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NURSING STUDES DOMINATE RESEARCH FORUM

It may not be their cup of tea, but the young nursing student researchers bested their counterparts from the other departments when they won three of five best student researches in the first student research forum held in the undergraduate library of Bontoc campus on January 14, 2009.

"Operating Room Skills Performance of 4th Year Nursing Students of Mountain Province State Polytechnic College" by students of the Nursing department was adjudged the best research out of 13 researches presented. This was presented by the research group's leader RJ Casumpang.

The other four researches that made it to top five in order of rank are "Preliminary Study on the Cup Quality of *Gotmo* Tea", "Behavioral Problems of 4th Year High School Students of Bontoc, Mountain Province", "Career Preferences of Senior High School Students of Bontoc, Mountain Province", and "Nutritional Status of Preschoolers in Bontoc, Mountain Province". All the aforementioned researches were presented by the leaders of each research group.

The second and fourth ranked best student researches went to students of the Education department while the third and fifth went to students of the Nursing department.

Other awards given were best presenter and best poster/exhibit (*see related story*) that went to Mario Billao for their fourth ranked research and Jonathan Alnas of the Criminology department for their research "SAPATA: Catalyst for Social Development (Bana-ao Experience)", respectively.

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MPSPC OPENS DOOR TO BUDDING RESEARCHERS

To develop competitive graduates, the Mountain Province State Polytechnic College held, for the first time, a student research forum as one of the highlights of this year's week–long Charter day anniversary celebration of the College.

Dr. Nieves A. Dacyon, MPSPC president, said in her opening remarks that the purpose of the forum is to strengthen the research function of the College by encour-

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Yes We Can! *Dubbed the "Hawaiian Dancers", the criminology students of Bontoc campus proved once again that they are not only good in marching but also in dancing as they strut it off to the delight of the viewing public during the street dancing parade on January 16, 2009 in Tadian as part of the celebration of MPSPC's charter anniversary (left photo). True to their commitment to help preserve their indigenous culture, Tadian campus students perform a cultural dance during said parade (right photo).*

Umali Kayo! *Indeed, everyone is welcome to see not only the booth but also what's inside of it and perhaps buy those that will fancy your eyes. Don't forget, though, to log in your name; because, it counts in the selection of best in marketing award!*

High Schools Edged Out College Studes, Win Major Award

Age doesn't matter! Young as they are, the high schools could not be outdone in showing off their trades skills in booth construction as well as in products and display arrangement.

This proved to be the case in the successful staging of the contestable booth and trade fair exhibits during the charter day celebration of Mountain Province State Polytechnic College at Tadian campus on January 14-16, 2009, whereby the Tadian School of Arts and Trades brought home most of the awards at stake including the major award.

Sharing with TSAT the major award prize for best booth amounting to P2,000.00 was the department of Forestry/Agroforestry.

The minor awards won by TSAT were most varied products and best in display. Forestry/Agroforestry department also won the best in sales.

Best in marketing, and most unique product awards went to the Social Studies Club and Baang campus, respectively.

Winners of the minor awards brought home with them a cash prize of P500.00 each.

Rumor has it that it could have been the Engineering department to have won the best in sales should they have submitted their list of sales on time. Yet, Engr. Emily Marrero bared, the department had over P11,000.00 sales only.

The highest sale recorded was over P12,000.00, that of Forestry/ Agroforestry department, for the three day duration of the trade exhibit. TSAT accordingly had P25,000.00 worth of sales but failed to submit their list on time.

There were 18 participating organizations from the College including TSAT.

The judges for the event were Mrs. Emiliana Dulag of the Tadian Municipal Agriculture, Mrs. Dominga Cabatu of the Mountain (Province) Provin-

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For Your Eyes Only! *This is the winning entry of TSAT for most varied products and best in display. The College students did their best; yet, the high schools bested them. It is worthwhile if TSAT also shares their secret for their winning entry if there is one at all.*

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aging students to do research. "Involving students in the conduct of research will help develop their skills and broaden their knowledge in research," she added.

Students representing the departments of Nursing, Criminology, and Education presented thirteen researches orally with the aid of powerpoint presentation.

The same researches were also simultaneously exhibited in posters on the corridor walls of the undergraduate library of Bontoc Campus where said forum was held on January 14, 2009.

Both presentation and exhibit were contestable, with Administrator Incharge Venancio Balos of Tadian School of Arts and Trades, Science Teacher Cornelia Lapon of Mountain Province General Comprehensive High School, Provincial Director Norberto Cobaldez of Department of Science and Technology, Vice Mayor Febe Cawilan of Tadian Municipality, and Assistant Provincial Agriculturist Rolan Bragado of Provincial Agriculture as judges.

The first student research forum was well-attended by faculty and students of both Bontoc and Tadian campuses of the College as well as visitors in the jampacked library.

Mountain Province Board Member Eufemia Lam-en, a retired faculty of MPSPC, graced the occasion as guest speaker.

Norma W. Bay-os and David Y. Fomeg-as

Do Not Disturb! *These are the busy "bees" of the new building at the arena under construction. They have to hastily put some finishing touches both inside and outside the building with the help of the students for use in the exhibit, at least for the time being. Will these not be redone when the construction resumes?*

Comm Reps Join CLRD Conference

Education not only sets us free from ignorance, but is also the key to development!

This was once again reiterated, albeit indirectly, during the Community Library Research Development conference in the welcome remarks of Mr. Angel C. Libang, Mountain Province State Polytechnic College extension director, saying "MPSPC wants to help in the establishment of community libraries; because, this program leads to the development of each barangay."

Community representatives, especially from the barangays where community libraries have already been established, some faculty and students, and visitors attended the CLRD conference, which was held in Tadian campus as part of MPSPC's charter day celebration.

Barangay beneficiaries of donated books for the established community libraries through CLRD are Suluma, Lubon, Masla, Poblacion Tadian, Kayan East, and Kayan West.

Representatives from these barangays, after accepting the policies of the community libraries drafted by Mrs. Fely A. Akilith, MPSPC librarian and initiator/proponent of CLRD, during the conference, suggested tentative schedule for the formal launching of said libraries in their respective barangays.

Sumadel and Lubon shall have theirs during their barangay assembly on February and March, respectively. Masla will be on February 28, 2009 in time for their barangay fiesta. The other barangays still have to finish their libraries before having a formal launching.

Barangay representatives from Bauko Municipality also joined the conference upon invitation by Mrs. Akilith after they signified interest to be among the beneficiaries of book donations for a

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cial Agriculture, and Mrs. Norma Malateo of Kayan West Elementary School.

David Y. Fomeg-as with reports from Emily Ann B. Marrero

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The forum, participated in by the Nursing, Criminology, and Education departments, was one of the highlights of the 17th charter day anniversary celebration of the Mountain Province State Polytechnic College.

David Y. Fomeg-as with reports from Norma W. Bay-os

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VMGO of MPSPC," and the "Center for Indigenous Culture and Development (CICAD).

The CICAD, a non-government organization, was presented by the College President Nieves A. Dacyon, who also leads the same.

Each presenter was given a framed certificate of recognition and cash incentive of P700.00 at the end of the forum.

Dr. Dulay was also given a framed certificate of recognition, a bottle of Gawani wine plus cash incentive after his message.

David Y. Fomeg-as with reports from Sandra B. Aguirre

EDITORIAL

Confusing Confucius

Confucius (c. 551-479 B.C.) is a Chinese philosopher and one of the greatest philosophers of his time who once said, "Rulers can be great only if they themselves lead exemplary lives, and were they willing to be guided by moral principles, their states would inevitably become prosperous and happy."

Confusion, however, is what besets the people if their leaders are undecisive or doesn't seem to make up their mind in dealing with concerns that come their way.

Following someone who changes decisions as fast as he/she makes them, like lightning, will yield a messy and unsatisfactory end-results most of the time.

On the part of the person following the order, it would surely be a tumultuous task to keep up with, notwithstanding the pressure already in it. Subordinates they are, they have to obey nevertheless to please their superior and earn their favor. Otherwise, they have to bear with the wrath unleashed as a consequence of not being faithful to the orders given; albeit, not to their own wrongdoing for not keeping with it as intended.

Leaders are made to be followed and guide their people to where they ought to go, so that goodwill shall be upon them.

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Wish Granted! *Both students and faculty await additional last minute instructions on January 13, 2009 (Tue) from the Executive Dean and the President concerning the preparation for the Charter day celebration the following day.*

Rants and Raves

Warning: *The following are meant to open up healed wounds for the sake of fun and entertainment. "Onion-skinned" persons should keep on reading.*

Where are our meals for breakfast? We are very hungry? *Are you in a restaurant?*

Am I lost? Where are they holding the choral ensemble and visual arts contest? *You are not alone!*

Why are there only few Eucharistic mass goers? *Do you all share the same faith and doctrine?*

Where are the Education students, especially the men, to help put up the Education booth? *Ask the boss?*

Why don't I get the same food as the others? *Share it with someone with a different food as yours.*

Where are the students and faculty? *Are you blind?*

Why are there few students? *What are in store for them to see and enjoy with?*

Are we ready for the Charter Day (celebration)? *Don't we have anything else more to follow?*

David Y. Fomeg-as

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community library. These representatives approached Mrs. Akilith upon hearing reports of the book donation for a community library.

Mountain Province Board Member Eufemia Lam-en, also in attendance, committed donating books especially dictionaries and spiritual reading materials; but, was quick to add that local government units should also do their counterparts. This she said, after MPSPC President Nieves A. Dacyon asked concerned officials present to say their commitments.

The LGU officials present in the conference committed either establishing a reading center or a foundation for the program and support for the establishment of community libraries.

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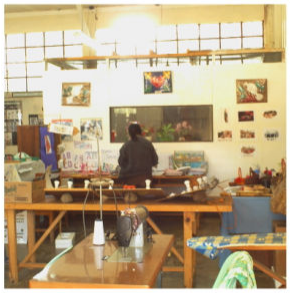
HELPING OUT AND EXHIBIT



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Best Practices Forum, "Nilangaw"

It is better late than never!

The Mountain Province State Polytechnic College Showcase of Innovations and Best Practices Forum may have started over an hour late at 11:15 a.m. than scheduled, but the informations one can learn from it are worth all the wait.

Ironically, only few members of the faculty attended the forum together with some students. The forum was meant for the faculty.

The poor attendance of faculty during the forum may be of different reasons, but is uncalled for to speculate. It is shameless, though, to the invited guest speaker, who is Dr. Norberto M. Dulay—Graduate School Coordinator of Kalinga State University.

Fortunately for MPSPC, the President and Vice President for Academic Affairs of KASC failed to come; because, they need to attend to the preparation of their upcoming 16th foundation day the week after as revealed by Dr. Dulay.

Nevertheless, the presenters of MPSPC's best practices overshadowed the low turnout of audience with their very good presentations.

Best practices may be defined as strategies or practices, as the name so states, that are unique and being implemented, used or applied within an institution; though, there may be similarities to that of others'.

Foremost best practice to be presented was the practicum program of the Department of Forestry entitled "Ecosystem Conservation: The MPSPC Approach". This was presented by For. Wileen Chiara T. Lasangen, who presented the same at Benguet State University in the "Showcase of Innovations and Best Practices Forum of Different State Universities and Colleges", in which the Commission on Higher Education and National Economic Development Authority have chosen it as best practice of the College together with the "In-plant Training: The MPSPC Strategy" of the Department of Hotel and Restaurant Management and Tourism of Bontoc campus.

The latter was presented by Mr. Jay Maris Ayochok.

There were nine other best practices presented in the forum. Among which was the "Teen/Liwid Center: MPSPC's Best" presented by Mrs. Julie Tuguinay, guidance councelor of Bontoc campus. The Liwid center aims, among others, to help address the early pregnancies and engagements to pre-marital sex of MPSPC's students at Bontoc campus.

The other eight were "Education to the Grassroots: MPSPC's Approach-the Open College Program of the Department of Forestry," "MPSPC Indigenous Knowledge, Practices and Systems (IKSP) Program," "The Barangay Reading Centers: Library Extension Program-Community Libraries and Research Development (CLRD)," "Swine Dispersal Program," "School of Living Traditions: The MPSPC Experience," "MPSPC-JPIA CPA Review Scholarship Program-Review First, Pay Later," "The Criminology Towards Tangible

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