Ms. MSU-IIT 2010 Crowned as Ms. ICTSAA 2011: A Flare of Pride for CASS

by Annie Rose Lacaya

Miss MSU-IIT 2010, Maria Josefinca C. Sanchez, made the College proud again after being crowned Miss ICTSAA 2011 last February 27 at the MSU-IIT gymnasium. She undoubtedly brought honor to CASS for the second time around after her victory in representing the college for the Mr. and Ms. MSU-IIT during the Palarakan 2010.

The 19-year old, AB Political Science lass made her way on top of six other ladies, representing six other different colleges all-over Iligan City. She bagged the two minor awards namely, Best in Sports Attire and Best in Filipiniana during the preliminary round of the pageant.

Scores went back to zero after the declaration of the top three pairs who will be vying for the crown in the question and answer portion. Miss IIT’s winning moment was witnessed by many when she was given the question “If you would be given a chance to add or remove a certain event in the ICTSAA what would it be and why?” She exhibited her glamorous wit as she confidently responded “I would delete beauty pageant. Pageants give preferences to tell what and who should be called beautiful. I believed everyone deserves to be called beautiful, and ICTSAA should promote equality among students from different institutions.”

Miss Sanchez who is from Butuan City confided that she found joining competitions a risk, especially because she is far from home yet she believed that putting one’s best foot forward is of great value and the experience that one will get can’t be replaced by any crown. When asked for a message to fellow CASS students, Marijo, as she is fondly called by many has this to share: “To my fellow CASS students, always see challenges as opportunities to learn and to excel, never be afraid in failing because that’s the true test of success, it’s getting up and to try another shot, every experience and every victory is for CASS and the Institution, a triumph that is for God’s glory.”

Marijo is very much thankful for all the support she gets from CASS and for being her home away from home. She encourages everyone to always keep their feet on the ground even though they are wearing better shoes.

Alongside Marijo, Mr. IIT, Brian Joseph Jumawid who is from the College of Business Administration and Accountancy was also crowned Mr. ICTSAA 2011. It was a double blast for MSU-IIT. Mr. Saint Peter’s College and Ms. Iligan Medical Center College came in 1st runner up and Mr. and Ms. Saint Michael’s College were declared 2nd runner up.

The triumph of Marijo and Brian verified the excellence that IIT is promoting. In Marijo’s words, “Of course, not everyone gets to be called Ms. ICTSAA, and as an IITIAN, I have established our Institution to be called one of the best and produces the 2011 Kasama-EC Elections Mark on IIT Students

by Jann Dainver Maravilla

Around five thousand IIT students were able to exercise their rights to vote in this year’s KASAMA-EC elections last February 24, 2011. Two parties had their “tingog” heard stating their student service and welfare-oriented platforms from which the studentry is supposed to take a “stand” with. One party is in the advocacy of blotting out the shortcomings of the incumbent KASAMA administration just to save the incoming academic year’s studentry while the other one promotes oneness and peace among IIT students --all for the betterment of every IITian.

The recent KASAMA election was again between two female presidentiables. Monica Mae Pon, a junior Biology major, has made a clown-out-from-the-box come out as she published herself to be the Stand’s standard bearer for this year’s election. Many were surprised about her being an instant public icon yet she still gathered a good number of supporters. On the other hand, Khoshiella Susitheren, a sophomore Griffin and at the same time Tingog’s standard bearer, is quite more exposed to the IIT public due to her involvement with the Guidance and Counselling Office as a student peer facilitator. The two frontrunners together with their respective line-up had invited the support of the IIT students. Even on the day of the election which started at about 8:00 am all throughout the Institute, rush campaigns were still seen here and there.

A great number of students, especially the freshmen, seemed excited of their first voting and their election experience in IIT. The freshmen were the ones who were the most affected and bewildered about the attached referendum of the present KASAMA administration in the ballots referring to some amendments which were already done and approved by the Department of Student Affairs off-cam from the IIT public. Indeed, many wondered what could the amended items be, when and how they were legally amended without legal public notification.
History Launches Extension at San Miguel
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MSU-IIT carries a trilogy of functions: instruction, research and extension. In line with these, the History Department of CASS embarked on an extension project and Barangay San Miguel is its beneficiary. The said barangay lies within the periphery of the Institute and is currently housing many faculty members, personnel, and students of the Institute. It is in this context that the department hopes to establish a long term partnership with barangay San Miguel.

As a prelude, the Historical Society and the newly formed Master in History Class Organization sponsored a gift-giving and feeding outreach program last December 18, 2010. The said activity aimed to benefit the regular children of the barangay. The children were entertained with an afternoon of fun and games. The entire activity was concluded by inspirational message by Barangay Captain Fredrian Xavier K. Busico and a session of Christmas carols led by Prof. Geoffrey G. Salgado.

The development towards a formal Memorandum of Understanding between the Department and the Barangay commenced on December 20, 2010 in a conference held at the Barangay Hall. The Department represented by Prof. Melecutia G. Baena, Prof. Rosello C. Macansants, Dr. Ma. Cecilia B. Tangian, and Ms. Evedanie G. Beldad met with the barangay council. A rationale for choosing Barangay San Miguel as an adopted barangay of the department was explained by Prof. Baena followed by the presentation of the community extension proposal. Prof. Macansants discussed the different areas that the department can assist the barangay effectively.

Impressed by the plans of the History Department, the council unanimously approved the proposal and the formal signing of the Memorandum was held last January 11, 2011. The signing was attended by the Chancellor Dr. Marcelo P. Salazar, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Arnulfo P. Supe, Chief of Staff and Campus Secretary Dr. Rhodora S.N Englis, CASS Dean Prof. Nora A. Clar, the Barangay Council of San Miguel, purok presidents, representatives of the senior citizen, Historical society members and faculty of the Department of History.

30th Sociological Society Days Celebrated by Clive Pagaling

Responsible officers of the Sociological Society together with the faculty of Department of Sociology organized a fruitful and enjoyable 30th Sociological Society Days with the aim of letting the students have fun with activities packed with moral values and self awareness. Students enjoyed playing Pinoy games dubbed as Laro ng Lahi. The second year students were champions of Patintero and Sack Race. Mark John Bert G. Solon reigned in the game of Chinese Garter.

Aside from the games, the students also battled in different Literary Contests which included essay writing, quiz bee and an adaptation of “Pinoy Henyo.” Further some Socio students also revealed their talents in Photography.

But the main highlight of the celebration was SOCIOTIME, a variety show which gave the students the opportunity to show not only their talents but as well as their creativity. SOCIOTIME served as a break for the students, giving them the time to unwind from the stresses they have received due to their studies. The faculty, students laughed their hearts out as they witnessed the wonderful presentations of every year level. The celebration lasted from February 23 to 25, 2011 and each year level excitedly participated in all the events.

Psych’s “Joie de Vivre” by Knacky July Hermodo

The Department of Psychology celebrated their Psych Days 2011 last February 24, 25 and 28. This ever-awaited activity stirred the scarishing, thrilled hearts of Psych students, to spend moments together again, get acquainted, put everything one has learned under the Psychology’s umbrella into application, and most especially, as what most of Psych majors have agreed, to untighten stress and seize the day despite having hectic, busy schedules in school.

February 24. At 9am, Psych students as well as the faculty gathered around CASS rotunda for the Opening of Psych Days 2011. The main highlight of the opening is the presentation of booths by year level, which somehow made CASS festive and jaunty. February 25. Psych students whacked the college the whole day by playing a lot of mindful yet vivacious games, like twisted version of sack race, amazing race, psych henyo, and a lot more that of course, had a taste of psychology. The students were divided into five mixed groups namely Group Blue (Schizoid), Group Red (Narcissistic), Group Orange (OC), Group Yellow (Histrionic) and Group Green (Borderline); group names are personality disorders. At 12m, there was a Budol Fight by year level and the students ate together at the lobby. By 2pm onwards, more games were then played and this lasted until 4pm. Everyone was exhausted but enjoyed the activities to page 4.
PolSci plants Mangrooves by Jorica Ravacio

How would you view a world where there are as many plants as there are people? It would be then a clean and green world isn’t it? But as of now it is far beyond happening. In a 21st century world, ecology is undergoing its own version of living, its own version of surviving. Survival of the Fittest we must say; Global Warming, a current phenomena which our globe is currently enduring.

However, on a brighter note, the Department of Political Science through its students has been truly dedicated to its firm conviction of promoting ecology with the aim of maintaining a sustainable society.

PolSci Celebrates Int’l. Human Rights Day

Political Science students through the Department of Political Science in partnership with Local Government of Iligan, Lanao Alliance of Human Rights Advocate, Inc., and other civil society organizations conducted a series of activities to celebrate International Human Rights Day. The activities included a forum, jail visit, feeding program, and games.

The forum on Human Rights and Environment was held at the Mini Theater last December 8, 2010. The forum sought to aware students about the environment and the issue of Climate Change. Dr. Ermelinda Tobias from Department of Biology, talked about Environmental Sustainability while Dr. David Almarez of Department of Political Science talked about Climate Change and would want to promote the welfare and common good for everyone. It is far beyond doubt that the Political Science Department is not just bound in the dynamics of politics and governance but also bound to the belief that a clean and green world would provide a peaceful and sustainable society.

Last February 25, 2011 at exactly 7:00 a.m. in the morning the Department conducted a Coastal clean-up and Mangrove planting at Bayug island, Iligan City. It is a small remote area far from the city’s noise where people live in simplicity and beauty. The small island of Bayug embraces the vast body of water, the Iligan Bay. On the shore are mangroves which serve as fish sanctuary.

It is good to know that in a chaotic world there exist people who that volunteering was not merely confined to organizational work—the act of offering help to any in need is the most appropriate definition of volunteering.

The students were assured by Mark Boot that there is no pressure to enter public service if they feel there is no immediate motivation. Jean Baptiste Petriauz and Woulter De Cuyoper also shared their volunteering experiences.

Some students also shared their experiences as part of the Department’s extension program in Echavez Elementary School. Rovi Ablin confessed that what she is doing at Echavez is not new to her since she has been volunteering as a teacher in their parish. In general, the students shared that they also learned a lot from their volunteer work.

English Dep’t Holds Retreat for Seniors by Khalil Punzadaya

The English Department recently conducted a retreat, titled, “Making a Difference: Sharing and Reflection on Social Responsibility and Service Work.” The retreat was held on January 18, 2011 at Spiritan Seminary, Pindugangan, Iligan City.

The reflection was conceived in order to inspire 4th year AB English students participating in the Echavez Extension Program SY 2010-2011; primarily by letting them view their experiences from separate volunteer activities. To further this end, four representatives from separate volunteer organizations were asked to speak about their personal experiences and current duties in their respective organizations.

Kerstin Proebstel gave a brief recounting of her personal history with volunteer work. She emphasized their votes. The incumbent and still next year’s CASS Governor Cabalit said that there may have been a good number of students who casted their votes not in response to their personal choice of deserving leaders but by the general knowledge which they have come to know about which party seems to be trustworthy.

Eventually, only Senator Mark Joel Sumalpong from Stand, together with eleven of twelve Tingog senators and their Vice President Fatmha Minaga, a CASS sophomore and President Khoshielia Susitheen were given the chance to hold offices as 2011-2012 KASAMA Administrative force.

On the other hand, the CASS student is at the hands, next academic school year, of second termer College Gov. John Carlo Cabalit (AB-History). The CASS Student Executive Council will also be composed of Vice Governor Caren Gapol (AB-Fil); Board Members Khaaria Macarambon (AB-Psych), Johaimen Bato (AB-Polsci), Jonaim Dipatuan (GESO), Ryan Jay Tundag (AB-History), Irene Labasano (AB-Polsci), Marjorie Dalugdugan (AB-Psych), Marc Jgeson Carillo (AB-English), Mary Apple Balsamo (AB-History); and Assembly persons James Villanueva (AB-History) and Rodel Bunao (GESO).

And despite some allegations which each party had faced ever since the campaign days started, be it about the party as a whole or be it about individual candidates, generally, all is well for all the candidates who won and lost the privilege of getting an office to serve.
CASS speaks: Define Love or What is Love?

Love is contentment. – Elaine, AB PolSci

Love is an interpersonal attachment acquired through filial relationships or/and fondness. – dafastestgee, AB Eng 4

Love is when you feel a deep care and concern for someone and is the feeling that you want to protect that person. You feel happy and light when you love someone. – amhtaf, BS Psych 2

Love is obviously a feeling which makes you forget about yourself because of the person you’re tied with. Love makes you unselfish but makes you more thoughtful. – MICOGZ, AB Hist 3

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Love is an abstraction because we can define love in a subjective manner. So, therefore, love can depend on what kind of phenomenology of an individual is experiencing. It is also a concept because we, human, tend to define or describe what we feel (it’s a feeling that is inexplicable). – Domshell, AB Socio 3

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Ms. MSU-IIT from page 1 equipped and excellent students, and at the same time I have opened doors for future ambassador/ambassador in different institutions of Iligan City. I’ll continue to become a role model not just as MS. ICTSAA but also as a student of MSU-IIT.”

ICTSAA is Iligan City Tertiary Schools Athletic Association. The search for Mr. and Ms. ICTSAA is one of the highlights of this year’s annual celebration.

Psych’s “Joie de Vivre” from page 2 February 28, 2011. The Psych students had their Psych Night Party at 6pm, CON Conference Hall. During the party, there were still games, however, this year there was also a Wanna Be and DanSing. Winners of the various activities were awarded that night. Special awards like Mr. and Ms. Eyecatcher, Early Bird and Worm, were also given out. The hall was so lively and the laughter and fun of each person is beyond incomparable.

Secluded Days by mhie_sachi

Moved by my grasp of you
Whirrs of pinks smothered anew
Consumed by your existence
As through corners I was renewed.

Against humdrum and mundane sprees
A twinge of sheer delight evolve
Dearly matching the days that is aspired for long.
The array of latent care wafted through.

Finally swearing to the specks of that love
Restraint filled every breath
But this incredulous phase made you take strides
That lead to a subtle refuge.

That fact elicited sufferings for this soul
It evoked a sullen aura of you, too
The casted bellows refused to let you fade
Yet, it is now a broken craft

An orb of hope twinkles like a star in the dark
Silence enhances peace
Stalks of love are now fragments that relies on itself
And right through these days, I surrender to my dreary hopes that points to a better act.

Love is when you’re amazed with every little and stupid things he does. – hist, AB PolSci 4

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Itong pusoý laging asam ka.
Ngunit nasaan ka ng akoý nag-iisa?
Di bat ang pangako natin sa isa’t isa,
Tayoý magsasama, kahit saan at ano pa?

Marahil ngaý tama sila.
Ang pag-ibig ay para sa dalawa,
subalit kailangan pa rin nating maging isa,
dahil walang katiyakan ang paglisan niya.

Pag-ibig, sino ba anong naanghas na pangalan ka?
Dala moý kasiyahan sa dalawa,
ngunit pinsala moý higit pa.
Pag-ibig, ano ka ba talaga?

Ed’s note: the poem has no title