



BSU celebrates 96th Foundation Anniversary

Themed “BSU at 96: Surmounting the Challenges of Committed Service,” the University celebrated its 96th Foundation Anniversary on June 25-29.

Activities during the week-long celebration for employees, students, and the public kicked off on the first day with the launching of Research and Extension (R&E) exhibits along with the University Library and Information Services showcasing recent research results and the Essential Electronic Agricultural Library (TEEAL).

Students and employees of the University took the day out planting trees on June 28 at the BSU reservation in Tawang, La Trinidad. The site has been the focus of the BSU Reforestation Project for some years now.

The BSU 96th Foundation



Anniversary program held on June 29 highlighted the week-long celebration. Congressman Juan Edgardo M. Angara through his representative, Baguio journalist, Ms. Baboo Mondoñedo, encouraged the University to help improve the educational system and be globally-competitive.

“We live in interesting times. While the 21st century offers limitless promises, it also brings vast challenges. For one, our country must not let itself be left behind in the global economic system. To do this, the government must vigorously push towards the improvement and probably an overhaul of

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Pnoy in BSU. On June 25, 2012, the University was chosen as the venue for the Oath Taking Ceremony of 300 Liberal Party Members in CAR. Photo shows His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino III with CAR politicians and BSU President, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad, upstage. //Alma Santiago

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3. To strengthen and enhance institutional revenue-generating capability towards self-reliance;
4. To establish competent and effective services geared towards efficiency and economy;
5. To strengthen and expand harmonious and synergistic University-Community relationship; and
6. To inspire and boost the morale of the BSU constituents for greater performance.



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Fostering Ecological Consciousness Among BSU Constituents Through Annual Tree Planting

by Jeric Pinos-an

"He who plants a tree, plants a hope." Lucy Larcom

The nonstop pouring of rain on that chilly Thursday morning did not halt the tree planting activity of BSU faculty, staff, and students as part of the simple yet commemorative 96th Foundation Anniversary celebration. Garbed with our own interpretation of a hiking and tree planting attire, almost everyone prepared to be drenched not in sweat but with the heavy and continuous downpour. As we start to ascend towards our destination starting from where the vehicle had parked, we met colleagues and friends who arrived earlier going down already. They did their part and that we must do ours also. When we reached the top of the hill, we parted ways and went to different areas to carry out what we came here for. There were already holes dug ahead of this day, so it was not really a big deal to fill in these holes with the planting materials we carry. After just a few minutes of contact with Mother Earth, we also started to go down with hopes that what we planted would spring to life and do their corresponding share for the environment.

The entire exercise may seem simple as it appears but this act of humanity is actually a realization that living is not all about us. It's the recognition that we belong to an environment to harmonize with and as far as the thrust of any institution is concerned, we do not only focus on academic excellence but also on the social responsibility that each one of us must adhere into.

So what now is ecological consciousness? In an article written by Randy David published by the Philippine Daily Inquirer, he defines ecological consciousness as the awareness that nearly every aspect of our way of life affects the environment so decisively that we now must choose whether to let the effects go unchecked, or we change the way we live in order to arrest the damage. Although he first related ecological consciousness to the awareness level, he added a choice for us to decide on what to do to be ecologically involved. With regard to the role of the academe in promoting awareness in the environment issues, a study conducted by Cindy Tibble titled "Cultivating an Ecological Consciousness: Appreciative Inquiry for Curriculum Development in Environmental Education", stated that we need education that promotes more than positive environmental behaviors; we need education toward an ecological consciousness. This points out to what the tree planting activity is all about. It should serve as an avenue for the BSU community as a whole to engage in a more concrete and outcome-based program that would create the sense of ecological consciousness to all its constituents. We may have the College of Forestry to

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BSU signs MOU with Korea Forestry Promotion Institute

The University through its president, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Korea Forestry Promotion Institute (KOFPI) led by Dr. Dongsub Lee, its president, on July 3, 2012 at the BSU Admin. Bldg. Conference Room.

The MOU aims to foster a friendly relationship through mutual cooperation in teaching and research and to provide a general framework for the collaboration. The scope of collaboration includes joint research activities, exchange of faculty and

researcher, participation in seminars and academic meetings, and exchange of academic materials and other information.

According to the MOU, no financial obligations are assumed under the agreement.



BSU and KOFPI constituents pose for posterity to seal MOU signing ceremony on July 3, 2012 at the BSU-Adminstration Bldg. Conference Room. (Inset) BSU President, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad and KOFPI President, Dr. Dongsub Lee exchange their copies of the signed MOU.//Sheryl I. Fernando

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the education sector. To be able to be globally competitive, that must be our ultimate aspiration," read his message.

Angara is a member of the Congressional Committee on Higher and Technical Education, Culture, and Arts as well as the BSU Board of Regents.

The BSU History Committee led by Dr. Ma. Luz D. Fang-asana also presented little known facts about the 96-year history of the University. The celebration culminated with an awards program and a fellowship night.

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spearhead the activity but it should not only be limited to its concern. Every BSU faculty, staff, and student

is part of the Reforestation Project of BSU Reservation.

Another study conducted by Margaret Gooch in Griffith University in Brisbane titled "A Sense of Place: Ecological identity as a driver for catchment volunteering" introduces the concept of catchment volunteering. It is an 'ethical' enterprise in the sense that it is undertaken by people with thoughts and reflection about the consequences of their actions. A 'sense of place' and feelings of belonging to a particular place through the development and maintenance of social contacts helps facilitate voluntary work. Catchment volunteering further encompasses a wide range of experiences as it is undertaken in rural, regional, and urban settings by a diversity of individuals for a variety of reasons. It involves activities such as water quality monitoring, tree planting, weeding, mulching, watering, and

cleanup days.

Using the same concept, the University could also have its own catchment volunteering. There would be no problem in the feeling of belonging as a hindrance of this program because we all live here and we are directly affected by the things that happen around. Such rationale could lead us to launch a University-wide program in line with the tree planting activity and call it as BSU Puno Ko, Alagaan Ko Program. With this, all BSU constituents will have its tree to be planted in the BSU Reservation and make this a part of the annual foundation and charter day celebrations. With a rough estimate of 8000 BSU students along with some 700 staff and faculty, the realization of the objective to preserve the reservation area will surely be at hand. Moreover, ecological consciousness would soon be felt and become a part of the BSU

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OU celebrates Crystal Anniversary; recognizes pioneers

The celebration of the 15th year anniversary of the Open University was one of the highlights of this year's 96th University foundation celebration!

With the theme "Home-coming and Planning for an Expanded Clientele Base", OU celebrated its crystal year with the conduct of an Awarding Program to aptly recognize the pioneers consisting of the first batch of graduates and their professors along with a seminar on Open and Distance Education.

During the University foundation's recognition program, acknowledgments were sincerely extended to the pioneers of the corps of administrators as follows: Dr. Cipriano C. Consolacion (during his term OU was established in 1997); Dr. Juliet P. Bagano, (first director, 1997); Dr. Perlita J. Fernandez (director, 2004); Dr. Percyveranda A. Lubrica (director, 2007-08); Dr. John D. Tacloy (assistant director, 2009-10); Prof. Erma K. Mamaril (assistant director, June 2010); and Ms. Analyn B. Garcillan (administrative assistant, 1997-present).

Also given due recognition are the following members of the faculty: Janet A. Visayan, Elita B. Herrero, Ruth S. Batani, Martin B. Manodon, Elizabeth A. Verzola, Peter M. Cosalan, Teresita V. Galacgac, Florida P. Faculo, Agapito P. Delmas, Gloria A. Felipe, Cornelio D. Carta, Julito L. Pioquinto, Robert A. Cayanos, Cristino E. Balancio, and Arlene L. Flores. Meanwhile, the first batch of graduates consisted of Juliet P. Banoca, Victoria B. Gaengan, Ligaya

A. Poled, Pascual A. Sacgaca, Hermina C. Bolaoit, Susana P. Blanza, Suzima B. Taeza, Estrelita V. Velasco, James G. Lopez, Rose P. Wadasen, Cherry S. Tuguinay, Virginia A. Apat, Ma. Lourdes Rosal A. Bala, Jose F. Eugenio, and Imelda A. Eugenio.

Moreover, the seminar featured an overview of distance education and e-learning through the use of multimedia as means of electronic communication followed shortly by a planning workshop conducted to craft OU's midterm plans and programs, which was participated in by OU students, faculty members, and staff.

In pursuit for providing continuing distance quality education, OU proposed to offer new master's programs in Organic Agriculture, Agribusiness and Entrepreneurship, Environmental Management and Supervision, and a doctorate degree in Management.

According to OU Director Lita M. Colting, OU continues to seek various management techniques to improve and render its services the most relevant ways to attract more enrollees. Under the new leadership, hopes are high for the proposed programs to take off next school year!

Incidentally, the BSU-OU was established in 1997 through University Board Resolution No. 768 in fulfillment of Article XIV (Education) of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and R.A. 7722 known as the Higher Education Act in 1994. //Dina G. Leaño



Open University Crystal Anniversary awardees with some BSU faculty and staff led by BSU President Ben D. Ladilad after the awarding program at the BSU gymnasium on June 29, 2012. //Sheryl I. Fernando

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culture with all the trees standing as towering and living witness of man's kindness and care for mother earth!. It is by doing

this that we could realize that we do not live only for ourselves and that BSU as an educational institution is in its genuine track to

protect and preserve the environment.

We maybe all shivering with our dripping wet clothes but our hopes

are heightened that the trees we planted are actually added strength for Mother Earth to survive. That is ecological consciousness!

BSU-ULIS spearheads Green Librarianship seminar

The Benguet State University – Library and Information Services (BSU-ULIS) in cooperation with the Baguio-Benguet Librarians Association Inc. (BBLAI) and the Philippine Librarians Association – Cordillera Administrative Region Council (PLAI-CARLC) conducted a two-day seminar-workshop on June 26-27 at the BSU Library.

Working around the theme “Green Librarianship: Response to Global Warming”, the gathering aimed to reiterate librarians’ social responsibilities particularly on environmental issues and environmental legislations familiarization; make firm stand/position in relation to environmental concerns; and develop a library environment plan.

Series of lectures covered on the first day included topics on Forestry, Environmental Legislations, and the Library’s Environmental program while various environmental workshops completed the second day.

In the seminar titled Dreaming “Green” with the Foresters, the integration of Greenery (Urban Forestry) in the Organization and Management of Library was introduced. Meanwhile, the seminar on Environmental Legislation and Library’s Environmental Program tackled environmental sustainability, ecology,

waste management, and legal bases among others.

According to BSU-ULIS director Lauren P. Kipaam, the seminar was an avenue for librarians to practice environmental protection and conservation.

“Librarians should also know the dangers imposed by Global Warming and their role to be a pro-environment model,” emphasized Kipaam.

The activity was participated by Library Directors / Heads, Assistant Librarians of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in CAR, practicing librarians, faculties, and students. //Dina G. Leaño



Participants during the Green Librarianship Seminar-Workshop and (inset) University President, Dr. Ben D. Ladilad giving his keynote address during the Opening Ceremony.



BSU research proposal presented to UN-WFP Philippines. The United Nations-World Food Programme Philippines is going to work with BSU in refining a research proposal titled, “Developing Resilience to Landslide Hazard in Four Farming Communities in Benguet” after it was presented to UN-WFP Philippines representatives on June 8, 2012. Photo shows BSU President, Dr. Marissa Parao, project proponent with Dr. Maria Angela Flores Abad, Dr. Enrico U. Alviar of UN-WFP, and BSU VP for Research and Extension, Dr. Luciana Villanueva. //JSabado-Tabangcura

BSU Counselor-Educator Delegates join Counseling Convention

By: Wilfredo II Francis F. Mina, RGC

Joining fellow helping professionals from all over the Philippines and around the world, three delegates from BSU participated in the 48th annual convention of the Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association and in the annual conference of the International Association of Counseling. Prof. Wilfredo B. Mina (CTE), Dr. Roberto Q. Roldan (CTE-GS 2012 graduate), and Mr. Wilfredo II Francis F. Mina (Adjunct faculty, BSU-GS/OU) interacted with fellow local and international counselors and counselor-educators in a continuing exercise of professional development.

The events provided a venue for individual and collective reflection on the emerging trends and issues counselors face in promoting respect for human dignity and

advancing the welfare of people worldwide. Bringing together counselors from many parts of the world, the participants explored ways of promoting counseling as a local and global force for advancing human rights. The joint convention was on May 15-19, 2012 at the Century Park Hotel and St. Scholastica's College, Metro Manila. During the same event, Prof. Mina was the Officer in -Charge on the third day (May 18) and served as Coordinator for Working Group Discussions on the topic "Counseling to Advance the Human Rights of Children". Earlier, he was re-elected for 3 consecutive terms (2012-2013) as a member of the Board of Directors and Officer (Business Manager) of The Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association, (PGCA, Inc.), the Accredited Professional Organization (APO) of Guidance Counselors.



BSU Counselor-Educators join PRBGC Consultative Meeting

Three faculty from the College of Teacher Education Graduate School participated in a consultative meeting with the members of Professional Regulatory Board of Guidance and Counseling (PRBGC) last May 28, 2012 at the PRC Main Office, Manila. Convened by the Hon. Dr. Carmelita P. Pabiton, the meeting was attended by selected counselor-educators and counseling practitioners from all over the Philippines to tackle thrusts and upcoming programs geared towards

professional practice of Guidance and Counseling. Representing BSU were Prof. Wilfredo B. Mina (CTE), Ms. Donna Claire L. Colinang (OSA), and Mr. Wilfredo II Francis F. Mina (Adjunct faculty, GS/OU) who joined fellow licensed guidance counselors in a one-day event reviewing guidance counselor competencies and critical analysis of the Table of Specifications (TOS) of the different Subject coverage of the upcoming 2012 Guidance and Counseling Licensure Examination board exams.



Faculty, staff, and former students pay tribute to the late Dr. Franco J. Bawang Sr.

A necrology service was rendered for the late Dr. Franco T. Bawang on June 8, 2012. This was attended by BSU faculty, staff, and former students of the mentor who was one of the pillars of the CA-Department of Horticulture, one of the minds behind the offering of the degree, BS in Environmental Science, and most of all the person who always encouraged everyone to achieve. Photo shows Admin. Staff, Ms. Temmy Vitales; SLS Principal, Prof. John P. Botengan Jr.; Ret. CAS Professor, Dr. Carlota V. Lubrica; University Board Secretary, Mrs. Grace T. Bengwayan; BSU President Dr. Ben D. Ladilad; and Dr. Lily Ann D. Lando, a former student of Dr. Bawang.



Dr. Franco T. Bawang Sr. speaking during his farewell program on May 3, 2006. He retired from government service as Vice President for Administration; and Dr. Franco T. Bawang, Sr. with colleagues in 2006.

University constituents remember Dr. Mary Jane L. Laruan

A necrology service for the late Dr. Mary Jane L. Laruan was held on June 28, 2012 where she was remembered by University constituents and students as they thanked her for all the wisdom she shared in her more or less 30 years of teaching. She entered the University, then the MSAC, as substitute Assistant Instructor in 1981.

Photos below shows some of her friends and colleagues including ELS Principal Prof. Brian Botengan; CTE faculty Prof. Frael Aquino; and Prof. Evelyn Angiwan relating how Dr. Laruan has touched their lives.



The BSU-CCA Glee Club led by Dr. Liezl B. Villagrancia during the wake.



Dr. Mary Jane L. Laruan proudly announcing the BSU passing rates on this year's Licensure Examination for Teachers April 30, 2012 during the regular Monday flag ceremony.

ICT Team wins BSUNTA Tourney

by Richard Kinnud

BSU life is relieving stress by playing basketball!

This is what a group of non-teaching employees proved with the holding of the BSU Non-Teaching Association Basketball Tournament from May 28 to June 27, 2012. Everybody was triumphant as the event provided an opportunity to relieve stress, strengthen bonding, and develop new friends among the players. At the end, a championship trophy was awarded to the team that reigned over the others. In this third edition of the tournament, it was the team composed of office staff and administrators in the academic units of the University and the personnel of the MIS division known as the ICT Team that bested the six other teams and captured the coveted championship.

The tournament followed a round-robin format in the elimination process where the teams played six games each. The top two teams in the eliminations automatically advanced to the semi-finals while the next four teams fought it out in a quarter-final round. The ICT Team was seeded sixth but eliminated the Administration Team. The Rootcrops Team (5th) likewise eliminated fourth-seeded Research and Extension Team. In the semi-final round, ICT Team again defeated second-seeded BSAI Team to arrange the Championship game with the top-seeded IGP Team that defeated the Rootcrops Team in the same round. Rootcrops Team later rallied to defeat the BSAI Team for a Third Place Finish.

Aside from the regular games, the tournament also featured fun games in three-point shooting, free-throw shooting, and team-shooting challenge. The complete list of winners is as follows:

- Three-Point Shooting - Juniors
CHAMPION - Fliverio Cabading (Research Team)
- 2nd - Noel Alfredo (Rootcrops Team)
- 3rd - Oliver Tabdi (ICT Team)
- Three-Point Shooting - Seniors
CHAMPION - Harland Gary Pawid (ICT Team)
- 2nd - Rey Lumpio (Research Team)
- 3rd - Lauren Kipaam (ICT Team)



BSU celebrates Independence Day. Philippine flags sway at the façade of the University Administration Buildings for the whole month of June in commemorating the country's 114th Independence Day.



A jubilant ICT team is greeted by the Vice President for Administration Dr. Alfredo C. Tipayno. // Bob Roaring

- Team-Shooting Challenge
- CHAMPION - General Services Office Team
- 2nd - BSAI Team
- 3rd - Administration Team
- Free-Throw Shooting
- CHAMPION - Mark Kitayan (IGP Team)
- Finalists

- 1. Clemente Dogyang (IGP Team)
 - 2. Daniel Magracia (IGP Team)
 - 3. Andrew Tamang (Administration Team)
- CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES
- CHAMPION - ICT TEAM
 - 2ND - IGP Team
 - 3RD - Rootcrops Team