CPU BOT unanimously elects Dr. Robles as CPU’s next President

During its meeting, 5 September 2008, the Board of Trustees unanimously elected Dr. Teodoro C. Robles as the new President of Central Philippine University, effective 1 November 2008. The four ex-officio members of the Board, Rev. Job Santiago, General Secretary of the Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches, Atty. Von Lovel D. Bedona, President of the CPU Alumni Association, Ms. Amy Campos, Staff Representative, and Prof. Franklin Robles, Faculty Representative, were present at the meeting expressed support for the action of the Board and for Dr. Teodoro C. Robles.

Dr. Robles hails from Leon, Iloilo and graduated from Central Philippine University College of Engineering, 1964, as a Work Student. He earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering at Montana State University in Bozeman Montana, June 1969 and August 1975, respectively. He was Assistant Professor in Electrical Engineering at Central Philippine University, 1964-1967: Graduate Teaching and Graduate Research Assistant, EE Department, Montana State University, 1967-1969 and 1971-1975: Research Engineer and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Montana University EE Department, 1975-1977: Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville Tennessee, 1977-1979; Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre (more on page 11)

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students. He reminded us that as a mission school, CPU should not be “pregnant forever.” Meaning, we must give birth to other areas in the country. He expounded the theme “We shall overcome” by assuring us that CPU will overcome any challenges if we will not forget our foundation which is Jesus Christ. And our faith gives us the courage to persevere and come up victorious for the glory of God.

Although October 1 was declared a national holiday by the government, we pushed through with our wreath laying and memorial service at the Philippine-American Cemetery. The Star Spangled Banner was sung while the American flag was hoisted, and after that, our Philippine flag was also raised.

Dr. Andresito A. Millamena spoke in behalf of the Management Committee. He retold the struggles and joys of American missionaries and Filipino counterparts in establishing the Jaro Industrial School, and on keeping the flame of Central Spirit burning through the years until our beloved Alma Mater became a university in April 1, (more on page 6)

Borlongan graduates as BS Biology Summa cum laude

Ms. Iris Ann G. Borlongan, who was awarded as B.S. Biology summa cum laude during the 81st Graduation Ceremonies of the University Colleges, First Semester 2008-2009, is not your typical college student.

She did not go into Nursing, like most high school graduates today who choose this path as the only viable alternative to a successful professional life. She started out her first three years in college under the Medical Technology Department, only to shift to B.S. Biology during the last three semesters before graduation. She has also ruled out pursuing a medical degree. But she relishes the thought of engaging in a lifetime work in research and the academe.

Iris is the first summa cum laude graduate ever in the almost 70 year history of the Life Sciences Department. This honor comes on the heels of last March 2008 when the Department had a magna cum laude graduate. Ms Borlongan is the second of three children of Mr. Emeterio De Leon Borlongan, a retired Aquaculturist from the Southeast Asia Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), and Dr. Ida Ramos Gorrneta-Borlongan, former research scientist at the SEAFDEC Aquaculture Department and presently a faculty member at the CPU Chemistry Department.

Ms. Borlongan’s string of honors dates back to her elementary days when she graduated as salutatorian at the St. Joseph Grade School. She has also been (more on page 15)

CPU celebrates 103rd Foundation Day with activities for the whole week. The celebration started with a pre-Foundation Day Sunday at the University Church on Sept 28. The invited speaker was Rev. Edwin Madlangbayan of Bacolod City. He spoke about his pride as a Centralian and reminded all of us of our Baptist heritage.

Dr. Ilda Borlongan, Stella Fernandez, Dr. Diadem Pearl Equina

L to R – Mr. Borlongan, Dr. Luisito Conducta, Iris Borlongan, Dr. Ida Borlongan, Stella Fernandez; Dr. Diadem Pearl Equina

CPU’s 1st Sem Commencement Exercises saw 356 graduates

Iris Ann G. Borlongan, B.S. Biology, summa cum laude, led the 356 students who receive their diplomas during the graduation ceremony on October 19, 2008 held at Rose Memorial Auditorium. There were also five cum laude graduates, namely, Jodellie P. Villa, B.S.S.W.; Fresten Von A. Simbron, B.S.C.-M.A.; Jodie C. Cangrejo, E.E.d.; Pre-School Education Concentration, Rosanna L. Lim, B.S.H.R.M.; and Cristina Y. Antonio, B.S.T.

The graduates per college are the following: Agriculture-12; Arts-36; College of Business & Accountancy-92; Computer Studies-30; Education-37; College of Business & (more on page 10)
The global financial world has been turned upside down in the last few weeks. Many institutions of long standing are gone or in shambles. Folks’ financial assets have undergone major setbacks. Many financial goals are now in peril.

Within CPU’s home grounds, there are major challenges as well. We are in a period of transition where many issues have surfaced, that have “tried men’s souls”, exasperated others, and angered some, dismayed many, and motivated others to rectify old wrongs, address grievances, or push forward with corrective or progressive actions, as the case may be.

Within family circles, struggles continue. Families are still recovering from devastating natural calamities, livelihoods are threatened by job loss or limited job prospects in a recessionary environment, crime is on the rise, cost of goods and services keep escalating, and credit is scarce.

Much of what we see and hear is gloomy. Many of us feel depressed. We do not handle our responses to internal and external stimuli very well. We lash out at folks with different points of view, we get personal, we call for drastic action, and we share our collective woes with many others in our circle and beyond. We dump. Our “bad mood” is contagious, affecting our environment and everyone in it. It hasn’t been the best of times.

A friend shared the following article with me. It really hit home, and I would like to share it with you.

Beware of Garbage Trucks!™ — The Law of the Garbage Truck

By David J. Pollay

How often do you let other people’s nonsense change your mood? Do you let a bad driver, rude waiter, curt boss, or an insensitive employee ruin your day? Unless you are the Terminator, you’re probably set back on your heels. However, the mark of your success is how quickly you can refocus on what’s important in your life.

Sixteen years ago I learned this lesson. And I learned it in the back of a New York City taxi cab. Here’s what happened.

I hopped in a taxi, and we took off for Grand Central Station. We were driving in the right lane when all of a sudden, a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, the car skidded, the tires squealed, and at the very last moment, our cab stopped just one inch from the other car’s back end. I couldn’t believe it. But then I couldn’t believe what happened next. The driver of the other car, the guy who almost caused a big accident, whipped his head around and started yelling bad words at us. How do I know? Ask any New Yorker; some words in New York come with a special face. And for emphasis, he threw in a one-finger salute, as if his words were not enough.

But then here’s what really blew me away. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was friendly. So I said, “Why did you just do that? This guy could have killed us!” And this is when my taxi driver told me what I now call, “The Law of the Garbage Truck”. He said: “Many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they look for a place to dump it. And if you let them, they’ll dump it on you. So when someone wants to dump on you, don’t take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Believe me. You’ll be happier.”

So I started thinking, how often do I let Garbage Trucks run right over me? And how often do I take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the street? It was then that I said, “I don’t want their garbage and I’m not going to spread it anymore.”

I began to see Garbage Trucks. Like in the movie “The Sixth Sense,” the little boy says to the Dead People. Well now I see Garbage Trucks. “I see the load they’re carrying. I see them coming to dump it. And like my taxi driver, I don’t take it personally. I just smile, wave, wish them well, and I move on.

One of my favorite football players of all time is Walter Payton. Everyday on the football field, after being tackled, he would jump up as quickly as he hit the ground. He never dwelled on a hit. Payton was ready to make the next play, his best. Over the years the best players from around the world in every sport have played this way; Tiger Woods, Nadia Comaneci, Muhammad Ali, Bjorn Borg, Chris Evert, Michael Jordan, and Pele are just some of those players. And the most inspiring leaders have lived this way: Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, Ghandi, and Martin Luther King.

See, Roy Baumeister, a psychology researcher from Florida State University, found in his extensive research that you remember bad things more often than good things in your life. You store the bad memories more easily, and you recall them more frequently.

So the odds are against you when a Garbage Truck comes your way. But when you follow The Law of the Garbage Truck, you take back control of your life. You make room for the good by letting go of the bad.

The best leaders know that they have to be ready for their next meeting. The best sales people know that they have to be ready for their next client. And the best parents (more on page 7)
World Bank launches new KDC in the Philippines

The World Bank launched on September 26, 2008 its 11th Knowledge Development Center (KDC) at the Central Philippine University (CPU) in Jaro, Iloilo City.

The KDCs are hubs for dialogue and research on development issues. They are established by the World Bank in partnership with leading state and private universities in key cities around the country. They are user-friendly, easily accessible centers where government, the private sector, NGOs, development agencies, students, media and the academe can access a wealth of resources and information.

“We are pleased with the new partnership with the Central Philippine University. The KDC in CPU opens up to the people of Iloilo a venue for discussing development issues, sharing best practices and expanding collaboration among various groups in the community. World Bank’s partnership with universities enables us to share global development experience and apply them to local conditions. It also helps us to exchange views and listen to the people outside Manila,” said World Bank Country Director Bert Hofman.

Housed at the ground floor of CPU’s Henry Luce III Library, the CPU-KDC offers unparalleled access to knowledge not only through the library materials stored at the Center but also through its links to electronic resources elsewhere. At the same time, through seminars, fora and discussion groups, the KDC will facilitate access to the collective knowledge and wisdom embedded in geographic-based communities.

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On the same occasion, the World Bank held its regional consultation on its next Country Assistance Strategy (CAS). Consultations for the CAS are conducted by the World Bank all over the country to get the perspectives and recommendations from government and other stakeholders, on the critical development challenges and the policy options and programs that the Bank should pursue.

Mr. Hofman stressed the importance of supporting projects in community-driven development in Western Visayas. “Iloilo is the seat of a very strong civil society and people’s participation in the region is high. The area also hosts the regional offices of key government agencies like DOH and DepED. Central Philippine University is just the right place for a new KDC.”

Mr. Hofman noted that Central Philippine University has been a very resilient institution. “The campus was devastated during typhoon Frank, and was not operational for two whole weeks. In fact, the launch of the KDC had to be postponed because of damage during the flood. But today, the University is back on its feet leading the region not only in academics but also in development around the world.”

Overseas alumni chapters pour in more donations

Some CPU alumni chapters donated substantial amounts for their beloved Alma Mater during this year’s Alumni Homecoming, 05 September 2008. One of the donors was the CPU HS Class 1968 which donated $2,400.00 through its class representatives, Ms. Flora Grace Guillergan-Cudiamat and Ms. Grace de la Peña-Hill who attended the Alumni Homecoming and Alumni Night.

The CPU Federation of Overseas Alumni Associations (CPUFOAA) through their President, Ms. Perfa Guillergan-Londres also shared their gifts to CPU. Dr. Teodoro Robles presented CPUFOAA gift of $5, 300.00 for the Lifestyle Learning Center. Ms. Flora Grace Guillergan-Cudiamat presented the $5,180.98 for the CPU Flood Relief campaign for the work students, faculty and staff. Another gift of $1,000 for Flood Relief was presented by Ms. Cudiamat from the CPUAA-Midwest Chicago, U.S.A. Chapter for the general fund while Ms. Emelda Frange Valcarcel presented the gift of CPUAA North Texas Chapter in the amount of $1,364.00 for the Flood Victims Initiative of the CPU Alumni.

Romallosa Wins in the 18th WESVARRED R & D Highlights

Engr. Aries Roda D. Romallosa of the Appropriate Technology Center under the College of Agriculture won First Prize under the Development Category during the 18th Regional Symposium in Research and Development Highlights held on August 13-14, 2008 at San Antonio Resort, Baybay, Roxas City. The winning paper entitled “Super Turbo rice Husk Gasifier Stove” which is co-authored with Engr. Alexis T. Belonio, has a chance to compete with regional winners of other consortia in the country during the national level symposium. The annual research and development highlights is sponsored by the Western Visayas Agricultural Resources Research and Development Consortia (WESVARRED) and this first year it was hosted by Capiz State University.

The Super Turbo is a new stove technology that injects steam during operation enhancing the quality of flame produced. This technology is already set for commercialization after receiving funding from Peace and Equity Foundation during the recent 2008 Panbangong Paranan Project Grain Competition.

UBCHEA visits CPU

Anne Ofstedal, Director of Fellowship and Scholarship, and Emily Fries, Director for Development and Communications, with Ed Sue, an architect and Consultant of Projects visited the campus last September 28, 2008. Director Ofstedal and Architect Ed Sue checked the new roofing of the Henry Luce III library. She also interviewed four faculty applicants for the fellows program of UBCHEA - Irving Domingo Rio, Faith Leila Quirol, Leilani and Fatimah Trompeta and Dr. Limei Equina.

Director Emily Fries met with the Alumni President Atty. Von Lovel Bedona, Alumni Vice President Atty. Alejandro Somo, Direc- tor Rinand Escuban and Pastor Francis Neil Jalingo- on and discussed alumni matters like publication of the Centralian Link, donations, and alumni database.

Director Fries also announced that CPU alumni can now conveniently and securely donate online at this website: http://www.ubcho.edu giving.asp

Dr. Palada conducts forum on organic vegetable farming

Taiwan-based, Dr. Manuel Palada, 1967 College of Agriculture alumnus known vegetable research expert conducted a “Consultative Forum for the Vegetable Industry in Panay” on September 25 at the CBA Audio-Visual Room.

Sponsored by CPU and the Department of Agriculture, Region 6 (DA 6), there was approximately 35 participants comprised of professors from state universities in Panay faculty and students of the College Agriculture and DA 6 representatives.

Dr. Palada stressed the importance of organic farming in the vegetable industry.
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**Prof. Gicana conducts Database Mgt Seminar**

A technical seminar on “Database Management System” was conducted by Prof. Rodney Gicana, Dean of the College of Computer Studies in EnA203, College of Engineering, last September 22, 2008.

A total of 32 Software Engineering students of CPU, mainly composed of third to fifth year students attended the seminar which is organized by the Philippine Society of Software Engineers (PSSE) in cooperation with the Software Engineering Department.

The seminar focused its discussion on the concepts of databases and by introducing other Database Management System technologies. The seminar aims to widen the knowledge of the students in database management, which is considered essential in building software systems.

**Life Sciences Department’s Luzon tour centers on Biotech updates**

A five-day educational tour of B.S. Biology students to Manila, Los Banos, and Baguio City from August 28 to September 1, 2008 may be too short for a group of two faculty members, one staff member and ten students to visit a number of better known research institutions and wildlife parks in the country. The students were enrolled in General Botany and the country. The students were enrolled in General Botany and Systematic Botany under Prof. Ernesto S. Elefan and Dr. Nicolas G. Guanzon Jr. This traditional academic activity for a laboratory subject is being undertaken by the Life Sciences Department to supplement and further enhance the theoretical and technical knowledge that students have learned in a classroom setting considering the inadequate facilities we have in the Philippines.

The University of the Philippines-National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (UP-NIMBB), also known as the BIOTECH Center in U.P. Los Banos, Laguna was the first institution to be visited on August 29. Here, the group was introduced to what the Center was doing, such as discovering and upgrading technologies to produce high-value foods, feeds, additives, specialty products, and developing efficient detection kits to ensure quality and safety. The Center also explores sources, properties and application of functional foods such as nutraceuticals, probiotics from GRAS lactic acid bacteria and yeast, among others.

The next stop was the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), also in Los Banos, Laguna. Mr. Joel Janyia, CPU Alumnus (B.S. Agriculture 1977) and an assistant scientist, gave the orientation-lecture about the current programs of the Institute and the recent breakthroughs in the development of C4 type rice, making the crop more efficient and productive under tropical conditions. On the second day, the group toured the various laboratory facilities of the UPLB Institute of BioScience, including the Genetec Engineering Laboratory where the students were given a chance to do hands-on demonstration of DNA extraction using saliva as the source specimen.

The following day, August 30, brought the group to Baguio City. The Mines View Park, Burnham Park, and the Baguio Botanical Garden became places of interest for the group. The University’s Wildlife Conservation Park was a great location for indigenous and rare plants under a natural and protected habitat can be observed.

After the two-day stint in Baguio City, the group went back to Manila and visited the newly opened and renowned Manila Ocean Park. (Prof. Ernesto S. Elefan)

**Repollo conducts Java EE Technologies Seminar**

A technical seminar on “Java EE Technologies: JPA, JAXWS, Google Guice and Maven” was held with Mr. Junem Albert Repollo and Joemar Matulac at the University of the Philippines Los Banos last September 20, 2008. It was attended by selected SE students of CPU with programming and web development competitiveness. The seminar was organized by the Philippine Society of Software Engineers (PSSE) in cooperation with the Software Engineering Department.

The seminar aims to provide technical competitiveness to SE students by introducing new concepts and ideas in Web development using Java Enterprise Edition (Java EE) and its new, related technologies.

Mr. Repollo graduated cum laude last 2006 and is currently working with Novare Technologies, Inc. – Philippines as a Software Engineer. He visited Iloilo together with Mr. Antonio Javier, Chief Operating Officer of Novare and conducted a company presentation and job interview to recruit more Centralians in the company.

**Novare Technologies, Inc. holds company presentation**

A Company Presentation of Novare Technologies, Inc. and a brief seminar on Web 2.0 were conducted by Mr. Antonio Javier, Chief Operating Officer and one of the principals of Novare Technologies-Philippines at En107, College of Engineering last September 18, 2008.

It was attended by graduating students of Software Engineering Department, College of Engineering and the College of Computer Studies. The CPU Placement Office mainly organized and sponsored the event.

The purpose of this presentation is to introduce Novare Technologies to be a possible workplace for students after graduation. Mr. Javier also delivered a brief talk about Web 2.0, a current technology that the company is presently focusing on. A job interview was conducted afterwards as interested students were given the chance to apply to the company for positions such as Developer, Business Analyst and Quality Assurance Analyst.

Novare Technologies is a software company specializing on the development of mobile applications located in Makati City. Two of the Software Engineering Students of CPU, namely Junem Albert Repollo and Joemar Matulac are presently working in the company as Software Engineer and Junior Software Engineer, respectively. Their commendable performances on the company gave Novare the idea of recruiting more Centralians. Mr. Repollo conducted the job interview to the interested applicants from CPU.

**UC Women Society observes Women’s Federation Sunday**

On September 21, 2008 the University Church Women Society took charge of both the 1st and 2nd worship services. It was their observance of the Women’s Federation Sunday. They had for the theme: “Woman…..God’s Special Creation with a Special Mission.”

The speaker for the 1st service was the Rev. Martha Mae Luces. She spoke on the topic “The Three As of a Woman’s Mission for Peace-Building” based on 1Samuel 25:23 – 28. According to Rev. Luces a woman needs to be (a) aware of her role (b) Act – action was done by Abigail in order to maintain peace (c) abide in God – wait for God’s will in her life.

For the second service the speaker was the Rev. Maggie A. Hofflera. Her topic was based on the theme “Woman…..God’s Special Creation with a Special Mission.” The scripture texts were found in Gen 1:26 – 28, Gal 3:26 – 28, and Matt 28:19 – 20.

The UC Jubilant Choir sang two songs “In the Image of God” and “Jesus, What a Beautiful Name.” The UC Women Society gave a special number “I Am A Woman.” An Organ-Piano duet was beautifully provided for by Dr. Lagrimas G. Catedral and Mrs. Agnes C. Quimpo during the offertory.

Since the creation of man, woman always has a special treatment in the eyes of God. It has been said that “a woman is created from man, not from his head to be commanded by him, not from his feet to be his slave. Rather, she was taken from his side to complement him, and was his arms to be more closely loved.” Here in our University Church, City Circuit, Iloilo Union and Federation are women whom God has given special mission. They have projects like:

(a) Fellowship of the least coin which is sent to countries that undergo calamities or devastation.
(b) 10-centavo a day with a prayer – used to support missionary/ies abroad. At present the Federation is supporting a Missionary to Nepal. The Federation Sunday offering amounted to P8,900.50. This was turned over to the Federation treasurer c/o the CPBC treasurer.
(c) 10-centavo a day with a prayer for home mission to help support the provincial missionary of the Iloilo Union,
(d) Scholarships and Grants in Aid awards to deserving CPU HS students.
(e) Cash gifts to deserving students in the College of Theology.
Read in four issues (September 21, 28; October 5, 12, 2008) of the BCC Bulletin and Concerns, weekly publication of Baptist Center Church, Luna Street, La Paz, Iloilo City.)

THE SEARCH FOR CPU’S NEW PRESIDENT has ended with the election of Dr. Teodoro “Ted” C. Robles to the position. The CPU Corporation last Thursday confirmed the unanimous action of the Board of Trustees September 5 in electing Dr. Robles President effective November, 2008.

Dr. Robles brings to the CPU Presidency a rich Christian background and outstanding education and training. A thoroughbred Baptist, he and his wife Angel were members of Baptist Center Church before they went to the United States.

Ted’s father, Pedro Robles is a descendent of the first Baptist Church leaders in Leon, Iloilo, who had to endure persecution for their Christian faith.

Ted’s wife Angeles “Angel” Antonio, daughter of a devout Roman Catholic couple, Mayor and Mrs. Francisco Antonio of San Dionisio, took up nursing in CPU in spite of the objections of her parents for fear of excommunication. But Angel persisted. Consequently, she and her parents were excommunicated by the Roman Catholic Church. While at CPU, and before they were married, Ted and Angel attended two churches, first at St. Clement’s Redemptorist Church, and then they would walk to Baptist Center Church for the Early Morning Worship.

After their marriage in 1970, Angel embraced Ted’s faith. And together they attended Baptist Center Church until they left for the US in June 1971. They have a son, Theodore Francisco, Ph.D. Psychology, who is now Assistant Professor in the University of California at Los Angeles, and married to Jennifer Preston also a Ph.D. Psychology practitioner.

Ted’s father, Pedro Robles, was educated at Jaro Industrial School, Central Philippine College, and two American Baptist Colleges in the US—Linfield College in Oregon, also the alma mater of the First Filipino President Dr. Rex Drilon; and Berkeley Baptist Divinity School in California where he completed the Master of Divinity degree. Rev. Pedro Robles married Felisa Canillas also of Leon. The marriage was blessed with nine children, five girls and four boys, who were educated at CPU and finished their degrees with flying colors.

Excellent Engineering Education. Dr. Teodoro C. Robles obtained the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from CPU in 1964 and immediately joined the CPU faculty, staying until 1967 when he left for further studies in the US.

After he finished his Master’s degree from Montana State University, June, 1969, he returned to CPU and joined the faculty until 1971 when, in pursuit of excellence, he went back to America to get his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering.

Dr. Robles has a highly fruitful career in engineering education, serving in five different institutions until he reached his present position as full professor at Milwaukee School of Engineering in Wisconsin, USA. He has undertaken numerous research projects for the US government, private industries, and academic institutions. He has authored dozens of publications in his area of specialization.

Ever loyal to CPU, Dr. Robles has generously supported the University for the past twenty years. In 1986 he was chosen as consultant under the United Nations Development Program, and he was asked to be assigned at CPU. In 1996 he came back again as consultant under the “Balik Scientist Program” of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

Distinguished Centralian. On September 6, 1997, Dr. Teodoro C. Robles was bestowed the DISTINGUISHED CENTRALIAN AWARD for his brilliant career and outstanding achievements in the field of engineering education.

Attachments to BCC. Ted and Angel have been closely attached to BCC while abroad, specially with Jess and Au Lim and Jorge and Pet Tamayo. Says Au Lim, “We belong to the class 1964—Ted graduated with a BS Electrical Engineering degree and I, with a BS Chemical Engineering. We were work students assigned to the Physics Department of the Engineering Faculty scholars. We saw how Engineering Education is delivered in a common sense way, and the outlook of our students, have inspired us to have our own children pursue Engineering degrees.”

Says Jen, “Ted and Angel believed in the concept of the American Church that education is very important as Christ has done. Angel has served as a Red Cross volunteer to the Free Medical Clinic sponsored by the Filipino community and has helped raise funds for the American Cancer Society, Diabetes and Leukemia Foundation.

In 2000, Ted coordinated the Medical Mission in Iloilo with the assistance of Mrs. Aurora Lim and with Angel managing the project. Sponsored by the Rizal-MacArthur Memorial Foundation of Wisconsin, which was the Medical Mission served more than 1,000 patients in Iloilo, particularly in these locations: CPU Kabilalaca Center, West Visayas State University Hospital, and Guimaras.

Over 115 professionals, including 60 medical doctors, from Wisconsin and other places in the US and in the Philippines joined the Medical Mission. In addition to serving patients, lectures were also given by the doctors at the Iloilo Mission Hospital and St. Paul’s Hospital. Ted shipped several Balikbayan boxes of medical supplies, and medicines for use in that Medical Mission in Iloilo. A year after that Medical Mission, Ted shipped a crate of medical supplies and equipment for CPU and Iloilo Mission Hospital. The assistance of CPU through Mrs. Aurora Lim, President of the Professionals for Social Responsibility (PRO-SR), made possible the smooth operation of the Medical Mission.

Ted and Angel have supported the BCC Medical Mission led by Dr. Felice Garingalao-Molina by providing medicines for the poor.

In 2005, Ted and Angel sponsored a medical mission to San Dionisio, Iloilo, with a team of 11 doctors and one dentist headed by Dr. Felice Garingalao-Molina. The team was reinforced by three nurses who were Angel’s classmates at CPU. Ted and Angel shared in the transportation expenses and provided all the medicines for the medical mission that served 300 poor people.

CPU’S NEW PRESIDENT. (Third of a Series). That same year, 2005, when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, USA, August 29, Ted and Angel, with their example, encouraged the Filipino American Association in Wisconsin to donate to the American Red Cross for the victims of Katrina and for the victims of the landslide in Leyte, Philippines. Lately, they sent $500 worth of medicines to the Iloilo Medical Society for the victims of Supertyphoon Frank.

In the previous years, Angel served in several medical missions in Guimaras, in the Baptist Hospital in Catadic, and in a hospital in La Union, Ilocos Norte. The couple regularly help in the classifying of medicines and packing of medical supplies for shipment to the Philippines.

It is interesting to note that the commitment of Ted and Angel to missions extends to their modest summer garden from which they have regularly provided vegetables to the organization that provides food for the poor.

Ted is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Rizal-MacArthur Memorial Foundation that sponsors the medical mission to the Philippines every two years. Ted and Angel say that, in 2010, the medical mission will be in Negros Occidental.

What makes Ted and Angel tick? Here’s the guiding answer—Matthew 22:36-40, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Officer and member of several professional societies and church-community-school organizations, Dr. Robles’ professional activities and accomplishments are just too numerous to mention here. Except this one achievement too significantly relevant to CPU and BCC to just “let pass”: Dr. Robles established the Faculty Training Program at Milwaukee School of Engineering for Engineering Faculty at CPU. Twelve (12) CPU Engineering Faculty members have completed the three-month program since 2000. One of these CPU Faculty scholars is our very own Dany Molina, now Dean of the CPU College of Engineering.

Says Dean Molina, “The benefits of the training, not to mention the benefits of travel, are simply too many to mention. Perhaps the most important is that it improved the outlook of the Engineering Faculty scholars. We saw how Engineering Education is delivered in a top Engineering School in the USA. The training improved our teaching strategies and opened our eyes to the vast possibilities of Engineering technology and service.”

CPU’S NEW PRESIDENT (Fourth and conclusion of a series). Dr. Teodoro “Ted” Canillas Robles will assume the post of President of Central Philippine University starting next month. He succeeds no less than our very own Dr. Juanito Maca Acanto who was CPU’s President for two five-year terms (10 years) that ended last March with his retirement but which was extended by the Board of Trustees until last July.

Preparations are now on the way for a Testimonial Program honoring Dr. Juanito Acanto to be followed within days by the Investiture of Dr. Ted Robles. The final dates and other details, however, are not yet known.

Although Dr. Robles would rather keep a low profile, his curriculum vitae speaks for itself. His record as an educator is certainly outstanding. From his colleagues we gather that Professor Robles was able to motivate himself as well as his students to generate enthusiasm and desire for learning. His teaching career encompasses substantial student diversity, and his ability to earn their trust and respect is an important characteristic of a good president as well.

He has seen many examples of great leadership in private universities over the years, and believes that what separates the truly successful from others is "a high level of understanding of the institution’s most important goals."

“Although most of my professional life has been devoted to teaching and research,”

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We Shall Overcome: A Cultural Concert during the 103rd Foundation Day

A cultural concert was conducted in honor of CPU's past experiences on October 3, 2008, 4:00 pm at the University Church with the theme, “We Shall Overcome!” Prof. Esther Rose Romarate, Head of the Department of Languages, Mass Communications, and Humanities was the liturgist.

CPU's history was never forgotten even in her 103 years of existence. With it, a glimpse of the World War II was shown, showing all the destruction of the land and the death of the missionaries who started CPU's legacy. Despite the turmoil our Central had experienced, the Central Spirit never gave up to face a new beginning. As the narrator said, “It is with this fervent faith that the Centralians who survived the cruelties of war returned to pick up the pieces to build a stronger Central that would rise up greater from the ruins and ashes of the war.”

Another experience was the Martial Law and EDRSA Revolution. “CPU struggled to face the dictatorship of President Marcos yet it remained vigilant to the Lord that this test shall be overcome.” Many died and sacrificed for freedom. It was not all that CPU had experienced. The old Rose Memorial Hall burned on the year 1991, yet it was restored on 2005 to its new building. CPU was indeed grateful that the Lord had granted her 100 years of existence on 2005. Students, Faculty and Staff celebrated her centennial year. It was a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing for the Lord. It was not long ago that a devastating typhoon struck Iloilo. CPU was again tested by her faith when she faced the typhoon Frank who disturbed her peaceful surrounding. The destruction was very frustrating and millions of the school property was lost. But despite it all, CPU remained faithful to the One who also remained faithful to her. The Lord has blessed CPU and she was able to get back on her feet to start again. The Central Spirit has once again soared high amidst great adversities.

The concert was indeed an inspiration for CPU. We can really say that without God, CPU would not exist in 103 years. CPU had remained strong despite the destructions she had undergone. Indeed, CPU had overcome the walls of her people. Indeed, CPU had overcome! (April Nadine S. Ecuta)

CPU celebrates 103rd...from page 1

1953. Dr. Millamaena also “roll-called” all the missionaries who were buried there, and after which, deans and department heads put flowers in front of the tombs of missionaries.

A recollection on the life and ministry of Rev. Dr. William O. Valentine was made by Dr. Rinard C. Escuban. In the words of Rev. Valentine, “it was decided that in this new school, no boy, no matter how rich, should be admitted who was not willing to work for his food. All must work for their food.” “The original purpose of the school was to provide opportunity for poor Filipino boys to receive a good Christian industrial education by working their way through school. Actual work experience and earnest study of the Bible were the core of the curriculum.”

On October 2, the CPUR together with U-Day Steering Committee awarded the winners of the U-Day Literary, Musical, and Sports competitions. The CPUR President Judge, Atty. Abundio Huelar was a graduate of the College of Law, my mother, Pacita, was a graduate of the Baptist Missionary Training School (BMTS), and my aunt Felicidad Huelar was a graduate of the College of Education. My father was also a graduate of the College of Theology. And all of us five (5) children graduated from CPU. My three (3) children are with CPU. I have also a nephew and a niece who are graduates of CPU. I have a grandson, the son of my nephew, who is now with the CPU Kindergarten.

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Jamandre recently got hitched and so did Made Uy. Of course, Vimah Hortillosa married Dane Temporal and both are classmaters and living too well in Texas. The inseparable duo: Esti Janay & Gemar Galvez are with the Cornell University Hospital in New York. Those of you who were not mentioned here please get in touch. You are still in the hearts of your classmates.

There was a special guest that evening, Jonas Magallon, FEDEX’s top senior consultant. Jonas is a high school classmate of Pitsik and Phoebus. He came as the unofficial representative of High School Class 1975 bringing along photographs taken at a recent Ilolo reunion of HS Class 1975. The BSN (5-year) Class 1980 are exploring the possibilities for a joint project with HS Class 1975 for a medical mission since most members of HS Class 1975 are doctors and engineers.

The next day, Noel Castor, a senior nurse in The Cardiac Catheterization unit and his wife, Chembelyn Dionio-Castor (BSN Class 1981) of New Jersey tendered a fiesta celebration in honor of their daughter’s birthday. Linda’s “hene” Chin-Baludico, another classmate specializing in renal oncology and wife of classmate, Itakie, came by to grace the occasion. Daw fiesta lang sa Dumangas!

Testimony of God’s Goodness

Delivered by Rev. Joniel Howard Galaro, Vice President for Administration during the pre-Foundation Day Sunday on September 28, 2008 at the UC.

My task today is not to speak in behalf of Central Philippine University but from my own personal experience and perspective, testify how CPU became a channel of God’s goodness and faithfulness.

Central Philippine University has always been a byword in our family. My uncle, the late Rev. Melias Huelar was a graduate of the College of Theology; my other uncle, retired Judge, Atty. Abundio Huelar was a graduate of the College of Law, my mother, Pacla, was a graduate of the Baptist Missionary Training School (BMTS), and my aunt Felicidad Huelar was a graduate of the College of Education. My father was also a graduate of the College of Theology. And all of us five (5) children graduated from CPU. My three (3) children are with CPU. I have also a nephew and a niece who are graduates of CPU. I have a grandson, the son of my nephew, who is now with the CPU Kindergarten.

I don’t refer to this, I never thought that my family has been connected with Central Philippine University for almost four (4) generations now. I am sure that there are other families who are here this morning whose link with CPU may even go beyond the four (4) generations I have mentioned. One of the questions that immediately came to my mind was this, “Was link came about by chance or by purpose?”

From my knowledge of the Scripture, I have come to understand that nothing happens by chance in God-controlled world. Romans 8:28 says, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” I believe that if ever my family and other families have established this kind of link with CPU it is because God in his sovereign plan and purpose allowed us to share his goodness and faithfulness through this University.

Historically, such a link with our family, and this could also be true with other families, was made possible through the missionary initiatives of the early forebears of this University who through their persistent efforts in their outreachs and missionary partnerships with the churches in the island of Negros were able to encourage many young people to study at Central Philippine University. For instance, my father was able to study at the College of Theology through the efforts and encouragements of Miss Alice Giffin as well as from other pastors who were connected with this University. My mother was able to enter the Baptist Missionary Training School through the encouragement of the late Rev. Catalino Buenosuceso and the Rev. Angelina Buenosuceso.

My personal link with CPU was started through the College of Engineering when I took my BS in Mechanical Engineering through the encouragement of my parents. Then, through the encouragement of the Rev. Edwin Lopez, I entered the College of Theology and took my Master of Divinity. I took my Master of Theology with the SEAGST but CPU became my base of study being a member of the said theological consortium in South East Asia.

Being a son of a pastor who has faithfully served one CPBC church for 57 years (BTN-51- as of 2008), I became a beneficiary of the scholarship extended to pastor’s kids. So were my four (4) sisters who graduated from CPU. And with that, I would always be grateful to the Lord through CPU for such academic benefits.

God has allowed me to serve him through CPU in many different ways. I am still serving him as a current member of the CPU Corporation. I had served him as a former member of the CPU Board of Trustees. I had served him as former Senior Pastor of the University Church. And presently, I am serving him as Vice President for Administration of this University.

We all know how God blessed CPU with a beautiful 24-hectare campus and a lot of buildings and infrastructures. And we praise the Lord for such bountiful blessings. However, Central Philippine University is more than just physical facilities. I believe CPU is basically a relationship of people whose faith and conviction is founded on one’s personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is a relationship of people who were called to serve God in this University according to their God-given skills and talents. It is a relationship of people who have graduated from this University but have continually showed concern and interest on how they could be of help to their Alma Mater. It is a relationship of people who have been blessed by the presence of this University in this particular community.

Through the years such relationships has been tested and proven through thick and thin. The ravages on the campus during the Second World War, as mentioned in the book of Nelson and Herradura, “The Story of Central Philippine University” and the devastation of the recent flood had served as a rallying point for the alumni and friends of CPU to continually strengthen such relationships.

I believe we need to continually nurture this relationship so that it would remain a blessing and a byword in our respective families as well as circle of friends who would testify to the whole community and even to the whole world about God’s goodness and faithfulness. We need to nurture this relationship not just by our words but by our actions and by our lives. For after all has been said and done, what matters most is we are doing it for the glory and honor of our God. For that, I am eternally grateful.

Let us give the words of the Apostle Paul found in Philippians 1:3-6 be our own as we celebrate the one hundred three years of God’s goodness and faithfulness through Central Philippine University:

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

To this, I testify.
CPUGTAA Supports Several University and Church Programs

The college gospel team was started by an American Missionary, Miss Ruth Harris in 1929. Miss Harris felt the need for non-seminary students to go to the barrios to witness for Jesus Christ.

In 1947, after the war, when Miss Harris returned to Iloilo City, she reorganized the GT. The members met for Bible Study, fellowship and prayer retreats. The team would go to barrios and towns for church visitations, evangelistic meetings, and Sunday worship services. Miss Harris served as GT adviser until her retirement in 1952.

When the college became a university in 1953, the college GT was renamed the CPUGT. From then on to date many students from the different colleges of the university have joined the team. Many of them have graduated and now hold responsible positions in the country and other parts of the world. Part of their concern was the work of the GT and they decided to form a CPUGT Alumni Association (CPUGTAA) to help in the different programs of the university and of the UC. They also involve the current members of the team to help them.

Some of the programs they have are:
1. Involve in a variety of church related programs in their evangelistic ministry among which are: weekly meetings, social interactions, personal testimonies, prayer retreats, one-on-one personal witnessing, religious plays, evangelistic meetings and rallies.
2. Assist in the Christ Emphasis Week and follow-up of those who make decisions to follow Jesus Christ during the CEW.
3. Encourage the current GT members to sing during the vespers worship service at least twice a month. The GT members now join the UC church choir to sing at the vespers service and during their outreach ministry.
4. Some serve as advisers and as evangelists to the current GT members during their outreach ministry. The outreach ministry is done during semestral, Christmas, and end of school breaks. The outreach ministry also includes medical and dental missions where volunteer doctors, nurses and dentists are invited to help in the healing process. Many of the volunteers are alumni of the GT.
5. Many GT alumni and friends donate to the GT financially and in kind. The Cababaan family thru the encouragement to the GT financially and in kind. The interest is used to help in the transportation of the team when they do their outreach ministry.

The lesson of the Garbage Truck story is this: maybe, just maybe, we should choose to let the Garbage Truck pass us by. Maybe, just maybe, we should choose to let the Garbage Truck pass us by.

CPUGTAA strongly supports the Gospel Hour Program over CPUTV channel 8. The program was originally aired 8:30 – 9:30 PM Fridays from March 2007 to June 20, 2008. When the program was resumed on August 22, 2008 after typhoon Frank the time was changed to 4 – 5 PM Fridays. The program hosts are GTAA officers Mrs. Evangelica Padernilla and Mrs. Jocelyn Funtecha. We thank alumni and friends who support the program through their donations.


We praise and thank the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him thru the CPUGTAA. May His name be honored and glorified. (Miriam M. Traviña, President, CPUGTAA)

UC women—from page 4

(f) Share the joys and gifts of Christmas in our community.
(g) Outreach and social services in our community.
(h) Cash gifts to sick members of the society.
(i) Cash gifts to the bereaved family of the departed member of the society.
(j) Support activities of the church by serving as chairpersons/members of the different church boards like Board of Deacons and Christian Education.
(k) Serve as Sunday School teachers.
(I) Help decorate the church altar.
(m) Serve as liturgists during worship services.

The UC Women Society officers and members do thank the pastoral team, church staff and officers, the church congregation for supporting our different programs and projects. To God be the Glory and Honor. (Miriam M. Traviña, President, UC Women Society)

“Truth Lifting to Freedom”

The scripture entitled “Truth Lifting to Freedom” (shown in the photo) is the recent work of CPU-based artist Prof. Lucel Larawan. Spurred by the country’s sentiment last year in the pursuit for truth, the scripture is this year’s semifinalist entry to the national Metrobank Art and Design Excellence, the most respected and awarded contest in the visual arts. It has just been included in the exhibit of winners in Manila a few weeks ago. The artwork is the only one selected in the region. A priest (John Curran) recently bought the artwork based on the fixed price of P17,000 (20 inches tall). Rendered in nails (embedded and bent) and wood, the artwork is a fresh innovation of medium and concept.

The scripture text reveals the innate desire for man is to know the truth, no matter how elusive it is. The meaning is universal. Jesus said, “You will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”

As one who desires people to know the liberating power of Calvary in releasing them from the bondage of sin, the artist wishes to depict the classical story of redemption in a fresh way. The scripture presents a helpless hand pulled by another hand from the Calvary-like presention with skeletal forms. A columnist of Panay News, the artist also wishes to express the elan vital of his writings— the pursuit of truth in the spirit of love.

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know that they have to be ready to welcome their children home from school with hugs and kisses, no matter how many garbage trucks they might have faced that day. All of us know that we have to be fully present, and at our best for the people we care about.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let Garbage Trucks take over their lives.

What about you? What would happen in your life, starting today, if you let more garbage trucks pass you by?

Here’s my bet: You’ll be happier.

So, what has this story got to do with the turmoil around us? Regarding the global financial crisis, there is not much that we individually can do to resolve it. Regardless of the issues close to CPU, there are some actions that we can deploy to answer various needs, but we need to allow each other the opportunity to serve our Alma Mater according to personal preference and value systems. In our homes and families, we can deploy measures to manage the cash flow better, encourage and build self-confidence and self-esteem in our children and peers, provide outlets for worthwhile endeavors and maintain good stewardship of resources within our control. We can combat the “bad” with the “good.”

I submit that a way to ease the turmoil, from within and outside, is to “submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake...show proper respect to everyone. Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God...” (1 Peter 2:13, 17). As Christians, we have the best example in Jesus who suffered for doing good and endured it. In 1 Peter 2:23, it states, “When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.”

Maybe, just maybe, we should choose to let the Garbage Truck pass us by. Maybe, just maybe, we should choose to let the Garbage Truck pass us by. Maybe, just maybe, we should choose to let the Garbage Truck pass us by.

I hope that we can be fully present, and at our best, for the people we care about. Successful people do not let Garbage Trucks take over their lives. We all have different ways of expressing our passion for CPU and the world is wide enough to accommodate us all. Dr. Martin Luther King wrote, “Everyone has the power of greatness; not for fame, but greatness. Because greatness is not determined by service.”

Perhaps you too would like to take control of your life. When someone wants to dump his or her load on you, decide not to take it. Just say, “No thanks!” and go on with what else you have to do. I am sure you will be happier and more peaceful, and so will everyone else around you.

(David J. Pollay is the author of Beware of Garbage Trucks – The Law of the Garbage Truck. Mr. Pollay is a syndicated columnist, a founding associate executive director of the International Positive Psychology Association, and president of TheMomentumProject.com.)
CPUAA SOUTH HOUSTON Annual Picnic on August 16, 2008 at the ranch of Atty. Gene Duremdes

North Texas Chapter


5th Global Reunion at Las Vegas, Nevada


Godfred Padernilla (2nd from right), Vice President of Las Vegas Chapter and Chairman of the Hospitality Committee during the 5th Global Reunion with (from left) Mr. and Mrs Ed Cresencio and Dr. Francis Catedral.

Godfred Padernilla (right) with Dr. Noel and Mrs Lily Nequin

Godfred Padernilla (left), Vice President of Las Vegas Chapter, with Atty. Von Lovell Bedona and wife Mrs. Femarie Bedona.
Congratulations!


- PETER D. BALIAO for the well-deserved appointment as Chief City Prosecutor of City of Iloilo

- Eagle Scout BRIAN MICHAEL MOSES A. MEJORADA


- 1st Place (Spotlight 3): JAIME BAYOT – III-SSC, MA. CRISTINA CAVAN – III-Narra


- 4th Place Chemistry Licensure Examination, September 10, 2008

West Point

By Gabriel Ortigoza

The United States Military Academy (USMA) serves as a model institution of military academies worldwide. As a common knowledge, our own Philippine Military Academy (PMA) was patterned after USMA and as a former member of the Common Professors of PMA, one of my dreams is to see USMA. My dream was realized on 14 August 2008 when I finally stepped on the hallowed ground of the USMA in West Point, New York.

The United States Military Academy, also known as West Point, is the oldest military academy in the United States. West Point was founded in 1802 with the motto of Duty, Honor, and Country. The academy is located at West Point, New York, about 50 miles north of New York City. It has a land area of 16,080 acres or 65 square kilometers. West Point started with 10 cadets and fifty percent of them were Jewish. Two (2) out of 10 original cadets successfully graduated from the academy. Presently it has 4,400 cadets with approximately 500 faculty members.

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Centralian Invents Unsinkable Rescue Boat

From the experiences and lessons learned from the previous flood disaster, particularly from the worst flood to hit Region VI brought by typhoon “Frank”, Centralian Mariano U. Griño Jr. has manufactured an unsinkable rescue craft. It was successfully tested last September 14, 2008 at the Jalaur River in Iloilo. According to its inventor, this rescue craft is a great improvement over the traditional inflatable rubber boat since it is filled with lightweight compact foam instead of air. Thus, unlike an inflatable boat that is immediately rendered unusable when punctured, this foam-filled rescue boat can still maintain almost full buoyancy and accomplish its rescue mission even when severely damaged. The prototype rescue boat can float in seven to eight inches of water and is fully operational with a 40 horsepower outboard engine in 24 inches of water.

The dimensions of the rescue boat is 14 feet long, six feet wide and three feet high. It can accommodate up to 12 people easily. It comes with its own trailer, four paddles, a round throw-able saver and a grappling hook/anchor with 20 meters of rope.

A reserve captain in the Philippine Army, Mar Grifo Jr. is a true-blue Centralian, having gone thru kindergarten, elementary, high school and college at CPU, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1963. He has a Master in Environmental Planning from the University of the Philippines in Diliman, and the certificate in Urban Surveys from the Netherlands. He had on-the-job training in Public Finance with the state government of California in the U.S.A. Mar was Chief Economic Development Officer, NEDA Region VI until his retirement.

He is happily married to Ruth Paredes-Griño (CPU BSN’69) with whom he has four children, all alumni of CPU: Mariana III (“Dwight”), Philip Edward (“Dutch”), Ruth Marie, and Aurora Grace.

The rescue boat inventor can be reached through his email address: margrino@yahoo.com.

Padernilla Turns 80

About a week before my birthday my daughter Dr. Anaibel Joy P. Sajo asked me of my plans for my 80th birthday. “Just a quite family celebration”, I answered. “In a century ka isa ka lang mag eighty (80), amo lang na?” She remarked in dismay. I did not know that she had other plans which gave me the greatest surprise in my life! It was a day to remember, a day of rejoicing, a day of praise and thanksgiving!

My family of loving children and grandchildren, relatives and close friends were there at the CPU Alumni Promenade & Concert Park on July 26, 2008 to greet and join me in a Thanksgiving Celebration for the 80 long years of fruitful life that the Good Lord has blessed me.

Haute, Indiana, 1979-1985; Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering, Purdue University School of Engineering and Technology, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1985-1990; Associate Professor, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department, 1990-1993; Professor, same University, 1993 - present.

Dr. Robles has undertaken numerous research projects for the U.S. government, private industry and academic institutions. He has authored several publications in his area of specialization. He has supported CPU in many ways: he has donated books, a substantial amount to support our endowment and professorial chairs and has fully furnished one unit at Roselund. He also established the Faculty Training Program at Milwaukee School of Engineering for CPU faculty. At least 12 CPU faculty members were able to complete the 3-month program since 2000. Dr. Robles was Vice President of the CPU Federation of Overseas Alumni Associations where he chaired the Steering Committee that resulted to an overwhelming success of the CPU 5th Global Reunion recently held last June in Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A. Ted is a distinguished Teacher Awardee in the Milwaukee School of Engineering in 2003 and a Distinguished Centralian in Engineering Education in 1997.

Dr. Robles is happily married to the former BSN 1969 alumna Angeles Antonio. They are blessed with a son, Theodore Robles who is also a holder of a Ph.D. degree in Psychology from the Ohio State University and now an Assistant Professor at UCLA.

On 18 September 2008, the CPU Corporation in a special meeting confirmed the election of Dr. Teodoro C. Robles.

From: Mrs. Perla Londres, CPUFOAA President
To: CPUFOAA Family

I am proud to announce the new officers of the CPUAA—Southern CA Chapter. Please offer your congratulations to the following:

President: Phoebe Nichols Maravilla
Vice President: Helen Lebiga
Secretary: Gemma Baldonado
Asst. Secretary: Eden Castronuevo
Treasurer: Perilita Malicia Rebanal
Asst. Treasurer: Suzette Drilon Glenn
Auditor: Ephraim Enriquez
PRO: Tim Gabio
Asst: PRO: Lillette Cruz

Board of Directors:
1. Fernando Arendain
2. Aileen Drilon
3. Myra Funtecha
4. Jason Garcia
5. Kenneth Kho
6. Eden Luntado
7. Illyd Santiago
8. Larry Lebiga
9. Ephraim Paredes
10. Angie Trocino
11. Tito Sanchez

The election of Phoebe to the Presidency of the chapter creates a vacancy in the CPUFOAA RVP ranks for Region 1—California, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and Idaho. As Chapter President, Phoebe automatically becomes a member of the CPUFOAA Board of Directors, and has officially tendered her resignation as RVP. Please forward your nominations for her possible replacement.

I was informed that the induction will be in March, 2009. Keep your eyes and ears open for the official announcement so we all can try to attend this grand occasion.

May God direct your paths as you labor to serve Him through your service to our alumni, school, community and world.

I am also pleased to announce the new officers of the CPUAA—Midwest (Chicago) USA Chapter. Please join me in extending congratulations to the following:

President: Yolanda Penacerrada-Jain
Vice President: Ben Rafols
Secretary: Zoe Escurpulo
Asst. Secretary: Madeline Grande
Treasurer: Jean-Juarez-Rezvan
Asst. Treasurer: Nida Bayona

Board Members:
Magdaleena Molina-Aguilares
Nelys Brones-Aguin
Marsol Portal-Bacong
Linda Penacerrada-Chang
Judee Grace Dornal-Duremdes
Sampaguita Toboso-Juarez
Josephine Portante
Rose Ramos
Angel Antonio-Robles
Flora Grace Guillergan Cudiamat, immediate Past President, will join the Chapter’s Board of Advisers.

The induction of officers will take place during the annual chapter Christmas Party on December 13, 2008. Blessings to the new officers as you undertake this endeavor. Thanks to the outgoing officers for your outstanding contribution to the chapter, CPUFOAA and CPU.
Accepting the Challenge

Iris Ann G. Borlogan, BS Biology, Summa Cum Laude

Dr. Agustin Pulido, Dr. Andresito Millanena, Dr. Nathaniel Fabula, Rev. Joneil Gico, honored guests, dedicated faculty and staff, our dear parents, and most importantly, fellow graduates, good morning.

Today, we are gathered to celebrate another milestone in our life – graduation. It is an occasion of joy and thanksgiving. Yes, graduation day has come, the climax of the seemingly endless successive years of struggle we have undergone. It also marks the beginning of a greater and broader task that awaits us in any field of endeavor we shall choose to venture. As we receive our diploma, we ask ourselves “what awaits us in the near future?”

My fellow graduates, we have run the race called college, we have outstood the trials and challenges brought in front of us, and today, we are now crossing the finish line of that intense process. We are now victors in our own right, and are worthy to call ourselves champions of our journey.

Though our race in college has come to an end, I believe, that we are just about to begin yet another leg of the bigger race of life; a leg with more challenges, more detours, more road blocks and yes, more adversities but of course, more triumphs. As we step out of the portals of this university, we are to continue working and continue on running, pushing on until we reach our intended goals. We are now to face the real test of life, to turn the leaf of youth, and to leave the gaiety and carefreeness of our youth; but before we do that however, it pays to stop for awhile, to look back and to see how far we have gone, remembering best that in facing our next race, we need to simply remind ourselves the life lessons we learned while we were in this university.

We may have different chronicles of how we went along with our personal pursuits through the race called college; but I am quite certain that we have one thing in common. I believe that we all worked hard for this moment. We all did our parts in paying our dues: spending sleepless nights, burning the midnight oil, studying and laboring in order to attain our degree. Looking back through all the encounters we have faced and seeing the battle scars that came along with them, we are reminded of the defeats, mistakes, and shortcomings that we had to go through. These reality checks, my fellow graduates, should always be in our hearts and in our minds: learning from them, and allowing them to teach us to become better.

Never forget that we belong to a privileged few: The few who had the chance to receive Exemplary Christian Education that are sought for by many but are given to a select few. We are Centralians. Christian men and women who should emulate the ways of our beloved Christ. The tools that we have received from our education are more than enough for us to face the waiting world; but perhaps, the greatest tools we were given to set out with are the ones the Central spirit implanted in our hearts: the attitudes, the values and the virtues that had molded us to become who we are today.

The mission of CPU, “to build good citizens for the future,” is truly one that we should all take to heart. Not only do we learn the lessons that allow us to excel at this university, but we are also supposed to be the ambassadors of that knowledge applicable to the world around us. With the values of HONOR, LOYALTY, LABOR, COMMITMENT, and COURAGE, we can all do our part in creating better families, better communities, and ultimately, a better world.

May we remain grateful for being so blessed by paying it forward and sharing it with others, leaving a legacy worthy of being called Centralians. May we live a story of HONOR, LOYALTY, LABOR, COMMITMENT, and COURAGE, we can all do our part to become better.

Today, we celebrate our success after all these years of hardship, struggle and perseverance. We reminisce the challenges that stood before us, and we savor the victories that came upon our hands.

It was not so long ago when we dared to dream, and not so long ago, when we dared to take the first essential steps towards its fulfillment. Along the way, we met a lot of trials, but our burning desire to reach our goals has kept us from straying or giving up. Along the way were many uncertainties, but certain beacons of light showed us the right path to take.

Let us thank God therefore for His unceasing grace and guidance; our professors, for their immeasurable dedication; our parents for their unconditional support all throughout these years; and our friends who walked along with us, side by side.

Because of them, we were able to reach our dreams. Because of them, we can truly say, “We made it!”

Yet is this really the end of all our dreams? Friends, we should not just stop here and dwell with memories. Rather, we must look onwards and dream once more. But this time, let us dream not only for ourselves. Let us dream for the nation, and let us dream for the world.

The medals and diplomas we are about to receive today must not be mere symbols of high grades or prestigious positions, but emblems of the true light, which God has given us, and which we are now called to give others in return.

It is not sufficient anymore to be the mere hope of the nation. We must be the fulfillment of that hope! Let’s do our best not only to improve ourselves, but to improve the socio-economic conditions of our country. We have a great role in making this nation great.

And when we work, let us not just work to earn a living, but work so that we may live in the real sense of the word. Let us not just earn money, earn it honestly and with dignity. Let us put meaning to everything we do so that when we reach our destination, we have not only reached it, but we reached it with honor in our soul and strength in our heart.

Let us not look for success in money, for success is never measured by one’s bank account. Let us not look for success in power, for absolute power corrupts absolutely. Let us not look for success in fame, for it is the prayer in silence which is most dear to God.

As a matter of fact, let us not look for success first, for it may be hard to find. But put God first in everything that we do, and He will direct us and crown our efforts with success. Fellow graduates, a bright tomorrow awaits us. Let us get there by making the most of what we have today. We must never be afraid to try. We must never be afraid to dream.

For we are like birds that are just learning to fly. We may fall once, we may fall twice, but we will not always fall. We will learn to fly! Fellow graduates of October 2008, may we leave a legacy not only for ourselves but more importantly, for others; keeping in mind, that our success is a success for God and our neighbors.

Congratulations to us all!

CPU celebrates 103rd... from page 6 exhibit in the life of the university since it is on knowing the past that you understand the present, and prepare for the future. This exhibit is available to the community as well as the public. It showcases documents and pictures as old as early 1900s. One can see the handwriting of Rev. Valentine, and his original master’s thesis. Newsletters like “Ang Manubantala and Pearline of the Orient before the 1920s are also in display. Centralite copies, before and after World War II, are also exhibited. The Central Echo emergency editions, which were done after the War, are put on view for the first time. These editions were handwritten and posted on a bulletin board during that time for all to see.

One can read what Don Ramon Lopez, Chairman of the Board wrote in 1947, “The first two years of post-liberation has proved that the Central Spirit did not die when all else, less deathless, had died. That Spirit performed miracles of achievement on a campus ruthlessly reduced by the war... No wonder Central by intelligent consensus is awarded the honor of being the “foremost institution of higher learning in Visayas... The martyrs did not die in vain at Hopevale, for we now keep the torch of their vision burning... We must all keep that faith.”

The original metal plate in which the names of Hopevale Martyrs are engraved is also there. Pictures of Presidents from 1905 up to 2008 are lined-up chronologically. One can see the transformation of our school from bamboo huts to concrete buildings. The documents and pictures in a specific era are put together and encased in glass cabinets. There is also a big TV and a DVD player, together with a comfortable sofa set in which you can sit and watch the lives and ministries of CPU presidents. We witnessed the tears of Dr. Anatalio Viray when he saw his picture together with his friend Dr. Rex Dilton during the investiture ceremony. You too can travel through time, feel nostalgic, shed some tears and reminisce about old times if you visit our exhibit at the Henry Luce Library (open up to the month of November). We are grateful for the staff of the library, especially to Mrs. Ramona Elevelo.
FROM THE PRESS
Cyrus A Natividad, Manager, CPU Press

Central Philippine University’s 103rd founding anniversary was followed by a historical exhibit at the Henry Luce III Library with the theme: “WE SHALL OVERCOME.” It was kind of nostalgic to see pictures and memorabilia of history and achievement of CPU after more than a hundred years. I would like to look back with emphasis on the term Overcome. As in ‘Conquer’, it has a connotation of victory or success.

“We shall overcome” is a timeless song, which became the battle cry of a famous revolution. It was the anthem of the 19th century civil rights movement in the U.S. The lyrics may have come from another gospel song in the 1900’s – dating back before the American Civil War. That must have overwhelmed the Baptist missionaries in the Philippines (during that time), and the song could have been used to overcome barriers and prevailing challenges - when they found our beloved institution.

The essence of the song lives on. An ‘alternative rock group’ named Live had produced the song entitled “Overcome” after the terrorist bombing in the U.S., the so-called Nine-Eleven. Proceeds from their records sale were donated to the victims of the attack.

“We shall over come’ is relevant to looking back a century ago - up to the recent times of calamity. We could have sung the song to inspire us after the flood, but the City Mayor had this challenge to the citizens: “Bangon Iloilo, Masarangang Ta INT”. Thus, the affected areas of the city including CPU have recovered after a while.

The continuing challenge of things and time makes the essential advocacy to “OVERCOME”. It could be inherent in our Filipino society, in our institutions, organization - even in our leadership. We should overcome difficulties because of a goal. It could be a long way to go with the determination to reach it. Yet, endless possibilities and boundless opportunities abound for tomorrow – if only we can overcome the challenges of today.

“We Shall Overcome” should be an inspirational song (not to evoke sadness or sorrow over painful realities), but rather to inspire willingness to pass through it. “We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday”.

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Alumni donate Lawn Tennis equipment

Mr. Dominador Penacerrada, CPU High School Class 1964 who vacationed in Iloilo brought with him several slightly used lawn tennis rackets and turned them over to Engr. Isagani Jalbuena, President, CPU High School Class 1966, Inc., with the intention of donating them to young lawn tennis sports enthusiast. Engr. Isagani Jalbuena, also a lawn tennis player matched the lawn tennis rackets of Mr. Penacerrada for the love of the sport. On August 23, 2008, he donated to the Centralian Sports Association, through their President, Atty. Alejandro Somo, the various lawn tennis rackets in support for the association’s sports program.

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file personnel. Basic services have been delivered as scheduled and commitments to different stakeholders were met and most important of all, employees and students recognized the authority and administrative power and supervision of the Management Committee.

I stated earlier that we have no president up to the present time. The terms and conditions of employment of the president are defined in an employment contract to be signed by the representative of our alma mater and the person elected by the BOT and whose election is affirmed by the corporation. Simply stated, the employer-employee relationship between the new president and CPU only exists after the employment contract is signed. In the absence of any valid and existing employment contract there is no employer-employee relationship to speak about.

To avoid confusions which may have been caused by pronouncements in the local newspaper, radio station and e-mails, I wish to state the specific provisions of the by-laws of our alma mater with respect to the power and authority of the Board of Trustees, to wit:

“The Board of Trustees shall exercise all Corporate powers, conduct all business, control, and hold all the properties of the Corporation. In addition, it may perform such other functions and discharge such other duties as may be delegated to it by the Corporation. It shall require an annual report on the University operations from the President and an annual report on the financial status of the University from the Treasurer. It shall effect an annual audit of the Treasurer’s accounts.” *Section 3, Article III*

“The Board of Trustees may create other committees as it may deem necessary.” *Section 5, Article III*

The provisions of the by-laws of our alma mater are consistent with Section 23 of the Corporation Code of the Philippines which states that:

“Unless otherwise provided in this Code, the corporate powers of all corporations formed under this Code shall be exercised, all business conducted and all property of such corporations controlled and held by the board of directors or trustees be elected from among the holders of stocks, or where there is no stock, from among the members of the corporation, who shall hold office for one (1) year until their successors are elected and qualified.”

With respect to the election of the president of our alma mater, we are guided by the specific provisions of the latter’s by-laws which state that:

“The President shall be elected by affirmative votes of at least ten (10) members of the Board of Trustees, subject to the confirmation of at least two thirds of the members of the Corporation present during the meeting called for that purpose, there being a quorum.

He/She shall not hold any other position in the Corporation during his/her term. *(Section 2, Article VII)*

On September 5, 2008 all fourteen (14) members of the BOT elected a President and on September 18, 2008, the Corporation, with fifty six (56) out of sixty five (65) members present, confirmed the election of President, all the four (4) ex-officio votes to confirm; two (2) votes against the confirmation; and four (4) have chosen to abstain.

The power and authority to elect the president of our alma mater is vested upon its BOT and the power to confirm the election is vested upon the Corporation. Since the ex-officio members of the BOT cannot participate in the election of President, all the four (4) ex-officio members present asked the Chairman to record their support to the action of the BOT.

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Wall of Remembrance section, and to Information Officer Mrs. Susuete Madalag-Gonzales and PR Officer Pastor Francis Neil Jalingo-on for making this happen.

The week-long Foundation Day celebration was concluded by a beautiful concert held at the University Church last Friday afternoon. The planning of the cultural concert was headed by Dr. Mai Lynn Bermejo-Jacar and Adviser Mrs. Herty Agrim-Jalingo-on; CPU Symphonic Band – Director Dr. Ascencion Bautista; CPU EXCEL Chorale – Conductor; Dr. Enrique C. Caiglet; Manager, CPU EXCEL Chorale; Doctor Mrs. Agnes Quimpo Adviser; Mrs. Melita Roxas. Special thanks go to the following: Mr. Tristan Leonida; Ms. Esther Rose A. Romarate, Cultural Concert Concept and Liturgist; Ms. Claire Ann David, Cultural Concert Technical Director; Mr. Donald G. Lebrilla, CPU EXCEL Chorale - Conductor; Mrs. Clara Joy Fernandez, CPU EXCEL Chorale - Pianist; Ms. Charmaine Guartero, and Mrs. Agnes Quimpo, CPU Cultural Concert Pianist.
Living Creatively with Conflict: Lessons from the “Tinikling”

I went to my first Sixers game at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia a week before Easter in 2005. It was Filipino night and a Fil-American dance troupe regaled the crowd with their dances, especially the “Tinikling.” In spite of having seen it many times, the dance still mesmerized me. I was drawn into the beauty of the rhythmic opening and shutting of the bamboo poles and the agility, coordination and energy of the dancers. In many instances I held my breath as I watched the nimble feet of the dancers leap in and out between the bamboo poles. Without missing a beat or a step, the dancers gracefully danced to an enthusiastic audience. I stood there and watched with pride and a renewed appreciation of my Filipino heritage and culture. The Sixers lost to the Bulls that night, but the “Tinikling” saved the evening for me.

Why “Tinikling”? How does this popular Filipino dance connect with our Baptist understanding and practice of local autonomy and interdependent community? Can “Tinikling” teach us about autonomy and conflict that is a constant reality we wrestle with in our lives? Will it help us understand the complexities of our diversity as well as our shared humanity? Can “Tinikling” open up to us a fresh, new way of looking at our faith in Jesus Christ as Filipino Baptists and as Centralians? Even as I “chew” on these questions, allow me to share glimpses of my personal journey as a Baptist, a woman, and a Centralian.

I grew up a Baptist in the campus of Central Philippine University, a Baptist sanctuary wherein I learned to negotiate a predominantly non-Baptist city. In addition to this, I was born a female in a society where males had the dominant position (and still do). But as I grew and encountered the Living Word, God incarnate in Jesus Christ, I discovered that Jesus came to set us free from the limitations of our human-made boundaries. My new - found faith in Jesus saved me from being enslaved to a self-view and a worldview that diminished my full humanity. I began to learn new “dance steps” for the “Tinikling” of life. To my dismay I was not much of a dancer, literally and metaphorically. Being a Baptist even made it harder as my calling was to live as Jesus taught us: “...and the angels of heaven rejoice ...” (Lk. 15:10). To my surprise, the “Tinikling” saved the evening for me.

As a student of church history, gender and women studies, I have learned that Christendom since the time of Emperor Constantine and the hierarchies that ruled it had perpetrated (along with other religious and political institutions) the alienation, exclusion and subordination of women and female offspring. Stories (both oral and written forms) of our experiences under colonial rule bear witness to similar forms of oppression and suppression of women, and in this case men, as well, who did not belong to the ruling class and racial group. Women’s movements around the world have made great strides in uplifting and empowering women in all aspects of life. But our contemporary situation is still plagued by the continuing marginalization and suffering of women and children.

In our particular experiences as Filipinos, we continually struggle to recover and reclaim not only our human dignity and freedom, but also the identity, values and ethos of our Filipino ancestors that had been almost obliterated by three centuries of Spanish colonial rule and nearly five decades of American colonization. As a result of our efforts to rediscover our pre-colonial heritage we have come to know more about our indigenous cultures and the way we lived before we were subjugated. We have rediscovered the positive attitudes toward women and the leadership they shared with men in our pre-colonial communities. We also uncovered the weaknesses and excesses of our pre-colonial forebears and are still learning not to repeat them.

For those of us who have chosen to embrace the Baptist expression of the Christian faith, these discoveries and rediscovers of our indigenous past provide valuable lessons for our contemporary situation. Furthermore, they are sources of inspiration to all who seek to live as Jesus taught us: “...to love God, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to love even our enemies!” Women and men, equally saved by Christ, struggle to express this love. This struggle is reflected in our relationships at all levels. Everyday we are free to choose to step out in God’s love and learn the rhythms of freedom and accountability; and of autonomy and interdependent community.

In and of itself, and then apart, this is not an easy “dance.” But God continues to invite us to participate in this dance. As I wrestle with the question of how to live creatively with conflict in our lives, I venture to ask, “Does it have to be always either-or? ... them and us ... this versus that?” Can we not draw strength and integrity from our faith and the resilience and flexibility of our multi-cultural heritage so that we can live together affirming our unity in Christ and at the same time celebrating our diversity? Just like our popular dance, the “Tinikling,” can we not continue taking the risk to step out with faith in God and participate in the “dance” of love, freedom, justice, accountability and interdependent community that can lead to empowerment and the transformation of individuals, local churches, circuits, Kasapulanans, the CPBC, and our beloved alma mater, Central Philippine University?

I acknowledge that our past and present commitments to live creatively with life’s stresses and tensions have made us vulnerable to pain and brokenness. Divisions and the failure to come to a consensus continue to plague our communities. At the end of the day, we
Go Negosyo held at CPU
Dr. Alfonso Uy Cited

On 12 September, CPU hosted the Go Negosyo sa Iliilo, the latest leg of the continuing Go Negosyo campaign. Presidential Consultant for Entrepreneurship Jose Ma. Concepcion III spearheads the campaign.

CPU holds seminar-workshop on “Integration of Christian values...”

A seminar-workshop on “Integration of Christian values in the curriculum for higher education faculty and administrators” was conducted on 10-12 September at the EMC Conference Room. Twenty five attended the event, including four delegates from Aklan Catholic College. Resource persons were: Dr. Beth Bullecer, Philippine Country Director, Association of Christian Schools International; Pastor Don Espina, President, a Heart for the Home-Foundations for the Family; and Dr. Perla Suyo, President of the Philippine Campus Crusade for Christ.

German professor holds lecture on Biblical Sabbath

On 18 September, Dr. Franz Segberz, professor of Ethics in University of Marburg, Germany, held a lecture entitled, “The Biblical Sabbath—Economics and the Struggle for Life” at the Cola-Andaeta and Pagubororon-Cruz Chapel.

After his presentation, Dr. Segberz shared, “I have not yet received the invitation to return to the Philippines. I believe, however, that my lecture has touched the hearts of those who listened.”

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says Dr. Robles, “I have also observed how successful presidents energize the faculty and staff to accomplish the University’s mission.”

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“I fully understand the challenges facing the University and, with the support of the Board of Trustees, the entire CPU Corporation, and the CPU constituency—and with the help of God—I can provide the leadership to face these challenges head-on.”

Dr. Robles is well acquainted with pain and trials of life. He also knows what it means to build a strong faith. “With the grace of God I survived two bouts of cancer (colon and stomach).”

Dr. Robles says that he does not feel like we have not made any significant progress: many women, men, and youths are still in the margins, most of our questions remain unanswerved, and our life as a community of faith continues to be rife with crises and problems. Should we allow these difficulties to hinder us from pursuing the prophetic call of Micah: to “do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God”? Or are we going to open ourselves to the life-giving, life-affirming and life-changing Spirit of God who calls us to make the leap of faith and dance this “Tinkling” of life?

“Step forward.” The phrase is reminiscent of BCC’s contributions to the leadership of CPU—men and women who also stepped forward to serve CPU in various leadership capacities.

Board of Trustees: the late Dr. Norberto Obregon, chairman; the late Ramon Doromal, Jr., chairman; Johnny de la Fuente, chairman; Dr. Domingo Oliel, vice chairman; the late Amador Garcia, member; Dr. Renato Alba, and Dr. Greg Tingson, members.

Corporation: the late Al Harder, Ruth Corvera, Dr. Bernabe Cogic, Ida Endonilla, Majella Palacios, Rev. Danilo Borlado, Dr. Renato Alba, Rev. Edelemon Tandog and Lucy de la Fuente, Only Dr. Alba, Rev. Tandog and Mrs. dela Fuente are still with the Corporation.

Administration: Dr. Juanito Acanto, President (retired); Jorge Tamayo, Vice President for Administration, member, Board of Trustees (retired); Aurora Lim, Vice President for Operations, member CPU Corporation, Special Assistant to the President on Environmental Concerns (retired); Dr. Virgilia Domim, Director Guidance and Counseling (retired); Leda Alba, Dean, College of Arts and Science (retired); Dr. Nenita Golmayo, Dentist (retired); Dr. Dany Molina, Incumbent, Dean, College of Engineering.

Present Faculty: Dr. Ofelia Cabalbin, Josephine Gales, Dr. Gerhard Krawutwurst, Aurora Lim (Part-time), Dr. Felice Garingalao Molina, Evanmer Ruegg, Norma Luz Vener.

Retired Faculty Members: Perfecta Tamayo, Casilda Krawutwurst, Miriam Ruth Garingalao, Lydia Francis, Prudencia Banias, Lucy de la Fuente.

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Q: What are your unfilled dreams for CPU?

JMA: I want to expand its influence not only here but in the whole country as well. One of my dreams is to expand CPU in Mindanao and to offer several courses like local governance, HIM and Nursing. I have planned of offering packaging engineering as a new course in CPU. As part of my unfilled dreams I have planned to build a dormitory that can accommodate 800 persons and a museum for CPU.

Q: What have you learned during your term as a president?

JMA: It is very hard to manage people because there will always be conflict of interest. The best thing to do is to remain humble and serve as best as you can.

Q: How did you manage your problem when worse comes to worst?

JMA: I have encountered a lot of problems making my blood pressure high. I just went home, take a rest, and bring everything to God because after all, it is not what happens that count but how you react to what happens. “Next to God, you must believe you can! If you believe... so you can.”

Q: What is your secret of success?

JMA: The law of attraction. As you dreamed in your heart, so you will be. What attracts you the most...if you pursue that, then you will succeed. Back in 1961 before taking the BAR examination, I dreamed of owning a car. What I did is I posted a picture of a car inside my room. Before opening my notes to study, I’m staring at the picture to be motivated and inspired of my dream...and what’s that dream? To own a car! That is the law of attraction.

Q: What is your message to your fellow Centralians?

JMA: If you want to be successful, learn the lesson of “successology” and the law of attraction. Believe in yourself and in the fulfillment of your dreams. And the most important is, trust in the Lord with all your heart. (Mark J Aranduque, Omega Joy Dreo, Claire Mary Joy Reyes)
A Message from the CPU Alumni Association President
Atty. Von Lovel D. Bedona

My fellow alumni, it is my understanding that not all of you have the convenience to inquire with the present administration the operations and management of our alma mater. Many of you may have no access or opportunity to read our alma mater’s by-laws. However, due to several published articles in the local newspaper and pronouncements in the local radio station, it may take your interest to know, just to satisfy your curiosity, whether or not what you have read and heard were true. In the past, I refrained from commenting on several issues raised by our fellow alumni in connection with the search of the President of our alma mater because I wanted to play neutral on the assumption that all the nominees to the position of president are alumni. I respect and recognize the capability and competence of the Search Committee created by the Board of Trustees (BOT) to recommend specific nominees for president. Up to the present time our alma mater has no president and its operations are being run and managed by the Management Committee with Dr. Agustin A. Pulido as the committee Chairman. Dr. Pulido had the privilege to serve as President of CPU in the past.

Contrary to the allegations of few individuals who may not even be CPU alumni, there was no chaos in the management and operations of our alma mater. The Management Committee runs controls and exercises administrative supervision on the operations of CPU and has the support and confidence of teaching and non-teaching personnel. Our investigation reveals that classes in all levels went smoothly and regularly and there was no delay in the payment of the salaries, benefits and privileges of the managerial and rank professors. Our Committee runs controls and exercises administrative supervision on the operations of CPU and has the support and confidence of teaching and non-teaching personnel. Our investigation reveals that classes in all levels went smoothly and regularly and there was no delay in the payment of the salaries, benefits and privileges of the managerial and rank professors.

British Columbia and Washington Alumni Chapter Elects Officers

The British Columbia and Washington Alumni Chapter of CPU had a wonderful picnic at Bear Creek Park in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, on September 13, 2008. The chapter elected the officers for 2008–2010 during the picnic. Mary Ann Grino Jarantilla acted as Secretary-Treasurer during the meeting. She substituted Neva Jean Catedral Cato (Secretary), and Verna May Catedral Gonzales and Aurora Josue (Treasurers). The following are the elected officers of this Chapter for 2008–2010: President: Neneng Galanto. Vice-Presidents: Daryl de la Cruz (Washington), Sid Emmanuel (Victoria), and Verna May Catedral Gonzales and Aurora Josue (Treasurers).

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30 Years Journey in Love, Faith and Hope by Centralians of Greater Toronto Area

Alumni of Central Philippine University Chapter with family and friends, celebrated the 30th Anniversary of its Foundation in Mississauga Grand Banquet & Convention Centre, last October 3, 2008. It was a momentous historical celebration, under the leadership of their humble, energetic president: Edwin Arroz, and his dynamic, resourceful vice president - Josie Califorato Dayao, who also Chaired the Celebration, with all the past presidents as Co-Chairmen. It was also a successful fundraising Event, and the proceeds will go to the CPU Flood Relief Program, for Centralians in Iloilo, devastated by the recent typhoon Frank.

This is the “true central spirit” that unites CPU alumni in GTA to work for a cause. Pres. E. Arroz conveyed in his message: “Again, another successful event - for the love of Central!” True to our theme - Love, of the members to serve our Alma Mater; Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the core of this great Institution, and trusting Him that, our chapter will pull through any difficult task, for God’s glory and honor; and Hope to energize and strengthen the membership and the future members to carry on the legacy to keep the Central spirit burning”.

The Celebration was also a sentimental reunion for many: like Dave Larsen, the son of the late Dr. Almus O. Larsen, president of Central Philippine College in the early 50’s and instrumental in the campus improvements that must be worth more than five hundred million pesos.

My term was years of bliss and years of fulfillment. All of which you can see inside the campus especially physical improvements to CPU that are worth more than five hundred million pesos.

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Dream and Succeed

“I dreamed of making Central Philippine University beautiful not only a beauty to behold but a beauty to think, to feel and a beauty to remember.” These are the words that came from the mouth of the former president Dr. Juanito M. Acanto. He had offered his services to CPU for about eleven years, ten months and three days. Because of his big aim for this institution, he made CPU as one of the most beautiful campuses in Iloilo City. In fact, CPU is now considered as a tourist spot in the province. A chance to have a talk with our former president Dr. Acanto is a great honor to us. To give you a glimpse of our conversation here are some of the significant details.

Q. During your term as a CPU president, what do you consider as your greatest contribution?

Juanito M. Acanto (JMA): My term was years of bliss and years of fulfillment. All of which you can see inside the campus especially physical improvements that must be worth more than five hundred million pesos.

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