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## DOM celebrates last b-day as BPSU Prexy

*'It has been a wonderful 17 years,' says Univ Prexy*

KRISTOFFER LLOYD QUICHO

After serving as the Bataan Peninsula State University's president for 17 years, Dr. Delfin O. Magpantay experienced an out-of-the-box birthday celebration, November 26, Plaza Mayor de Balanga.

"This is the most memorable celebration I had. *Gusto ko 'yung magkaroon ng mga flash mob, 'yung ganun. Kaso imbes na ako ang director, students were performing the flash mob for me,*" said an overjoyed Dr. Magpantay after the surprise.

Likewise, the University President stressed that he really wanted to have a flash mob in one of his birthday celebrations.

The statement of the University President was affirmed by Director for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Dr. Remigio Sacdalan, as he voiced that they had come up with the concept of the doing a flash mob because it was one of Dr. Magpantay's birthday wishes.

"*'Yung idea talaga ng flash mob, galing 'yun kay Sir Magpantay. Lagi kasi niyang nababanggit na kapag sa susunod na celebration niya ay kakaiba naman, example nga ay flash mob. And pinick-up namin 'yun,*" furthered Dr. Sacdalan.

### LEGACY LEFT

Reported in the 2011-2012 edition of The Defender Broadsheet, Dr. Magpantay claimed that he will not accept his retirement up until his goals of having an intense infrastructure development in Balanga Campus are fulfilled. As of press time, the construction of the new College of Social and Behavioral Sciences two-story building is nearing its completion (see related story on page 2).

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MARAMING SALAMAT. BPSU President Delfin O. Magpantay thanks the Peninsulares for their surprise celebration of his 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday, Plaza Mayor de Balanga, November 26.

FERDIANNE ANTONIE B. BERMUDO

## FAsso pivots CBL ratification

MARIMAR ANN M. PANTI  
and JUDY ANNE L. AGUILAR

Bataan Peninsula State University Faculty Association (BPSU-FAsso) centered their attention on promoting fair treatment amongst the members of the organization through possible amendments of their Constitution and By-Laws (CBL) as disclosed during the FAsso General Assembly, Crown Royale Hotel, City of Balanga, November 21.

"*Lahat ng nasa CBL dapat beneficial para sa general assembly, not just for officers, nakakita kasi kami ng konting problema doon sa mga included sa rank-and-file, dapat kasi kasama 'yung mga casual and contractual doon sa mga tinatawag na regular members,*" said Engr. Alfredo D. Valentos, FAsso Federated president.

### BENEFICIAL NEGOTIATIONS

During the President's Report, Engr. Valentos discussed the Collective Negotiation Agreement (CNA) – a contract negotiation between employees' organization and employer or management in the terms of improvement that are not fixed by the law, containing the personnel incentives or CNA incentives.

"*'Yung aim kasi ng CNA ay 'yung makuha 'yung 50 percent savings ng FAsso para sa personnel incentives, nakalaan 'yun sa mga members at [FAsso] development,*" explained the FAsso Federated President.

Meanwhile, University President Dr. Delfin O. Magpantay, commented that CNA has something to do also with the conditions of work of the university employees.

"Financially *mayroon din kahit kapisaso*, if the school will be able to save something, everybody will share doon *sa savings pero kasama rin doon 'yung protection, 'yung mga flexi time and sickness benefits,*" claimed Dr. Magpantay.

### FACULTY'S VOICES

As the assembly progressed, Representatives from *Pagtutulungan Para sa Kinabukasan, Ikav,*

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## 91% BC-Peninsulares uncovers facility dissatisfaction

LESLIE JOY P. EVALLE and MARIMAR ANN M. PANTI

Bataan Peninsula State University – Balanga Campus (BPSU - BC) students raised 91 percent discontentment rate towards facility development inside the campus as reflected in the survey conducted by The Defender.

Out of the five percent of BC-populace which is equivalent to 208 respondents, 189 BC-Peninsulares affirmed that there is an insufficiency in terms of facilities and emergency equipment particularly comfort rooms (CR) and fire extinguisher, respectively.

Benjamin Adraneda Jr., associate director for Physical Plant and Engineering Services supported the above statement saying, "*Actually 'yung mga facilities natin ay talagang hindi maayos at luma na, wala sigurong nagsasabing satisfied siya sa ibang facilities, lalo na nga sa CR*".

Adraneda also stated that even if they are trying their best to improve the facilities, it will not be enough because of lack of budget allocations.

### VISIBLE DISCOMFORT

Meanwhile, 91 percent of the respondents disclosed their concerns regarding the number and location of comfort rooms distributed all over BC.

"*Kasi napakarami nang bilang ng estudyante dito sa campus. Hindi sapat ang iilang CR dito [sa BC], madalas nga nagsisiksikan pa sa CR para lang makagamit ang mga estudyante,*" complained Paul Nikko Y. Edosma, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Moreover, Leah Pearl Pulos, a third year Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (BSA)

91% BC-Peninsulares.. P/5





# CSBS building completion soon DOM orders turnkey policy

RISEN J. MANRIQUE and EXCELSIA C. TALLORIN

Dr. Delfin O. Magpantay directed a turnkey policy with regards to the nearing completion of the CSBS building this December.

Accordingly, the turnkey policy is an agreement between the university and the construction firm, wherein there will be no payment unless the building is finished.

“Ang target namin na matapos ang construction ay by December talaga, kasi meron kaming turnkey policy which means na habang hindi pa natatapos ang buong building, wala muna silang matatanggap na bayad,” said Dr. Magpantay.

He furthered that the construction firm fastened the structure’s completion so as not to delay the payment.

## COMPLETION DELAY

Meanwhile, Benjamin Adraneda, Jr., associate director for Physical Plant and Engineering Services (PPES), explained the

matters which caused delay to the construction.

Adraneda claimed that the changing weather condition had affected the work, particularly during the rainy season and there are typhoons that visited the country.

“Unang dahilan do’n ‘yung mga bagyo, hindi mapagpatuloy pansamantala ‘yung pagpapagawa dahil sa ulan at hangin. Tapos madami pang dinadagdag na features ng building mula sa administration kaya natigil din sila, pero sa ngayon, tuloy-tuloy na naman,” expounded the PPES Director.

**ARISING PENINSULARES’ REACTION**

Peninsulares who are mainly affected by the said infrastructure development shared their reactions towards the effect of the construction span from July to December.

“Parang medyo matagal ang construction at mabagal ang proseso ng building,” expressed Ariane Colada, Bachelor of

Science in Business Administration-2B.

Colada added that despite the long period of construction, the rising building will be beneficial to Peninsulares especially to the CSBS students. “Makikinabang tayo diyan, na ‘pag may room na ang CSBS [students], ‘di na sila kailangang mag-room sa library at ‘yung mga alikabok, dumami nung nando’n ‘yung building pero sa dulo makikinabang din tayo”.

Meanwhile, Rhenzy Villasoto, Bachelor of Science in Clinical Psychology – 2, revealed her excitement regarding the building completion, “Naeexcite ako, syempre, ngayon naiinip kami dahil burden ‘to dahil wala kang room pero ‘pag natapos malaking pakinabang”.

On the other hand, Dr. Magpantay assured that despite the delays in the building construction the CSBS will be set to rise before the end of December. 🙏🙏



## DYM-Balanga sets off 11<sup>th</sup> Mt. Samat pilgrimage

JEM F. GATDULA

Diocesan Youth Ministry of Balanga (DYM-Balanga) aspired to intensify youth’s devotion to spiritual activities as they gathered almost 30,000 youth pilgrims in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Mt. Samat Pilgrimage at Diwa, Pilar, Bataan, November 29.

Rev. Fr. Noel C. Nuguid, Diocesan Youth Director (DYD), expressed that the annual pilgrimage also intended to search for a leader who will lead the youth towards a stronger faith.

“Pag kabataan kasi ang tinawag mo, talagang pumupunta sila kasi nga ang mga kabataan, naghahanap sila ng mga bagay na gagawin nila at saka this event is for us to look for a leader who will commend and inspire them that doing well is important,” said Fr. Nuguid.

According to the DYM director, youth pilgrims have different purpose on joining the pilgrimage. “Others just go there to gather with their fellow young people, others for experience, but hopefully at the end of the day, they will have a reason that is more than that, to celebrate and encounter with the Lord, especially on top of Mt. Samat.”

Marlon Esguerra, a Parish Youth Ministry member, articulated that he felt so blessed after satisfying his thirst of the love from God. “Ang dahilan ko kasi kaya sumama ako dito ay dahil gusto kong maging kaisa si God at makatagpo sa Mt. Samat, kasi malaki ‘yung naging parte ng mga bundok based on the bible”.

Meanwhile, Luis Miguel Francisco, a youth pilgrim from Balanga City, Bataan, stated that he joined this year’s pilgrimage because of his innate love to the Lord. 🙏🙏

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“I want to leave a legacy. That by the time I retire, there will be functional buildings in the Balanga Campus that will add to the number of usable classrooms,” he emphasized.

In addition, the University President articulated that he is now ‘wrapping-up’ his plans for the university before his term ends this coming April 2015.

“Parang wrapping-up na lang. Sa tingin ko nagawa ko naman ang goal ko na iimprove ang facilities. We have new things and innovations in the university,” he stressed.

Likewise, Dr. Magpantay claimed that before his term ends, he will facilitate the planned renovations of the Science laboratories saying, “Bago ako umalis, we will try to improve ‘yung mga Science Laboratories ng bawat campuses. Marami nang binili ang university na gamit para sa science laboratories, like equipment and apparatuses. We are doing this to improve ang mga course offering natin na related sa science,” he quipped.

**STRONG FORCES**

Aside from the infrastructure developments that were completed under his term as the University President, Dr. Magpantay expounded that he is satisfied with the performance of the other key officials that he will be leaving behind.

“Sa tingin ko, nakacondition na sila (University Officials). Okay na sila psychologically, physically, mentally and emotionally. Meron na tayong set-up, and it is a matter of sustaining what we have as a university,” he added.

He then stressed that he will not feel sad in leaving the university he served as president for 17 years because of the strong-willed people that will serve as the next leaders of BPSU.

“Hindi ako nalulungkot kasi makakalaya na ako bilang presidente. Kidding aside, ang mga iiwanan (University Officials) ko kasi magagaling and I know that they can still retain the name of the university,” Dr. Magpantay said.

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

For his successor as the head of BPSU, Dr. Magpantay stressed that he will know what the feeling of being a university president once he is already installed in his new position.

“Malalaman niya ‘yun kapag nandoon na siya sa situation. BPSU is an icon of many things in the region, of peaceful academic community. Wala tayong mga rallies. Napakagandang mag-start,” Dr. Magpantay added.

He furthered that the next President must also be a people person so that there will be a nice connection among the students, faculty members and the high ranking officials of the university saying, “Just be sensitive to the needs of the students, teachers, and school. It is not about being the president, it is about how you will act around the members of the university. And focus on our vision and mission.”

However, despite his pieces of advice, the University President shared that he is still in the blind spot for he does not know who will be the next president of BPSU.

“Wala pa kung sino, kung sino ang ibigay sa atin ng tadhana, kasi finding the next BPSU [President] is a national search. Kung sino man ang ibigay, pero ang maganda kung galing sa atin kasi kilala na natin siya. Pero kung sino man ang magiging bagong president, we know that God will not put BPSU in bad hands, we know that the new president will be someone more intelligent, more peaceful, more dynamic and a lot more for the betterment of BPSU,” Dr. Magpantay stated. 🙏🙏





*CSC-BC promotes volunteerism anew,*

# Stude- volunteers take part on Council endeavors’ success

JUDY ANNE L. AGUILAR

Campus Student Council - Balanga Campus (CSC-BC) proved that the spirit of volunteerism still resides in every student from the different colleges who served as volunteers to do free services for the university and for their fellow Peninsulares.

According to John Paul G. Manalaysay, CSC-BC president, hiring 32 volunteers from the four colleges housed inside BC is one of their strategies to lessen the incidences of student-apaty among BC-Peninsulares.

“S’yempre ‘yun ‘yung gusto ng council, ‘yung kumuha ulit ng volunteers na makakatulong sa amin. So, naghanap kami ng mga volunteers mula sa iba’t ibang kolehiyo. Naghanap kami ng mga students na handang tumulong nang walang anumang hinihinging kapalit,” said Manalaysay.

He added that despite the busy schedules of volunteers, they still showed their commitment on the organization through their involvement in CSC’s activities like University-wide Intramurals, enrolment, trainings and seminars.

“Makikita mo na hindi sila iba sa amin (CSC officers), na part rin sila ng pamilya ng CSC, na handang tumulong sa amin. Gabi na rin umuwi kapag may mga projects, nakiki-overnight at kasama naming natutulog,” articulated Manalaysay.

## CALLING IN ACTION

According to the student-volunteers, they decided to be part of the CSC sub-group because of their willingness to help their co-Peninsulares and the influence of their friends who are part of the council.

“*Tinanong na sa amin ni Ma’am Masangcap (Mrs. Juliet Masangcap, CSC adviser) kung bakit kami nagvolunteer. Una talaga influence ng mga kaibigan. Tapos kesa nga naman lagi lang kaming nasa [CSC] office na walang ginagawa, nakatambay, nakatunganga doon, nag-volunteer na kami para naman maging kapaki-pakinabang din kami. So iyon talaga ang main reason, ‘yung influence ng mga friends saka ‘yung kagustuhan rin namin na makatulong at hindi lang kami nandoon as tambay’*”, expressed Rio S. Solomon, Bachelor of Secondary Education III-English.

Despite the varying reasons of students on taking part as CSC volunteer, Ervene Joshua T. Tinao, a volunteer from College of Business and Accountancy, stated that even though he is not an elected officer, he is willing to help his fellow students.

“Actually, maraming beses na namimisinterpret. Sasabihin, ‘ah, feeler.’ ‘Hindi naman kayo officer pero kung umasta’. Nadidiscriminate kami pero tatanggapin na lang namin kasi opinyon nila ‘yun. Ayun din po ‘yung utos ng officer namin, kunwari sa pila, ‘Ayusin n’yo ‘yung pila’. Okay lang magalit sila, ginagawa lang naman namin’ yung utos sa amin,” explained Tinao.

## PRICELESS REWARD

John Van Andrew R. Jayme, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Operations Managament, furthered that even the volunteers have a tiring role on helping Peninsulares they still gained a priceless reward that no money can buy. “Nagkakaron kami ng friends sa CSC, at ‘yung reward na ‘yun ay hindi matutumbasan ng kahit anuman sa mundo”.



**TEAM SPIRIT.** Campus Student Council officers holds on to the railings as they transfer it to another area during their preparation for the BPSU Intramurals 2014: Believe.

IVY JOY B. SANTOS

Solomon supported Jayme’s opinion stating that they had found their second home in the CSC. He also added that even they are volunteers, they make sure that they can still manage their time as a student and as a volunteer.

“Hindi naman namin napapabayaang ‘yung pag-aaral namin. At hindi naman kami madalas doon saka sabi nila dapat unahin pa rin ang academics,” furthered Solomon.

## COMMENDING SUPPORT

Meanwhile, Luvy C. Barata, University Registrar – BC, commended the endeavors of CSC particularly during the enrolment period.

“Malaki ‘yung naitulong ng CSC lalo na ‘yung mga volunteers, sa pag-aassist nila, importante ‘yung pag-aassist, importante ‘yung pagtulong dahil mas napabilis ‘yung info

dissemination kung saan sila next na dapat pumunta,” explained Barata.

Jediz Maureen Genodia, Bachelor in Secondary Education II- Biological Science, praised the CSC volunteers’ performance that helped on the prevention of disturbance in the enrolment process this Academic Year 2014-2015, Second Semester.

In addition, Gemma Adraneda, Associate Professor, is pleased with the deeds of CSC volunteers saying, “Marami silang mga proyekto na alam naman nating masigasig. Kitang-kita naman natin saka madali silang makausap kapag may gatherings. Saka kapag nag-suggest ka sa kanila, hindi naman sila nag-aatubiling pakinggan ka kung ano ang gusto mong sabihin,” stated Adraneda. 🙏🙏🙏



**BLUE PRINT.** Bataan will soon witness the full operations of the Virgen Milagrosa del Rosario College Seminary this upcoming 2015.

KRISTOFFER LLOYD QUICHO

## Bataan sets eyes on first seminary

JAY F. GATDULA

Living to its tag as ‘bayan ng mga bayani at banal’, the province of Bataan will soon have its first seminary in the form of Virgen Milagrosa del Rosario College Seminary (VMDRCS).

In a report published in the Diocese of Balanga’s (DOB) website, the seminary is worth Php 60-million and is a 60-40 partnership with David M. Consunji, Inc (DMCI), the constructors of the said establishment.

Moreover, DOB Bishop Ruperto C. Santos stressed that the VMDRCS is the diocese’s gift to God. He added that he is overwhelmed that the diocese will soon have a college seminary of its own.

Bishop Santos furthered that the VMDRCS houses three buildings namely: a 50-room dormitory style building, an administration building and the Virgen Milagrosa del Rosario chapel.

“The infrastructures in the seminary are shaped to be like a mother with open arms, willing to embrace the children who are ready to serve the Lord,” the Bishop said. 🙏🙏🙏

## CSBS catalogs two qualifiers in pioneer PLE

JOSEPH BENJAMIN BASQUINAS and EXCELSIA TALLORIN

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (CSBS) set a remarkable first time as it listed two newly-registered psychometricians recording a 40 percent local passing rate (LPR) against the 39.29 percent National Passing Rate (NPR) on the pioneer Psychometrician Licensure Examination (PLE) last October 2014.

“Masaya ako sa achievement na ‘to, karangalan ‘yun sa pagiging dean mo na mayroong mga graduate na pumasa at nag-risk magtake lalo na at first time itong licensure exam, pero hindi lang naman dahil sa college ‘yung pagpasa s’yempre nasa kakayahan din ng bata at sa tulong na din ng Diyos,” said Eduardo Cortez, former C S B S dean.

## S W E E T SUCCESS

Catherine C. Ponce, newly-licensed Psychometrician, expressed her feelings about being a part of the pioneering batch of passers, “It’s really an honor to be included in that so-called ‘pioneer batch’. It is really something to be proud of, also being a part of the whole board exam process”.

Ponce shared that having a mindset and self-motivation are the keys in passing the licensure exam.

“Siguro ‘yung pinaka-preparation ko talaga is in terms

of mind-setting at ‘yung tiwala sa sarili ko na kahit ano pa man ‘yung exam na iharap sa amin eh malalampasan namin, s’yempre with the help of knowledge from the past four years in college and with God,” claimed Ponce.

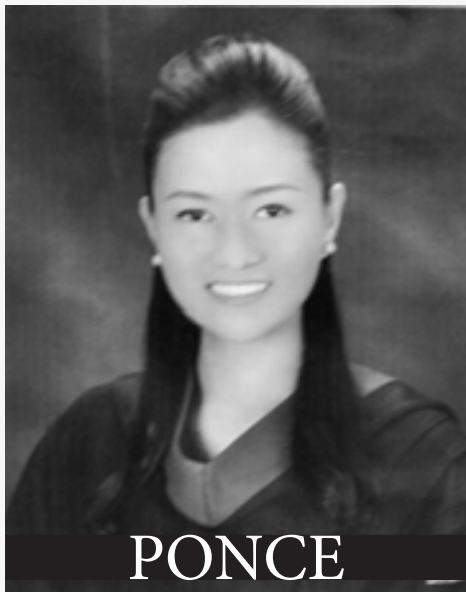
## NEXT IN LINE

Meanwhile, Michael John Manansala, a fourth year Bachelor of Science in Psychology major in Clinical Psychology (BSP-CP4) student, articulated that he is hoping that there will be more number of passers on the next salvo of PLE. “Naniniwala ako na mas marami pang makakapasa sa mga susunod na licensure examination kasi ngayon pa lang nagtutulungan na kami sa batch namin na

magreview.”

Also, Lawrence Balana, BSP-CP4, exclaimed that the best reviews that will help them are the ideas that they have been learning from their On-the-Job trainings (OJT).

On the other hand, CSBS newly-installed Dean Susan C. Laggui shared that she is aiming to record a higher passing rate next year, saying, “40 percent is good but next year, we will target 85 percent out of 100.” 🙏🙏🙏



PONCE



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# ESGP-PA officers build team, DSWD, CHED upgrade grantees' leadership skills

LESLIE JOY P. EVALLE

Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in cooperation with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), equipped the Expanded Student Grant-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (ESGP-PA) officers and grantees with management skills in its first ever teambuilding and seminar, Travelers' Hotel, Subic, Zambales, November 13-15.

“Yung mga ganitong seminar ay mahalaga para sa mga officers ng ESGP-PA kasi dito naiimprove ‘yung leadership skills na mayroon ang mga grantees natin,” said Allein Malit, teambuilding facilitator.

Malit also stated that the training sessions could help the students to handle the situations in the real life scenario. “Pag labas n’yo dito [teambuilding and seminar], mas malaking mundo ‘yung naghihintay sa inyo, sa kanya-kanya ninyong school kaya dapat magtraining kayo ng mabuti.”

## WORTHWHILE EXPERIENCE

Different activities prepared by the representatives from CHED-Region III office are presented to grantees to help them develop their skills.

Bjerk Santos, grantee from Bataan Peninsula State University-Abucay Campus shared his joy towards the activities where he participated in. “Nakakatuwa ‘yung mga pinapagawa nila [teambuilding facilitators] sa amin kasi bukod sa matututo ka na, mag-eenjoy ka pa, hindi kasi ‘yung tipong seryoso talaga, may mga tawanan

din.”

Santos also emphasized that the strictness of the facilitators when it comes to time management had helped them [grantees] to be disciplined in doing the activities within the given duration.

Malit supported Santos’ statement saying, “Yung mga gawain na inihandan namin para sa mga estudyante ay talagang makakatulong para maging disiplinado sila sa lahat ng aspeto, lalo na sa oras, kailangan kasi nilang matutuo kung paano mag manage ng oras nila hindi pwedeng laging late.”

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Dr. Caridad Oly Abuan, CHED-Region III director graced the event as she talked about conflict management to assist student-grantees in terms of handling problems.

“Lagi ninyong [participants] tatandaan na ang lahat ng problema ay may solusyon kailangan n’yo lang magsakripisyo ng kaunti,” expressed Dr. Abuan.

In accordance to the topic discussed by the CHED regional director, student-grantees shared their experiences regarding conflict management.

“Nakakarelata kami sa mga sinasabi ni Ma’am Caridad kasi karamihan sa mga naikwento niya ay nangyayari din sa amin at saka ‘yung sinabi niya na lagi lang magtiwala kay Lord, tama ‘yun kasi Siya lang naman ‘yung malalapitan natin sa mga panahon na may problema tayo,” exclaimed Ian Carlo



**LET ME HEAR YOUR QUESTION.** A representative from Department of Social Welfare and Development answers a question coming from an ESGP-PA scholar during the General Assembly.

**DIANA M. AVENDAÑO**

Panzo, an ESGP-PA representative from Tarlac State University.

Also, Jennifer Mendoza, a student-grantee from Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University supported Panzo’s statement saying, “Kapag may mga problema tayo, think positive lang tayo lagi at saka never give up tulad nga nung nai-share sa atin ni Dr. Abuan.”

Meanwhile, Dr. Abuan concluded that the impact of the training would be dependent to the grantees.

“Kahit gaano kagaling ang mga speakers natin, kahit gaano karami ang mga impormasyon na naibahagi nila, kung hindi naman natin iaapply sa mga schools natin, mababalewala ang lahat ng bagay na ginawa natin dito,” she ended.

The ESGP-PA teambuilding and seminar was attended by 182 student-grantees from nine higher education institute from Region III and was organized by Ramon Magsaysay Technological State University. 🙏🙏🙏



## 91% BC-Peninsulares... from P/1

student, supported Santos’ statement saying, “Hindi na sapat ‘yung mga CR natin kasi halos lahat ng nag-aaral dito sa BC ay nagkakasya na mag-CR sa College of Education Building kung saan hindi rin naman maganda ‘yung kalagayan ng mga ‘yon’.”

However, Adraneda exclaimed that the problems regarding comfort rooms have already been happening in BC for a long time.

“Yung sa mga CR kasi, noon pa man problema na ‘yan. Unang-una, hindi tayo pwedeng basta-basta magpatayo dahil wala nang paglalagyan at saka ‘yung budget na rin,” he added.

## CAUSE FOR EMERGENCE

On the other hand, 64 percent of the BC-Peninsulares affirmed that there is an insufficiency in terms of emergency equipment in the campus, particularly fire extinguisher.

Accordingly the inadequacy of emergency equipment was proven during the small fire incident in Bataan Youth Center (BYC) happened last November 20.

Arvin Paguirigan, fourth year Bachelor in Secondary Education major in Physical Science student and a witness to the November 20 incident, narrated that the cause of the fire was the malfunctioning extension wire which had a short circuit after being plugged.

“Walang nakaisip maghanap ng fire extinguisher kasi medyo taranta na rin sila. Ginamit ng isang officer namin buhangin since medyo minimal lang naman. Saka medyo malayo ang fire extinguisher dito eh. Nandoon pa sa may dulo ng fire extinguisher,” stated Paguirigan.

He added that the main issue is the accessibility to fire extinguisher, “Siguro hindi lang siya gaanong accessible, kasi meron tayo (fire extinguisher) hindi siya medyo accessible. One thing, siguro wala ding idea yung mga estudyante kahit marami

tayong nakapaskil kung paano gamitin yung fire extinguisher which is pull. Hindi sila aware paano gamitin,” continued Paguirigan.

Meanwhile, Francisco B. Pereña, Fire Officer 3- City of Balanga Bureau of Fire Protection, explained that the minimum number of fire extinguishers which must be installed in a building is two depending on the size of the building. However, he mentioned that it is better if each room is being equipped with a fire extinguisher.

“Tulad sa BYC dapat mayroong dalawa o higit pang fire extinguisher, hindi pa counted ‘yung mga room doon sa loob ‘yung dance room pati ‘yung sa taas, na nakalagay sa mga lugar na visible at madaling makita,” described FO3 Pereña.

The Fire Officer 3 added that there is a need of equipment awareness and fire drills for BC-Peninsulares. “Actually matagal na nung huli kaming magsagawa ng seminar sa BC, tapos ‘pag nagkakaroon pa ng mga fire drills kaunti lang ‘yung naexposed sa paggamit ng fire extinguisher, hindi lahat nakakaalam ng tamang paggamit nito”.

## ACKNOWLEDGING CONCERNS

Aside from the problems on CR and fire extinguisher, students also raised their concerns regarding the lack of student centers and learning facilities that will be beneficial to them.

Rose Ann F. Manalansan, Bachelor of Science in Midwifery-III, shared that there is really a problem on finding a classroom that is conducive for students’ learning.

Meanwhile, Pulos also articulated that there is also a lack of student facilities saying, “Study areas with shed ang kailangang matugunan, kasi although, mayroong library mas makatutulong pa rin sana sa pag-aaral ng mga students ‘yung may iba pang study areas”.

In line with the concerns of students, Adraneda concluded that all of the persons involved in the operation of BPSU must act hand-in-hand to resolve these issues. “Hindi lahat kaya ng admin, dapat tulungan”. 🙏🙏🙏

## FAsso pivots... from P/1

Bangko, Industriya at Gobyerno (Pag-IBIG) and Government Security Insurance System (GSIS) gave updates about the new loans and insurances faculty members may avail.

After the discussions, FAsso members were given the chance to clarify their inquiries regarding the loans and insurances.

Arnold M. Cajilig, FAsso Balanga Campus member, brought up his concern towards the Loan on Osteoarthritis saying, “We are qualified of that amount, but the question is, after five or ten years naniningil na ang GSIS, parang unfair po ‘yun na kayo ‘yung nag-offer

tapos kami lang ang nag-affirm”.

Purissima Sta. Isabel, GSIS representative, answered Cajilig’s inquiry saying that they had given grace period before they collected the payment of the loan.

“Isa po ‘yang batas na kami lang ang nag-implement. Nagbigay naman po kami ng grace period to settle that amount,” disclosed Sta. Isabel.

## A DIVERSION FROM USUAL

Meanwhile, before vacating his position as the University President, Dr. Magpantay was given a tribute lead by FAsso for his last birthday celebration to reminisce his journey as the head of BPSU for 17 years.

According to Dr. Magpantay, he was thankful on the celebration prepared by FAsso members, “Hindi kasi ako sanay na binibigyan ng mga ganyan kasi kadalasan ako ‘yung pasimuno, nakakataba rin ng puso kasi nabibigyan ka ng importantsya”.

The University President also added that an elegant celebration is not what really matters for him; it is the smile that he gains from helping others. He also wanted to celebrate his birthday proper on Bahay-Puso and attend a mass after.

“Thank you very much sa inyong lahat, just do something good with the other people, start with a smile in the morning and you will give me the best gift that I had ever received,” he concluded. 🙏🙏🙏





# BC deans bare initial plans

With only five months in office as per stated in their appointment, Balanga Campus Deans disclosed their plans for their repective colleges.



## Perdio: Studes sched comes first

ROCHEL A. QUISAY

Olivia H. Perdio, the dean of the College of Business and Accountancy (CBA), plans to prioritize the modification of the hectic schedule of CBA students into a student-friendly one.

“*Nag usap-usap na kami ng mga deans kung paano namin iaayos ang schedule ng faculty and ng mga students. ‘Yung schedule na student-friendly dahil ang reklamo nila ang tagal-tagal ng vacant nila,*” Perdio said.

The CBA head also stressed that the well-being of the students under her governance is her first priority.

Meanwhile, Jonas Bangco, a second year Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) major in Marketing Management student, expressed that the said plan of the CBA dean is favorable for them as CBA students. “*Kung babaguhin at aayusin, mas maganda kasi isang*

*punta na lang dito sa school, hindi na kailangan pang magpabalik-balik, mahirap din kasi kapag putol-putol ang schedule.*”

Further, Perdio emphasized on establishing sociable environment in the college. “*Kasi sa isang organization, you have to build up rapport not only sa faculty ng CBA but also sa pagitan ng mga teachers at students para ‘yung takbo ng operation ng college, smooth.*”

Aside from establishing rapport between instructors and students, Dean Perdio also expressed that a harmonious relationship among faculty members of CBA is also a part of her plans.

“*S’yempre maganda na magkaroon ng harmonious relationship sa mga faculty members at students, kasi mas masarap na gumalaw sa isang environment na parang family ang treatment,*” expressed the CBA Dean. 📷

## CoEd dean preps for K-12

MARK JAMES A. BAGANG

College of Education (CoEd) newly-installed dean Dr. Lourdes S. Santos revealed that she is still in the process of concretizing her plans towards the full implementation of Kindergarten to 12 (K-12) curriculum.

“Definitely *ang priority natin* is to address the impending problem brought about by the inception of K-12”, said Dr. Santos.

Also, the CoEd dean mentioned that she wanted to conduct a situational analysis before making concrete plans to assure its relevance on the arising problems.

Despite the will to implement her plans, Dr. Santos stated that she is afraid that the aforementioned plan may not materialize due to

the duration of her term in office.

“The problem is, as of now we cannot make long range plan yet because we are expecting that there will be some changes this April. We will just continue the remaining parts of the plans of the previous administration,” she explained.

As a result, the dean will just focus on concerns of students and minor cracks and breaks on CoEd system for the time being.

Dr. Santos stated that she wants to encourage students to cooperate towards actualization of the mission and vision of the university. “Let us work together, *atin ito kaya kailangan* we uphold the vision and mission of the university then continue the mission of CoEd.” 📷



## Dean Laggui props up comprehensive REPs

MAC DIOREN S. SALAZAR

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (CSBS) Dean, Dr. Susan C. Laggui, stressed that it is her goal to help the members of the faculty with coming up with intensive Research and Extension Projects (REPs) within her five-month incumbency.

“*S’yempre since ang binaba sa atin ay hanggang April lang tayo (deanship), ipagpapatuloy lang natin kung ano ‘yung nandyan at bilang dean, since I came from the Office of Extension Services (OES), I will lead the college, the instructors in coming up with a comprehensive research at sa dulo ay magkakaroon ng extension service sa community,*” said Dean Laggui.

She added that inclusive REPs could help the college to further develop the faculty members’ instruction. “*Sa tulong ng project na ito [REPs], maaari ding madevelop ‘yung kakayahan ng mga teachers natin hindi lang sa research kundi maging sa pagtuturo nila.*”

Meanwhile, the former Associate Director of OES expressed that she could guarantee a fair

distribution of general subject loads to instructors not just from CSBS but also to faculty members from other colleges.

“Basically *kasi, ang mga general subjects ay under talaga ng CSBS* so as the dean, *dinistribute ko sya (subject loads) ng patas* then I presented it to Sir M [Dr. Emmanuel Macaraeg, Vice President for Academic Affairs] then *sabi niya ako na rin ang bahala, ganon pa rin ang ginawa ko patas pa rin, may lumamang man, by 2 units lang, kasi wala na talagang pagbigyan,*” explained CSBS Dean.

In addition, Dean Laggui exclaimed that she has nothing to worry about her relationship with her colleagues for they value their good-working camaraderie.

“*Wala akong magiging problema sa kanila kasi alam ko na noon pa man ay mga responsible at hanggang ngayon nga ay ganoon pa rin sila at maganda na talaga ‘yung pagsasama nila,*” she concluded. 📷



## CNM head gears towards faculty dev’t

JUDY ANNE L. AGUILAR

Ma. Florinda Rubiano, newly-installed dean of College of Nursing and Midwifery (CNM), bared her plans on producing competent students through empowering the skills and field of specialization of the faculty members.

Rubiano stated that in order to empower the skills of the CNM educators they would conduct trainings to identify their strengths and capacity in terms of the areas they are teaching.

“We’ll try to determine *kung ano talaga ‘yung areas of interest and specialization ng mga faculty members. Hindi ‘yung jack of all trades, para kapag sinabing obstetrician, alam na namin kung sino ‘yung faculty member na expert sa areang ‘yun,*” said Rubiano.

CNM Dean furthered they would also put mentoring between senior and junior faculty into practice for a continuous transfer of learning.

Meanwhile, Sharmaine R. Buensuceso, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)-4A, stated that she is expecting for fast transformation not only in terms of rules and regulations but also in improving students’ knowledge and skills.

Dean Rubiano added that they would implement a stricter retention policy on the students’ grades and performances through conducting a battery test every end of academic year.

“I agree, *mayroong mga students na pinilit lang mag-nursing.* This [battery test] will give way *para masala ang mga estudyanteng deserving at para tumaas ang passing rate sa board exam,*”, commented Jelly Manansala, BSN- Level 4.

Rubiano is positive that the small number of CNM’s population is an opportunity to help the students and the college to record a higher passing rate on the next Nursing Licensure Examination. 📷





## Concretized Abstract

Volunteer needs concrete identity not a nametag.

Campus Student Council of Balanga Campus (CSC-BC) heightened up the spirit of volunteerism as BC-Peninsulares volunteers have been consistently assisting the student councils in all its endeavors.

The call of volunteerism being embraced and answered by students is a manifestation that they are looking for ways on how to actively contribute and participate on activities of the university and of the campus.

Also, with this concept being turned into reality, CSC is able to have additional manpower to divide the tasks that they have as leaders of the student body.

BC-Peninsulares volunteers appear to be blessings for they are willing to allot time and effort in extending help for the student council and for the students; however, there are things and angles regarding volunteers that remain as abstract as the concept of volunteerism.

First, volunteerism is a helpful aid in our university. It is the student group that propels the CSC to do its projects more successfully. Volunteerism, in all its definition and scope, is different from leading. Volunteers are different

EDITORIAL from frontrunners. The latter being the leaders and the former being the supporters. Primarily, the goal of a volunteer is to help the leaders of this campus to forge the CSC's goals by doing necessary actions that are relevant to its missions. However, the problem arises when the leaders and volunteers' roles are observed and done interchangeably. Instances where the leaders act as volunteers and volunteers act as leaders should be avoided. No matter how tough and hectic those events are, these two groups of students should remain intact to their roles. This clear explanation distinguishes the line between volunteers and leaders so as to avoid roles' misconceptions and wrong demeanor of actions. It is important so as to observe organizational hierarchy. It is important because volunteers are only meant to add the manpower that CSC has and not for volunteers do work alone. It is important because the tasks are meant for the leaders and volunteers to be shared, and not to be carried alone.

Second, volunteerism must also spell concrete and clear provision of the volunteers' roles and responsibilities. A clear provision means stating the legal definition of volunteerism, its volunteers and the qualifications of being a volunteer, the duties and obligations, the duration of being a volunteer, and the proper conduct and attitude a volunteer must have. Consequently, an orientation about these matters must be informed not only to the student-leaders but as well as to the volunteers themselves. It is an act of strengthening the abstract definition of volunteerism and an act of strengthening the volunteers themselves.

Lastly and most importantly, the volunteers must truly grasp the very core idea of being a volunteer. The university salutes volunteers for being the extension body of student services; nonetheless, the tendencies to obstruct the definition of volunteerism by serving one's self instead of serving others must immediately be disregarded. Each volunteer must hold the notion of transforming volunteerism from the plane of idealism or from our sheer notion of servitude into the context of realism or practicing it in our real lives. That is through serving the student body anytime they can with or without an event and showing to the students that they can lean on to every volunteer who are not self-minded but service-minded. The true manifestation of being a volunteer is through action.

BPSU-BC volunteerism must not only confine itself in the circle of its current members. The essence of volunteerism, which is altruism or the attitude characterized by unselfish concern for the benefit of others, is lying in every soul of individuals. Therefore, it is just right that volunteerism must be formally announced to every college in this campus so as to give every student an opportunity to serve this institution. It will also give the student-leaders the manpower to give servitude in a campus that shelters more than three thousand populace. Also, it will be beneficial if the offices that are related to the welfare of the students like the Office of Student Affairs will recognize and guide these volunteers in working in our institution. If ever, this will enlighten individuals who are scurrying in the hazy world of volunteerism and its tasks.

Indeed, volunteerism is not an abstract idea. The volunteers can mean a great assistance to the future endeavors of our student-leaders. The volunteers will surely bring out the spirit of service in the students that they will touch, provided that the volunteers grasp tightly the noble roles and responsibilities of being a volunteer. In the end, volunteerism is not much an abstract idea as it looks like; because the concretization of this abstract idea will start once a volunteer truly heed the call of altruism.



**RARE  
RACONTEUR**  
ANGELINA MAE L. EUGENIO

## Same Ink, Same Love

Rare Raconteur—this is the name I am using in my column for our newspaper and since this will be my last time to write as a columnist for The Defender (TD), maybe it is just fine to tell something about it. R.A.R.E is the acronym for my father's full name and at the same time, an adjective which means exceptional. I could say that my parents are big part of me being a columnist. My *mama* and *papa* taught me to be respectful yet a woman who knows how to defend myself. I could remember my father, since I was young, saying, “*Gawin mo lang ang gusto mong gawin basta wala kang tinatapakan na tao, ngayon, kapag may umargabyado sa 'yo, basta't alam mong nasa tama ka, huwag kang matatakot.*” Who would have thought I could use it as a columnist? Raconteur, on the other hand, is a synonym for the word ‘storyteller’. As a columnist, I told myself that I will be narrating stories—even the most usual ones—that I can observe or even experience as a student in this university. And to make myself not the typical story teller, from those stories, which may show issues or concerns in this institution, I will let myself and my readers as well, to realize something and to change... for the better.

I experienced writing many kinds of articles—poems, features, developmental communication, news, sports and others—but above all, I can say that column writing is the most challenging for many reasons. Writing a column requires me to expose a part of myself as an individual since I will be expressing my principles and beliefs. I could still remember when I was a novice in TD and my seniors told us that the column section will be open for new columnists; they gave us the task to write a column. The first column I wrote seemed to be about everything that I, as a first

“...there are these people left and will be coming whom I know will continue the campus journalism we know—they will write the stories, they will even drop names, they will stand and defend for the truth...simply because they love BPSU.”

year student, found negative here in our campus—from the Epic Bataan Youth Center, the classrooms that are not conducive, my wish to have more student centers, about the challenges I had as a new Peninsulares and many more. The comment of my Editor-in-Chief was just three words, *focus...focus...focus....* He then said, “*Hindi lahat masosolusyunan mo sa iisang sulatan lang.*” I got his point and tried another.

My second column was about my experiences as a student under National Service Training Program. I wrote the malpractices of my instructor—that during our meetings with him, the break times were longer than the discussions, that merely buying tickets could erase our absences and others. During that time, I thought that it will be the chance to help all the Peninsulares to have a more meaningful NSTP experience. However, my editor did not publish it. The reason was because I did not mention the name of the instructor, because my article appeared to be a ‘The Who’ segment of a showbiz tabloid. My editor told me, “*Hindi tayo sumusulat ng ganyan sa TD, drop the name if it's true. Kung gusto mo talaga ng pagbabago.*” That moment, I did not push through my article having the fear that for sure, my studies will be affected. My editors respected my decision.

When I became a sophomore, I became an official columnist. I remember writing about the real essence of bravery and the call for leadership since that time, many student-leaders were deciding to leave their posts and become ordinary students. Again, being a columnist is challenging in a sense that pressure, though not given, will be felt; that as a columnist, I should write to teach something, I should write to make a change. The point came that

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## CORNUCOPIA & DEARTH

KRISTOFFER LLOYD QUICHO

### Blurred Lines

The idea of being able to attend an event that became part of your existence is just like being reconciled with a long lost friend. But the thing is, when the event you attended is modified just for the benefit of a group of people, you will feel lost and unprepared.

August 07, 2011 – a very memorable day that ignited my sleeping passion about campus journalism. This was also a very memorable day for I really felt that I am part of the organization ‘The Defender (TD)’ for I was given the chance to cover the university-wide event ‘*Kapihan with the University President*’ at the Orani Campus Hostel. The moment was very surreal for I was able to meet student-leaders from other campuses, I was able to see and talk to key officials of the university for the very first time. Indeed, I had a blast in my first assignment in TD, I wanted to attend the same event for the next years of my stay in this organization but, I was not able to do so for I became busy with other events to cover.

When I heard that the Campus Student Council-Balanga Campus (CSC-BC) was going to stage a Campus-wide *Kapihan* in this campus, I became really excited. It felt like I was about to go to a reunion with a very dear friend. I will be reconciled with the *Kapihan*, the event that started everything.

The day of the *Kapihan* was really humid. People around me were sweating because of the hot but moist air during that November 07 afternoon. Fans were moving back and forth, Peninsulares were feeling unease. Though I was feeling the same, I was still ecstatic about the idea that I will attend the momentous event. The flow of the *Kapihan* appeared to be

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peaceful. However, when the forum started, the atmosphere changed from being warm and comforting into an unsatisfying one. The sudden shift in the atmosphere was due to the freedom of the students to ask questions directly to our University President, Dr. Delfin O. Magpantay.

I felt more depressed when Jet Suguitan, one of the CSC senators, clarified through Dr. Magpantay, if it is still the council’s job to rehabilitate the Bataan Youth Center (BYC). There was long pause. I knew he was pertaining to the column I have written. I was about to lose my cool, but I remained calm for I just remindid myself that he is talking in such a manner because my column made an impact, an impact that stirred their minds. Dr. Magpantay affirmed the idea that the CSC must not focus on the issue but they must divert their attention on other concerns of the students.

I felt a bit disappointed with how the *Kapihan* flowed. It was saddening that the *Kapihan* I attended before, which exuded camaraderie from the student-leaders, was not felt during this year. This year’s edition of the momentous event was filled with ‘hanging projects’ and grievances of the students.

According to former University Student Council President Aaron C. Rondilla, the *Kapihan* with the University President is an event intended for the reporting of the accomplishment reports of the different student councils. This event must be attended by the University President and key officials coming from the Office of Student Affairs and Services. Also, a forum will occur after the reiteration of the accomplishment reports which basically revolves around the plans of the councils and the justification coming from the administration.

Truly, the CSC invited the student-leaders and different key officials to the event. Also, the student-leaders presented their

accomplishment reports which are really part of the flow of the *Kapihan*. However, the forum which was really intended for the discussion of the future projects of the councils did not materialize.

In an interview with the CSC President John Paul Manalaysay, he stressed that the council really intended to break the way how the *Kapihan* flows. He mentioned that the addition of the question-and-answer with the University President was their way of letting the student-leaders be involved with the issues at the school. Their goal is basically good. It showed that the leaders are becoming more knowledgeable about the issues happening in our university. However, the modification of the *Kapihan* really had a toll on its true essence. The baseline is, the spirit of the event is to cater and hear the plans of the councils. The ideology of coming up with a common action that is brainstormed by the students and the administration did not happen.

A common action must be done by the councils in order to fully embrace the true essence of the *Kapihan*. In reality, the councils named their future projects, but no concrete plans were made. Only abstract plans were stated and the idea of the councils to be okay with the abstraction annoys the heck out of me.

I felt like I was watching a talk show wherein the governors would be saying that ‘*Abangan niyo na lang ang susunod naming mga projects.*’” The answer is too generic, to showbiz. The response can actually be interpreted into two ways: first is that the student-leaders want to build the excitement of their co-Peninsulares about the projects they will be implementing. Second is that, they actually have no plans yet. With the help of the *Kapihan*, the projects of the student councils can be filtered to totally suit the studentry.

As student-leaders, it is fulfilling to see concrete things to happen. At the end of the day, the *Kapihan* must remain true to its goal: to give the student-leaders the opportunity to report their achievements and to plan their next programs with the aid of the administration. Modification of a part of an event is helpful, but its true essence must still remain.

The idea of attending the *Kapihan* truly made me excited for it was like being reconciled with a long lost friend. However, I was not satisfied with the outcome of my reunion with the event. This might be the last *Kapihan* that I will be attending, and I am wishing that the next persons who will attend such an event will be gratified and will enjoy its true essence with a cup of bittersweet coffee. ☕☕



## OUROBORUS

MARGIOLEH G. ALONZO

### Ang Starbucks, Political Government at konsepto ng Transparency

*Hindi na muna ako magsasalaysay ng mga nakakaantig na istorya. Hindi na muna ako magbabahagi ng istorya ng buhay ko. Hindi na muna ako susulat ng mga katagang tungkol sa mga bingi at nagbibingi-bingihan sa gobyerno. Bagkus, ihahayag ko ang isang isyu na matagal na rin naming nais bigyan ng kasagutan sapagkat hindi namin hahayaang tuluyang maiwan ang ibang mga bagay sa kadiliman.*

Noong nakaraang Nobyembre 12, Miyerkules, alas kwatro ng hapon, ay mayroong klase si Kennedy P. Aroc, *Bachelor of Science in Business Administration* (BSBA)- 1C kapwa ko *student-journalist*, kay former *College of Social and Behavioral Sciences* Dean Eduardo Cortez sa ilalim ng *subject na Philippine Government*. Noong araw na iyon ay kasama ang *transparency* sa kanilang pinag-uusapan. Ayon kay Kennedy, tinatalakay nila ang depinisyon ng *transparency* at ang halaga nito sa ating lipunan. Maayos na sana ang lahat, ngunit isang bagay ang mas nakakuha ng atensyon ni Kennedy at iyon ay ang mga susunod na katagang binanggit ni Sir Cortez.

“Halimbawa, ‘yang The Defender na ‘yan, magkano ang binabayaran n’yo para sa *miscellaneous fee* ninyo? Php 150 ‘di ba? *I-multiply* natin sa *number of students* dito sa BC, halos kalahating milyon ‘di ba? Ngayon, nakalagay ba sa dyaryo na ‘yan kung magkano ang nagastos nila sa pagpunta sa mga *seminars, training, etc.*, ‘yang dyaryo ba na ‘yan [*broadsheet*] makakaubos ng kalahating milyon? Kailangan alam nyo ‘yun, pera nyo ‘yun eh, kayong mga estudyante nga walang perang pangkain, naglalakad lang pauwi, tapos sila kumakain lang sa McDo, *Jollibee, Starbucks, Beanery* ‘di ba? Naririnig natin sa *radio*, sa *TV*, d’yan sa The Defender, lahat sila sumisigaw, *transparency! Transparency! Transparency!* Dapat ‘pag pumupuna kayo, ‘yung walang babalik. ‘Pag *transparent*, walang tinatago, walang nililihim dahil kapag walang *transparency, corrupt*,” saad ni Sir Cortez.

“...ang transparency ay hindi lamang isang konsepto na makikita at mapapatunayan ng mga dokumento. Ito ay hindi lamang isang sangkap ng ‘good governance’ kundi sangkap ng isang ‘disciplined individual,’ ..”

Marahil ay hindi alam ni Sir Cortez na isa sa kaniyang mga estudyante ay parte ng nasabing publikasyon kung kaya’t nasabi niya ang mga katagang iyon. Ngunit dahil sa sinabing ‘halimbawa’ ni Sir Cortez ay agad na nagpaliwanag si Kennedy, “Sir, ‘yan pong na andyan [*broadsheet*], hindi po ‘yan ang unang *release*, bale pangalawa na po ‘yan saka kung tungkol po sa *funds*, nagpapasa po kami ng *liquidation form* na nagsasabi kung saan nagamit ang pondo.” Pagkatapos ng pagpapaliwanag ni Kennedy, ang sagot ni Sir Cortez ay, “*Sample* lang naman para matalakay ang *topic*.” Napag-alaman ko rin na maging sa klase ng isa pa naming kasamahan sa TD na si Marco T. Sayas, BSBA-1D, ay pareho rin ang binigay na halimbawa ni Sir Cortez patungkol sa nasabing paksa.

Bago ang lahat, ang depinisyon ng salitang ‘halimbawa’ ay anumang binanggit na bagay ay manipestasyon ng konsepto, bagay, o impormasyon na iyong tinalakay o tinatalakay. Ang ‘halimbawa’ ng isang hayop ay kabayo at ang ‘halimbawa’ ng isang lenggwahe ay Filipino. Kahit sa bandang huli ay sinambit ni Sir Cortez na ‘*Sample* lang naman para matalakay ang *topic*’ na kanilang pinagdidikusunan ay hindi pa rin maiaalis ang katotohanang tahasan niyang ikinabit ang salitang korapsyon sa *The Defender*.

Opo, mahigit sa kalahating milyon ang aming pondo at ito ay galing sa mga estudyanteng aming pinaglilingkuran. Ngunit kahit kailanman ay hindi namin ginamit ang organisasyong ito para sa mga pansarili naming kapakanan. Bawat semestre ay nagpapasa kami ng *Financial Statement* at *Liquidation Form* sa *Office of Auxiliary Services* ng ating unibersidad. Ang mga nakatala doon ay mga bagay na pinaggastusan namin ng *ating* pondo tulad ng mga gamit sa opisina kagaya ng *computer units*, mga *office supplies*, mga pagpapaayos ng mga *Digital Single Lens Reflex* (DSLR), mga bayad sa *seminar* o *trainings* na aming dinadaluhan upang mas makapagsulat ng makabuluhang artikulo, mga *transportation* at *communication fee* upang mas makahanap at makapunta sa mga lugar na nararapat bigyan ng atensyon ng ating gobyerno kaya nais naming isulat, ng aming mga pagkain, at higit sa lahat, ng mga *releases* o ang mga dyaryong para sa institusyong ito. Opo, kasama ang pagkain sa pondong aming ginagastos katulad ng kung paanong kasama rin ito sa pondo ng *Campus Student Council* at kahit ng ilang organisasyon sa

loob at labas ng unibersidad na ito. Base rin sa *BPSU Student Handbook Part, Six Student Publication, Chapter 3 Section 14*, “...*the money collected shall be spent for the printing costs of the Student Publication, transportation, food and needs of the staff and teacher-adviser during their work at the printing press, office and photo supplies, attendance of Student Publication representatives and teacher-adviser at press conference/ workshops, allowance for staffers and teacher-adviser and other incidental expenses.*”

Ngunit, nais lang din naming linawin na kumain kami sa McDo at *Jollibee* ngunit sadyang napakadalang lamang. Hindi pa rin namin nararanasan na kumain sa *Starbucks* at *Beanery* sapagkat alam namin na may mas maganda pang paglalaanan ang perang gagamitin namin kaysa sa pagkain dito. Kung ang isang Peninsulares nga lang ay mag-oobserba kung ano at paano nga ba ang operasyon ng The Defender sa isang araw ay makikita niya na hindi mamahaling ulam ang kinakain namin araw-araw, na nagsasaing kami ng bigas upang mas lalong makapagtipid, na wala kaming mga nakatabing pagkain kundi kape lamang, at nitong nakaraang semestre ay madalas na pandesal ang aming minemeryenda dahil sa katotohanang hindi pagkain ang dahilan kung bakit kami naging *student-journalists* kundi para maglingkod sa ating institusyon sa pamamagitan ng aming mga inihahayag, ipinapakita at nililikha.

Sa halip din na idawit ang aming pangalan para sa isang halimbawa, hindi ba’t mas naaayon kung gagamit na lang ng mga pangalang katulad ng ‘*Organization X*’, ‘*Company Y*’ o “*Government of Chuchu*” sa halip na ilagay sa bingit ng hindi kasiguraduhan ang pangalan ng publikasyon. Iyan ay hindi lang isang paraan ng pagtuturo; iyan ay paraan ng pag-iingat.

Pangalawa, ang impluwensya ng isang guro ay malakas at makapangyarihan. Bago pa man maging isang guro ay nararapat lamang na alam ng isang indibidwal kung gaano kabigat ang katungkulang hahawakan at yayakapin niya sa propesyong ito. Mahalaga na pinipili ng isang guro ang mga binabanggit niyang mga salita lalo na sa mga *first year students* na hinuhubog pa lamang ng unibersidad na ito. Ang pagtuturo ay hindi lamang pagbibigay ng mga ‘halimbawa’, ito ay pagpapaliwanag ng mga konsepto ng mayroong sapat na ebidensya at konkretong halimbawa na tunay na maaring paghugutan ng karunungan ng mga kabataan.

Pangatlo, ayon sa 1987 *Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines Article XIV Section 3, Number 2*, “*They [all educational institutions] shall inculcate patriotism, foster love of humanity, respect for human rights...develop moral character and personal discipline, encourage critical and creative thinking....*” Samakatuwid, tunay na obligasyon ng bawat guro, bilang parte ng isang paaralan, na hubugin ang mga estudyante bilang isang mamamayan na may wasto at nararapat na pagkilos. Ang pagmamahal at ang pagrespeto sa ating kapwa tao at ang iba pang birtud na kinakailangang maiambag ng isang institusyon

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LIMIT BREAK

KARLO JAY S. JUAN

The End Where I Begin

Some of us are blessed with powers beyond that of a regular student; however, it follows that our responsibilities are beyond those of an average Peninsulares as well.

I could never have imagined that my final column would be about being more than a student. I had already decided to write something that would inspire my fellow graduating students, an article about courage and facing the next chapter, the final limit break. Due to the persistence of my good friend, who happened to be my editor-in-chief, I had a realization. If I pushed through with my plans, then my final column would be that of an accountancy student and not of a Defender. The point is, as a student journalist, there are some things that I simply cannot allow to be left behind in silence.

Among them was the night of the College of Business and Accountancy (CBA) acquaintance party held last July 30 in La Vista Resort, City of Balanga, Bataan. From the cottage where I was resting, I overheard a loud cursing coming from a cottage nearby. Always having that curiosity, I decided to see what was going on. It surprised me, beneath the crowd of students was a girl gasping for air and having what seemed to be asthma attack. Apparently, some students bought alcoholic beverages and while they were enjoying their drink, a first year college girl decided to join in. Unaware of the girl's health condition, the group admitted to join and then things took a turn for the worst. The students who were drinking a while ago were now panicking. Not knowing what to do, someone asked for a towel and I gave mine.

Shortly, after I returned to my cottage, I heard another loud voice. "Kuya Karlo!" said a woman whom I did not recognize. "Kuya patulong po!" she shouted again. I immediately got up to my feet and asked my friend Vinci to come with me. To my shock, it was the same girl had the asthma attack who needed our assistance. The group of drinkers did not seem to call for medical

attention and instead brought her to a comfort room. It was as if she was left for dead. The girl was barely clinging to life and the drinkers, the ones responsible, were nowhere to be seen. We immediately carried her to a nearby tricycle. At this point, CBA Governor Arvin Vicencio contacted the girl's parents and suggested to be the one to take her to the hospital.

Days later, I asked Arvin what happened next; he told me that the girl was safe and the students who bought the alcohol had faced the then CBA Dean, Sisenando Masangcap Jr. After all that occurred, the only thing I could say to Arvin was that he did well in handling the situation. Though the incident transpired under the event organized by the CBA Student Council; it is apparent that it was the students who had more responsibility and punishment to face towards the incident. I did not share this experience to beat a dead horse; it was whom I recognized in those drinkers who forced me to write this article.

Jon Van Andrew R. Jayme, a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Operations Management student was one of the men in the crowd of students. He ran as an officer for the Junior Philippine Council of Management (JPCOM) but unfortunately lost; now he is a volunteer for the Campus Student Council (CSC). This fact bothered me the most. First, he was aspiring to be a student leader yet he was in the group of drinkers. Though in our age, alcohol is not restricted, but; we were in a school event. Regardless if he joined in the consumption or not, he was still in the crowd, not just in their vicinity but he was part of the pack. Second, as someone who aims to take up the responsibility of leading the students, he should have taken charge of the crisis. It was saddening and at the same time frustrating to see that someone who wanted to be a student leader acted in a manner very far from what was expected.

My encounters with Mr. Jayme did not

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end there. During the enrollment craze for the second semester of Academic Year 2014-2015, I went with another TD staff to the office of the new CBA Dean Olivia Perdio, for an interview. I saw him conversing with the dean; at first, the talks were calm. They were discussing Jayme's enrollment and how some of his documents were missing. To my comprehension, it seemed that due to the missing papers, though it was not fully his fault, Mr. Jayme needed to repeat some of the process. Naturally, the man was frustrated which lead to his tone rising. The dean asked him to sit for the meantime as other students required her attention. With his companions, I overheard him saying "Tanga 'yan eh," referring to Dean Perdio's student assistant (SA), who seemed to have a part on Jayme's lost documents. Mr. Jayme left the office.

Moments later, Jayme returned with Jet Suguitan who is a CSC senator. The senator saw me and my acquaintance, he then stood firm, pointed at me and ordered me to come closer, I got up from my seat and approached him. "May interview ba kayo?" asked Suguitan, I affirmed his question. Jet then leaned closer to me and whispered, "Di ba pwedeng i-cancel muna 'yan? Madami kasing nakapila eh," but I respectfully declined his request asserting that the SA of Dean Perdio allowed us to wait for the interview; in fact we were already waiting for about half an hour when Suguitan entered the premise. I found it ironic that he was asking us to cancel our interview for we were causing delay, when he himself walked through the office along with Jayme without even waiting in the doorstep. Though Jayme was discussing his issue with the dean before Suguitan entered the scene, it was also Jayme's decision to walk out of there in the first place. In fact, even though it was our turn to talk to the Dean, Suguitan stepped in and conversed with Dean Perdio before we could even speak.

The senator opened the issue of Jayme's papers once more, the dean asked why the CSC had to be involved when she was simply requesting Mr. Jayme to process another form and she will be doing most of the enrollment process. What happened next was just plain wrong. "Eh ma'am pipila na naman ako,"

said Jayme, it was not a shout but it was full of anger "Yung boses mo ilagay mo sa tama ha," replied Dean Perdio calmly but the man was still furious. In the end, Jayme stormed off of the room with Suguitan patting his back and telling him to calm down. The dean was shocked, but we still managed to proceed with the interview. Before we left the office of the dean, I heard Dean Perdio telling her student assistant to call Jayme.

Though I am not aware of what happened after, one thing is for sure—we should still be respectful no matter how frustrated we are especially if we are more than a student. I am not saying this merely because of Jayme and Suguitan's actions, but because it is something that all members of any student organizations should know. We must always be aware that our actions reflect that of the organization we belong in. Also, being a student leader requires facing the consequences of our choices, particularly if a life depended on it. Before getting into situations and asserting your position, one should first assess whether he is helping the condition or not.

I am not saying that I am role model. In fact, I have been branded as an arrogant, narcissistic womanizer. But still, my duty as a student journalist requires me to be more. I remember my instructors telling me to focus on my studies more, and I agree completely, but I made a promise; this is my last shot of being a student journalist. After this, my eyes will be set on one thing only, being a Certified Public Accountant. But before that moment, this is my way of answering the challenge of being more. I tried my hardest not to stop writing this article, for every time I do, fear starts to instill in my mind. I am fully aware of the possible outcomes of my actions; however sometimes, expressing the truth requires overcoming fear.

Some of us are blessed with powers beyond that of a regular student, however, it follows that our responsibilities are beyond those of an average Peninsulares as well. My encounters with Mr. Jayme and Mr. Suguitan, though coincidental, opened the truth that a mere vote will not mean a person is automatically able to accept responsibility, it only shows politics and not leadership. The events of the CBA acquaintance party and those that transpired in Dean Perdio's office showed that it is challenging to be a leader and a righteous individual, may it never happen again. Though they differ in methods and processes, student leaders and student journalists are bounded by the principles of the same mission – to represent the voice of the students. In the end, we belong to the same organization and we have our own share of responsibility, obligations and expectations to live up to. This is my true and final, limit break.

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TRANSCENDENT

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Choices not chances determine your own destiny. Every human being has the freedom to choose. To choose what they want, choose what they believe is right as well as to choose what path or road to take. This freedom is known as "will". Everyone of has their own will. Fact: no one is born successful; it is the effort of oneself that takes him to the top. It is his choice that takes him to higher altitudes. "Hindi mo kasalanan kung pinanganak kang mahirap, kasalanan mo kung mamatay kang mahirap" said a quotation I read that truly made an impact in my life. If you want to be successful then choose to be. You are the captain of your ship, the wielder of your own destiny.

Your Call



Ang Starbucks... from P/7

sa mga estudyante ay magsisimula sa katauhan ng isang guro. Makakapag-impluwensya lamang tayo kung pinapahalagahan natin ang lakas ng 'impluwensya.'

Ngunit ang transparency ay hindi lamang din isang konsepto na makikita at mapapatunayan ng mga dokumento. Ito ay hindi lamang isang sangkap ng 'good governance' kundi sangkap ng isang 'disciplined individual,' hindi lamang ibinabato sa mga organisasyon o sa pamahalaan at hindi lamang isang termino na isinasabuhay lamang ng isang araw o isang buwan. Higit sa lahat, ang pagiging transparent ay nagsisimula sa ating mga sarili at sa pagpapakita na ang transparency ay isang 'manipestasyon' at hindi isang simpleng 'obserbasyon,' na ito ay hindi isang 'konsepto' lamang kundi isang 'aksyon', na ito ay hindi lamang 'binabanggit' kundi 'isinasabuhay.'

Dahil sa kaniyang binanggit ay maaaring ang isang estudyante ay magkaroon ng negatibong pananaw patungkol sa organisasyong ito, hindi lamang si Kennedy at si Marco, hindi lamang ang mga klase niya sa araw na iyon, kundi ang buong unibersidad din ay maaaring maapektuhan.

Hindi ko isinulat ang artikulong ito upang manira o mangbash sapagkat may malaking pagkakaiba ang paninira at katotohanan. Ang lahat ng ito ay hindi lamang para kay Sir Cortez. Ang lahat ng ito ay para sa lahat ng bahagi ng akademyang ito—mapaguro man, kawani o estudyante—na mayroon tayong kaniya-kaniyang obligasyon na dapat nating pakaingatan.

At bilang isang publikasyon, alam namin ang isang simpleng katotohanan na hindi lahat ay sasang-ayon sa mga inihahayag namin. Subalit sa kabila nito, bilang isang grupo na naglalayong paglingkuran ang institusyong ito, mahalaga sa amin ang tiwalang ibinibigay ng bawat estudyante. Ang pagtitiwala at paniniwala ng mga estudyante ang sinasandalan namin upang patuloy na maglingkod kaya't sa halip na maging negatibo ang tingin ng iba sa publikasyong ito dahil sa mga hindi kaaya-ayang sentimenyento na idinidikit sa organisasyon ay mas katanggap-tanggap pa kung pipiliin na lang natin ng mabuti ang mga salitang ating babanggitin para sa lahat. Bawat indibidwal o grupo na naglilingkod sa institusyong ito ay nagnanais ng pagtitiwala sa mga estudyante—administration man, mga guro, mga student-leaders o miski mga guards—kung kaya't tunay na mas mabuti kung hindi na lamang tayo magbabato ng mga sentimiyentong alam nating maaaring hindi makapagdulot ng mabuting resulta sa imahe ninuman. Sapagkat sa huli, tunay na tayong lahat ay nag-aasam na makapaglingkod ng tapat at mabuti sa institusyong ito. \*\*\*





COMEUPPANCE  
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## Awareness and Concern

Naalala ko nang minsang pumasok ako nang maaga sa aming classroom sa room 125 ng Palawan building para lamang mandiri sa mga bagay na aking nakita. Nagmistulang dinaanan ng sampung bagyo sa gulo ang paligid. Nagkalat ang mga pinagkainan ng kung anu-ano sa sahig, mga plastic cups na ang iba ay may laman pa, wala sa ayos ang mga upuan at lamesa, maraming mga balat ng tsitsirya at papel na kung hindi nakakalat ay nakasiksik sa mga lamesa. Kaya ang una kong ginawa ay kumuha ng walis at sinimulang naglinis doon. Isa iyon sa mga araw na tumatak sa isipan ko bilang estudyante ng unibersidad, dahil napatunayan ko sa aking sarili kung gaano walang pakielam sa paligid ang mga estudyante.

Ilang taon ko nang napapansin na isa sa mga malalaking problema ng *university* natin ay ang mga kalat ng mga estudyante na kapansin-pansin sa mga *classroom* tulad ng aking nasaksihan. ang nakalulungkot pa, hindi lamang ito napupuna sa loob ng apat na sulok ng silid-aralan kundi maski sa paligid at iba’t ibang lugar dito sa ating *campus* kagaya na lamang ng aming nakita sa mga benches sa CBA building kung saan nagkalat ang mga bote ng pinag-inuman at mga balat ng pinagkainan sa tabi ng mga basurahan. Ganoon din ang napapansin sa mga *bench* malapit sa *canteen* kung saan iniwan

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na ng mga estudyante sa lamesa ang kanilang pinagkainan.

Sa totoo lang, dinaig pa tayo ng mga estudyante sa mababang paaralan sapagkat ang kanilang mga silid-aralan ay napapanatili nilang malinis at maayos ng sila lamang ang naglilinis. Bakit sila ay nagagawa ito ngunit tayong higit na mas nakatatanda ay hindi? Dahil ba umagaas tayo sa mga *utility worker* na s’yang naglilinis ng mga ito para sa atin? Oo nga at may mga tagalinis na binabayaran ang ating unibersidad upang mapanatili ang kalinisan sa ating *campus*. Ngunit iilan lang ba ang mga trabahador na meron tayo at iilan ba ang kwarto ang meron sa bawat *buildings* ng unibersidad natin para makaya nila iyong linisin sa loob lamang ng maikling oras.

Hindi naman masasabing nagkukulang tayo sa mga basurahan sa loob ng unibersidad dahil halos bawat harapan ng kwarto ay mayroon nito. Pero ano nga ba ang kulang sa atin? Sa tingin ko ang kulang sa bawat isa sa atin ay disiplina sa sarili at ang malasakit sa ating paligid. Dahil kung meron tayo nito ,naniniwala akong magiging kakaa-aya hindi lamang ang ating eskwelahan kundi maging ang ating bansa. Dahil magsisimula ito sa ating sarili. *Aware* tayo sa problema natin ukol sa *improper disposal* ng mga basura pero ang nakakalungkot ay wala tayong ginagawa upang masoslusyuanan ito .

Malaki na tayo upang sabihin pa ng dapat nating gawin kada minuto. Malaki na tayo upang malaman kung ano ang tama sa mali. Edukado tayo para makatuntong sa kolehiyo kaya sana ay atin itong gamitin upang mapanatiling malinis ang ating unibersidad. Pinag-aral nga tayo para magkaroon ng kaalaman sa ating kapaligiran pero mukhang nakakalimutan natin iyon tuwing tayo ay tapos ng

kumain ng meryenda. Nakakatawang isipin.

Isa ako sa mga natuwa ng kusang nagpatupad ang *College of Education Student Council* ng isang proyektong ‘*Room For Rent*’ upang mapanatiling malinis ang bawat *classroom* sa *building* at unti-unti nga ay nakikita ang mabuting bunga nito. Mula sa mga nakakatawang paalala nina Tata Lino, Donya Ina at Mister Assimo na nagpapaalala sa atin kung ano ang tama nating gawin, maging ang *social media* na gaya ng *facebook* ay ginamit na rin upang makita ang progreso ng proyektong ito.

Sa katunayan niyan ay nakita ng BPSU *Main Campus* ang potensyal ng proyektong ito kaya kanila itong binabalak na ipatupad sa *College of Engineering*. Nakakalungkot lang na nakita ng ibang *campus* ang kagandahang idinulot nito sa *College of Education* ngunit ang ibang *colleges* sa loob ng Balanga *campus* ay hindi ito nakita. Hindi ko ito sinasabi dahil lamang isa akong estudyante sa kolehiyong ito kundi akin lamang ibinabahagi ang mga progresong aking nakita sa bawat araw na lumipas. Kung ang bawat kolehiyo sa ating *campus* ay makikisama rito siguradong kalinisan at kaayusan ng ating kapaligiran ay mararamdaman. Kung hindi man nila i-adopt ang proyektong ito ay maari silang mag-isip ng proyektong hindi man agad-agad na magresolba sa problema ay mababawasan naman ito at kapag ang mga proyektong ito ay naipatupad at nasubaybayan nang maayos ay sigurado na ang katagumpayan nito.

Sana ay maging isang ehemplo ang mga ito upang tuloy-tuloy na masaaayos at mapanatiling malinis ang ating unibersidad. Sapagkat tayo rin naman ang nakikinabang at naninirahan dito kaya naaayon lamang na tayo ang magmalasakit dito. Patunayan nating tayo ay mga edukadong nilalang na nakaalam ng kung ano ang naayon at tama.

Sa huli dapat nating tandaan na kahit wala mang ganoong proyektong ipinatutupad sa ating unibersidad o batas ukol dito ay naaayon lamang na ating gawin ang ating makakaya upang makatulong sa pagpapanatili ng kaayusan. Mangyayari lamang ito sa tulong ng bawat isang tao sa loob ng ating campus. Sabi nga ng aking *Environmental Education Instructor* na si Ma’am Charity Enriquez, “*It should be a concern of the whole Balanga campus*”. Estudyante ka man o president ng unibersidad kailangan ng ating *cooperation* para ito ay maging matagumpay. Tandaan natin ‘*One person can do a difference but a hundred can make a change.*’ 🙏🙏🙏



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## Halaga

Lahat ng nangyayari sa ating buhay ay mayroong dahilan, maging ang lahat ng bagay na naaabot-tanaw natin ay mayroong malaking gampanin sa ating buhay. Ang mga tao na bigla na lamang dumating at umalis sa buhay natin, ang minsanang pagkadapa natin sa kanto o ang minsanang paglagpas ng bus na dapat ay sasakyan natin, lahat ng mga iyan ay may dahilan na hindi pa lamang natin kaagad nakikita.

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Habang naghihintay ng susunod na klase sa ikalawang palapag ng Palawan Building kasama ang aking mga kaklase ay napukaw ang aming pansin ng *fire extinguisher* na nakalapat sa haligi noon. Nang una ko itong namasdan, akala ko ay tama ang dapat kong inasahan dito, na mayroong laman at magagamit sa dagliang pagresponde kung saka-sakali mang magkaroon ng sunog, ngunit nang akin itong lapitan at pakatitigan ay laking gulat namin nang aming mamasdan na wala na ang *pin* nito at ang *arrow* nito ay nakaturo sa *zero* o *recharge*, na nangangahulugang wala na itong laman.

Napaisip ako sa senaryong aming nakita sapagkat tila nabalewala ang tunay na dahilan kung bakit nagawa ang *fire extinguisher*- ang umapula ng apoy.

Hindi ako tumigil doon, bagkus patuloy akong nagmasid sa mga sulok ng Balanga *Campus* (BC) upang tingnan ang mga *fire extinguisher*, nakalulungkot na halos pare-parehong senaryo ang aking nadatnan, tanggal na ang *pin* o kaya naman ay makalawang at ang *arrow* ay nakaturo naman sa *zero*.

Lalo pang nadagdagan ang aking pagkabahala nang magkaroon ng maliit na sunog noong Agosto 2014 sa Room 102 ng *Old Administration Building* na dulot ng nag-*short circuit* na *wire*. Ayon kay Arvin Vicencio, *College of Business and Accountancy Governor*, na isa sa mga nakakita ng pagkislap ng kable ng *electricfan* ay agad niyang kinuha ang *fire extinguisher* sa harap ng *clinic* dahil kung hindi ito agarang maaapula ay maaari itong magdulot ng mas malaking sakuna sa lumang gusali. Ngunit sa halip na puti ang kulay ng likido na lumabas na mayroong mabahong amoy, sa makatuwid ito ay *expired* na.

Agad na sumagi sa aking isip ang *Quality Assurance Fee* na isa sa mga binabayaran nating mga estudyante at kabilang sa *miscellaneous expenses*. Ang bayaring ito ay naglalayong mapanatili ang pangkalahatang kaligtasan at kaayusan sa loob ng *campus*, hindi lamang sa istruktura kundi maging ang ibang mga pasilidad ng paaralan.

Muling namayani ang aking kalungkutan sa pagkakaroon ng maliit na sunog noong ika-20 ng Nobyembre sa *Bataan Youth Center* (BYC),sa halip na isang *fire extinguisher* ang gamitin upang apulahin ang apoy ay buhangin na lamang mula sa kalapit na Palawan Building ang ginamit. Oo nga at mayroong *fire extinguisher* sa loob ng BYC, ngunit ang lokasyon nito sa tabi ng *stage* ay hindi madaling makita at malayo.

Ayon kay Francico B. Pereña Jr., Balanga *Bureau of Fire Protection*- Fire Officer 3, ang isang istruktura na tulad ng BYC ay nararapat na nagtataglay ng dalawa o higit pang *fire extinguisher* depende sa dami ng silid na mayroon ito, kung saan nakalagay sa isang lugar na madaling makita.

Nakatutuwa mang makita ang unti-unting pagbabago sa BC na dulot ng pagpapagawa ng mga gusali, tulad ng *Library* at *New Administration Building* ay hindi ko pa rin maiwasang maisip na kung ang maliliit na bagay ba ay dapat balewalain. Sabi nga, maliit man ay nakapupuwing din, at ang maliit na kagamitan katulad ng *fire extinguisher* kapag binalewala ay maaaring magdulot ng mas malaking sakuna.

Maaari namang magkaroon ng buwanang inspeksyon, na nakasaad sa gilid na bahagi ng fire extinguisher patungkol sa wastong *maintenance* nito, higit lalo na ang mga *utility* na araw-araw kung maglinis ng *campus*. Sa sandaling kanilang mapansin ang bagay na katulad ng hindi pagiging *functional* ng *fire extinguisher* ay kaagad

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nilang ipaalam kay Mr. Benjamin Adraneda, *Associate Director for Physical Plants and Engineering Services*. Sa ganoong paraan ay agarang masosolusyunan at mapapalitan ang mga *fire extinguisher* upang hindi na manatiling nakasabit lamang ang mga ito at hindi na magdulot pa ng matinding pagkabahala sa mga estudyante sa panahon ng sunog.

Maaari ring magkaroon ng mga *fire drill* at *seminar* na magbibigay-kaalaman sa mga mag-aaral sa wastong paggamit ng *fire extinguisher* at kung paanong mapapanatili ang pagiging *functional* nito.

Nakalulungkot isipin na nalilimutan natin ang tunay na kahalagahan at dahilan ng mga bagay na katulad ng *fire extinguisher* at maaalala na lamang sa panahon na kakailanganin na ito, bukod sa maaaring lumawak ang pinsala ay nakataya rin ang bawat buhay ng nasa loob ng BC. Dagdag pa rito, aanhin nga naman natin ang mga *fire extinguisher* at *signages* na nakasabit sa mga dingding at haligi ng BC kung wala naman pala itong laman o kaya naman ay *expired* na, ika nga ay ‘*display*’ lamang.

Kaya dapat nating malaman na lahat ng bagay, maliit man o malaki ay maaaring makapagdulot sa atin ng pinsala kung atin itong mababalewala. Ang maliliit na bagay na tulad ng *fire extinguisher* ay dapat hindi binabalewala sapagkat ang dahilan kung bakit mayroon nito ay upang tayo ay tulungan sa pag-apula ng sunog at hindi makapagdulot sa atin ng kapahamakan. At nawa sa muli nating pagmulat ng ating mga mata ay kasabay nito ang pagbukas ng ating kaisipan na ang mga bagay kahit gaano man kaliit ay dapat din nating pansinin, sapagkat maaaring ito ay mayroong malaking gampanin sa buhay natin, at huwag na nating hintayin ang panahon na kailangan nating mapuwing pa upang tayo ay magising at masilayan ang katotohanang kaytagal nating hindi nakita. 🙏🙏🙏

## Same Ink... from P/6

I experienced drastic situations that most of my fellow students experienced as well. I felt upset as a student; but, as a campus journalist, I felt that I should stand up and do something not just for myself but especially, for other students. I decided to write column articles about those experiences, to drop the names, to face the consequences while hoping that something good will happen.

After that, I silently felt that others are seeing me as a student who considers officials and instructors as enemies and that I will always go against them. On the other hand, there were many who appreciated my articles and even said that they felt the changes brought by it. I even find it good when I am with my friends and when we experience something bad or encounter unpleasant people, they will always say, ‘*I-column mo nga ‘yan*’ hoping that it will

be corrected and changed. Now, let me go back to my statement, being a columnist is challenging; yet, it will always be fulfilling.

Now that I will be graduating and leaving my slot as a columnist, I feel a bit sad for there are indeed many things that I still want to write as a rare raconteur. I would want to write about the instructors who are giving unjust projects, who are good in degrading their students in the class, about students and officials who are enjoying their *yosi* break within the campus, about what Campus Student Council can and especially should do for the student body, for those students who, instead of reading and appreciating the newspaper mainly done for them, are just ignoring it and leaving it anywhere as if it is a piece of trash and many more. Perhaps, my Kuya Bek was right, “*Hindi lahat masosolusyunan mo sa iisang sulatan lang.*” My stay here is not enough to witness all the changes that I and the other students want for our campus, for our university. I will no longer have the chance to write the issues and problems

we can observe and that we want to be solved. Time flies so fast. Months from now, I will be graduating and eventually be an alumna—of BPSU, of TD.

I wrote this article not really to say goodbye. I write this column to celebrate one truth—the certainty that yes, I will, together with others, will be graduating; yet, I am sure there are other students, including my other *kapaTD* (fellow TD campus-journalists) who will be continuing the battle for change and betterment for this campus, for this university. My membership in TD, including all the great experiences and great people I had embraced, taught me to be brave yet respectful, to stand and defend for the truth. My membership in TD taught me to love Balanga campus and Bataan Peninsula State University up until the last drop of ink that my pen has and loving this institution means loving all its people. True love promotes righteousness; it does not tolerate wrong deeds. With this, through my membership in TD, I was able to let my fellow

Peninsulares to realize that we should work hand in hand in changing ourselves for the better and in the end, contribute betterment for this institution as well. What’s good is that, it is only me who learned those essential things.

There are more student-journalists left from TD and will be joining in this organization. This is not about our goodbyes. This is a friendly reminder that there will always be students from The Defender and we share the same kind of love we have for this institution and its people. There will always be students from The Defender and we share the same ink flowing through our veins which serves as our blood. I may not have the chance to write about all the issues and concerns that I want the whole BPSU community to know and for its people to solve; yet, there are these people left and will be coming whom I know will continue the campus journalism we know—they will write the stories, they will even drop names, they will stand and defend for the truth...simply because they love BPSU. 🙏🙏🙏



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IVY JOY B. SANTOS



MARCO T. SAYAS

## LENTE

Walang kwenta. Walang halaga. Isa ito sa mga pakiramdam na ayaw nating nararamdaman ngunit may mga pagkakataon na ito ay ating nararanasan. Ang kalungkutan na lumulukod sa ating kaibuturan ay paunti-unting pumapatay sa atin sa pinakatahimik na paraan. Nakayuko at tahimik na lumuluha sa isang tabi na animo’y isang batang musmos na di alam ang gagawin. Nais tumulong sa abot ng makakaya ngunit hindi alam kung saan magsisimula. Nais pasanin kahit kaunting bigat ng dinadala ngunit hindi alam kung paano nga ba.

Tama na. Itigil ang pag-iisip na tila ba isang bagay na wala ng halaga,sapagka’t ito ay hindi makapagdulot ng ano mang kabutihan. Bumangon at tumayo sa sariling paa, gawin ang lahat upang ang damdaming walang kwenta ay tuluyang mawala. Ang halaga hindi lamang nasusukat sa layo ng narating kundi sa kasayahang natamo. Gawin ang lahat ng makakaya at magpatuloy sa paglakad.Walang kwenta?Hindi. Ang halaga ay, kailanman hindi masusukat, dahil sarili lamang ang may kakayahang manghusga kung sya nga ba ay walang kwenta.



DIANA M. AVENDAÑO

## AURA

*This section of Tanggulan is a sketch of someone who is part of the BC-community and who possesses an aura which serves as inspiration to people.*



## PARA KAY DELFIN

TEDDY FENDER

Labinpitong taon  
ng pakikibaka  
Sa mga pagsubok  
ng pakikibuno  
Sa mga ‘di maiwasang pagbabago

Labinpitong taong  
Inilaan sa paghubog  
Sa mga lider ng kinabukasan  
Ibinahagi para sa lahat ng taong  
Nangangarap ng matayog para sa bayan

Labinpitong taon  
Itinuon para sa kaunlaran  
Inilaan para sa patuloy na  
Pag-usbong ng natatanging  
Mag-aaral ng peninsula

Mula sa lahat ng kabilang sa ating pamantasan  
Kami’y magpapasalamat sa iyo nang walang hanggan.

*Dr. Delfin O. Magpantay has devotedly served Bataan Peninsula State University for 17 years. His smiles have been his identity of being an approachable, hardworking, and ever-supportive father of our institution. His sense of humor erased the generation gap between him and the student body. He as the president and even his term of presidency are not perfect yet this cannot erase the fact that that seventeen years are beautiful years for BPSU and all the Peninsulares. Besides, things do not need to be perfect for it to be beautiful. His legacy will forever be part of the strong foundation of this university.*



# WALANG KAPARA

MARIMAR ANN M. PANTI

Boses ko ay pakinggan  
‘Wag kang magbingi-bingihan  
Tenga ay muling buksan  
At iyong alamin yaring dinaramdam

Ang tao’y may dalawa,  
Dalawang tainga  
Mata, kamay  
At mga paa

Oo dalawa, pero gamit mo ay isa  
Hindi mo nakikita na ang panig ay dalawa  
Hindi mo naririnig ang boses ng isa  
Pagkat sa isa nakatuon ang iyong mga mata

Sana pala hindi na lang pares ang iyong mga mata,  
Para presensya niya na lamang ang siya mong makita  
Iisa na lamang sana ang iyong tainga  
Dahil ang pagdinig sa boses ko ay hindi mo kaya

Sana naman ay naging masaya ka  
Sa sakit at luhang iyong namamasdan  
Buhat sa istoryang akala mo’y kabuuan  
Masaya ka nga bang talaga?  
Sana, sana.

Sana nga lamang iisa na lamang talaga  
Iisa ang iyong mata at tainga.

# IN TIMES OF WAR

CHESHIRE

I moved to the battlefield  
The brave knight by my side  
And the priests singing grace  
Our leader sitting in his throne  
Far across the planes of war I reached  
Fighting of soldiers like myself  
Never tired, for the glory of our kingdom  
God save the king  
Finally, I was ordered  
To fight the other faction’s champion  
It was a match I could not win  
My leader, whom I followed, sent me to my death  
I hesitated, but then I realized  
In this war, I am immaterial  
My existence is meaningless  
Live or die, it did not matter  
As the queen’s blade rn through my chest  
Before the breath of life left me  
I hear the god of war shout  
Checkmate

# Bunot SA HANGIN

RACHEL ANN Q. ROQUE

Mata’y patuloy na lumuluha  
Iyak pa, iyak pa, sabog na ang mga mata  
Wala nang kwenta ang mga tinatalak  
Aray! Nakakainis naman, ano ba ‘to?  
Kanino iaalay ang sinakripisyo?  
Dugo ay patuloy lang sa pagdaloy  
Paghihirap ba’y saan hahantong?  
Wala namang mararating ang lasang kalawang  
Masasaktan lang para sa kawalan  
Wala, wala, sa buhangin itala  
Isa lamang itong kaaksayahan!  
Ako’y kikilos para mawala ito  
Tatakbo, sisigaw at ipagtatanong sa lahat:  
“Para saan ba ang wisdom tooth na ito?”





# The Will to Live

KARLO JAY S. JUAN

**B**eneath the flesh lies the soul that wills the movement of the body and directs the flow of our lives. However, a force links the body to the soul and it is called purpose.

Purpose is the reason for being, the will that drives a person, an abstract concept that somehow manages to transform into a way of life. Some might say that they have realized their purpose; that they understand their existence and that is why they devote their lives into a craft, a movement, or whatever it is they do where they find inner peace. On the other hand, others believe that it is nothing more than fiction. If we look at the purpose from a larger point of view, the idea of an emotion, a sense that somehow tells a person what to do, is just an escape. It serves as an escape from the truth that in the grand scheme of things, our existence could be compared to a grain of sand in a vast desert.

All of us are subjected to truth's misery. We all seek a feeling of being valuable, a way to escape our uselessness. We crave for a sense of direction. It is the explanation for why soldiers walk the battlefield, and at the same time it is the explanation for why rebels create battlefields. Great kings rallied to war believing supreme. They have caused famine, sickness, and death all for their belief. Adolph Hitler believed his cause and it plunged the whole world into Dictators turmoil. their will to followed the point of revolt by their constituents.

Even mere teenagers will fight to means the death if it idea of defending their friendship and brotherhood.

Rebels have something that drives them, and it justifies their will to kill or be killed. Kings will send their kingdoms to demise, dictators will force their countries

to oblivion, and children will face any adversaries. Men are willing to sacrifice every possession, even life itself, all for a sense of glorified completeness. Even if the purpose is just a counterfeit reality, the sense, the feeling, the moment, is all too genuine.

Fyodore Dostoyevsky, a Russian novelist once stated, "*The mystery of human existence lies not in staying alive, but in finding something to live for,*" Indeed, finding something to live for is a grand achievement, but it should not end with discovering a cause, it should end with uncovering a passion that is for the good of all. Many believe that having something to fight for means that one is complete, but the fact is, true purpose is not about finding a reason to move, it is about seeking a movement that will benefit the whole world.

Martin Luther King Jr. is one great example of true purpose. If King did not know his purpose, humanity would have been different. Through his experience of being oppressed his will to change the world was forged. He followed his purpose and changed the society views those with a different skin tone, and in the process showed that the African American community is capable and equal of those with a lighter shade. He had a dream, and he followed it, because it was for the good of all.

In the battle to prove our existence, it is the answering the call of true purpose that shows us the way. It lets us defy the fact that we are nothing to the cosmos. It makes us see that we could be more than an irrelevant being and that we could be more. It gives ambassadors the courage to enter the battlefields, not to wield a gun, but pursue peace talks. It gave missionaries faith to bring forth their passion to help those who need their aid. It is blind purpose that took the lives of thousands, but it also true purpose that nourished millions as well. The will to serve something greater than oneself is what lifts us from our plain presence. It turns an agnostic into a priest living to serve his religion, a criminal into a law abiding citizen wanting to undo his wrong doings, a mere human being into a person with life. It is why we answer the call. It is why we desire purpose.

In the end, this purpose is what lets us face tomorrow with hope. It shows us that we are all a speck of dust, a piece in the puzzle, a small part. Yet, at the same time, it makes us realize that a desert is nothing more than a collection of dust, a puzzle is just the pieces glued together, and that an entirety is but the sum of its parts. Through the sheer belief of an abstract idea, our existence ceases to become meaningless, and that in itself is worth living for.

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