



The Women's Month celebration in BSU

The Benguet State University joined the nation in the observance of March as Women's Month by a series of activities.

These activities, facilitated by the University Gender and Development Unit, included essay writing contests, exhibits, freedom walls and a seminar in partnership with the MTRCB.

The BSU Women's Month celebration was launched on March 12, 2013 during the regular flag ceremony.

According to the Philippine Commission on Women, the theme, "Kababaihan: Gabay sa

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BSU women wearing purple in a candid moment joining the launching of the Women's Month celebration on March 12, 2013 at the regular flag ceremony. Purple, green, and white are the official international women's colours.// Photo by Matyline Camfil

University joins La Trinidad Strawberry Festival



The Strawberry Festival is the annual festival of the municipality of La Trinidad to commemorate its foundation day. BSU as a member of the community participated in some activities. Photos show the BSU delegation led by BSU President Dr. Ben D. Ladilad during the Civic Parade and the BSU Kontad performing during the street dance parade both held on March 18, 2013. "Sowing the Seeds of Meaningful Friendship" is the festival's theme for this year.// Photos by Richard Kinnud

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THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

By Imelda Parcasio

BSU GAD Focal Person

History will tell us how women fought and struggled to break the chains imposed by the society since the twentieth century.

All over the world, women cry for the recognition of women's political and economic rights. Many times they demanded that their concerns be included in the political agenda of governments. They even asked to be granted the right to vote, receive better pay and to have better working conditions.

After a century since the struggle of women began, major changes have been achieved especially in the exercise of their political and economic rights. Most societies now recognize the rights of women to participate in the issues and concerns that form government policies and programs for its people. Now, women's contributions to national development is reflected and

recognized. If not for the sacrifices of women before, women at present will not be enjoying the fruits of the recognition of their political and economic rights. But, despite the gains received, there are still a lot of things needed to do to eradicate the patriarchal consciousness that has wrapped the way of life of many societies.

The challenge for us women at present is to continue the struggle that was started. Maximization of every opportunity that comes our way especially in the exercise of our rights shall be done to ensure that the next generations will be totally free from any discrimination, inequality, biases and violence!

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UN, PMCP, CSSP and FCCP cites BSU researchers and filmmakers

The Benguet State University entry to the International Forest Short Film Festival was selected by an international jury as one of the 21 finalists. The BSU entry with the title, "The Mother Forest" produced by a three-man team (Jumar B. Yago-an, Ma. Luz D. Fang-asan and this writer) was selected from among 127 entries across 38 countries. The film festival is organized by the United Nations Forum on Forests in partnership with the Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival. According to the UN Forum on Forests website, the film festival is to honor the creative efforts of film makers who visually capture how forests inspire, shelter, nurture and contribute to people's lives. The five winning film makers will be honored in person during the tenth session of the Forum on Forests (UNFF10) in Istanbul on Wednesday, 10 April 2013.

The Pest Management Council of the Philippines, Inc. honored three members of the BSU College of Agriculture faculty. Asuncion L. Nagpala received the Pest Management Award in Instruction in recognition of her outstanding contribution and relevant innovations in teaching plant pathology. Nagpala received the award on March 8, 2013 during PMCP's 44th Annual Scientific Conference at Hotel Centro, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.

The research poster, "Evaluation and Selection of Potato Genotypes Under Organic Production Systems in Low Mountain Zone of Benguet, Philippines" by BSU researchers Belinda A. Tad-awan, Jocelyn C. Perez, Darwin A. Basquial and Josie C. Orlang is also a finalist of the Best Poster Competition—Downstream Research Category during the 22nd Federation of Crop Science Societies of the Philippines (FCSSP) scientific conference. The conference was held at Peralmont Inn, Cagayan De Oro City on March

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USM to follow BSU's example. University of Southern Mindanao President, Dr. Jesus Antonio G. Derije with his staff was in the University for benchmarking activities on March 11, 2013. The MSU president was specially interested with the coffee under pine trees he saw at the IFHSA and related that he would try the same technology but under Mahogany trees. The photo shows the MSU president with Dr. Ben D. Ladilad, UPAO Director, Gilda B. Jacalan and VP for Research and Extension Dr. Luciana M. Villanueva.//JST

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Pagtahak sa Tuwid na Daan is in consonance with President Benigno Aquino's pursuit and vision of 'tuwid na daan'. The theme underscores women's leadership role and participation in governance to enhance gender perspective in upholding good governance. It highlights the importance of strengthening the mechanisms and institutions that support women and to widen the arena for their participation.

It is also aligned with Section 11 (Participation and Representation) and Section 29 (Peace and Development) of the Magna Carta of Women (RA 9710).

The world observes the International Women's Day (IWD) every March 8 as a result of the organizing activities of women in the early 20th Century. Between 1909 and 1911, working women in the United States participated in organizing strike activities of the National Women's Trade Union League and other concerned groups. They were responding to the low wages, lack of protective legislation and the poor working conditions to which

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BSU – MAG pioneering in making a difference to the children of OFW in the Elementary of Benguet

Thirty-nine MA Guidance and Counseling Students of Benguet State University enrolled in the subject Group Process (GC 214) conducted a series of outreach services from February 15 to March 1, 2013. The outreach services were done in three succeeding Fridays (February 15 and 22 and March 1, 2013) at the Benguet Ucab Elementary School in Itogon and at Puguis Elementary School in La Trinidad. Close to 90 pupils received psychosocial intervention initiatives as part of the pioneering program managed by Prof. Wilfredo Mina in coordination with DepEd Benguet Division and the Philippine Red Cross Benguet Chapter. The GC 214 students are counselors at secondary and elementary schools, pastors, social workers, mothers, and parents who would like to share their expertise in relieving and handling the effect of parents working overseas. This is especially among elementary kids entrusted to grandparents



Puguis team facilitators with Prof. Mina, the principal, barangay official, parents, and students,

or relatives.

An intervention program "Pamilya mo, Lingap ko" was developed targeting the effects of absentee parents based on the survey results as follows: failing grades, easily influenced by peers, lack of discipline, unattended psychological and emotional needs, and lack of interest in schooling, the most common among the participants.

In the three succeeding Friday sessions, students were coached to develop means of expressing ones feeling thru arts and identifying the significant people who are present during their parents' absences. Group and individual counseling sessions were also used to further understand the situation of students. These techniques in dealing with the kids of expat-parents are therapies which posit that people benefit from shared experiences.

"Walk the walk and talk the talk" is one cliché that should be observed since this practice is both backed up with theories and skills. The program is a heartfelt effort of the people who worked and facilitated for it. It involved the collective effort of planning and coordination with partner agencies. The underlying principle is to partner with NGOs in institutionalizing programs that will cater to the socio-psychological needs of the children of migrant workers. Aimed at providing welfare services to the families of OFWs, the program focuses on children through responsive and sustainable program and systems fully coordinated with all concerned local, national, and foreign agencies/ institution.

This pioneering endeavor is a result of the visit of Prof. Mina to our kababayan based in Hong Kong in coordination with the Red Cross Benguet Chapter under the "Pamilya mo, Lingap



Team Ucab facilitators (MA Guidance and Counseling Students) with Mr. Wilfredo Mina, the school principal, barangay officials, and the participants from Ucab Elem School.

MTRCB conducts info drive on revised classification rating for TV and film

The Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) conducted an information drive in Benguet State University on March 15, 2013. The event dubbed “Para sa Matalinong Panonood ng Pamilya ni Juan at Juana” aimed at raising public awareness and participation in the MTRCB Memo Circular Nos. 05-2011 dated 08-2012 and 10-2012.

Among the things presented by the MTRCB Board members are their composition and scope of authority, powers, and functions as well as the revised classification ratings for television programs, films, trailers, plugs, and publicity materials.

At the end of the presentation, members of the MTRCB Board interacted with the participants answering all queries candidly but cordially. Members of the MTRCB Board who were there are Jackie Aquino Gavino, Jay Revester, Mario Hernando, Eliezer Radovan, Delia Baldo, Alexander Talagtag, Jesusa Lorenzo, and Rex Aquillera.

The activity, facilitated by MTRCB



MTRCB Board Members discuss and answer questions from the participants during the BSU leg of the “Para sa Matalinong Panonood ng Pamilya ni Juan at Juana” info drive on March 15, 2013 at the CTE Function Hall.//

and BSU-GAD Unit staff, was also in line with the government’s support to the National Gender and Development Program. It was attended by more than 200 students, faculty, and staff of the University.

BSU hosts Baguio based Google Business Group meet up

The Benguet State University hosted the Google Business Group Baguio 4th Meet-up on March 16, 2013 at the ICT hall. According to Mr. Vince Tabor, one of the group’s facilitator, BSU was chosen as a venue to encourage entrepreneurs in La Trinidad to know more about free services of Google for business. As the host, ten slots were allotted for BSU faculty and staff interested to join the meet up. This is because Google’s free services for business such as Google drive are also very much applicable for education.

Google drive is also one example of a cloud-based service. Google drive is the answer to sending emails with attachments that exceed the attachment limits. Instead of attaching, one can just upload, share and send files up to 10 GB to Google drive.

The activity was coordinated by GBG Baguio through the UPAO and the ICT Division. The Google Business Group Baguio aims to help entrepreneurs, business owners, students and anyone interested in learning more about starting, managing and sustaining their business with the help of Google Technologies. It can be recalled that last year a similar activity was conducted in the University but it focused more on Google Apps for EDU. It was facilitated by Google certified teacher Wendy Gorton and Google Philippines head, Janet Yoon.//JST



The GBG 4th Meet up at the ICT hall on MArCh 16, 2013.//

CTE faculty elected 2nd vice-chair of the BSP-Benguet council

Prof. Wilfredo B. Mina of the College of Teacher Education was elected 2nd vice-chair of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines-Benguet Council. Prof. Mina will serve from this year up to 2015. He has been a volunteer of the Scouting Movement for the past 40 years: six years as a Scoutmaster in the SLU Boy's High and then at the MSAC High School now the BSU Secondary Laboratory School. He is also currently a member of the BSP Executive Council's Board serving in various capacities. As part

of his University extension activities, he mentored Sgt. Victorio Tacio and Sgt. Azlison Bawang, BSU's first awardees of the Ten Outstanding Boy Scouts of the Philippines. The Boy Scouts of the Philippines-Benguet Council received a National Award as Outstanding Council in terms of advancement of scouts and scouters while Prof. Mina was the chair of the council's Advancement and Awards Committee.



Members of the BSP-Benguet Council Advancement and Awards Committee during the Court of Honor ceremony on February 2013. During the ceremony, distinguished scouters received their medals. Towards the end of the ceremony, Prof. Mina delivered his message and challenged the awardees to move on, move up and stay committed to the movement in service to boyscouts.

CTE faculty Prof. Wilfredo Mina with other newly elected officers of the BSP Benguet Council headed by Sctr. Alumno Ampaguey being inducted to office by NLER Director Imelda S. Samson on February 8, 2013.

First regional forestry students' olympiad held at BSU

By Josel M. Florentin

The conduct of the First CAR Regional Forestry Students' Olympiad turned the BSU-CF's Future Foresters Society (FFS) Week held on March 2-5 into a momentous occasion.

The official BSU team lorded over the lone rival Kalinga Apayao State College (KASC) team by winning in all but the Forest Surveying event where the two teams ended up in tie. BSU CF students likewise formed four other teams and participated as guest competitors.

The events competed were Forest Surveying, Forest Mensuration, Wood Identification, Tree Leaf and Seed Identification, and Mini-Board Exam (Quiz Bee).

The activity aimed to prepare forestry students of CAR for the National Forestry Olympiad held biennially. KASC is scheduled to host the same activity in 2015.

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11-16, 2013. Valentino L. Macanes and Leoncia L. Tandang were also recognized in the same conference. Macanes is known for his campaigns on Arabica coffee production in the Cordillera and was given the Achievement Award in Extension. Tandang received a Testimonial Award for her stint as president of the Crop Science Society of the Philippines from 2011 to 2012.//Jen Sabado-Tabangcura

All the other five schools in CAR (MPSPC, KASC, ASC, ASIST, IfSU) along with DMMSU students as guest participants, were invited and gave positive response during the proposal phase attended by their respective representatives. However, due to time constraints and the proximity of the event's date with the schedule of the final examinations, only the KASC representatives were able to join.

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ko" project.

Children will be taking our place. They would be the next generation; some will be leaders leading the generations of our roots. Our getting involved now to make a difference in the lives of these kids is one way of showing not only that we care but also in applying what we learn at the Benguet State University through the Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling course//Ely Karim Javar, MACG14

State universities to support farm mechanization program

Mar 10, 2013 (Menafn - The Manila Times - McClatchy-Tribune Information Services via COMTEX) --The

Department of Agriculture (DA) has partnered with 11 state universities and colleges (SUC) for the dissemination of postharvest equipment and mechanization technologies, as well as educate farmers down to the grassroots level.

Rex Bingabing, DA-Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech) executive director, said that the partnership would help in the dissemination of various farm technologies and knowledge to farmers, citing that many SUCs have their own extension offices and even do research and development related to agriculture.

The 11 SCUs include the Central Luzon State University (CLSU), Benguet State

University, Nueva Vizcaya State University, Pampanga Agriculture College, Camarines Norte State College, Bicol University, Bataan Peninsula State University, Aklan State University, Central Mindanao University, Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture, and Technology, University of Southeastern Philippines.

"SUCs also have capable field extension personnel who can be trained to educate farmers on postharvest and mechanization. Eventually, what PhilMech wants to do is reach out to more farmers and commercialize and disperse mature technologies on postharvest and mechanization," he said.

PhilMech's agreement with the SUCs requires developing and enhancing capabilities of a cadre of experts in postharvest and mechanization at the

educational institutions; establishment of technology demonstration centers, postharvest and mechanization section at each of the SUC extension service office; and provision of farm and business advisory services to farmers groups, entrepreneurs, processors, traders, millers and other interested stakeholders.

Bingabing said that besides providing education in their respective jurisdictions, SUCs are also mandated to undertake research and development activities in collaboration with various government agencies, and do extension work to help create livelihood down to the grassroots level.

"The extension work usually involves the dispersion of farming technologies, development of

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Peace Corps Volunteer recalls two years at BSU



Ms. Tracy Fuller, the US Peace Corps volunteer assigned to BSU was recognized for her efforts on March 14, 2013 in a program dubbed, "An Afternoon with Tracy". The program was attended by BSU faculty and staff led by VP for Academic Affairs, Dr. Percyveranda A. Lubrica.

In two years of serving as a US PCV from 2010-2012, Tracy exposed her students to open

mic poetry readings at Mt. Cloud, mentored an athlete that ranked 2nd place in athletics at the SCUAA, and joined a number of medical missions.

Tracy's co teacher at the CAS-Department of Humanities Dr. Cynthia Lubiton, Prof. Vicente Panagan of the College of Nursing, her two students Summer Padeo and Jaja Obidos shared their experiences with Tracy.



BSU cashier and Ubbog member Mr. Richard Kinnud read a poem about teachers while the Tribong Admin was invited to share their music. The program was coordinated by the University Public Affairs Office.

At the end of the program Tracy thanked and appreciated everybody who made her two years in BSU memorable. //

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women workers were subjected during that time.

The demonstrations were an offshoot of the tragic March 25 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in New York City, which took the lives of more than 140 working girls, mostly Italian and Jewish immigrants. Subsequently, the inhumane working conditions and other unfair labor practices leading up to the disaster were invoked during observances of IWD.

In Europe, Clara Zetkin and the Socialist Women's International demanded that March 8th be the International Women's Day (IWD), celebrated each year to recognize working women around the world. The celebration of IWD has since stimulated major historical events. For instance, IWD was the inspiration for the general strike which began the Russian Revolution in St. Petersburg in 1917 when 10, 000 women textile workers demonstrated.

It is due to such history of women organizing around the world that IWD was officially recognized by the United Nations to celebrate women's contributions to all societies.

In the Philippines, the 2013 Women's Month/Day Celebration is pursuant to: Proclamation No. 224 s. 1988 declaring the first week of March each year as Women's Week and March 8 as Women's Rights and International Peace Day; Proclamation No. 227 s. 1988 providing for the observance of the Month of March as Women's Role in History Month; and Republic Act (RA) 6949 s. 1990 declaring March 8 of every year as National Women's Day.

The objectives of this year's celebration were: to highlight women's leadership roles, participation in decision making, and participation in the political arena, peace-building and conflict resolution; to build upon the gains achieved under existing mechanisms and institutions that support women and gender-responsive governance; and to strengthen partnership with media in promoting women's rights and in advocating to address gender issues.//

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entrepreneurial skills, and training programs," he said, adding that there are also various SUCs that host research centers exclusively devoted to a certain agriculture commodity.

PhilMech's partnership with the 11 SUCs was an offshoot of a recently concluded seminar/workshop on information, technology and training needs assessment on postharvest and mechanization that was held at the PhilMech

headquarters at CLSU Compound, Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija. The seminar was attended by representatives and officials of various SUCs.

Bingabing said that the SUCs will also gain from its partnership with PhilMech since the personnel from the state educational institutions will learn more about farm postharvest and mechanization from the agency.

"It is also very important that students taking up agriculture in SUCs appreciate and learn more about the importance of mechanization and postharvest in modernizing the Philippine agriculture sector," he said.

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BSU President Dr. Ben D. Ladilad addresses the participants to the Flag ceremony on March 12, 2013 with the BSU Women's Month banner in the background.// Photo by Matyline Camfili