Central Philippine University has three graduates among the Top Ten Board Passers of the November 29-30, 2014 Philippine Nurse Licensure Examination Results. JG Marie P. Navigar is 6th placer while Mark Idrian D. Doromal and Mary Angelique C. Salinas are 10th placers.

A total of 262 CPU examinees out of 282 passed the licensure exam. CPU achieved a passing percentage of 92.91% while the National Passing Percentage is 57.29%.

Central Philippine University will offer new academic programs effective 1st Semester of SY 2015-2016. These are Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy, Master of Arts in English and Literature, Master of Social Work (non-thesis) and Doctor of Ministry, major in Pastoral Counseling and Clinical Pastoral Supervision.

A MOA signing ceremony between Central Philippine University and Sun Chon National University was held at the CPU Administration Conference Room on January 13, 2015. The signing ceremony was attended by Sun Chon National University President Son Yeong-Mao, and Central Philippine University President Dr. Teodoro C. Robles.
World class art exhibit highlights Dr. Rex D. Drilon Day

Central Philippine University celebrated Dr. Rex D. Drilon Day on February 23, 2015 with the theme “Living Out the University Mission Through Culture and the Arts”. The celebration started with a memorial service at the Evangelical Memorial Garden in Balantang, Jaro. It was participated in by members of the CPU Administration, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the Drilon family.

At 9:00AM of the same day, there was a formal turning-over ceremony of the artworks and collection of Ms. Nelfa Querubin together with the opening of the exhibits of Dr. Rex D. Drilon memorabilia. Ms. Querubin, an alumna of Central Philippine University, is an internationally-acclaimed clay artist and a consummate ceramicist. Seeing the need for students to be exposed to art, she decided to donate her works and art collection to the University in support of its plan to build a museum. In recognizing Ms. Querubin’s donation, CPU provided a temporary home for her works of art at the 4th Floor of the Henry Luce III Library. The exhibit was opened to public viewing.

After the turning-over ceremony, the 3rd Dr. Rex D. Drilon Memorial Lecture was held at the Conference Room 1 of the Henry Luce III Library which was also at the 4th Floor. Dr. Agustin A. Pulido, former University President and presently member of the Board of Trustees was the resource speaker.

The Launching of the Center for Local Governance and Indigenous Studies was held at 11:00 AM at the NSTP Office at the Franklin Hall while the yearly Debate Match sponsored by the Dr. Rex D. Drilon Debate Society was at the Ancheta Chapel at 1:00PM. Ms. Nelfa Querubin conducted a forum at the 4th floor of the Henry Luce III Library at 2:00 PM. /C. A. Natividad

CPU President Dr. Robles welcomes the audience during the Dr. Rex D. Drilon Memorial Lecture.

Several clay works and paintings of Querubin were on display at the Henry Luce III Library.

Lincoln Rex Drilon (son of the late Dr. Drilon) huddles with former CPU President and current member of the board of trustees, Dr. Agustin A. Pulido.

Nelfa Querubin shows one of her paintings.
The arts of Nelfa

The four flights of stairs to the 4th Floor of the Henry Luce the III Library was rewarding. I was given a chance to interview the internationally acclaimed artist known as Nelfa Querubin.

That was her second visit to CPU where she was to formally donate her works to the University. An Ilongga with a history of passion for success, Nelfa held several exhibits, won many awards and accolades from the media and several arts organizations in the Philippines and abroad. In 2003, she won the grand prize in an Arts Festival in Colorado, USA where she lives with her husband, Michael Tomkins.

Her art exhibit was scheduled to be shown at the 4th floor of Henry Luce III Library together with a memorabilia exhibit of CPU’s First Filipino President on Monday, February 23 during this year’s celebration of the Dr. Rex D. Drilon Day.

I found her making a final check on the placements of her magnificent bejeweled pots and figurines in the exhibit room. I hastened to know her talent and passion in art and about life from her own perspective. She’s a born artist.

There was more to Nelfa Querubin than her being a consummate clay artist and a world-class ceramicist. She always love working with mud and form things since she was a child. She also works on oil painting, water color and mixed media. Her artworks speak of beauty as well. They seem to brighten everything in the dark. Whatever it is, happiness comes with each creation she molds out of reality.

Querubin puts emphasis on “the peace and joy of living above human bondage”, She has written and published two inspiring precious books on clay.

Her art collection should help the present and later generations of students and individuals whose enthusiasm could drive the University to open courses with creative curriculum.

Anyway it helps that Nelfa has an array of medium on canvass and clay left to the care of CPU for its future museum - a dream that can be realized soon.

We ended up the interview realizing that we both came from the same humble beginnings, with experiences that developed the artist in us.

Pres. Drilon once challenged the college presidents on how universities should be:
“Beware of campuses with uniform thinking, for uniform thinking leads to intellectual stagnation and eventually to intellectual decadence, then to death...for thought must be sharpened through the constant clash of diametrical ideas...and presidents must guide teaching away from propaganda and indoctrination and catechistic memorization...the classroom must be a forum of variegated thinking and viewpoints...for these alone do make the university...” (The Cebu Advocate, September 8, 1967)

Jesus once reprimanded the disciples by having an exclusivist mindset. He told his disciples that those who are not against them is for them.

May we be different yet continually open to new things.

Text From:
Binhi Sang Pagtoo
By: Rev. Francis Neil G. Jalando-on
Also with the Korean delegation were Sun Chon National University Dean for International Affairs and Languages Studies Jung Dong-Bo, Administrative Office Manager for International Affairs and Language Studies Lee Ki-Se, the Dean of the University Planning Professor of the Department of Economics Park Byeong-He, and Department of Accounting, College of Social Science Professor Park Cheol-WooDr. Fely P. Chin, CPU Vice President for Academic affairs, Prof. Rowena M. Libo-on, Director for International Programs, and Prof. Leilani Fatimah L. Trompeta, Assistant Director for International Programs were also present. / Cyrus A. Natividad

CPU among the playing venues for National PRISAA 2015

Central Philippine University was chosen one of the schools to host this year’s National Private Schools Athletic association (PRISAA) from April 11 to 17, 2015. CPU will be the playing venue for Softball, Football, Baseball, and Chess. Delegations from Region X and Region XI will be billeted in CPU

Gibbs G. Caluba
CPU Sports Assistant

Atty. Alejandro Somo (left), CPU Sports Director was one of the panelists at the WVPRISAA 2015 Press Conference.
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Doctor of Management with Concentration in:
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B.S. in Management Accounting
B.S. in Accounting Technology
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    Financial Management
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B.S. in Entrepreneurial Management
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    Educational Administration and Supervision
    Guidance and Counseling
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  Concentration in:
    Educational Administration and Supervision
    Guidance and Counseling
    Mathematics
    Physics
M.S. in Guidance and Counseling
Master of Science in Library and Information
  Science
Bachelor of Elementary Education (Level IV)
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BEEEd with Pre-School Education
  Concentration
Bachelor of Secondary Education (Level IV)
  majors in:
    Biological Science
    English
    Filipino
    General Science
    Mathematics
    Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health
    Physical Science
    Social Studies
Bachelor of Library and Information Science
B.S. in Physical Education – Transcultural
Bachelor in Special Education
Diploma in Teaching (Dip.T.)
“HOPE OF COMING GENERATIONS….”
By: Joy E. de la Peña - Todesca, CPUHS ’65

What seemed to be mere words to everybody’s ears long time ago when we sang this song from kindergarten to elementary, high school and college have now come into fruition. We have indeed become the hope of the coming generation and CPU is still churning more “hopes” for the generations to come. The CPU High School Class of 1965 recently held their golden jubilee class reunion which was concluded last February 9, 2015 after 3 days of fun and laughter in reconnecting and recalling everything that we can remember doing and NOT doing in high school. On the first night we were privileged to have as our guest speaker the CPU president himself, Dr. Ted Robles, accompanied by his lovely wife, Angel. The speech was centered on the growth of CPU in the number of buildings and student population and other facts that “old” graduates would be eager to know. Listening to him talk about CPU’s growth and what it is doing to the community at large, was a moment to be proud of for every Centralian who trod the ubiquitous Valentine Hall floors and other historic, original CPU buildings. We were likewise privileged to listen to Dr. Felice G. Molina, president of the CPU Alumni Association, Inc.

The second day’s highlight was a trip to Jordan, Guimaras Island where we were treated to a sumptuous lunch by ex-Congressman Edgar Espinosa and his very welcoming wife. The lunch was held at his guest house with all the trimmings of a genuine Ilonggo “punsyon”. We had dinugu-an, sweet mangoes, buko salad, and lechon - really the best way to further develop an already over developed stomach. Again it was another day of eating and laughter in Bacchanalian proportion. It was just great being with one another like no 50 years were lost with everything coming back just like that. That night, after another big meal, our tycoon classmate, Mr. Mariano Quillamor, hosted a cocktail with delicious hors d’oeuvre and some (ahem) drinks. Readers, please just use your imagination - Class ’65 has come a long way and we have added some sophistication to our list of wonderful qualities including beauty (ahem) and brains (ahem).

Class ’65 is proud of one of our classmates, Dr. Rene Juaneza who is a very successful doctor and has a thriving medical practice at the Iloilo Doctor’s Hospital who, together with his lovely and gracious wife, generously hosted the first night dinner and entertained the group with music from our era. The “oldies” music brought back our teenage angst, the measured throbbing of our hearts and just the clean, mischievous fun we had in high school - our crushes, the longed for glance from someone we were dreaming about, etc. etc.. We hardly recognized some of our classmates at first, but one thing was noticeable - where there used to be trim, shapely and muscular bodies, we saw in each other the “development” of the physical kind that was all too evident in every part of our anatomies. The fact is, despite all the “sagging and bulges”, the lines and creases and the white hairs, some of us desperately tried to hide the balding pate. As it is, we still are young at heart and remain as the hope of coming generations.

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Our class has produced six medical doctors, several nurses, teachers, entrepreneurs, farmers and sugar planters and a lot more who are also successful in their own right. The other doctors who made time for the reunion were Dr. Henry Gonzales, the Dean of the CPU College of Medicine and a successful practitioner himself, Dr. Edgar Gan who ended up in politics, Dr Sharon Dean and Dr. Rose Cortezza. The presence of “the” Fluellen Ortigas, one time “Most Outstanding Student of the Philippines”, spiced up and enlivened the occasion. We were delighted and entertained with his stories of the Marcos Years.

Just like any other CPU class one belongs to, there is always that sense of pride and elation that we have experienced academic and religious exposure in CPU that definitely brought out the best in us. When we walked that road along Franklin and Roblee Halls, the enormous, unexplained feelings of pride and exhilaration and of sadness and joy of having passed that road before were just too hard to contain. The awesomeness and the grandeur of it all were unimaginable when I think back of our time at CPU.

Our reunion was capped with our participation in the February 9, 2015 church service of the University Church. We sang “Great is thy Faithfulness”, the solo part rendered by Rachel Catedral de la Garza, and the chorus by the whole class. It was a tribute to God’s faithfulness in our lives that despite our struggles and challenges after 50 years or more, it rings true forever that our GOD is a Great GOD indeed.

We, the class members of CPUHS ’65, would like to thank the following for coordinating, planning and executing the activities with utmost energy and zest: Dr. Rene Juaneza, Doy & Mercy Espartero, Drs. Henry Gonzales and Sharon Dean, Ramona Espinosa Gonzaga, Agustin & Alpha Depakakibo, Lucy Guillergan, Cynthia Alicante, Leroy French, Pert Bedonia, Rebecca Sagge and countless others who made the reunion a success. To Mimi Caipang Magdaluyo, the coordinator for the US-based classmates, and to all who made time to attend, thank you for the memories….It was great seeing you all. God bless.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Central Philippine University invited students and professionals to a special lecture on the 2015 Philippine Hosting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) last February 23, 2015, Monday at 2:00PM at the Rose Memorial Auditorium.

The purpose of the lecture was to reach out to students and the public to raise awareness and knowledge of APEC as an organization, the Philippines’ role in APEC, the benefits from the Philippines’ APEC membership, and what is in store during the APEC 2015 Philippine Host Year.
Last February 23, 2015, Central Philippine University (CPU) in Iloilo City launched the Center for Local Governance and Indigenous Peoples Studies (CLGIPS). This Center is the official arm of the University to carry out programs and projects concerning local governance and indigenous peoples. Services included are training, consultancy, research, development of short-term programs both online and offline, and publications.

Prior to the establishment of CLGIPS, CPU has been involved in local governance and indigenous peoples programs and projects. Several partners including, among others, the Department of Interior and Local Government, the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, the Transparency and Accountability Network, the World Bank through the Knowledge for Development Center, and CityNet-Yokohama have been engaged. The institutionalization of the Center is made possible through a grant from the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (United Board). The mission of the Center is to initiate and facilitate programs and projects for the empowerment of local government units and indigenous peoples in Panay.

Prof. Rodel Palomar serves as CLGIPS Director. Dr. Irving Domingo is the Chairperson for the Indigenous Peoples Committee while Prof. Ernesto Saquibal serves as Chairperson for the Local Governance. In SY 2013 - 2014, Dr. Rio and Prof. Palomar were given a grant by the United Board for the project "Development of Teaching Module on Indigenous People as a Local Peace-building Project". The goal of the project was to create awareness about the indigenous people of Central Panay, focusing on the conflicts that take place, how conflicts are resolved, and to engage the higher education institutions in the lowlands in creating a culture of peace and understanding and in mainstreaming the tribal groups with regards to the judicial system without having the tribes lose their indigenous cultures.

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