic reductions* sa siyensya ug matematika nga diin gihimong simplistiko ang kamatuoran diha sa mga *axioms, theorems* o *postulates* be hinoon. Alang kanila, ang kamatuoran sa kinabuhi lawom kaayo ug kini *irreducible* ug *inexhaustible*. Busa ang pamaaging pilosopikal dili mao ang paghatag ug depinisyon ug dili usab ang pag-*formulate* ug mga dogmatikong teyoriya kabahin sa kamatuoran.

Alang sa mga eksistensyalista, ang kamatuoran dapat ilarawan (*i-describe*) aron si bisan kinsa nga makadungog sa maong paglarawan, ma-aghat sa pagpamalandong (*reflect*) ug pinaagi niini, siya makadiskubre para sa iyang kaugalingon sa mga aspeto sa kamatuoran nga nagapadayag diha kaniya. Ang kamatuoran dili lamang usa ka akademikong kalihukan kundili usa kini ka buhi nga kamatuoran nga nagtukmod sa tawo sa pagkinabuhi nga makahuluganon (*to live meaningfully*). Sa dali nga pagkasulti, dili gyud interesado ang mga eksistensyalista sa mga *ivory tower truths*, interesado sila sa kamatuoran nga ma-kinabuhi nato sa adlaw-adlaw natong pagpakabuhin.

Dunay bug-at nga mga punto ang mga eksistensyalista. Tinuod baya kining ilang obserbasyon nga ang konseptong maayo kaayo pagkahan-ay ug pagka-*define* nahimong kongkreto ug *specific*, apan ang nahitabo niining konseptoha, nalimitahan na hinuon ug nabutangan ug koral nga moresulta dayon sa pagkapriso sa konsepto diha sa mga laraw ug tumong sa tawo nga nagahatag

sa depinisyon sa maong konsepto. Apan kung ang usa ka konsepto ilarawan (*i-describe*) nimo, kining konseptoha mahimong bukas sa uban pa nga mga kahulugan nga makit-an ug madiskubrehan sa mga naminaw sa imong paglarawan sa maong konsepto. Ang paglarawan sa usa ka konsepto magahatag ug oportunidad ngadto sa uban nga makakita para sa iyang kaugalingon kung unsang aspetoha sa kamatuoran ang may kalabutan sa iyang kinabuhi (*life*) ug pagpakabuhin (*living*).

Alang sa mga eksistensyalista ang scientismo, empirismo, *logical-positivism* ug *analytic definition*, maoy mga pilosopiya nga naga-*reduce* sa kamatuoran ingong *axioms, theorems* o *formal definitions* - kining mga pilosopiyaha mga *elitist epistemologies* ug mga *dictatorships of truth*. Ang metodolohiya sa mga eksistensyalista nga gitawag ug *existential description* o *phenomenology* (i.e. paglarawan sa usa ka penomenon nga walay paghukom kundili paglarawan lamang gayod) nag-*democratize* sa kamatuoran alang sa mga tawo nga andam ug bukas ang mga salabutan sa pagpadayag sa kamatuoran nganha kanila.

Kung nasundan pag-ayo ang mga punto nga gikaasoy ko na sa unahan, dali ra nga masabtan kun ngano nga para sa mga eksistensyalista dili eksakto ang pagtawag sa ilang pamilosopiya nga *existentialism* kay ang mas eksakto nga pagtawag niining pamilosopiyaha mao ang *existentialism* tungod kay ila gyud nga gipang-hingusan nga dunay daghan nga pagpakahulugan sa atong *existence*, i.e., kung unsa ka-daghan ang mga tawo nga namalandong bahin sa ilang kinabuhi, mao usab kana ka-daghan ang mga perspektibong eksistensyalista; busa ang eksaktong ngalan niining pilosopiyaha, *existentialism* ug dili *existentialism* lamang.

Sa diha nga makabasa kita sa mga eksistensyalistang essays sama sa *An Existentialist View of Nature* o' ba kaha, *An Existentialist Perspective of the Human Person*, makita dayon nato ang pagka-demokratiko ug pagka-indibidwalistiko sa kamatuoran. Dili

puwede natong hatagan ug ulohan kining mga *essay* sama pananglit; *The Existentialist Theory of Nature* ug dili usab *The Existentialist Definition of Human Person*. Sa paggamit sa pulong *an* ug dili sa pulong *the*, ang ulohan sa *essay* nagpasabot nga kini maoy imong indibidwal nga paglarawan sa imong nasabtan kabahin sa *Nature* o' sa *Human Person*. Sa pagkamatuod, kontra gyud sa mga eksistensyalista ang pulong *the* kay nag-*limit* man gud kining pulonga sa pagpadayag sa kamatuoran sa usa lamang ka interpretasyon.

Usa pa ka punto nga gusto nakong hatagan ug pagtagad; dili gyud kita makakita sa mga eksistensyalista nga mogamit sa mga pulong nga *theory, definition*, o' kaha *principle*, kay ang sagad nilang gamiton mao ang mga pulong, *perspective* (panan-aw), *horizon*, *viewpoint* ug *reflection* (pamalandong). Kaaway sa mga eksistensyalista kadtong mga aroganteng pilosopo nga nagtuo nga sila lang gyud ang adunay *access* sa kamatuoran. Alang sa mga eksistensyalista, ang tanang tawo *philosophers* gyud tungod kay ang tanang tawo duna may kapasidad sa pagpamalandong sa ilang tawhanong kahimtang (*human situatedness*) ug duna usab sila kapasidad nga mangita kung unsa ang kahulugan sa kinabuhi.

Bisan ang mga eksistensyalista dunay panagkalahi sa paglarawan kabahin sa "kamatuoran", "kinabuhi", "existence" ug sa "tawo" aduna silay mga komon nga timailhan nga nagaklasipikar kanila isip mga eksistensyalista. Usa niini mao ang pagtan-aw sa tawo ingon nga aktor nga nagalihok ug makanunayong nagpangita sa kahulugan sa kinabuhi ug dili lamang pasibo (*passive*) nga magtatan-aw (*spectator*) sa dula sa kinabuhi. Mao kini ang buot nakong pagahisgutan sa sunod nga gula niining akong lindog.

(Mga komentaryo, reaksyon, sugyot o' pagtuki [critique] pwede nga i-email kang h.f.b.espiritu@indiatimes.com)



Bases sa KONSEHO

EDITOR'S NOTE: Tug-ani, in its continuing drive to bring down the issues to the students, has printed the following opinions for each party to magnify their points of debate. Save for technical editions, no substantial editing, has been made.

For the last fifteen years, the student council of UPVCC has been a member of the Katipunan ng mga Sangguniang Mag-aaral sa UP (KASAMA sa UP). It came as a surprise, therefore, that just this year, our fifteen-year alliance with the biggest number of Student Councils in the UP system was severed. Many people ask tumultuously, "Why the change?" Many, in an act to uphold the decision of the past fifteen administrations, call for the reversal of the present student council's decision. On the other hand, many students have moved out of their way to congratulate the council for what they believe is a brave act--to stand up for what the other councils never had the courage to. But amidst the hullabaloo, very few exactly knew the reason behind the council's decision.

What happened in Minglanilla, during the 23rd Congress of the KASAMA sa UP, came as a surprise. The student council of UP Cebu stood up and expressed its general objection to what it believes is a preemptive, totally unfounded resolution calling for the resignation of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. The reasons for the call included the President's alleged corruption. This, of course, is despite the fact that another separate resolution has been adopted calling for the INVESTIGATION of these same corruption charges. How then can you clamor for a president's resignation by virtue of alleged corruption activities--the same unproven activities the alliance wants investigated? This, among other reasons, led the council to declare that it shall not

implement the resolution in its college. Amazingly, it was given leeway from implementing the resolution. This is a stark contrast to what the KASAMA sa UP constitution states--that all member councils must abide by the decisions of the General Assembly. If a local council does not abide by the decisions, it may be charged with delinquency and subjected to disciplinary actions which include dismemberment. Clearly, KASAMA sa UP has succeeded in putting UP Cebu in a shaky situation.

The Alliance has little, if not nil, respect for the individual decisions of its member councils. In a letter from KASAMA sa UP, no less than its national president Mr. Julius Larobis, from UP Baguio, stated that the Alliance will only accept the dismemberment of the local council if it does actions that could "poison the Alliance." Imagine that! For a coalition that takes pride in respecting the autonomy of its members, hasn't it surpassed itself in sheer hypocrisy with what it said? If KASAMA sa UP sees a dissenting opinion as "poison," what room does a critical and thinking council like UP Cebu have in such an organization?

KASAMA sa UP is undoubtedly biased in its presentation of issues. For any given issue, it presents its members with information that promotes only one side of the matter. Throughout its efforts, it never conducted any cross-benefit analysis, debate, or at the very least, arranged deliberations to tackle issues--the barest minimum requirements to arrive at intelligent decisions.

During Congresses or National Meets, outright condemnations are presented against issues without a thorough evaluation of its pros and cons.

It promotes hasty decision-making, concludes from unverified information, and generates actions without the exercise of serious contemplation. KASAMA sa UP for the most part is close-minded, and forces upon its constituents policies under the guise of these being student interests when in truth they only benefit certain sectors such as organizations that wish to be elected under the national party list system.

What has been done with KASAMA sa UP's biases? What has been said? Much. For the fifteen years, sporadic inquiries have been made into the presentation of the "other" sides of issues. These have been met by either digressions or subtle censorship. A classic case happened during last year's administration. When the then UPV-USC Representative inquired what the other side of the issue is, he was promptly told that KASAMA sa UP was not the venue for such a discussion. Imagine! When we want our student leaders to make intelligent decisions, the least we want them to have is a thorough deliberation of these--including the discussion of opposite sides. If KASAMA sa UP believes it is not a venue for discussion of sides, we can only imagine what kind of decisions the Alliance come up with.

The present Student Council finds it fitting to withdraw from such an alliance. It believes it is in the best interest of the students they represent, to be free from an alliance from which it does not get any good. Of course, there will be consequences, but our Student Council is prepared to go the extra mile just to give better service to its constituents. Freedom from an anomalous alliance is but the first step in correcting the errors of the past.

DISSENTING OPINION

The KASAMA sa UP Withdrawal Syndrome

Nagkahiusang Kusog sa Estudyante (NKE)

Symptoms of Illusions, Denials, Secrets and Biases

"With little publicity" is exactly how traditional politicians do their work when transparency is not good for their reputation. Here is one very timely example...

Let it be known to all students of UPVCC that there has been an issue that required the Student Council (SC) four heated meetings to deliberate. Furthermore, it required the least attention from their constituents, the students. It is very ironic that a Student Council whose majority was elected due to their promise of transparency could neither afford to consult nor inform the students that they were about to, and already had withdrawn their membership from the KASAMA sa UP. Except on the occasion when the Union of Student Organizations (UNISO), during its meeting, was updated with the development one day before the SC was supposed to decide, there was no other incident nor effort to make the matter public.

This is a condemnation to the SC's act of withdrawing its membership from the KASAMA sa UP, and their intention to keep it discreet.

Point of Disunity

The main reason of the withdrawal, as stated in Resolution no. 7, is based on an alleged unconstitutional act that the KASAMA sa UP allowed to happen during its 23rd National Congress held in Minglanilla last October. In the plenary session, the General Assembly (GA) approved a resolution calling for the resignation of Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, based on her poor performance and widespread corruption charges; a resolution to which the UPVCC SC abstained. Respecting the autonomy of the member SC's, the GA excused the UPVCC SC from implementing the said resolution.

According to the SC, such an act was a violation to the constitution of the KASAMA sa UP, which says

"all members ... must abide by all decisions of the General Assembly." They maintain that since all members included them, they should not have been excused by the GA from implementing the resolution. They deny the fact that such exemption is a part of every decision of the GA.

The National Executive Council of the KASAMA sa UP gave an interpretation to clarify the matter. But they were no longer willing to listen because they have decided to blame the constitution instead, which they claim to have weakened the integrity of the alliance and made it reasonable to leave. This was clearly an attempt to divert the blame from their mistake of misinterpreting the constitution, and to point it to a make-believe lapse in the alliance's respect for their autonomy.

Not Getting the Point

The SC does not seem to understand that the essence of making an alliance is to pursue common points of unity. They upheld their disapproval to only one of the thirty-five approved resolutions over the remaining thirty-four to which they agreed and soon neglected. They only made it clear to the entire world that they were not willing to unite with the rest of the UP studentry in their struggles, not even to fight the more pressing issues plaguing the students, the university and the country.

What about SB 2587, repression of student publications, repression of students' rights, state subsidy for education, Anak ng Bayan Youth Party support, athletic support for students, better facilities and *tambayans*, tuition and lab fee increases and many others?

They further allege that the alliance has all the while been biased and one-sided in giving information to its member councils. In the twenty-three years of its existence, the KASAMA sa UP has been consistent,

and in many times successful, in its stand to protect the students' rights and welfare. The SC have neglected how the alliance has historically helped the UP Cebu students in their fifteen years of working with the previous SCs. Much more, they have totally neglected what the alliance has done to pave the way to freedom and democracy and prevent repression in this university. And if the alliance holds any bias, it is a bias only for the benefit of the students.

The Real Bias

Whatever decision the SC makes, the students need to know. This is exactly why resolutions and decisions need to be announced or posted in strategic locations around the campus. But despite the relevance and weight of the decision to withdraw from the KASAMA sa UP it was kept out of public sight, so as not to solicit reactions from the students themselves. This truly questions the loyalty of the SC to the students. This is truly a manifestation of the SC's bias toward its own interest.

The SC is not at all different to the rotting administration of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Just as GMA broke her promise not to run in the elections, the SC broke its commitment to remain loyal to the struggles of the students and severed its membership to KASAMA sa UP, contrary to what it had affirmed when it participated in the alliance's 23rd National Congress. Just as GMA kept mum on the pressing issue on Davide's impeachment case to protect her personal interests, the SC kept mum on the many other issues pressing the students. Just as GMA avoided oppositions by offering negotiations with anti-GMA groups, the SC avoided oppositions by keeping their moves silent. Just as GMA is corrupt, the SC has not been transparent. Just as GMA hides the real problems of the country by creating illusions of good performance, the SC hides the real problems they failed to answer by creating trivial, frivolous, expensive events that give an impression of performance. Just as GMA, the SC has been judged biased to serving its own interest.

In the final analysis, bias is relative. Both opposing parties of a debate exercise bias for itself and against the other. The students can then judge these parties based on whom the bias is for.

Maroons settles for 7th place overall

Arche, Panerio leads with 7 medals, football team grabs silver
Tanya Dominique Chica

The infallible swimming tandem Jonas Rey Panerio and Ralph Arche once again emerge as the school's stalwart athletic achievers as they won a collected 3 golds, 3 silvers and one bronze while the much celebrated UP football team remained at its second place standing in this year's Cebu City Olympics.

Arche conquered the 100m butterfly and 200m freestyle while Panerio easily routed other contenders in the 50m freestyle to contribute 3 golds to the University of the Philippines' 7th place rankings tertiary. Star archer Mina Ganzon slotted in four more golds to polish the 7-8-3 medal tally of the college which sent more than 50 delegates to 8 sports events.

The Ladies swimming team, made up of Andreeanne Unlas, Denise Luz Roque, Carina Benitez and Cheska Herrera, finished second in the 4x100m freestyle relay and 4x50 medley relay as the University of San Carlos took the top seat. The men's team, on the other hand brought home a silver for 4x50m medley relay courtesy of Eduard Pugosa, Jose Gaudier, Giovanni Taok, Jonas Panerio and Ralph Arche.

Ladies' captain Andreeanne Umlas took home a bronze for 100m breaststroke while Arche garnered his lone bronze for 200m backstroke.

BEAUTY AND BRAINS

Bianca Balbuena, a first year Mass Communication student charmed her way to a 1st runner up win in the Miss Cebu City Olympics competition stunted during the opening ceremonies last Nov. 22 at the Cebu City Sports Complex.

Meanwhile chess masters Chayle Baligun, Ernest Ladot, and Giovanni Villamora dominated their boards to win two silvers and a bronze respectively.

SOCCER

On their debut games, the women's

soccerbaseball team finished an unexpected second place after being defeated by a more trained team from Cebu Institute of Technology. The ladies team, led by team captain and pitcher Charito Tan, cruised to a lucky start as they bulldozed the CSCST team with a 16-1 finish in three innings on their first game. But the amateur UP team lost due

archival Cebu Doctors' College.

The Maroons drew first blood when Jessie Carl Mabalhin executed an excellent header from a rebound attempt by teammate Venge Villarin. But soon after, Mark Elle of CDC punched in their equalizer as he glided past the Maroons defense in the first half.

The second half saw two yellow cards

as both teams tried to gain ground on their attacks. CDC was first to break through the wall when team captain Glenn Labajo delivered a perfect header from a corner kick to give them a one point lead. UP's ace striker Pezhman Behjouyan missed several crucial freekick opportunities that could have wheeled the Maroons to a safe equalizer but instead delivered an outstanding hit nearly a minute before end time. Behjouyan did a one-touch goal after a terrific over-the-head flick by Venge Villarin when he recovered the ball from a miskick by CDC's Aviles.

The ten-minute extension yielded no results as UP's dogged attempts were repeatedly thwarted by CDC's excellent defense. Three out of five kickers for the penalty shootout delivered sure-hit goals for UP, namely Pezhman Behjouyan, Venge

Villarin and Allain Nacario while the CDC Stallions completed the shootout with similar tallies. Sixth kicker Jacie Carvajal missed the shootout extension while the Stallions' Aviles punched in their entry as this year's champions for football, CDC's first.

The UP Fighting Maroons' has won two championship titles and two 2nd place titles for the past 4 years.



to several accounts of violation during the championship game against CIT which saw a 13-5 end.

The men's football team, however, gave the school a fantastic show as it always had for the past years as they stretched the stunted 2-2 championship game to a ten minute extension and a thrilling penalty shootout to settle to a well-deserved second place against

HD holds Film Forum

The Humanities Division recently held Freeze Frame, a two-day lecture series, last December 11-12, 2003 in the University of the Philippines in the Visayas Cebu College (UPVCC) audio visual room.

Faculty members of the UP Film Institute in Diliman graced the affair to tackle and understand new issues in Philippine Cinema.

Speakers were Prof. Anne Marie de Guzman ("Postcolonial Traces in Philippine Experiment Practice"), Prof. Jovenal Velasco ("Peculiarities in the Construction of a Filipino Celebrity"), Prof. Roehl Jamon ("Continuity and Change in the Pinoy Action Movie"), Prof. Eduardo J. Piano ("The Evolution of Women's Agency through Two Decades of Star Portrayals"), Dr. Joel David ("Chosen Few: Minimal Multi-Character Patterns in Recent Filipino Films"), and Prof. Eduardo Lejano, Jr. ("Unpacking the Balikbayan Box: Image of the Returnee in Recent Filipino Films").

The Academic Development Fund sponsored the finances of the said event. (Emily Jade B. Valero)



ANNOUNCEMENT

NSIP students are requested to create their own group consisting of 25-30 students. Please pass to the NSIP Office your group list on or before January 7, 2004.

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Unsay imong masulti?

FPJ is running for President...

NO because wala pa man gani sya makaagi og lower nga position. Ang Barangay captain man gani lisod na nga position what more ang president. Bisag moingon ta nga di sya corrupt, ma-stop ba niya ang corruption?

02-41263 BA Psych 2

I really don't know. A lot of people think he'll be a bad president because he's an actor. We already tried Erap but then we haven't been under him di ba? Pero personally, I won't vote for him. I mean, what kind of political experience does he have?

James Neish, BFA4

Honestly, I think he will make a good president. He has no political affiliation. He is independent and can work on his own without any political color. I think he'll make a difference.

02-41468 BAMC 2

Yes if all population of Filipino's made up of dogs.

Deedee, BAMC 3

No!!! A good actor maybe... He's just using his "being an actor" to capture the hearts of the people. Filipinos should be wise enough not to cast their votes on him. Estrada and FPJ... usa ra sila.

Dzhriey, BBM 3

KASAMA is a UP wide alliance of Student Councils. The UPCC Student Council decided to withdraw its 15-year membership because their principles did not coincide. Are you in favor of this? Why?

Yes, I'm in favor with the withdrawal of the UPCC SC. Kung ang mga prinsipyo nagkalainlain ug di magkahiusa, sama ra kini ba usa ka uyamot nga bangka nga ginabugsay sa nagkalainlaining direksyon mga moresulta sa di pag-uswag. BSCS 03-37108

Of course not. The dispute between the Council and KASAMA could've been resolved through democratic means. Instead, they opted to withdraw straight away without even thinking of the repercussions of their actions. What's to become of UP Cebu now that we've withdrawn from the strongest alliance in the UP system? BSXX 0X-59XXX

How could students come up with their own individual positions regarding this matter when in fact the SC has not yet laid down the two opposing points to the studentry? I demand a public/ student consultation on this! GA? ! BA PS III 01-40198

I think the Student Council should think it over again. They should settle the problem with the KASAMA. There might be an alternative solution to the problem. Fifteen years of membership is quite long and...ah basta hunahunaa pag-ayo.

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MINDING MINDWORKS

by Lucille Garcia Dejito

The most awaited episode of the fine arts students' inveterate self-expression in the Mindworks. As the tradition speaks, mind-stirring surprises and a whole lot of inexplicable weirdness are in store as another year unfolds. But of course, beneath the "lewdness", "obscenity", and "impropriety" that comments say, Mindworks has something more meaningful to express.

The Rubbing-up Saga

In a concept like of the Mindworks, preparation is not the problem. There's nothing to prepare after all. Creative minds are spontaneous. The itch is on how to piece these minds into one concept. Organizers admit the extreme difficulty in wrapping everything with a sense of order because the essence of the activity itself is radical.

Before, when Mindworks was held in the Conference Hall, the Executive

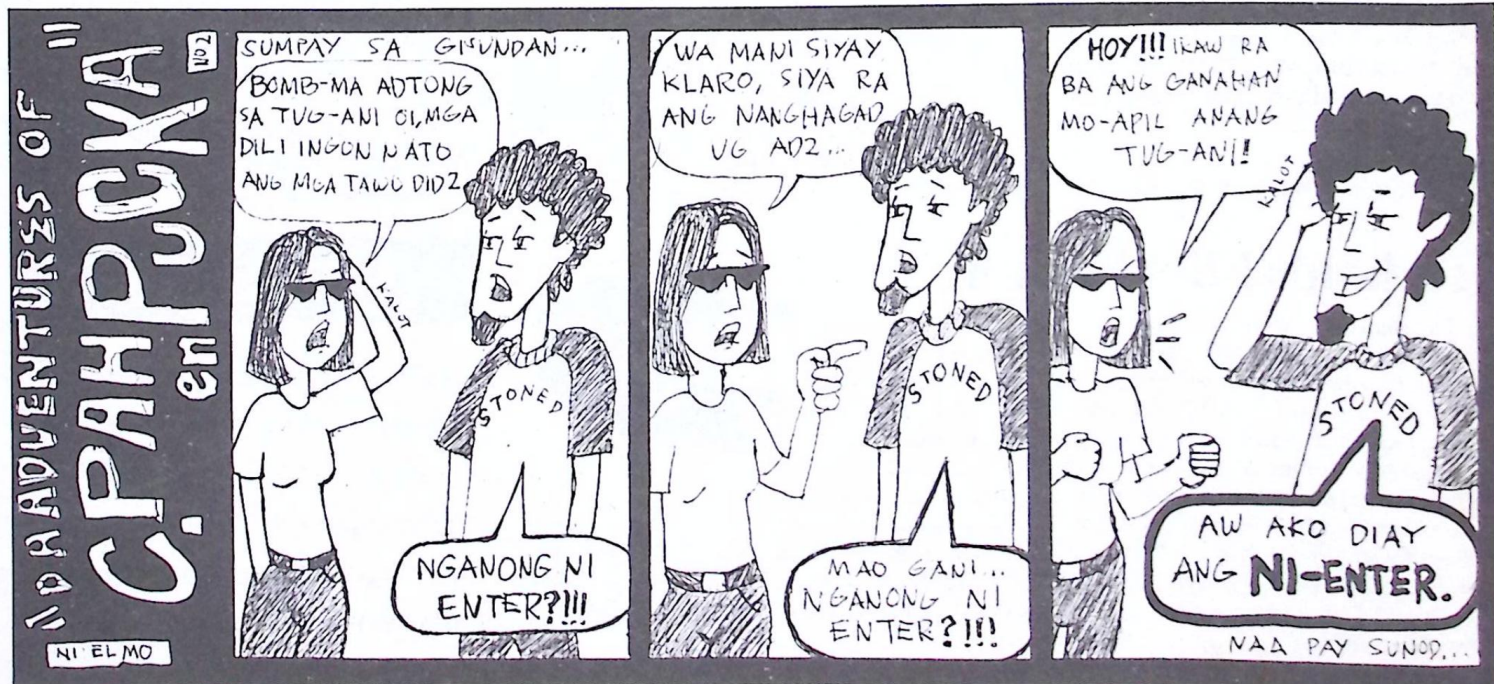
Committee o the affair lost temper in the usual laxity and airy effort during rehearsals and ended up with parched throats. Even then, Mindworks 15 was made whole.

The 16th was held outdoors. Though quite late... quite long... quite loud... it was quite successful! And was in time when the dean became livid on the fire-breathing-disco concept that later roasted one of the performer's brows and eyelashes.

The 17th was made up of fortunate accidents. Anything went as it goes, I should say. It was a spontaneous activity. No sequence. No list. Only serendipity.

Finally, the recent Mindworks 18. It faced a lot of headaches because FASO was giving one gyp on the lack of funds. Perhaps the organizers prayed to their gods (if at least they have one) to carry through the event.

(balhin sa pahina 15)



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(gikan sa pahina 1)

SC withdraws...

to the National Executive Council (NEC) early next year.

Office of the Student Regent

UPVCC-SC chairman Jimvic Dy said that after the NEC receives the letter "Kasama sa UP will stop sending information on issues which they deemed important".

Dy assured that the council will double their efforts and let the students pass issues that concern them.

UPVCC-SC has also found an alternative in the Office of the Student Regent (OSR), which is the research and education arm of the students regarding pertinent school and national issues. It also represents all students in the system.

"UPVCC-SC will continue to receive the office's services regardless of its affiliation or non-affiliation with the alliances in the system," said Dy.

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No financial aid...

Siason and Juario simply told them that they (the athletes) had not submitted the request letter and other required papers for the application. As soon as the athletes submit this, Juario explains, it would be awaiting approval from the Execom.

The Student Council, for their part, clarifies that they are not responsible for making requests for the athletes to the Execom. They would in turn endorse the PE department's request and lobby it to the Execom.

However, the newly appointed dean, Dr. Enrique Avila comments, "As much as we want to support our athletes, its really a matter of the availability of the funds."

He admits that "sports is important for the development of the students" but support in terms of finance will have to depend on the funds available. "Even UP Diliman, who have varsity teams, cannot support all of their athletic groups."

He says that in the meantime, perhaps the teams could solicit for sponsors to assist in their finances. He declares that sports would be among the things that should be taken into consideration in the college.

"It develops character and competitiveness" Avila puts in.

But as to this year's support for the athletes, Avila says that he will still have to look the matter up. (*Tanya Dominique Chica and Karen May Oreiro*)

(gikan sa pahina 1)

TUGALHAB

ug laho, tindero sa *copra* ug si kinsa pa dinha nga dapat sila mubotar karong eleksyon ug dapat ang ilang tagaan sa ilang botar kay kanang naa sab intawoy utok para makasulbad sa atong ekonomiya ug uban pang problema.

Wa gihapoy ayo atong Piso, so mao na ni, dili gihapon ko ka-afford sa *canteen*, matod pa sa kanta ni Alanis, *ironic daw*. Pero in *fairness*, ni nindot naman diay ang *canteen* no? *Flower-flower* pa ang *apron*, bag-o ang pinalat ug medyo *friendly* na SIYA. MEDYO. Taud-taud naman gud kong ga-boycott sa *canteen*, pero bag-o lang naka sulod ko, for that, na-discover sab nako nga naa na diay *exhaust fans* so dili na murag impyerno ang *canteen*.

Speaking of electric fans, murag kahinumdum gyud ko nga ni ingon si Dean Juario nga usa pa siya manaog as *dean*, tanang *classrooms* daw kay naa nay at least 2 *functioning electric fans*. Beh, asa man kuno na iyang pasalig? Ni-extend nalang iyang *term* kay wala pa gihapoy *electric fan* akong *classroom* sa *New Building*. So pwede pisikan sa *budget* ang *electric fans*?

Speaking of budget, ang akong na-hearing kay ang *swimming team* man daw ang dakog pisik sa *budget* niatong niaging *City Olympics*. Tungod ba kaha kay *macho* sila? Magduda lang ta. Bisan sa *Student Council* magduda ta. Kahibalo ba mo nga *after all these 15 years* ni *withdraw* sila sa KASAMA sa UP?

Nakahibalo lang ko atong nag-meeting mi sa Tug-ani. Matud pa sa akong *sources*, wala pa gyud silay klaro sa ilang *reasons*, daghan pasikot sikot murag binayot, no offense sa mga *member* sa *federasyon*. Unsa kahay epokto anang ilang gibuhat no? Dako man unta na nga desisyon, pero murag wala man lang gani napahibaw ug nakonsulta ang mga *estudyante*. Murag dakong kaayo ang pagkulang sa atong *Student Council* ana. Be *sensitive* pud uy! Konsultaha kuno mi!

Ay, menor sa kambyo, mag-sorry diay ko. Panalagsa raman gud ko naay klase sa AS, so panalagsa ra sab ko maka agi sa *CompSci* Stambayan (aka *Student Council Office*). So, just like sa akong mga *discovery* sa *canteen*, akong na-discover nga dili na diay *Hangaroo* ang ilang dulaon didto. *Text Twist* na sab diay. LECHE flan!!!

Gene Po

(gikan sa pahina 3)

UP Cebu stude...

However, the student council of UP Tacloban instead of UP Cebu student council endorsed the nomination.

"It so happened that during the time of the SR nomination, the (UP Cebu) council was busy deliberating the issue of their Kasama sa UP withdrawal, so Paolo (Varela) forwarded it to the Tacloban council instead, since this process is also legal," explains Su.

As of present, Su is receiving communication from the UPVCC Office of Student Affairs (OSA) through UPVCC-SC second year representative Raffy Sanchez regarding the two-day selection process in UPLB.

He also said that he has been preparing for the deliberation process by reading some of the pertinent issues that are pressing in the UP system.

Su shared that his program would center on the review of the Revitalized General Education Program (RGEP).

He would also be focusing on the issue regarding the ousting of UPLB Chancellor David, the autonomies of various UP student councils and student publications, and the continuing battle against Senate Bill 2587.

Another subject Su stands for is recovering the P100 per student depository funding that now amounts to P4 million. He intends to fight for it to be reverted in the form of subsidy for UP student councils and student publications.

"It is definitely a privilege," said Su when asked about whether or not he had apprehensions about his nomination.

Su added that although the Office of the Student Regent is primarily administrative and not so project based, he would try to concentrate on the plight of the students and the present struggles that they are presently battling.

(gikan sa pahina 4)

Minding...

They've done everything to raise funds, bring structure to the event and maintain participation. But then, complete control was remained hard to pin down.

The Aftermath

There were questions raised, overwhelming praises and ampalaya-coated comments especially on the performance of the heterosexuals French-kissing in the oblation square.

The theme was R-18. Pause... Think...

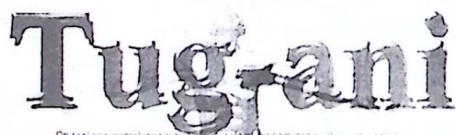
The perceptions of people on things are relative of course. How would you explain such act if you are a search-in aspirant? If you are an apathetic creature? Minds differ.

Its your choice to judge it rationally or otherwise. The sad part was, there were some who knew the meaning the Mindworks brought but refused to understand.

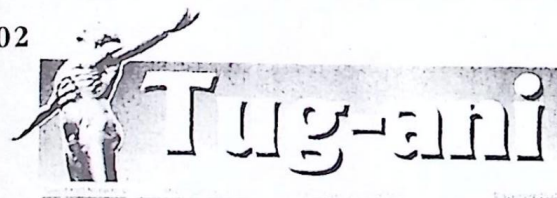
Just as FASO Chair James Niesh explains, "An event that celebrates unusual, spontaneous, and free expression can never really be controlled, especially if you want it to be truly liberated and liberating."

This is because Mindworks has a life of its own.

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PADAYON!

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