CHED designates CPU as Center of Excellence

Central Philippine University begins the year 2016 with another milestone. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) recently designated CPU College of Agriculture, Resources and Environmental Sciences (CARES) and the CPU Business Administration Department as Centers of Excellence (COE). A Center of Excellence for Agricultural Education, CPU CARES is the only one in Western Visayas.

CHED also designated the CPU Chemical Engineering Department as Center of Development (COD), recognizing the department for demonstrating its potential to become a COE in the future.

A CHED Center of Excellence refers to a department within a Higher Education institution, which continuously demonstrates excellent performance in areas of instruction, research and publication, extension, linkages and institutional qualifications (CHED Resolution 709-2015).

A DESIGNATED Center of Development may avail of fund assistance from (CHED) for research projects, extensions and linkages.
Pastors from all over the country are coming to CPU for the Convention Baptist Ministers Association national assembly which will be on January 19-21. The main topic of discussion is on discipleship.

"To make disciples" is an imperative command given by Jesus Christ in the Great Commission. What does it mean to be a disciple and to make disciples?

"To make disciples" means that we will make disciples of Jesus and not disciples of ourselves. This is an important distinction that we must remember.

A disciple is a learner. A disciple in ancient times meant that you learn even to copy the penmanship of the master. This means that it is not enough to learn the teachings of Jesus but more importantly to consistently put those teachings into actions.

Let us be disciples of Jesus first because in being so we are actually doing discipleship.

In other words water purifiers and 'mineral' water companies successfully created a mindset that water from the faucet or toilets are not potable to drink. This development decreased the accessibility or affordability (in a sense) of drinking water to the poor.

The general water shortage however will cover all sides of society and it can become a global crisis, unless cooperation, sustainable water projects, and government policies are implemented.

On a microsphere - individuals, homes and communities can help a lot to conserve water by simply being concerned and doing what is helpful (do not wash the car—just wipe it with wet cloth / turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth/ save the used water from your clothes or dish washing.)

You must have heard these tips many times.

Thank you!
University Library hosts Bookfair 2016

“I want Books! Let’s go read!” is this year’s theme for the annual book fair held from January 13 to 15 at CPU Henry Luce III Library.

Large selection of books on every subject interest were on display at the library lobby. Big publishing companies like C & E, Goodwill, and CD Book International, among many others joined in the book fair./CP

Mrs. Angel Robles (3rd from left) leads in the cutting of ribbon with Dr. Irving L. Rio (extreme right), OIC Director –VPAA, Emma De La Cruz (Library Consultant), and Dr. Melda Estember (extreme left), Director of Libraries.

Annual blood letting ceremony was held last January 14-15, at the Alumni Promenade and Concert Park in cooperation with Central Philippine University, CPU Republic and the College Red Cross Youth Council.

This year’s theme is “Reaching People Saving Lives”.

"Failure is an event, not a person. Yesterday ended last night."

Zig Ziglar
Hurray! For the success of CPU’s Sari-Saot Dance Troupe Dance Workshop and Mini-Cultural Concert at Abangay National High School, Janiuay Iloilo.

University Church (background) still aglow with the Festival of Lights about to end in January. Committee members pose during the celebration of success for the festival with CPU Administration and Alumni Association.

Congratulations!

Vanessa Ka’ihilani Caro

Best in Swimwear
Best in Gown
Best in Interview
Best in Casual Wear
Best in Festival Costume
Best in Production number
Miss Photogenic

Corporate awards:
Miss YSA Skin Body Experts
Miss Petron
Miss Outdoor Master
Miss Camella Homes
Miss Global Business Power
Miss Spa Riviera
Miss Posh Nails
Miss Climbs
Darling of the Press

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Miss Dinagyang 2016

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CPU High School Class of ‘66 celebrates Homecoming with Fireworks at the Alumni Walkway.
Agrifair centers on climate change

ILOILO City - The Department of Agriculture (DA) and Central Philippine University (CPU) held the 5th DA-CPU Agri-Research Fair, Seminar and Exhibits from December 14 to 17.

Themed “Climate Smart Agriculture for Resilient Communities,” the event included seminars and forums relevant to climate and food production.

The opening program was held at 8:00 to 9:00 in the morning at the CPU Alumni Promenade Concert Park (APCP). Dr. Joyce S. Wendam, DA Regional Technical Director, Negros Island Region was the keynote speaker. Wendam also led the ribbon cutting together with Dr. Teodoro C. Robles, CPU President.

Free seminars were held in the afternoon of the first day at the APCP and the Educational Media Center. Farm Tourism, Climate Resilient Energy Systems, Organic Agriculture for Micro-entrepreneurs and Native Chicken Production were among the seminars conducted.

Students and local government units were involved in the exhibits, cultural competitions, farm products, indigenous materials and herbal medicines showcase. CAN

Festival of Lights and Music at Central 2015

The year 2015 ended, but not without the Festival of Lights and Music @ Central 2015. Central Philippine University (CPU) and the CPU Alumni Association, Inc (CPUAAI) celebrated the 2015 festival on December 4, Friday. The CPU Symphonic Band played at 5:00PM to 6:00PM as invited guests and spectators arrived for the Opening Program and Switching On of Christmas Lights and Fireworks Display at 6:00PM to 7:00PM at the Centennial Walkway.

The annual event has always been an expectation for Ilonggo families, friends and relatives who come and enjoy the spectacular lights and fireworks display, Christmas musical presentations, and shows. The annual event in CPU has been an attraction to the public every Christmas season. Aside from the lights and fireworks display, visitors stay up late in the evening for the savory meals, ihaw-ihaw and native delicacies which are being served at the CPU half-moon drive.

A nightly entertainment was held starting December 5 including Christmas Battle of the Bands (CPUR) at the - Centennial Walkway, a Christmas Fashion Show at Alumni Promenade & Concert Park, Christmas Concert for a Cause at Rose Memorial Auditorium, White Gift Service & Christmas Carols at Central CPU Big Field, Christmas Hip Hop Night at the Alumni Promenade & Concert Park. Christmas Cultural Presentations was also held at the Alumni Promenade & Concert Park.

As in the previous years the campus was filled with people until late in the evening, enjoying the spirit of the Christmas season with family and friends.

- by C.A. Natividad
Work Students Alumni Homecoming: A big success!

By Cyrus A. Natividad

What makes homecoming a success? With or without looking forward to it, a homecoming event is made successful by the enthusiasm and cooperation among the organizers and members of the association. From many experiences, a successful Alumni homecoming must have been able to draw together seventy (70%) per cent of the target participants and income just about the same percentage that assures to finance all schedules of activities and needs. The net profit thereof could be no less than thirty (30%). Fund raising includes registration fees basically, but it does not stop organizers from making other income from souvenir program ads, and special sponsorships.

The post event on the other hand desires good feedback on the program, accommodation of guests, and achievable future or immediate plans from the association. It should have also initiated a plan for the next homecoming.

On top of a good audience and program, the CPU Work Student Alumni Association Homecoming held last December at the Alumni Promenade and Concert Park made such a success that its new officers headed by Jose Umadhay, former CPU’s work student coordinator and faculty of the College of Agriculture has promised a greater event next year.

Among the promising plans for this year is a proposal to build a dormitory for work students. It accordingly has the nod of the University President. Other CPU Alumni Chapters have also pledged for donations.

To the organizers, officers and members of the CPU Work Students Alumni Association, congratulations and more power!
GETTING READY: Young students are trained in sports early on to become future athletes and sports leaders of Central Philippine University.

CPU High School Volleyball Team Champions pose with their awards with CPU President Dr. Teodoro C. Robles at the CPU Admin Conference Hall.

You can have anything you want in life if you just help enough other people get what they want.
Centralian Greetings!

It is with deep joy and great enthusiasm that I greet all CPU alumni all over the world a Happy and Blissful New Year. After a successful celebration of our 110th in 2015, we in the 2016 CPUAAI Board look forward to another year of challenging opportunities. One of our plans is to meet more of our alumni in and outside of the campus and organize more chapters here and abroad to add to the existing 152 registered alumni chapters. We are also looking at more opportunities to initiate projects and programs to benefit our alma mater and to open more avenues for cooperation with CPU and governmental & private organizations.

2015 was a successful alumni year under the leadership of Dr. Felice Garingalao-Molina. Aside from the improvement of the Alumni Promenade & Concert Park, major internal processes and controls have also been instituted during her term. We plan to continue what “Doc Peks” have initiated and also focus on membership development not only in the Western Visayas region but in other areas as well, to serve as beacon for Centralians who plan to come home to CPU, and to keep the Central Spirit aflame beyond borders.

I would like to take this opportunity to greet and thank Dr. Ted Robles for his continued support to CPUAAI, and to all his vice presidents and other university officials. Warm greetings also go to Larry and Helen Lebiga and all officers of CPUFOAA.

God bless us all! God bless CPU!

DAN P. DORILLO
2016 President, CPUAA

FAFQ raises funds for the maintenance of the Philippine Multi-purpose Centre and welfare programs of the Filipino-Australian community. One of our projects is revisiting the roots program. The winners are visiting and meeting the birth place of their parents and relatives. Another is experiencing cultural programs, such as the Dinagyang Festival in Iloilo City, Philippines. FAFQ also donates assorted medical supplies to the rural areas such as the Bauang Launion Rural Health Unit, Pedro Garcia, Batangas Rural Health Clinic and Donsol District Hospital in Sorsogon.

FAFQ also sends donations to draught, typhoon and earthquake stricken areas like Nepal, Vanuato and North Queensland. FAFQ is a benefactor of the grants in aid scholarships for deserving CPU Work Students since 1997.

CPU High School Class of 1966.

AUSTRO-NOTES From Mauro Somodio

Filipino-Australian Foundation of Queensland, Inc (FAFQ) is a charitable non stock non profit organization.

FAFQ members visit to Iloilo City Mayor Jed Patrick E. Mabilog