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We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed but not in despair
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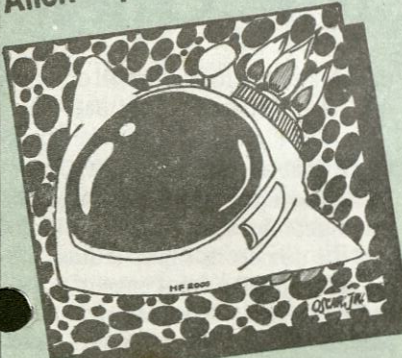
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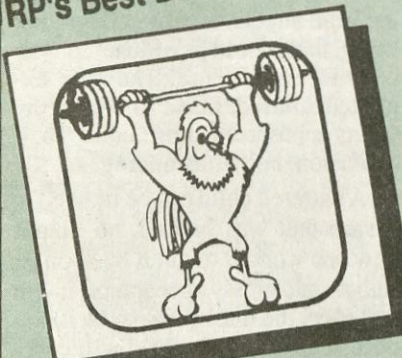
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Revised grading system to be adapted

Next schoolyear, DLSU-EAC will adapt the revised numerical system with the following grade points and their corresponding descriptions:

Grade Points	*Equivalent	Description
4.0	99-100	Excellent
3.75	97-98	
3.50	95-96	Superior
3.25	92-94	
3.0	90-91	Very Good
2.75	88-89	
2.50	85-87	Good
2.25	83-84	
2.0	80-82	Satisfactory
1.75	78-79	
1.50	75-77	Fair
1.25	72-74	
1.0	70-71	Passed
0.0	69 below	Failed
O.D.	Officially Dropped	
N.C.	No Credit	

The grades "S" (Satisfactory) and "US" (Unsatisfactory) were deleted since YES Program is already following the numerical grading systems.

This revised grading system is part of the revision in the University Student Handbook proposed, to be approved by the student body through the Supreme Student Council (SSC) and the Council of Student Organizations (CSC).

The members of the ad hoc committee for the revision are Sr. Marjorie Apelin (Dean of the College of Nursing), Mrs. Laura R. Campos (Dean of Student Affairs), Mrs. Myrna Ramos (Dean of the College of Secretarial Administration), Dr. P.G. Concepcion (Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs) and Mr. Melecio G. Geda (University Registrar).

Plans proposed to promote Institutional Loyalty

by Ira Lee U. Villanueva

The Task Force on Institutional Loyalty, headed by Dean Laura Campos of Student Affairs, submitted recommendations on how to develop and implement institutional loyalty among students and administrators, to Executive Vice President Dr. Oscar O. Bautista last September 19.

Among the significant recommendations are the ban of the sale of T-shirts, jackets, stickers, and other items without "Emilio Aguinaldo College", any form of advertisements with unequal size of letterings in it (e.g. DLSU-EAC) will also be included in the ban. Selling of these items should first be approved by the Office of Student Affairs (OSA). Sanctions for unofficial businesses are warning and suspension of the right to sell for the first and second offenses respectively.

The Task Force also mentioned the need for the demonstration of oneness among faculty peers by not speaking ill of each other nor of the school and "talk(ing) about their pride of the whole institution".

It was also suggested that a 'loyalty day' be set every first day of the Foundation Week'. The administrators were also urged to give a strong financial and moral support to students who would represent the institution in any competition.

Aside from that, they also want to give emphasis on "Awit ng DLSU-EAC" and "Alma Mater Song" by including them in programs and activities, as well as having them required to be taught and be sung in every P.E. I class.

The Task Force, with members Dr. Ambrosio Capayas, Mrs. Virginia Hernandez, Mr. Deodoro E. Abiog III, and Ms. Ivy Marie Mendoza, SSC president, also recommended emphasis on the life and works of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, after whom the school was named.

Apparently, these are follow-ups of "Operation: La Salle Top, Aim for Excellence" launched last year.

Four golds for DLSU-EAC

by Reynard I. Juanir

DLSU-EAC was able to garner four gold medals in the recently held Private Schools' Athletic Association (PRISAA) Literary-Musical Contests, on September 13, at the Imus Pilot Elementary School.

The activity was divided into two parts: the Literary contests, which were held in the morning and the Musical contests, in the afternoon.

In the Literary contests, DLSU's Jason Bards Juliano (PT2), and Edwin Taponan (BSN 1), took the gold medals in the Elocution and "Talumpatian". They were trained by Mrs. Vi Gonzalez and Mr. Pil Garcia.

Israel Camet II (BSN 1) and Sean Raymond Chua (PT 2), placed second in the 'Bigkasan' and Oration. Their trainers were Messrs. Pil C. Garcia and Benjie Caparas.

St. Joseph's College topped the Oratorical (Eng.); Imus Institute, the Extemporaneous Speech, and the San Sebastian College, the Declamation (Fil.).

On the other hand, the afternoon's Musical Contests brought DLSU-EAC two first placers.



The La Sallian Chorale Society rendering their winning piece.

The La Sallian Chorale, under Mr. Lorenz Arquero, won the Championship trophy for the chorale competition. Roderick de Leon (Bs Bio 4) won the gold medal for the solo Instrumental Contest.

In the Vocal duet, San Sebastian

College won first prize, as St. Joseph's College and Imus Institute took the golds in the Modern and Folk Dance. The contestants in the Vocal Solo Songwriting contest were both disqualified, due to some technical violations.

Journalism seminar held

by Ivy Vargas

The Herald Filipino staffers conducted their annual Journalism Seminar, on September 9 to 11, at the Audio Visual Room.

Mrs. Laura Campos, Dean of Student Affairs, delivered the opening remarks, Dr. Pros G. Concepcion, Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs, gave an inspirational talk and conducted an open forum.

Guest lecturers were Mr. Joel Paredes, Manila Correspondent of the Singapore Press Holdings and Mr. Chito de la Vega, a sports writer from the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

Mr. Paredes gave a lecture on the improvement of writing style. He also asked the staffers to identify the fears and problems that they encounter when writing, and also gave tips on how to overcome them.

Mr. De la Vega, on the other hand, gave an informal talk on the basics of sportswriting. In an open forum, he gamely answered the staffers' queries on his experiences as a writer. In that forum, staffers had a glimpse of a journalists' life and goals.

On September 11, the group went on a study tour of the editorial and circulation offices of the Manila Chronicle, one of the Manila's leading newspapers.

There, a brief lecture on the different departments of the newspaper was given by Carol See and Leo Santiago.

POLCA officers inducted

by Clarita Tenorio

The newly elected officers of the Parents' Organization of La Salle Cavite (POLCA) were inducted into office on August 31 at the POLCA Clubhouse.

The newly elected officers are Engr. Mario Taruc, president; Teresita Leabres, vice president; Josefina Megano, secretary, Cristy Cafuir, assistant secretary; Fabian Ilano, treasurer; Alfred Ventura, auditor; Luis Martinez, PRO; Mercedes Tenorio, business manager; Melecio Geda, Zeny Villasenor, Aisa Remulla, Elpidia Jaco, Elizabeth Balagapo, Rodolfo Mercado, and Anthony Quinagon, board members.

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Polytech student placed first in skills olympics

Federico Palileo, a second year electrical technology student who was coached by Jose Jerios, placed first in a skills competition (industrial electricity) in the 1991 Southern Tagalog Regional Youth Skills Olympics held on August 20 at the Regional Manpower Training Center, National Manpower and Youth Council (NMYC), Batangas City.

Others who won in the said category were Harold Dominguez and Nelson Arguson (alternate) of the Cavite College of Arts and Trade (CCAT), second; Arnel O. Aquino and Joel G. Oarga (alternate) of the Laguna School of Arts and Trade

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Library staff sponsors art exhibit

by Sunshine Cuevas

The staff of the De La Salle University-Emilio Aguinaldo College Library in cooperation with the Center for the Visual Arts of the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), sponsored an art exhibit at the Social hall on September 3.

The program started with the ribbon cutting ceremony, led by Mrs. Ditas Remulla, wife of Cavite governor Johnny Remulla. Among the other guests were Mrs. Anicia Cepe, Mrs. Priscilla Dacanay of the CCP, Dr. Proceso G. Concepcion, AVP, and Dr. Oscar Bautista, EVP.

Benjie Cabrera an artist of the Philippine Association of Printmakers, held a printmaking lecture about the new method of etching. Cabrera is an awardee of the Art Association of the Philippines, who had already held

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EDITORIAL

Student Activism

The last few decades have seen the studentry take on a heightened awareness to the problems which has often plagued our country. An awareness which led the students to clamor for drastic changes.

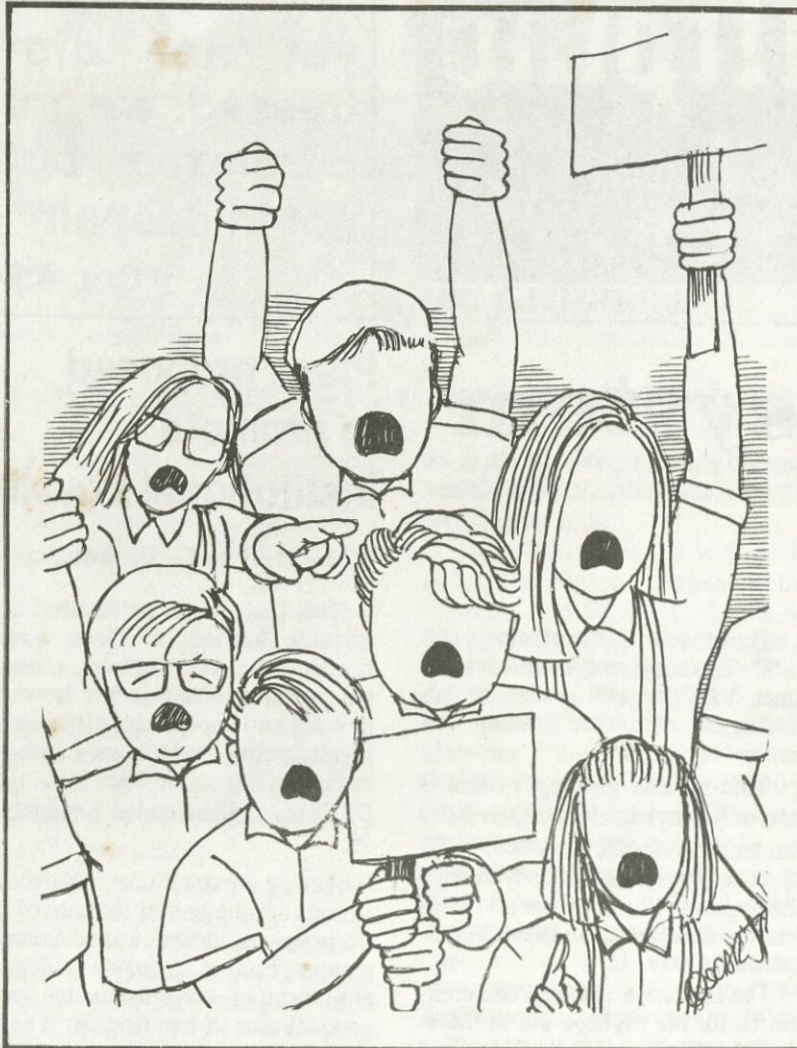
Activism almost always bears the connotation of students rallying against their school administration and rebelling against the current status quo. A socially conscious studentry need not be one which takes to the streets in defiance of authority. Rather, it should be aware of our society's dilemmas and is in union with the majority's struggle for reforms.

Oftentimes, students are indifferent to the conditions prevalent around them, as if such were none of their concern. Does one have to be directly affected by such situations before the desire for change be kindled within him?

Student activism, in its true sense, should always be present in our hearts and minds for it to bear the fruits of change. Change much needed by a society in decadence.

Would one prefer to remain in his current state, knowing that the opportunity of improving it is within his reach?

Student activism is a privilege. Yet on the other hand, it may already be a necessity.



SPIN-OFF

by Genevieve Marie Vargas



Piece of Mind

by Gary Dennis Beredo

R.A. 7079, Finally

Ask any campus writer about his basic fears, and almost always, you'll hear the same replies.

He has fears of being sanctioned for writing about a sensitive issue (and sometimes for simply airing other students' complaints). His problems, on the other hand, range from an intervening adviser (not in Heraldo, fortunately) to lack of funds (well...).

The College Editors' Guild of the

Philippines has always been vocal about these, to the point of being branded as radical. But it is through their perseverance that Republic Act 7079 (R.A. 7079), "An act providing for the development and promotion of Campus Journalism and for other purposes," was finally signed into law. The guild considers this a milestone and a realization of nearly all the things it has always fought for.

R.A. 7079 applies to all campus papers, so non-CEGP members have a reason to rejoice too.

Teddy Casiño, CEGP President, cites three significant provisions (I agree with him, and probably, so will most self-respecting writers).

The law maker the presence of advisers optional in the tertiary level publications. It also limits the advisers' function to technical guidance.

It also states that a student shall not be expelled on the basis of article he or she has written, or on the basis of the performance of his or her duties in the student publication.

The new law also provides for "the automatic release of publication funds to the school papers," (applause).

If its full implementation will not be circumvented by school administrators and DECS officials (as CEGP officers fear), R.A. 7079 will certainly make a big difference. It could pave the way for a more liberal (within bounds of course), well-balanced, delay-free newspapers.

Finally, we won't have to take the crap for all the shortcomings, the causes of which are sometimes beyond our control.

Participants in the last (PRISAA) competitions held at Imus, Cavite, recently, lamented the fact that they lacked moral and financial support from the administration.

Heraldo staffer, Chris Legaspi, who was also one of the participants, said that they were the ones who provided for their own food and transportation.

The La Sallian Chorale Society (which won first place), was reportedly packed in a passenger jeep like sardines in a can.

DLSU-EAC placed first in most of the categories in the said competition. Who knows? They could have done better without such concerns troubling their minds.

This pool of promising talents deserve more than a pat in the back; after all, they are representing the school, the glory is ours as well as theirs.

Cry of the Little Ones

He gazed at me as if he wanted to say something, his eyes are pleading, but when I came near and asked why, he ran hurriedly; his cries filled with so much agony and pain.

It was an afternoon one weekend at the veranda of our house, while I was working for this column when Popoy disturbed my concentration with his whimpering. He was holding on to the iron bars of the gate. His face covered by marks of dried tears, his right cheek is bluish, his upper lip swollen and a fresh load of tears about to flow. I rushed to him, full of questions only to be left unanswered.

I concluded that it was again the same old story last two years ago, only now probably with a different angle but only one loses: Popoy.

I have heard him cry a number of times, but seeing him in such a condition struck me quite differently. So unusual to lead me to change my column topic, from the issue of the US Bases, to the plight of those who like Popoy are denied of their very sense of self.

Studies show that at least one in four of the world's children is either physically or emotionally abused. Late last year, leaders of about 75 countries gathered at the World Summit for children at UN headquarters, to discuss the plight of the world's little ones.

The body ratified a document; The Convention on the Rights of the Child, to strengthen their goal and to affirm the right of the children to life free from exploitation, neglect and abuse...

It would also be interesting to point out that the Philippine Constitution was ahead by 4 years when it was ratified last 1987, for having provisions on the family: Article XV, Section 3 says in part: The state shall defend the right of children to assistance including proper care and nutrition and special protection from all the forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other condition prejudicial to their development.

The laws are defined texts and

theories are there. But are all of these just to be confined to our readings?

It is not long ago when the cases of child abuse reeked the headlines in succession; Josephine Balagtas, Raymundo Jonston, the Tan children and the numerous rape victims, the latter hogged the front page of some daily tabloids. The "culprit": the parents the people they thought were their PROTECTORS.

It is not considered odd these days that some children are treated the same ways as adults. They're no longer the little angels, but instead another being, that should be of "use", physically in every sense. They are exploited, abused, made to beg in the streets or pushed to prostitution. Their confusion, not withstanding.

A battered child can be likened to a vase that was broken, no matter how one worked to put it back on its smooth and glossy appearance, it will still carry the marks that show it was once shattered. The child will carry the picture of battering, when they grow up, and in turn do the same, thinking that it is just normal. Distrust of adults, he will kept to himself. And his concept of parents, will be horrifying nightmare.

Studies also indicated that 70 per cent of parents who have been abused as children abused their children in turn. In simple analogy, parents who abuse their children were victims of abuse themselves. A person who has not experienced love is not capable of loving. Child battering is a learned process, a distorted version of a shared experience.

I know there's a number of Popoys in our midst wanting to shout for help but are hapless in their condition. This column stands to bring the issue out, to knock on the hardened hearts, to call on those who care those in authority and perhaps in my own little way do some justice to the unwanted tears of Popoy.

His pleading eyes pierced through me, but more painfully, when I hear him cry.

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OPINION



Within Earshot

by Reynard Juanir

Teacher, teacher...

Feedbacks I have received regarding my previous column were pretty varied. Although most comments were on the positive side, there are quite a few number of persons who are not exactly "jumping with joy" for what I have written regarding the CMT (See VOX POPULI).

So now, I would like to iron out a few things which CMT Commandant Major Mojica seems to find disagreeable.

First, let it be known I never write solely on baseless opinion. They are taken from the students themselves, who are currently taking CMT. By no means do I wish to slander any particular person or group; although it is accurate to state that most, if not all of the complaints are directed towards some of the officers down the chain of command.

The truth will prevail.

One question often asked during the end of every grading period is "when students flunk, is it the student's fault or is it the teachers'?"

There are of course two sides to this question. It's either the student or students concerned do not study hard enough, or the teacher himself is not competent to teach. But what if more than half of the class fails in the subject; is it still the student's fault?

Another thing which a lot of students find disturbing is some teachers' use of foul language. Perhaps it might be an effective means through which an idea can be conveyed (as in rhetorics). However, I feel that it is not proper to use expletives in front of a class the majority of which are young students who are still impressionable.

Another thing is the question of the teacher's competence to teach.

For instance, I have had a number of teachers who can't even speak straight English (which is our medium of instruction). Regional defects are understandable, but not the murder of the English language.

I can't say that I can speak (or write) flawless English. But when you're a teacher, it is expected that you already have a good grasp of the medium or language used. Besides, defective grammar makes it a lot harder for us students to understand the too difficult to digest lessons being taught.

On the brighter side, I can honestly say that there are still a lot of teachers here who, although are not holders of Master's Degrees or Ph.D's, are still competent enough to teach. Which is a lot more than I can say for some of our other "educators".

It is rather difficult to find a scapegoat for this problem, since it is almost impossible to gauge a person's teaching ability. But then, perhaps greater care should be taken to ensure that the quality of education is not compromised by mediocre professors.

I rest my pen.

Hey guys, I'm running out of materials; if you've got any interesting idea or complaint, please drop us a line here at the Heraldo office. You don't want me to start writing in the literaries do you?

Christian ideals? St. John must be turning in his grave.

Students would reason out that it's just a common expression and they don't really mean it when they say it. That's precisely what is wrong. The word has become so common place that saying it becomes so easy. One fails an exam, he says "S-T!"; he passes he says "S-T, I made it!" The expression works for any occasion. Pretty soon we'll be stinking of it.

It's time to wipe our mouth with toilet paper and think of better things to say. If you think you're cool when you say the four letter word- you're wrong. All you get out of doing it is being branded as 'taong kanto' because it's a street jargon.

We're in a school run by Brothers so we better act like one.

PT's Fun, Fund, Funds

by: Coleen Caño

With the theme "Fun, Fund, Funds," the Physical Therapy proper students celebrated their annual PT Week from September 9 to 13. A line-up of activities were held mostly at the Palaruang La Salle.

The five-day affair was opened with a holy mass, followed by an inspirational talk by Dr. Ramona Santos, Dean of the College of Physical Therapy. The activities kicked-off with a parade featuring the teams with their respective classes and muses.

Other major activities during the week were the Fun Run, Motorcade, a Bingo Social, and the volleyball and basketball games.

A holy mass and an acquaintance party concluded the week-long affair.

The present fourth year Biology students are to be the first batch to graduate under the new curriculum.

Under this curriculum, Comparative Anatomy, which used to be a five-unit course is offered as a four-unit course. Medical schools require five units of academic credits for Comparative Anatomy. Now this could prove to be another problem for students intending to enroll into medical school.

For those transferees who'll only be staying in the school for two years, it will be impossible.

Who is to be believed?

Page 14 of the College Catalogue (1990-92) states that Physics +, an introductory lecture-laboratory course in general physics has no prerequisite. Yet, students were told that they have to pass their Trigonometry first before they can take Physics 1.

Vox Populi

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZEN MILITARY TRAINING, PAF DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY-EMILIO AGUINALDO COLLEGE
Dasmariñas, Cavite

15 September 1991

DLSU-EAC DCMT

SUBJECT: Heraldo Filipino Column

TO: The Editor-In-Chief, HF, DLSU-EAC Dasmariñas, Cavite (Attn: Reynard Juanir)

1. This has reference to your column "Within Earshot" in Heraldo Filipino, August 1991 issue.

2. It's good that your column is only "within earshot" and you admitted that you are not currently enrolled in CMT course. Therefore, you are admitting that you are not aware of the current CMT rules and regulations being implemented by this Department. I don't know if you had undergone CMT and if so, maybe during your CMT days you are one among the lazy guys who always malingers just to stay under the tree's shadow.

3. Following is my item to item reply on your exaggerated, unchecked, unfair, and bias column:

a. This Department is not requiring all cadets to be at the parade ground before 8:00 AM. What we require was them to be in formation at 8:00 AM. This Department do not took cognizance of their residence, what we are after its for them to follow CMT rules and regulations regardless of their residence.

b. You made mentioned that dismissal is not usually consistent with 12:00 PM, good you know it is not always. I also doubt if you know that CMT is scheduled once a week and it has also syllabus of instructions to finish for the day and can't just dismiss if not finished in order that the cadets knew and familiarized the subject of the course, but you exaggerate the excess of time. I can not remember that we dismissed reaching 30 mins excess in time, but you did in your absence.

c. One thing you've terribly mentioned about is the "bayaran" thing, for the grade of 1.0 and those who faithfully attend got the grades

of 0.0. Tell me somebody who paid for his CMT and when it happened? Bring him/her to our office and prove our guilt and also the cadet who faithfully attend his CMT but failed his course. You have a suspicious mind.

d. How could you, by saying that other CMT officers doesn't know the meaning of "SUBTLE", Are you the only son of "Mr. Webster"?

e. Your ears received allegations about you said GMT "Borloloys", it's overpriced as you hear - you did not verify that the P25.00 is not for the namecloth alone but it has an accompanying another embroidered cloth wherein the organization was written. You are mentioning other universities, why don't you go there and canvass before resting your pen. You did not gather the fact that we are requiring them to wear those "borloloys" in your ears regardless of source or in other word wherever they buy, but some cadets requested us for the reasons that they have no time to buy from what you called CMT shops in Manila because of their hectic schedule of classes and others reason out, the fare. Because of our eagerness to make the uniform of our cadets presentable and meaningful we acted as an errand for them. Our records could prove this because for your information our active cadets is more than One Thousand and only two hundred sixty seven (267) have upon request have taken a pair of namecloth up to this time, I made to believe that your ears do not hear everything; it did not hear that there is (are) students in this university that selling namecloth to their co-students - please open your ears to these.

f. Another unprovable matter is the "HAZING". Can you bring somebody who is bodily harmed both physically and psychologically while attending CMT course in this Department? I thought you are the only son of "Mr. Webster".

4. Now, who is "B-LS-T"?

5. I believe your ears are designed to "Tsismis".

JOSEFINO V MOJICA
Major, PAF
Commandant

Copy furnished:
Executive Vice President
Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dean, Student Affairs



Kibitzer

by Oscar Nera, Jr.

Halt, who goes there?

As I got off the jeepney, my hands full of books, I caught sight of the security man whose eyes were concealed behind dark glasses. This man has been known to be scrupulous when it comes to student identification. A wave of shock ran down my spine as I realized that my ID was still in my pocket. I wrestled with the load and, after making some moves that even a contortionist would have a hard time doing, I finally got the ID out. Unfortunately, none of the guards seem to have noticed my futile attempt. I would have felt overjoyed knowing that I don't have to go through the trouble of presenting my ID everytime I enter the gates of La Salle. However, I know for a fact that the inspection is done for the safety and welfare of the students.

We wouldn't want people who have no business in campus mingling with us, would we? I would feel more secure in a campus where everyone who wishes to enter is properly identified. The only problem is, the security guards are inconsistent. Sometimes they check the ID, sometimes they don't. They tend to taper off in the afternoon. This fickleness causes some students to think twice

before presenting their IDs. More so, a handful try to beat the system because if they got away with it once, surely they can do it again.

ID inspection is SOP. Students shouldn't mind being asked for identification. Fact is, we ought to take the initiative to do so.

It is good to see that the school grounds are being improved.

Kudos to the new SSC for the extension of the covered walk in the east campus. The students would definitely benefit from this project. Too bad the canopy couldn't be stretched as far as gate 1 since further extension would mean obscuring the statue of St. John Baptist de la Salle from view.

The waiting area in gate 2 is also being extended. The drivers would have a "hang-out" while waiting for their charge. Good to know that our community thinks of everyone's comfort.

One terrible thing I've noticed about the students here is their proneness to saying the word S-T. Call me prude if you will but I see absolutely no reason to utter such profanity in campus. Whatever happened to our

Apropos

by: Mawey Ebuenga

What is the common problem faced by graduating irregular students? No, not their major subjects but Religion.

Before, the Arts and Sciences Dean told them that the number of Religion subjects to be taken should correspond to the number of semesters that they are enrolled in this institution. The Religion Department and the Registrar, on the other hand requires all students to finish all of the 8 Religion subjects.

Kampusap-Usapan

Nauso ngayon ang ukol sa Faultline-Marikina. Sakop daw pati ang Cavite. Ano? Sakop ang Cavite? Anong fault naman iyon? Win by default, sa PRISAA. (2 events).

Ay, bay! Marami raw ang nag-abagsak sa Math. Gina-aplift daw nila ang istandard. Piro, hindi naman nila ma-upleft ang grayds.

Siguro, nagauso rin dito ang faultline. Titser's fault o istudents fault?

Bomb threat? Dito sa DLSU-EAC... GRABE!

That day nakapila ang mga estudyante sa 'coastal' (translesiyon: daang mabato). At hindi sila pinauwi. Imagine, they were made to wait for a "bomb" to explode!

Tina-tum around pa nila ang kanilang mga ulo dahil 'yong flipyp na tumawag ay hindi natandaan kung saan niya inilagay 'yong bomb. Maybe may amne-shock!

The other students kept on studying, kasi naman may exam sila on that day. (Sayang, no!)

After 20 minutes back to normal na. The kulabu (translesiyon: blue army of the school) ay na-check na raw in 20 minutes, all the buildings... meaning lahat! So, they declared 'we are on the top of the situation'.

Eh, di sige nag-opis na ang mga nag-oopis. And the students are forced back to the barracks! ('Kala nyo ligtas kayo 'no?')

Mayroong nagsabi na isang may kausap sa telepono ang di-nagka-intindihan. Sinabihan ng nasa kabilang linya ang kanyang kausap na Bad breath ito. Eh, may sipon ang kausap niya at ang pagkarinig ay Bomb threat.

Siguro 'yong flipyp (another translesiyon: kulang ng screw) ay mayroong exam on that day. ('Wa epek ang gimmick 'nyo).

Congrats!

Jason Domingo and Noreen Alcaraz of the College of Criminology passed the board examination given by the Regulatory Board on November 1990.

FEATURES

Where are our children?

Tagaytay ... a

LOST

by Sunshine Cuevas

Scarlet clouds gleaming boldly
The sun sinking beneath the earth
Luminous rays all over the sea
Casting shadows at life's dirt.

Trudging through the dark alley
Oblivious to all notoriety,
Through the visages of a thousand
devils
On a search for an existence so
futile.

Traversing the depth of the sea
Plunging into a pool of mystery
To capture the unseen which might
have been
A key to free insanity.

Elusive to hypocritic sympathy
Even at the brink of death.
Desperate to obtain serenity
Amidst the guilt gnawing the
consciousness.

A tumultuous desire for affection,
Lost
In the strong gelidity of mankind.

His day starts early at four a.m. Fighting off sleep, he slowly rises from his makeshift *banig* bed. With quick moves, he skillfully bundles up the colored rags sewn by his aunt, all ready to be peddled to interested passersby in the streets of Dasmariñas. After he has sold his wares, he goes home at 12 noon to eat measly meal of *galunggong* and *pinangat na dilis*. If the daily income isn't enough to make ends meet, he acts as a dispatcher to jeepney drivers.

Such is the daily life of Louie Antongas, thirteen years old. He was forced to fend for himself when his father died from a supposed *kulam*; his mother, who had been confined to hospital, never came back home, together with Louie's sister. Now, he depends only on the charity of his aunt and on the small income he earns from his "sidelines."

Cousins Val Hisni and Anthony Ramos share the same story, although fate was less cruel to them.

With neither parent working, and with six siblings to support, Val took it upon himself to roam the streets and beg for alms. Although he is able to eat three times a day, his meals usually consists of bread only. At ten

by Coleen Cano



years of age, and the second youngest in the family, Val was able to finish up to grade five only.

His cousin Anthony leads a similar life. Hand in hand, they walk the streets of Dasmariñas, their palms outstretched to strangers.

How many more of such scenes can we find in urban and rural areas? Helpless children wandering aimlessly in search of their next meal, regardless of its current state. Whether they liked it or not, they are forced to take to the streets to earn their share of the family income.

The salaries their fathers earn are too meager to support a growing brood of children; hence the wife finds it necessary to take in laundry and domestic jobs. It doesn't take much to see that they lead a miserable life.

Who should we blame for their misfortune?

There are several factors. Society, for one, should be held responsible. It is partly our fault why these mendicants have to stoop to such a low and demoralizing level, just to get their next meal.

Our government also has its shortcomings. We are all aware of the great increase of child mendicancy in the metropolis. Yet programs and projects designed to lessen, if not solve, this problem are being implemented at such a turtle-like pace, that many of these child mendicants have already graduated to a higher level of despondency.

However, the government has succeeded in accomplishing one of its goals. Together with the church, it has helped educate our unfortunate brothers and sisters with some basic skills that would enable them to get out of their deplorable conditions, and also on questions of health and family planning.

Our children are the lifeblood of the coming generation. Each one of us should lend a hand in giving them a world devoid of poverty and suffering.

But these children are lucky. They have already developed a sense of maturity and responsibility, which most of us take a lifetime to acquire.

DLSU-EAC Lagoon: A conce

by Maw

The DLSU-EAC lagoon is one of the best features of the school. The spot gives one a feeling of relief from boring lectures inside the classroom. But pollution and some other factors threaten to snuff out the future of the said lagoon.

Under natural conditions, water is able to purify itself by using oxygen and bacteria as its primary self-cleansing agents. The sufficiency of oxygen in the water also supports aquatic life. When a foreign matter or pollutant is discharged into a body of water, the oxygen in the water is used to decompose or break down the foreign matter into simple molecules containing basic life-sustaining elements, as nitrogen and phosphorus. These elements are used by aquatic life as fertilizer, thereby causing an over-abundant growth of some algae species. These massive blooms of algae grow very quickly over huge areas, then die. The bacterial decay of these blooms consumes oxygen. With this decline in the oxygen level the aquatic life requiring it encounters difficulty. Furthermore, the power of the water to cleanse itself is weakened. (Muro 1977)

A study conducted by Pangilinan et al. revealed the presence of some forms of protozoans on the scales and fins of *Tilapia* sp. harvested from the lagoon. This could be an effect of massive algal growth in the water.

The common matter being discharged in the lagoon which may cause pollution are: (a) nutrients (i.e. phosphates and nitrates); (b) waste water and; (c) silts, sand, debris.

Nutrients such as phosphates and nitrates are required for the support of aquatic life. But excessive amounts of these can also prove to be a problem for it promotes massive algal growth which could be detrimental to aquatic life.

Patria E Intereses: A play review

by Oscar Nera Jr.



A scene from Patria E Intereses

TEATRO Lasalliana once again went through an acid test as the group performed for the academic community. Lifted from the chapters of El

Filibusterismo, *Patria E Intereses* dares to make a statement to today's student generation. This is precisely what we need, a redefinition of the student.

More life could have been breathed into the story had some revisions been done in the script. The plot

suffered from the kilometric lines. The scenes presented were those of the Hispanic times, and though such still appeals to the audience, much has been lost with regards to relevance. Narrations were done to compensate for this but a more subtle of introducing thoughts into the play is preferred. For after all, a story not only educates but challenges as well.

The costumes were well chosen and helped set the mood. Limiting though, as the stage was, the design was effective and gave the illusion of space where there was too little of it. Simplicity still takes precedence in this area.

Unfortunately, the performance was not up to par. I could not fully blame our young thespians for a not-so-impressive rendition. There was only a handful present in the audience (and such was the case for all performances, so I heard). Nothing could be more inspiring than a passionate and receptive audience. Perhaps the student body needs a little enlightening on art appreciation. Much can be learned from the performing arts, because an inexpensive and richly experiential medium of learning.

SONG REVIEW

One for the unborn

by Boxed Idea

The song mesmerizes listeners not only with its enchanting tune and slow-paced beat but with its meaningful and hard-hitting lyrics. Indeed "Miracle" popularized by Whitney Houston has gone a long way since topping the Top 40 hit list, being the only one with a really special message; an explicit protest against abortion.

"How could I throw away a miracle? How could I face another day?" The song opens up with a confused girl's doubts and fears in facing an unwanted pregnancy. She seems to be looking for a way out, and was faced with the only alternative (so some people think) and that is getting rid of her baby.

This is a grave reality, that when trapped into this tumultuous situation and lacking a confidante, a girl with an unwanted pregnancy usually thinks of abortion as the only possible solution.

The song answers the same questions raised and along the way, ignites a spark of hope and inspiration

through these lines "Nothing should matter, not when love grows inside you. The choice is yours, there's a miracle in store. Don't ever throw away a miracle." These lines repeated as the chorus for greater impact speak well for the unborn child. It speaks of conception, as a miracle in itself, a

famous for similar meaningful hit songs such as "The Greatest Love of All" and "One Moment in Time". She is now involved in a campaign to end discrimination against AIDS victims in London.

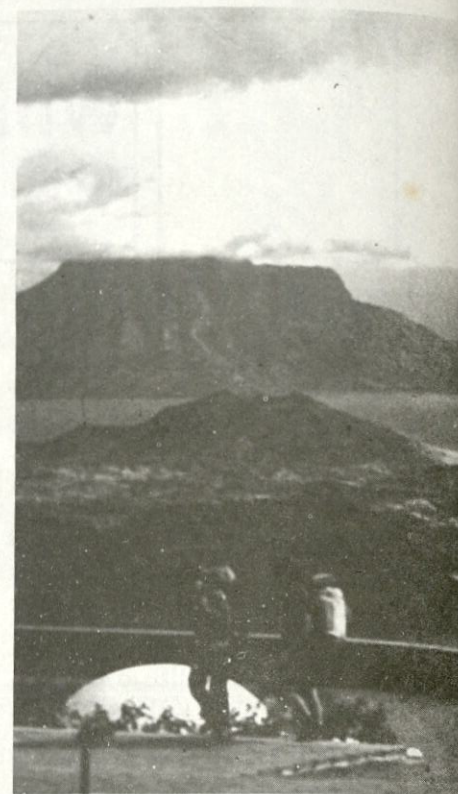
Whitney has proven once more that a song diverting from the usual

*It speaks of conception as
a miracle in itself, a promise
of good things to come.*

promise of good things to come. It appeals for future mothers to face up to their responsibility and to treat the unborn as someone only a miracle can bring and someone who can bring miracles.

Adding to the song's credibility is the singer, Whitney Houston who is

themes i.e. sex and boy-girl love relationships can also be a big hit. We can only hope that the overwhelming response to the song is a sign that people actually understand and are willing to respond positively to the song's appeal. If so, then miracles are bound to happen.



A view of the Taal Volcano - a favorite to

Tagaytay. Situated south of Metro Manila, it is just a cool 15 minute drive from our school. It is, where one would have a perfect view of the world's smallest volcano-Taal. Have you ever wondered why students frequent this place?

Tagaytay is a place where one can nearly touch the sky. A lover's hideaway ... a daydreamers paradise. Once here, one can marvel at one of Mother Nature's beautiful creations.

It is a place conducive for retreat or recollections. The serenity lends the perfect mood for that much needed self-searching and one on one talk with God.

And for the hopeless romantics, it sets the pace for a memorable cozy, and lazy afternoon. Whispering sweet nothings while strolling down the hills of the Picnic Groove which overlooks the beautiful volcano sitting on the tranquil waters.



DLSU-EAC's unique feature - the

Waste water, which is already polluted when discharged to the body of water, contributes to the pollution problem. A survey of the different canals and drainage in the campus proves that their watercourse leads to the pond. This includes the drainage of all the canteens and laboratories.

Accumulation of dirt also reduces the ability of water to maintain a ship-shape environmental condition. Turbidity affects water in two ways: it gives the water an unpleasant appearance and it prevents the penetration of sunlight into the water. Since turbidity blocks the sunlight, there would be an oxygen deficit thereby giving the water an offensive odor.

Concepcion et al. in their study of the factors that affect the growth and production of *Tilapia nilotica* in the DLSU-EAC pond, disclosed that the

student's haven



rist spot

It is a favorite spot for the students to celebrate and make their own happy hour after a brain-wracking exams. Of course, one cannot pass up the opportunity to visit Taal Vista Lodge which boasts of a billiard hall and video game hall, restaurant, horses for riding and of course, the Casino Filipino where one can try his luck at the slot machines or card games.

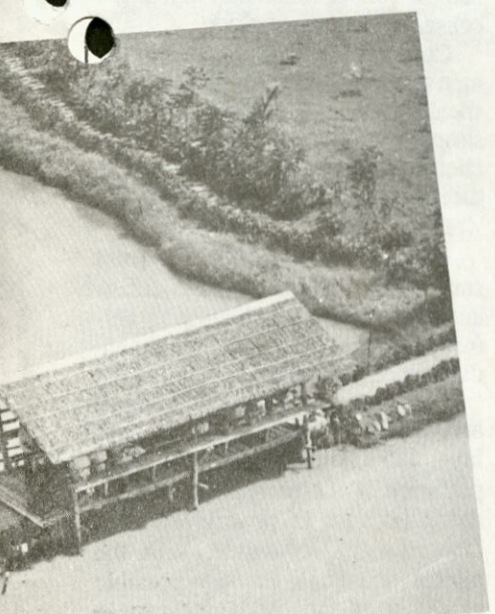
Fruit lovers find heaven in Tagaytay. Fruits of different varieties are sold at a very cheap price. And speaking of food... who can possibly overlook the famous Mushroom Burger House which serves delicious burgers and mmm, so tasty soft ice creams.

Tagaytay with its cool climate and scenic environment will always be a part of students' itineraries.

For strangers, it's just waiting to be discovered.

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physical and chemical properties of the pond are still under normal conditions (as of December 1990). They recommended though that "organic matters such as dead leaves and manure should be added in moderate amounts in the pond so that maintenance of carbon dioxide level, as well as the acidity and alkalinity will be kept under normal range. They also suggested that "a once-a-month analysis of the water properties must be made to maintain a sound environmental habitat and ecological niche for the aquatic organisms."

As Art Dialogo stated in his article "When The River Stops Flowing" (1988): Fast and firm steps must be taken to control the effluence of offluence from killing all hopes (or reviving a body of water) if only to disprove the notion that man takes action for his own benefit after the damage is done.

Tahimik ... kakaibang katahimikan. Ito ang di-pangkaraniwang tanawin sa Sto. Tulome, isang bayang pinaniniwalaang pinagpala.

Wala na ang dating ngay at halakhak ng mga taong nagsasaya sa kanilang taunang piyesta. Mababait ang mga taal na taga-rito. Sagana sa pagkain, may kapaligirang tunay na nakapagbibigay ng inspirasyon sa mga manunulat at pintor.

Ngunit ngayong muli kong nasilayan ang Sto. Tulome, tanging buntong-hininga na lamang ang kaya kong gawin. Halos hindi ko kayang igala ang aking paningin upang pagmasdan ang buong paligid. Parang umuukit ang larawan ng mga taong halos ulo na lamang ang nakikita dahil sa taas ng putik na umaagos. Ayaw kong madinig ang hampas ng hangin pagkat pawang pagtangis ng mga taong nawalan ng mga bahay at ari-arian ang aking naririnig.

Tama na ... ayoko nang makita pa ang kahabag-habag patanawing ito. Ayoko na ring maulinigan ang halakhak na napalitan na ng mga pangahoy.

Kung bakit kasi hindi ko matakasan ang sinumpaang tungkulin. Ipinadala ako ng aming editor in chief upang ibalita ang mga kaganapan sa Sto. Tulome. Matapos ang pagbuhos ng matagal na pagkikimkim ng bulkan.

Never again

by Ira Lee Villanueva

It has been sometime since the rejection of the Treaty on Friendship, Cooperation and Security. Whether the Filipinos like it or not, things will never be the same again.

Uncertainty looms over those who think that the removal of the bases will have adverse effects on our economic, social and political affairs. Basic fears range from the displacement of more or less 80,000 base workers to the capability of the AFP to suppress threats from both ultra rightist and ultra leftist groups.

Those who are against the treaty, on the other hand heaved a sigh of relief. Sovereignty and freedom from bondage are here at last.

For those who can't find enough reasons to commit themselves on either side and those who fail to see the bases treaty's significance (or insignificance), here is an analysis of some of its major provisions.

The treaty signed by Raul Manglapus, Philippine panel representative and Frank Wisner, American panel representative on August 27, 1991 mainly deals with the retention of the US Bases in the Philippines for ten more years. It also includes provisions regarding sovereignty, respect

Noong una ay tinanggihan ko ang pagpunta rito. Ngunit hindi ko malaman ang dahilan na sa aking pagtanggap ay lalo naman akong itinutulak na pumaroon.

Ngayon ay 'eto ako kasama ang isang driver at isang photographer ng aming pahayagan. Pilit kong itinatago sa aking mga kasama ang lungkot na aking nadarama.

Binagtas namin ang namumuting daan. Mistula'y sementong bagong halo at kabubuhos pa lamang ang aming tinatapakan. Kung minsang mayroong lumilipad na abo mula sa bulkan, kaya't kinailangan naming basain ang aming panyo upang itakip sa aming mga ilong. Binuksan namin ang radyo upang marinig ang babalakung may paparating na lahar sa aming kinaroroonan.

Halos naikot namin ang buong Sto. Tulome ... ngunit wala nang mga tao ni hayop kaming dinatnan. Mayroon kaming nakitang isang kalatas na halos sa tingin namin ay natapak-tapakan na ng mga taong lumi-

for each other's independence, territorial integrity and cooperation in economic, scientific, technological, cultural, educational, health, defense and security matters.

It looks and sounds like a tamer treaty, but as always, deception lies within. For instance, a provision allows the "prompt entry into and exit from its territory of the equipment and material to be utilized" in the bases. Prompt entry, simply put, means an entry without delay or inspections. This confirms the fear of most peace loving Filipinos-the danger of being a depot for nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

Another provision states the Americans wish to "enhance investment opportunities." More American firms could cripple our local industries, what with the American marketing skills and the Filipinos' colonial mentality.

Transferring the bases would mean losing \$74 B on warships and naval facilities, not to mention losing the biggest and most strategically located bases. Whereas, if they remain here, they would only have to shell out \$203 M on annual compensation.

This could be a big loss, indeed,

A profile of a prostitute

by Oscar Nera



Dorothy was 14 when she started plying the streets of Ermita.

Like most streetwalkers, she was a naive provinciana lured by the glamour of urban lifestyle. Although her body language was provocative as she hustled men in business suits riding shiny cars with tinted windows, her eyes spoke otherwise. They were cold and tired.

Now 25 and looking 5 years older, she is still in the flesh trade. Younger

girls are slowly edging her out of business, but she still manages to earn a meager amount.

She refuses to admit that her life has turned into a nightmare, and conceals her bitterness with a hollow laughter. She wore thick make-up that made her look pale in the glimmering neon light. Her cheap perfume mingled with the stale odor of cigaret smoke.

"I get paid for this interview," she

kas. Sa kalatas ay nasasaad ito "Lisanin na ninyo ang Sto. Tulome at lumikas kayo sa ibang ligtas na lugar. Dalhin na ninyo ang mga bagay na kaya ninyong dalhin", sa tingin ko'y may karugtong pa ang kalatas na iyon pero hindi ko na maaninag ang kasunod.

"At nagulat ako nang marinig ko ang kanyang pagtilaok."

Napagod na kami sa pag-ikot sa paligid, muli kong pinagmasdan ang paligid habang kami'y nagpapahinga. Kitang-kita ko ang mga punong lungayngay. Naidako ko ang aking paningin sa ilog na dati'y pinaglala-bahan at pinaliliguan ng mga tagarito, ngunit ngayon ay putik na ang umaagos ang pumalit sa busilak na tubig. Nang mapadako ang aking paningin sa isang malaking bato ay kumislap ang aking mga mata, nakita

ko ang isang manok na nakatayo at palinga-linga rin sa paligid. Marahil ay naiwan ito ng kanyang among nataranta sa paglikas.

Tumungo ako sa kinaroroonan ng manok. At siguro'y limang dipa na lamang ang layo ko sa manok nang ako'y hatakin ng aking kasama. Pilit niya akong hinila tungo sa aming sasakyan sa dahilang nanganganib na raw ang aming kinaroroonan.

Paalis na sana kami, ngunit mukhang nataranta ang aming driver. Ayaw umandar ng aming sasakyan, samantalang binabalaan kami sa radyo.

Salamat sa Diyos, magdadalawang minuto na lamang ang nalalabi ay umandar na ang aming sasakyan. Di pa kalayaan ang aming nararating ay naalala ko 'yong manok na nakita ko. At nagulat ako nang marinig ko ang kanyang pagtilaok. Lumingon ako at lumantad sa aking paningin ang napakalakas na agos ng lahar sa ilog.

Sabay sa ingay ng agos ay ang paglaho ng manok.



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so they ditched out last-resort bluffs consisting of a fraudulent debt relief offer and the threat of removing the privileges granted to the Philippine by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

The treaty, so to speak, stank. What most Senators saw, obviously was a dead rat wrapped in a silver lined package. So, inspite of President Aquino's appeals, the people's rallies, referendum and all, the treaty was rejected.

The rejection meant NO to a biased, one-sided deal, benefitting only one party- the Americans. It also

meant saying goodbye to over four decades of dependence and colonialism.

But can we stand alone? Can the Filipinos unite under the same issue which divided them? Those are challenges we can and must live up to. If we do? Nobody can point a finger and say "I told you so!" Instead we will be the ones saying "... since then, it was never the same again..." not in a bad note but with a shrug of the shoulders and a smile on our faces.

Bayan Kong Ina

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Sa Puting-itim
Ng Katsang Hinirang

Tahan na Ina...
Ibabangon kita...
Luha mo'y itanglaw
Sa pagdating ng madilim
na bukas ...

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Sci-news

by Nyra Colinares

FOOD DETERMINES CHILD'S SEX. Dr. Jean Choukroun claims that couples can choose the sex of their child by eating certain kinds of food, at least six weeks before conception. He prescribed the following diets: for a baby boy, the couple should eat all kinds of meat, potatoes, mushrooms, beans, bananas, peaches, and plenty of salt; for a baby girl, eat mostly vegetables, salted cheese, and meat products such as ham and sausages.

CHILDREN GROW RAPIDLY AT 9 a.m. Children are subject to 24-hour biological cycles called *circadian rhythms*. They grow mostly during their waking hours, at about 9 o'clock a.m.

BREAST FEEDING: A SAFE AND NATURAL WAY OF BIRTH CONTROL. The sucking of the infant on its mother's nipple sets off a complex interaction within the body and the brain, which alters the secretion of hormones that naturally causes ovulation and menstruation.

TEST FOR KNOWING BABY'S SEX. A new and safer prenatal test for discovering a baby's sex has been reported by researchers at the University of Tennessee. Instead of inserting a needle into a woman's uterus to withdraw fetal fluid (which causes a risk of infection and miscarriage), the new method calls for only a sample of the pregnant woman's blood. According to the report, fetal cells in the blood can provide sex identity, with 100 percent certainty. This new type of test may also lead to ways of checking on the health of the fetus.

WALK UPSTAIRS! You'll burn more calories than by running or by playing tennis. In fact, if you add two flights of stairs to your normal daily activity, you could lose up to ten pounds in a year - and that's without having to change your diet. A study on English double-decker bus conductors, who continually climb the stairs between decks, showed them having fewer heart attacks than the drivers, who just sit around.

To seal

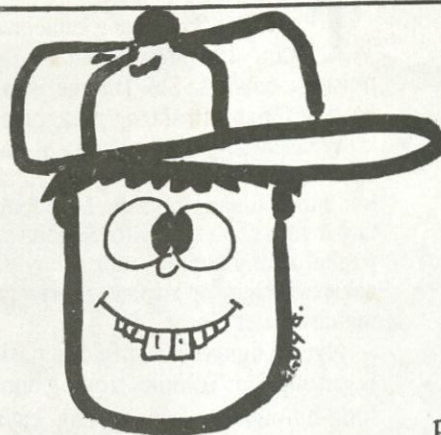
by Shiela Marie Rupido

Traditionally, desperate clients with dental problems usually resort to tooth extraction and use of dentures, especially if they can no longer bear the torture of decayed teeth.

Today, people are aware of the painful phase in the life of their teeth. That is, tooth extraction and its consequences.

"Am I ready to wear a set of dentures?" - NOPE! So naturally, we have to ask for other options in order not to lose our teeth. Modern technology simultaneously progresses and revolutionizes even the deepest part of Dentistry. Various alternatives are provided to us, like the *Root canal therapy*, *Pulp capping*, and *Pulpotomy*.

Root canal therapy is the removal of the pulp, containing blood and lymphatic vessels and nerve systems. Pulp capping is the placing of a 'cap', composed of Zinc Oxide with a cement-like substance, over the cleaned affected part. Pulpotomy, on the other hand, involves the removal of the pulp, leaving the root canal



or to bear?

pulp in place. To fill this exposed pulp, amalgam and ceramics are commonly used. In case of cavities or caries, wherein the damage extends up to the tooth enamel only, simple filling will do the job.

The latest innovation in the field of Dentistry today, is the *Visible Light Cure Pit (VLC)*, and the *Fissure Sealant*. This is distributed by the Distributed Processing Systems, Inc. (DPSI), the local distributor of Dentsply International, Inc.

According to Wilma de la Cruz, DPSI's sales supervisor for Dentsply products, sealants are the newest 'weapon' against cavities. Studies made by the Institute of Dental Research, indicate that two-thirds of all cavities in children might be prevented with the use of sealants.

Fluroshield sealants, developed by Dentsply, is an effective method in sealing pits and fissures. These

pits and fissures occur during the normal development of the backteeth, i.e. molars and bicuspid. These crevices and fissures cannot be cleaned out by the bristles of toothbrushes, because these are extremely narrow, and distinctively invite decay by harbouring decay-causing bacteria.

With the combined protection of a plastic shield and flouride, these sealants take away the pain from the use of a drill or surgery, for it does not require any of the two. Furthermore, these sealants can explore the rough surfaces of the tooth called *occlusal surfaces*, thereby extending their protective power - a factor not furnished by any toothpaste or mouthwash.

With this less-wasteful device, in terms of time and effort, better dental health is at sight. We are nearly approaching the point of enjoying natural teeth for a lifetime.

So, the choice is ours: bear the rot and lose it, or seal it?

Aliens in our midst - the message

by Lalaine Y. Solita

Man, regardless of religion, experience many strange phenomena on earth. One of which is the encounter with the 'the extraterrestrials,' UFO's or Aliens.

"Unidentified Flying Objects" (UFO) is the term commonly used to describe an object that appears to be flying in the sky but can't be readily identified by an observer. The term Flying saucers was given by an American researcher who studied the comments of most witnesses.

Such things occurred even during the time of Columbus. But an extraordinary outburst of such sightings in the late 1940's and over the last two decades created a real controversy.

In 1948, the US Air Force began to maintain a file of UFO reports called, "Project Blue Book". By 1969, the number of sightings recorded has reached 12,618.

An American Pilot once tried to come nearer to the UFO when it stopped somewhere in America, but when he tried to see the bottom, his plane exploded. The remaining parts of the plane bore many small holes the cause of which was unexplainable. The US Air Force saw everything since they were the ones who ordered the pilot to observe the said flying saucer.

Most witnesses described what they saw as a circular craft, possibly made of Aluminum, with two rows of lighted windows, dark blue underneath, brownish gold in color, and surrounded by a blue haze that contains luminous sparks. No sound was heard except for an unusual vibrating noise audible only for a few

seconds when the object was nearest. And at 50,000 ft., the saucer seemed to move at 300 mi/hr.

A craft stayed on the ground, according to a man from Mexico, standing on four legs, he even thought that he saw two people dressed in white. The same thing happened to a woman from San Francisco.

Another UFO made several sudden stops, and while stopping, a light shone on the witnesses, which makes them wonder if the UFO was studying the witnesses. This was theorized as possible, because of the number of people and vessels which disappeared upon passing the Bermuda Triangle.

Strange phenomena have been recorded in the last three decades about the triangular shaped part of the Atlantic known as the Bermuda Triangle. One might think that there is a connection between that portion of the sea and UFOs.

Supposed, there are more than 13,000 witnesses, but some claims were not admitted after being tested under hypnosis by a psychiatrist who said that there was a case of hallucination.

Some hallucinations associated with UFO reports may be related to the Isakower Syndrome, wherein a drowsy person visualizes scenes from his remote past, which could account for apparitions and misidentifications. In the Philippines, last August 7



and 13, 1991, UFO sightings were reported by PAG-ASA and the people around Laguna Bay.

But because of the confusing variety of evidence and the doubtful reliability of most reports, it is difficult to accept the reality of UFOs. But the psychological UFO phenomenon is certainly real.

What could have been the motive just in case UFO's really exist? This issue on life species seemed to be very controversial and intriguing but were they trying to say anything?

A lot of extraterrestrial messages from all over the world, say that they are here to warn the human species on the continuous use of atomic and nuclear bombs, which they say, might cause the earth to explode.

Commander Ashtar, is one of the men supposedly used by the aliens to speak on their message. His message simply said that our country was chosen by the Lord to be included in the next age after their pick-up in this world.

Another message from a different source said that people from different places will be picked-up by different spaceships on the judgement day which is very near.

Man has indeed abused the earth and will leave it destroyed. The ozone layer has a hole, the trees are gone, pollution is increasing, people are dying because of poverty and nuclear threats worldwide. Will the alien's warnings on the possible explosion of earth and imbalance in the universe enlighten the minds of human species?



Mrs. Ditas Remulla assisted by DLSU-EAC EVP Dr. Oscar O. Bautista, cuts the ribbon during the opening of the art exhibit on September 3 at the Social Hall. Others in photo are Mrs. Anicia Cepe, AVP Dr. Pros G. Concepcion and Mrs. Priscilla Dacanay.

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several shows. He was even granted a three-month scholarship in Paris.

One of the highlights of the exhibit was the demonstration of the printing method. The most difficult of which is the viscosity printing since one has to use various rollers, inks, and different types of thickness to achieve transparencies. Students who were into art took turns in trying out the prints.

The art exhibit ended last September 6.

YES Update

by Luisa Saldivar

The "No Smoking Drive" initiated by the YES program from August 21-31 was a part of the "Mother Earth Week" celebration. During that week, YES students monitored and reported violators. Not even the faculty members and non-teaching staff were exempted.

The "environment guards" reported that some faculty members and students disregarded the campaign. (And the YES people thought that it would be successful considering that the campaign is just within the campus and will only be initiated for a week.

The "No Smoking" drive caught the attention of the Supreme Student Council. Ivy Marie Mendoza, SSC President, reported that five mem-

bers of the council voted for a total ban of smoking on campus, another five members suggested designating smoking areas in the campus. As of this writing, the issue has yet to be settled.

YES program is calling the attention of students who would like to be student-volunteers for the next semesters. He/she must be willing to undergo community exposure.

For more information, see Mr. Arem Alvaran, La Sallian Community Development Center (LCDC).

Next issue: A report on the symposium on Man's Environment sponsored by the YES program.

On to the 16th SEA Games 1991



The Athlete's Perspective

by Ericson Lim Chua

Gunless society: a helpless society

The concept of a gunless society is one of the most ridiculous ideas I've ever heard. This is like saying a Utopia is possible. Whether we accept it or not, guns will always be a part of society. As long as there is poverty, oppression, and lust for power, guns will always find its way into the hands of misusers.

So what is the relevance of this to sports? Well, a campaign against guns will have serious repercussions in the development of shooting as a sport in the country.

It is a well-known fact that Filipinos excel in this sport, as evidenced by former World Steel Challenge Practical Shooting Champion, Jethro Dionisio, and the Philippine team, lead by Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla, which captured a total of eight golds, eight silvers, and five bronzes in the recent Southeast Asian Shooting Association (SEASA) championships.

Shooting is a great sport and is not as strenuous as swimming or basketball. It is one of the events in the forthcoming Manila SEA Games wherein much is expected from our participants. It is a practical sport because it provides an individual with

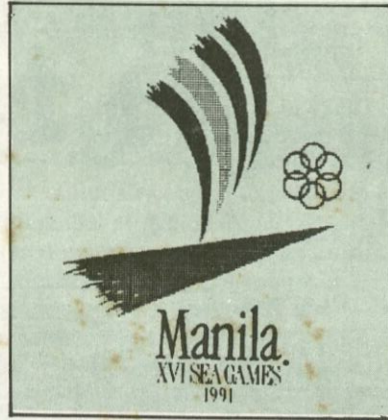
the skills necessary to safely operate and fire a pistol, should the need for self-defense arise.

The fact is, the people behind this concept mainly see a gun as a tool for violence, and therefore, should be feared and avoided. They don't see it as an instrument for protection or an excellent form of recreation. According to an official census, there is at least one policeman for every one thousand members of a community. Even with a gun, how could he possibly protect all those people?

A gun should be a basic item inside a household. The head of the family, or the one who has the knowledge, should teach every member about the rules, safety precautions, and responsibilities in gunhandling; rather than having them see a violent movie and get the wrong idea.

A gunless society is a defenseless society. If violent killings can take place in a posh subdivision such as Dasmariñas Village, with security guards and all, how much more in the poorly-lit, and least patrolled suburbs of a city or municipality?

The truth is, guns don't kill, people do. If guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns...



San Sebastian Cagers clinch basketball crown

by Jason Ricafrente

The Recoleta's Gayac sank two freethrows to cap a 3-0 spurt that boosted the SSC five past DLSU-EAC, 110-115, grabbing the men's basketball championship of PRISAA '91 at the Palaruang La Salle last August 31.

SSC's domination of the boards, coupled with fastbreak scoring and a tough defense, forced the La Sallians to numerous turnovers which landed a 57-43 first half deficit.

With barely 5 minutes gone in the second half, La Salle Cavite renewed their blitzkrieg tactics. The combined forces of Jardiniano and Ilano exploded in a 6-0 run which cut down the SSC lead to 9 points.

But Bartolome, who had scored 12 pts. in the first half, had been very patient in scoring, having been given free access inside the paint, pushed SSC into the driver's seat, with a 16 point lead, holding La Salle scoreless with under six minutes thirty-five seconds left in the game.

Jardiniano, La Salle's "killing machine", scored two lay-ups, signalling a rally with a score nailed down to only a basket with four minutes remaining.

A quick time out by SSC paved the way for Cuevas, Arisas, and Bartolome to stop the nerve-wracking La Salle rally, which brought the lead to eight points.

La Salle found its Waterloo missing great opportunities, and was held scoreless in the dying seconds of play, which sealed DLSU-EAC's chances of capturing its first PRISAA crown.

Alay Lakad '91

by Christopher Legaspi

The annual "Alay Lakad" organized by the municipality of Dasmariñas was held on September 1. It was participated in by social and civic groups and representatives from the different sectors of Dasmariñas such as the Kiwanis Club, the Jaycees, and the teachers and students from the Philippine Christian University, Immaculate Conception Academy, and the Imus Institute. DLSU-EAC was represented by the CMT Model Flight.

The route of the Alay Lakad was from the Dasmariñas town proper to the DLSU-EAC gym where the different groups presented special numbers.

The Alay Lakad was headed by the honorable town head, Mayor Recto Cantimbuhan.

ang napupunta sa akin."

"For 40 pesos, I would go out with anyone. Even if my legs have turned stiff with standing, I have to wait and wait until some foolish pervert turns up. Yes, I would want to stop, but this is the only work I know. Perhaps someday, a prince charming would come along and take me out of this dump. In the meantime, I have to earn a living, even if it means having to go out with a man old enough to be my grandfather."

I could hardly say a word as she said that. Life could be so cruel.

RP's Best Bets



JUDO

Twenty-six year old **John Baylon** is a 3rd Dan Blackbelt who finished first in the 1990 ASEAN Cup Judo Championship in Kuala Lumpur. A holder of several golds and silvers from local tournaments, he is also a recipient of the gold medal in the 4th Kodokan Foreign Tournament in Japan. A member of the Philippine team in the 1988 Seoul Olympics, John finished fifth in the 6th Pacific Rim Championship in Beijing and was also a delegate to the 1990 Beijing Asia.

SQUASH

The undisputed best bet of the country for his sport, twenty-two-year-old **Manuel "Manny Boy" Albert Yam**, holds the record for being national junior champion for six consecutive years and for being national senior champion for the past five years in an unbroken streak. A veteran of several international tournaments, Manny Boy is eyeing the gold in the forthcoming Manila SEA Games.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Jaime Castro Sebastian's fabled record in weightlifting stretches all the way back from the 1977 Malaysia SEA Games where he won the gold in the heavyweight category. Moving on to the superheavyweight category in the 1979 Jakarta SEA Games, the Air Force man has since been on a continuous winning streak in all the past SEA Games.

TENNIS

One of the ready shoo-ins for a gold in the coming Manila SEA Games is the country's top ace in tennis - **Felix Barrientos**. Ranking number one among the tennis players in Southeast Asia, Barrientos is also in the top 200 of the World Tennis Federation rankings.

ATHLETICS

New Philippine star trackster **Elma Muros** holds the record for the 100-meter and 400-meter hurdles which she set in two international meets. Conceded as the next sensation of athletics, Muros created a splash in the recent Philippine and Amateur Track and Field Open Championships in San Fernando, Pampanga and dazzled in the Arafura Sportsfest in Australia.

Heavily favored for a gold in the forthcoming Manila SEA games is **Herman Suizo** who holds the record for the 42.195 kilometer full marathon. Suizo's phenomenal endurance was tested anew during the last Philippine International Marathon where he clocked a new SEA Games record of 2:22.45

SHOOTING

The country's number one shooter - **Tac Padilla** holds the country's record for the center fire pistol event which he set during the second leg of the eliminations in the last Beijing Asian Games and for the rapid fire pistol event which he set in the Kuala Lumpur SEA Games. This son of former Olympian Mariano "Tom" Ong recently achieved the uncommon feat of scoring 582 in the slow fire and duelling events in the last Philippine Shooting Eliminations eclipsing an earlier record set by Francisco Gudani who scored 568.

ARCHERY

The only Filipina who has made the country popular in the field of archery is **Joan Chan Tabanag**. Missing action in the last Beijing Asiad to give priority to motherhood, the twenty-seven-old archer is confident that her experience in past international competitions will merit her a gold in the coming Manila SEA Games.

TAEKWONDO

Twenty-four-year-old **Stephen V. Fernandez** is a bemedalled taekwondo jin who is the strongest Philippine bet in the bantamweight class. A veteran of the World Taekwondo Championships and the Asian Taekwondo Championships where he brought home a bronze, the captain player of the Philippine contingent was a gold medalist in the 1987 Jakarta SEA Games and capped a third-place finish in the last Kuala Lumpur SEA Games.

BOWLING

A standout during the 1989 Kuala Lumpur SEA Games where she bagged a gold medal, **Catalina "Cathy" Solis** was also the 1990 Philippined National Matchplay champion. Winning new titles has actually become a habit for Solis who is also the champion of the Bowling world Cup National Finals, the Masters Event National Championships, the 12th PWBA International Championships and a host of other tournaments. Solis is also the veteran of the Djakarta and the Singapore SEA Games and the 1986 Seoul Asiad.

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Gym Blues ... by Christopher John Legaspi

The coolest news is the one about the construction of DLSU-EAC's own pool. It's about time. DLSU-EAC's Students are tired of commuting and squatting in SWISS and Volet's pools.

WEIRD GUARDS. According to one student, he was apprehended by a security guard upon entering the gym gate. At the time he was wearing his prescribed P.E. uniform but the guard asked him to change to his proper school uniform. What gives?

Polca... (from page 1)

Simultaneous to this affair was the blessing of the clubhouse which was constructed early this year. Guests of honor for the occasion were Bro. Rafael Donato FSC, and Bro. Andrew Gonzalez, FSC. Also present were Dr. Oscar Bautista, Executive Vice-President of DLSU-EAC, Dr. Proceso Concepcion, Academic Vice-President, other Administrative officers, and the outgoing officers of the organization.

Bro. Andrew Gonzalez commended the worthwhile projects undertaken by the POLCA, which according to him, are beneficial for the institution. Bro. Rafael, on the other hand, mentioned the importance of the DLSU-EAC Chapel construction, suggesting that this could be one of POLCA's next projects.

Polytech... (from page 1)

(LSAT), third.

Zaldy Lava, Edwin Monson (alternate), and Glenn Mark Velasco with OIC Jun Lontoc and Manny Cardenas as coaches, represented DLSU-EAC in the automotive and electronics skills competition.

The skills competition in automotive where DLSU-EAC ranked first last year, was dominated by LSAT; in electronics, by RTPI.

"IT HAS NO BALLS"

No we're not into anatomy here. P.E. instructors couldn't properly teach ball games because there is lack of volleyballs and basketballs. The complaints are heard from both students and instructors.

EQUIPMENTS OR RELICS?

These fitness equipments belong to the PRE-WAR era. They are as rusty and as outdated as tora-tora planes.

The gym needs updating and improvement. DLSU-EAC students are not the only ones using it. It serves as a venue for the different activities of school associations and the Dasmariñas municipality.

A gym should never appear as an afterthought. It's an essential part of every school as laboratories and classrooms are.

A profile ... (from page 5)

cuddling a girl close, probably her child, shielding her from the evils of the street. I tore my eyes off them and went on with the interview.

"Don't you ever wish you could just stop and do something else?"

She took out a cigaret, lit it and dragged heavily on it. She blew smoke at a passerby who paid no attention to her.

"Mahirap ang maging puta. As soon as the sun sets, I have to be on the street, wearing skimpy clothes, showing off as much flesh as I can, even in cold weather."

"I get all sorts of customers, *merong pangit, mabaho, bastos, mahiyain, lahat na*. I cater to all kinds of perversions as long as I get paid right. Foreigners pay more, but they prefer the younger girls. I remember the time when I was still young and new at this. I used to get as many as five customers in a row. Had the nights been longer, I would have taken in more customers and more money. *Ngayong matanda-tanda na ako, iyong mga kuripot na lamang*